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***Behind the Scenes with Nick Morant* begins at Whyte Museum**

Banff, Alberta – The **Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies** is pleased to present an unprecedented opportunity to view the process of cleaning, conserving, cataloguing, and exhibiting materials from the Nicholas Morant collection.

In addition to thousands of photographic prints, negatives, sound recordings, books, pamphlets, periodicals, and private records donated to the Whyte Museum's Archives, Nicholas (Nick) Morant [1910 – 1999] bequeathed in excess of 500 objects from his studio and his home and more than 20 artworks to the Whyte Museum. Because of Nick's work as a Canadian Pacific Railway photographer, the Morant collection is important to the Bow Valley community and beyond.

Beginning June 19, the Whyte Museum has begun the basic cleaning, conservation, cataloguing, and exhibition of the Nicholas Morant collection. The project is modeled on a similar concept at The Rooms in Newfoundland. Visitors to the museum will observe the complex process of bringing artifacts into the museum's collection and learn more about the roles of curators, registrars, and collections managers, the people who work behind the scenes in the museum.

Although the Morant collection was accessioned in 2006, we have not had the resources to conduct basic conservation on the artifacts nor to catalogue the collection. It has been safely stored in our vault, but it is time to finish registering the artifacts in the collections database and to make them accessible to our visitors. By the end of the summer, we hope to have at least 25 percent of the objects catalogued and ready to be put into our storage vault.

EXHIBITION-RELATED EVENTS

Exhibition Beginning and Back to Banff Day, Sunday, June 19, 1 to 4 PM, FREE

About the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies welcomes those who are drawn to the power and inspiration of these mountains. We are the gateway for experiencing and enjoying its art, culture and history in order to inspire and cultivate knowledge and the exchange of ideas. Visitors from near and far experience the Museum's galleries, programs, archives and library, heritage homes, museum shop, guided walks, tours, and special events.

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For more information about the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies or to set up an interview with two of the contemporary women adventurers, contact:

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