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Chinook Country Historical Society Newsletter

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Vision of the Society

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

Chinook Country boundaries are
from Olds to Nanton,
from the British Columbia to
Saskatchewan borders.



Almost a Great Escape, A Found Story wins Three Literary Awards

In February 2014 CCHS brought you a talk by Tyler Trafford based on his book *Almost a Great Escape, A Found Story*. He also filled in on short notice in January when we had an unforeseen speaker cancellation and he shared engaging and entertaining stories about writing.

In June 2014 Tyler won the 2014 Alberta Readers' Choice Award for *Almost a Great Escape, A Found Story*, the City of Calgary's W.O. Mitchell Book Prize and the Wilfrid Eggleston Award for Non-fiction. Congratulations Tyler!

How Calgary's Humpy Hollow Park Got Its Name

Maxine Quinlin

In the spring of 1975, a unique opportunity was given to students at two local schools in the vicinity of 17th Ave and Centre St S. Planning for a new City of Calgary creative playground park was underway and students at Victoria Park and St. Monica's Elementary Schools were invited to enter a park naming contest. This *Name the Park Contest* and the new park were to be a part of Calgary's centennial celebrations.

I remember I was in grade 5 and a presentation was held in our school's auditorium. We were shown a diagram and a prototype model of what this park would look like. We were asked to contribute our suggestions to come up with the best name for it. Throughout the presentation, the speakers were describing the future uses of the park. I picked up on the descriptive words they were using. One part of the park would be humpy with hills and a hollow area would be used for a skating rink. I combined these two descriptive words and came up with the name Humpy Hollow.

This name was chosen for the park and an official opening ceremony was held on June 28, 1975 conducted by Alderman Barbara Scott. I was presented with a bracelet with a charm signifying Calgary's Centennial Year and a Headphone Radio.

Last summer, I noticed on the City of Calgary Park's Website that Humpy Hollow Park was slated for some changes. I was delighted to hear that the historic McHugh House was being moved to the park location and will be incorporated into this wonderful community park.

Special Commemoration of the Start of World War One

Dr Patrick Brennan, will share the story of how Albertans experienced the Great War at our very special October program. Alberta society was sorely tested during the war and by November 1918 the province would be a different place. Throughout, Albertans retained a sense of duty to King and Empire amid the grim realities of war. CCHS and the Calgary Chapter of the Monarchist League of Canada are partnering in hosting this commemorative evening.

When: Thursday, October 30 2014

Reception @ 6 pm Buffet Dinner to follow

Where: Danish Canadian Club

Tickets \$38.00 per person will be available at our September 23rd CCHS regular program night or contact our Program Director **Stutt Pottruff** before October 23rd at 403-244-3732 or by email at stuttpottruff@hotmail.com

If entitled, the wearing of medals or military mess kits would be appreciated.

Historic Calgary Week 2014 – Another Smashing Success!

Walt and Irene DeBoni

If you didn't attend HCW 2014, the 24th Annual event, this is what you missed:

1. 63 walks and talks, highlighting our cultural, institutional, industrial, architectural, sporting and military heritage,
2. The celebration of Heritage Park's 50th anniversary,
3. The biennial Calgary Heritage Authority Lion Awards and Gala celebration,
4. Recognition of the Palliser Hotel's 100th anniversary,
5. Commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I and,
6. Much, much more!

Participants traveled North to Airdrie, West to Morley and South to Okotoks and High River to explore the contribution of these areas to our growth as a city and a province. The biennial Calgary Heritage Authority Lion Awards and Gala celebration was presented during HCW 2014 on July 31 at Theatre Junction Grand.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi opened the week at the Southern Alberta Pioneers with an inspirational address highlighting current historical undertakings in the city. This was followed by four entertaining accounts of life in southern Alberta in pioneer times.

The Historic Calgary Week crossword puzzle was again featured in the Calgary Herald and over 80 completed puzzles were received.

This entirely volunteer-run gala was hosted by 39 volunteers that introduced presenters, carried loudspeakers, greeted participants, collected donations and provided helpful advice about HCW and Chinook Country Historical Society. A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers and presenters that devoted countless hours to bringing HCW 2014 to you. Their efforts achieved a financially and culturally successful 10 days, bringing Calgary's exciting history to life. In addition, the HCW committee worked with some 35 partner organizations that brought their varied expertise to Historic Calgary Week, enriching the experience for all. Central United Church generously hosted several noon events, Calgary Public Library was host to three events, the National Music Centre hosted two, and several other museums and parks co-ordinated events. A complete list of our partners and friends can be accessed on line in the archives at www.chinookcountry.org.

