



# CHINOOK COUNTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## AROUND THE TABLE

by Roger Marler

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The Vision of the Society:

“to promote a greater  
understanding of Canadian and  
Alberta history in Chinook  
Country for people of all ages.”

Chinook boundaries  
are from Olds to Nanton,  
from the B.C. to the  
Saskatchewan borders.



THE CALGARY  
FOUNDATION

The Community Heritage Roundtable was founded in March 2006 by several community association and heritage advocates, and has proven to be an effective vehicle for bringing history buffs together.

A steering committee of 8-12 people organizes three or four public sessions per year, usually in a different location every time—either community hall, school or public library. These sessions are open to the public, are free, and are a great way to find out what is going on in Calgary with regards to our heritage, our history, and the associated future. Each evening contains a series of short presentations about a single theme connected with the heritage of Calgary and its communities followed by some time to network with people of similar interests and concerns from various levels of government, including City Hall, as well as community volunteers. These are very popular events, with upwards of 50 people in attendance most evenings.

The first Roundtable of 2010 dealt with efforts to create heritage inventories and celebrate heritage buildings in Calgary communities. Cliff Bungalow-Mission and Parkdale Community Associations delivered presentations on their contributions to Calgary's Heritage inventory.

An April session was a panel discussion entitled “Heritage Advocacy, Tools and Tactics,” and was timed to help you make decisions at the civic election.

A June session, “Go With the Flow,” looked at Calgary's river systems and water supplies.

The next Roundtable will be held toward the end of November on the subject of architectural history. For details on time, location and speakers, please go to [www.calgaryheritage.org](http://www.calgaryheritage.org) and click on Events.

If you wish to register for this event, please go to [www.calgarycommunities.com](http://www.calgarycommunities.com) and click

on Workshops and Events. The necessary information should be on both sites by November 1st.

These are relaxed, entertaining evenings with a wide range of experts on hand. If you want to expand your knowledge of local heritage and meet people with a similar interest, the Roundtables provide an excellent opportunity.

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## PUZZLE PRIZE

Jennifer Prest (right) presenting the picture “Celebration” by Robert Duncan to Marie Rhodes, one of the ten winners of the Historic Calgary Week Giant Crossword Puzzle Contest. The picture was donated by Prints Charming Galleries. .CCHS



Photo courtesy Jennifer Prest

## CCHS Calendar of Events

All events are free programs starting at 7:30 pm at Fort Calgary Historic Park (750-9 Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, November 23

**Annie Glen Broder: The Grande Dame of Calgary's Early Music World**

• Don Smith, Ron Bond, and Kat Hammer

Saturday, December 11, 10:30 am

(tickets required)

**CCHS Christmas Luncheon**

**Mother Mary Greene and the Faithful Companions of Jesus**

• Gretchen Macmillan

Tuesday, January 25

**To the Grandmother's Land: The Nez Perce in Canada**

• George Kush

Tuesday, February 22

**Larger Than Life: Alberta Volunteers in the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902**

• Sheila Bannerman

Tuesday, March 22, 5:30 pm

(tickets required)

**CCHS Annual General Meeting**

• Location to be announced  
• guest speaker Andrew Mosker, Executive Director, Cantos Music Foundation - National Music Centre at the King Eddy

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Shona Gourlay

Our 2010-2011 presentations began in September with a fascinating lecture on eugenics in Alberta by Jana Grekul. The issue was brought to light by lawsuits filed in the late 1990s. In October, George Melnyk from the University of Calgary presented a historical perspective on Alberta literature. For those people who are musically inclined, pencil in November 23 for a presentation on Annie Glenn Broder.

Also, save Saturday, December 11, for the annual Christmas Luncheon at Fort Calgary. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with a presentation followed by a hot lunch at noon. For tickets, phone Shona at 403-243-3516, or Sarah at 403-946-4650. Tickets are \$35 per person.

We are sad to note the passing of Benton Stewart Mackid, on October 10, at the age of 98 years. Among his other accomplishments, he was the past president of the Historical Society of Alberta (1959-1962) and the Calgary branch/Chinook Country Historical Society.

*Historical footnote:*

The Cochrane Historical and Archival Preservation Society (CHAPS) is hoping to preserve and restore a home built in 1909 that was used as a hospital. They are also hoping to erect a cairn at the Cochrane Ranche site. For more information, see <http://www.chapscochrane.com/projects>.

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## Got a good golf story?

The Alberta Golf Association will be celebrating its centennial in 2012. I am looking for interesting stories on golf in Southern Alberta, but especially for copies of photos of groups or individuals in golfing attire of any period or any golf course. These will be used in a series of AGA magazines in their centennial year. Contact Diana Ringstrom at (403) 240-9828 or by email at [dianarin@telus.net](mailto:dianarin@telus.net).



## SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD *(Crossword on page 4)*

### Across:

1. Elboya, 4. Andrew's, 8. Ogden, 9. Anglo, 10. Bea, 11. Own, 12. Epcor, 13. Edwin, 14. Young, 16. Osborne, 19. Zoo, 20. Eagle, 23. Short, 27. Nil, 28. Allen, 30. RN, 31. Vic, 32. EUR, 33. Max, 34. Orr

### Down:

1. Ecology, 2. Biden, 3. Yonge, 4. Aug, 5. DSO, 6. Elbow, 7. Shawnee, 9. A.E. Cross, 13. Earle, 15. Ghost, 17. Borden, 18. Eugenics, 21. Erlton, 24. Oiler, 25. Xerox, 26. Dover, 29. Nam

## Calgary Public Library Heritage Weekend

All programs held in the **Central Library** in the John Dutton Theatre unless otherwise noted  
*Register online at [calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://calgarypubliclibrary.com) or phone 403-260-2620*

Friday, November 5

7:00-9:00 p.m. **Calgary's Forgotten Heroes - 403 Squadron, City of Calgary**

• Presented by Stephane Guevremont, University of Calgary

Saturday, November 6

10:00-11:00 a.m. **Maverick Hunters** ( Local History room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor North)

• Find even the most elusive maverick ancestor

11:00-12:00 a.m. **From Triumph to Tragedy: F is for Freddie**

• The story of the Mosquito bomber that flew more missions than any other in World War II

1:00-3:30 p.m. **An Afternoon with Aritha van Herk and Friends**

• Aritha van Herk with historians Harry Sanders and Don Smith

3:30-4:15 p.m. **One Hundred Years of the Calgary Stampede**

• Stories of Stampede mavericks presented by the Calgary Stampede

4:15-5:00 p.m. **Cow Town/Punk Town: Calgary's Punk Rock History**

• Presented by author Lori Hahnel and musician Dan Hayes

Sunday, November 7

12:00-1:00 p.m. **City of Destiny: A Revisionist History of Early Calgary**

• Presented by local historian and maverick John Gilpin

1:00-2:00 p.m. **The Early Dinosaur Hunters**

• Presented by Dr. David Eberth from the Royal Tyrrell Museum

1:30-3:30 p.m. **Reel History** (New and Notable Area, Main Floor)

• Explore Alberta's maverick history through vintage films

2:00-3:00 p.m. **Women Mavericks of the Rocky Mountains**

• Presented by Michale Lang from the Whyte Museum

3:00-5:00 p.m. **Religious Mavericks**

• A panel discussion

Chinook Country Historical Society presents

# Annual Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 11  
Dining Room,  
Fort Calgary Historic Park  
750-9th Avenue SE

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch served at noon

## Guest Speaker

Gretchen Macmillan:  
Mother Mary Greene  
and the Faithful Companions of Jesus

## Tickets

\$35 per person

## Reservations

Sarah Harvey  
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sarharv@gmail.com

Tickets will not be available at the door. Call or email  
Sarah to reserve your ticket and arrange payment.

## Voices from the Past

“(January 1866) ...as daylight came we were ascending another big foot-hill, from the summit of which I first beheld the glorious old Rockies. Spellbound and in rapture I gazed upon the sublime spectacle before me. How supremely beyond my largest imaginings those lofty ranges stood revealed to the delighted senses. The clouds disappeared, and in clear, distinct outline hundreds of snow-clad peaks stood out as if cut by a mighty diamond upon the dimly lighted morning sky. The beauty of the scene intensely moved me. The majesty and power apparent were most satisfying to my soul...But now the morning sun had clearly risen, and as I looked the highest peaks were illumined as by electric touch, and scores of great beacon-fires seemed to have sprung into instantaneous being...Halos of light, radiant and grandly bright, spread themselves upon the mighty canvas. In rapture I beheld and worshipped...As I reluctantly left the scene and ran to catch up with our party over the foot-hills and across the wide valley beyond, I was elated above measure. What matter the cost in travel and cold and extreme hardship, I had seen the mountains, and the sight would be a perennial blessing in my life.”

• John McDougall's first glimpse of the Rockies, from *Pathfinding on Plain and Prairie* (1898)

