

at **MOVIE MONDAY**

6:30 Monday February 15 , 2016



Dion Manastyrski will be showing images on our big screen, and reading brief stories from his beautiful new hardcover historical photography book, "**Prairie Sunset: A Story of Change**".

In 2003, Dion Manastyrski began work on a project to photograph abandoned artifacts in the Canadian prairies. These old homes, barns, schools, and churches were left behind from an earlier time, when the small family farm was at the heart of rural life on the prairies: neighbours within walking distance, vibrant small towns, and a rich sense of community. He also interviewed over 70 people, and asked, "What can you tell me about rural life several decades ago, and about how things have changed?"

The 240 page, fine-art, hardcover book is filled with photos and personal, often heartfelt anecdotes about many aspects of life beginning in the pioneer years, and covering a span of about 100 years. Within their words, the book also raises questions about what has been lost or gained during the rapid change.

The author describes, "In my search for understanding as I roamed the homesteads of a vanishing era, I photographed the abandoned structures, and talked to people of the prairies. Collectively, they have a remarkable story to tell, and I would like to share this with you."



Dion Manastyrski has been photographing professionally for over 20 years. He has lived in the three prairie provinces, and now resides in Victoria, British Columbia.

Approximately two hours including interactive discussion.

Any who have Prairie roots will especially love this presentation and book, as well as anyone who enjoys history from a personal perspective, and photography of abandoned buildings and prairie landscapes.

The book's website: <http://prairiesunset.ca/>

Books will be available for sale (\$55, cash sales only), and signing.

Short films from NFB, **Kurelek** and a segment from **Great Grandmother**, will be included.



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