From the President's Desk

Donna Zwicker

It is now time to archive the 'Historic Calgary Week Proclamation' with its official gold seal signed by Mayor Nenshi on behalf of City Council and the citizens of Calgary. We will also put away a copy of the Historic Calgary Week brochure, a record of this year's 'Reflect and Remember' theme. It will list over 60 programs and document organizational partners, friends and sponsors. But, our heritage festival also offered something more difficult to document – the incredible energy, enthusiasm and passion found in the organizers, the partners, the speakers, the sponsors, the event volunteers and the participants! Thank you one and all. How fortunate we are to have such a great heritage community.

Please take a moment to look at our 2014-15 regular season program offerings. We have an interesting Alberta World War One story in September and please do note the date and time changes as we shake up October with two special partnered events.

I look forward to seeing you at our first regular program on September 23rd.

On the Trail for Treasure:

Sheldon Smithens shares stories from
Canadian Pickers

Monday, September 15, 2014

JCC auditorium 1607 90th Ave SW

Silent Auction viewing at 6:30 pm

Talk at 7:00 pm Admission: \$10 at the door

Free for 2015 JHSSA members

The Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta is pleased to host a program with **Sheldon Smithens**, the co-star of the popular TV show *Canadian Pickers*. Sheldon will present an illustrated talk about his family background in the world of antiques and about his adventures on the trail for the *Canadian Pickers* TV show. He will also auction off a collection of promotional items from the show. In conjunction with this talk, JHSSA is hosting a small silent auction of items relating to local family history, Judaica and Western Canadiana. Call 403 444-3171 or email jhssa@shaw.ca for further details.

Mosquito Aircraft Restoration Project Cleared for Take-off

Richard de Boer, President of the Calgary Mosquito Aircraft Society (CMS) spoke at our March 2013 CCHS AGM sharing with us the story of the Mosquito aircraft.

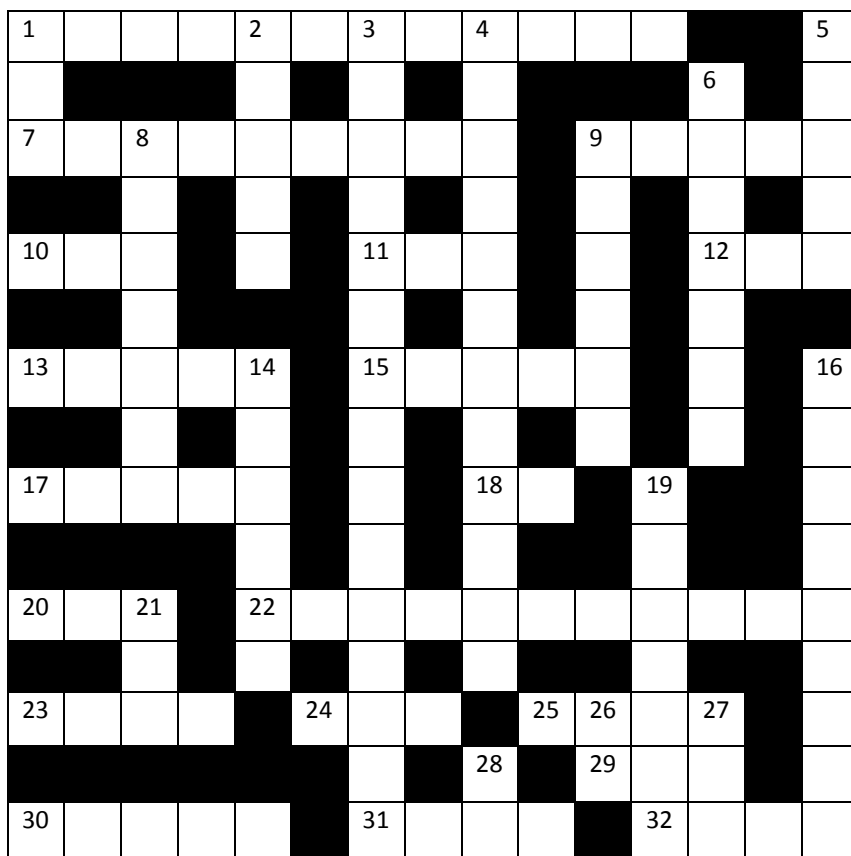
The CMS had been selected by the City of Calgary in 2012 to manage the restoration of the City of Calgary's Second World War vintage de Havilland Mosquito and Hawker Hurricane airplanes. The CMS was given a deadline of August 1, 2014 to raise \$800,000 in cash, labour and donations in kind for the project. The City of Calgary had agreed to match that sum over the course of the restorations.