— Submitted by  
Laurel Halladay

## THE STORY BEHIND THE 26TH AVENUE HISTORIC PROMENADE

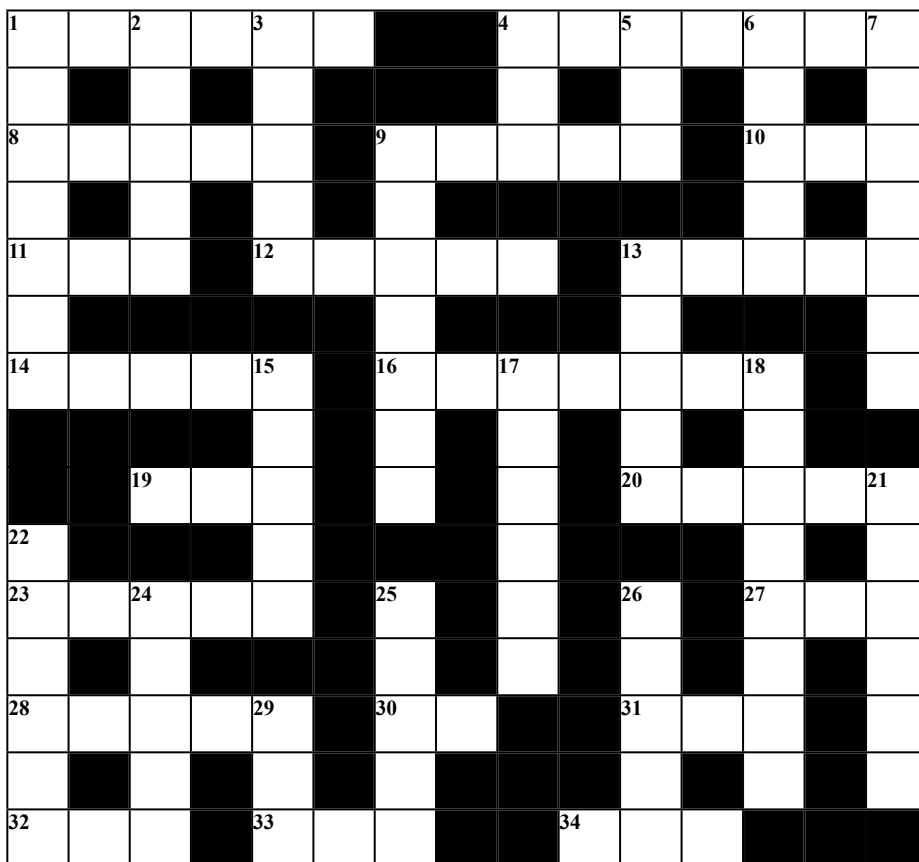
Through a partnership between the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association and The City of Calgary, two blocks of 26th Avenue SW along the Elbow River between 1st and 4th Streets have been transformed into a historically-themed promenade. A run-down section of pathway has become a handsome walkway that complements the fashionable, high-density development on the other side of the avenue. The result is a streetscape that marries the urban lifestyle of the avenue to the natural environment of the river. Through historical plaques and markers, the promenade also tells the story of the river and its relationship to the communities of Cliff Bungalow and Mission. To see a video of the project, go to the CCHS website. CCHS

# LOCAL HISTORY CROSSWORD

(Solution on page 2)

## ACROSS

1. SW neighbourhood, annexed by the City of Calgary in 1910
4. St. \_\_\_\_\_ Heights, in NW Calgary
8. A little bit of Utah in SE Calgary?
9. \_\_\_\_\_-saxon
10. One of the 'Golden Girls', \_\_\_\_\_ Arthur
11. To possess
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ Centre, downtown
13. Calgary's third mayor, Arthur \_\_\_\_\_ Sheldon
14. Our internationally acclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ Canadians
16. F.E. \_\_\_\_\_, Calgary's 26<sup>th</sup> mayor
19. Locale of Dinny the Dinosaur
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Ridge, in SW Calgary
23. The James \_\_\_\_\_ Park in downtown Calgary
27. Zero; nothing
28. Close to Bragg Creek, \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Pond
30. Her/his speciality is TLC? (initials)
31. Canada's Minister of Public Safety, \_\_\_\_\_ Toews
32. Europe (abbr.)
33. \_\_\_\_\_ Bell Arena
34. Calgary's eighth mayor, Wesley \_\_\_\_\_



## DOWN

1. Environmental studies
2. US Vice President, Joe \_\_\_\_\_
3. A well-known Toronto street
4. When many Leos were born (abbr.)
5. Military honour (Br.)
6. Calgary's second river
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Slopes, in SW Calgary
9. One of the Big Four (3 words)
13. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ P. Scarlett
15. To the north west of Calgary, the \_\_\_\_\_ Dam
17. Canadian Prime Minister, 1911-20, Sir Robert \_\_\_\_\_
18. Topic of the first general meeting of 2010-11
21. SW neighbourhood established in 1906
24. A Flame's nemesis
25. A well-known copier company
26. SE community annexed in 1961 by the City of Calgary
29. Vietnam, to the vets (slang)

— Jennifer Prest

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## HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED?

If you have forgotten when your membership needs to be renewed, check the envelope your newsletter arrived in. The expiry date is printed on the address label. We don't want to lose any of our members, so to renew, call **Sarah Harvey** at (403) 946-4650.

Associate membership	\$15.00	Family membership	\$25.00	Affiliate membership	\$55.00
Annual Subscription	\$25.00	Annual Subscription	\$25.00	(school, museum, library,	
Total	\$40.00	Total	\$50.00	historical society)	
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