Congratulations CMS! Well in advance of the deadline, the CMS has announced that they raised \$840,000 thanks to members, donors and sponsors. The CMS volunteers have begun restoring the Mosquito at Nanton's Bomber Command Museum of Canada and have subcontracted the restoration of the Hurricane to Historic Aviation Services of Wetaskiwin. If you would like to get involved or follow their progress, check out their website for more information

www.calgarymosquitosociety.com

Local History Crossword Puzzle

Jennifer Prest



The Calgary Heritage Authority 2014 Lion Award Recipients

The Lion Awards recognized efforts to preserve Calgary's heritage. The Lion Award recipients for **Resource Conservation**: Findlay Apartment Building Renovation; National Hotel and East End Livery Barn Restoration; Nellie McClung House Adaptive Re-use; Old YWCA Front Porch Restoration; T-Mac Group "Bank and Baron", **Resource Conservation – Flood Recovery**: Baird/Miller Residence; National Music Centre, **Landscape**: Poppy Plaza Landscape of Memory; Oliver Quarry Park, **Community Vitalization**: Century Homes Calgary; cSpace King Edward Arts Hub and Incubator, **Heritage Tradespeople/Craftspeople**: Rick Janzen; Russ Heikkinen, **Advocacy and Awareness**: Cynthia Klaassen; Heritage Roundtable; Let's talk about... Building **ICONOMY**, **New Design**: Honourable mention only* and **Honourable mentions**: Western Canada High School Modernization; Biscuit Block*; Equinox Vigil in Union Cemetery; Heritage Walking Tour of Hextall Homes in Bowness; Alberta Champions Society in Recognition of Community Enrichment; Rouleauville: Calgary's French Connection; Whispering Signs: Ecological Encounters in an Urban Prairie; History In the Making Volunteer Tradespeople.

Congratulations all!

The Chinook Country Historical Society presents an outstanding array of programs for you this fall.

Tuesday, September 23, 2014, Fort Calgary, 7:30 pm **"The Chief Justice of Alberta vs. Canada's Army"**. David Mittelstadt presents a courtroom drama marking the centennial of Alberta's Court of Appeal and the start of World War I.

Saturday, October 18, 2014, 1 pm Calgary Public Library, Main Floor, 616 Macleod Tr. SE, **"Breaking the Silence: The British Home Children"**. This rare afternoon welcomes genealogical researcher Lori Oschevski and archivist Sandra Joyce who recount the immigration story of 118,000 British children who were shipped to Canada to work as labourers and domestics before World War II.

Across

- Calgary Stampede bronco champion, 1912, (2 words)
- Tradesmen?
- A pen of old
- A shelf at the back of the hearth or fireplace
- "T'was the night before..."
- ___ Fawkes, whose capture is celebrated on November 5, in England
- Dr. ___ P. Scarlett, educator, physician, and scholar
- More cold and slippery
- Events seen at Theatre Calgary
- Dr. ___: one of James Bond's adversaries
- Past treasurer of the CCHS, ___ Kessler
- The mainstay of the Alberta economy prior to the discovery of oil
- Not closed
- Our parent organisation (initials)
- Irish playwright, George Bernard ___
- Historic period
- Calgary's mayor, 1969-77, Rod ___
- Leader of the Alberta Liberal party, 1974-88, ___ Taylor
- A serving board

Down

- See No. 1 Across
- Star of Broadway, ___ Merman
- Manager of the Calgary Exhibition for 33 years! (2 words)
- A pioneer teacher in northern Alberta, ___ d'Antioche (2 words)
- Champion chuckwagon driver, ___ Sutherland
- Turner Valley's No. 1 ___ well
- Long-serving CCHS member ___ Ryckman
- Sandstone ___
- A hamlet 15 km east of Canmore
- A park named for a Russian princess in south west Calgary
- The ___ Gallery at the University of Calgary
- Formerly; born
- Common pronoun
- Hostilities
- A convenient acronym

Crossword Solutions

Across	Down
1. Three Persons	1. Tom
7. Merchants	2. Ethel
9. Quill	3. Ernie
10. Hob	Richardson
11. Eve	4. Sister Ignace
12. Guy	5. Kelly
13. Earle	6. Dingman
15. Icier	8. Roberta
17. Plays	9. Quarry
18. No	14. Exshaw
20. Ron	16. Obolensky
22. Agriculture	19. Muttart
23. Open	21. Nee
24. HSA	26. He
25. Shaw	27. War
29. Era	28. WC
30. Sykes	

Beltline Park Redevelopment Concept Plan

In May of 2014 Presidents of CCHS, Calgary Heritage Initiative and Calgary Heritage Authority were invited to meet with City of Calgary Parks representatives to have a conversation about a West Connaught park in the Beltline located at 16th Ave and 11th Street. The Calgary Lawn Bowling Club has been located on the park site since 1929. The site is listed on Calgary’s Inventory of Historic Resources. Plans are now underway for the relocation of the Calgary Lawn Bowling Club to a new space in the community of Spruce Cliff.

The City of Calgary Parks is planning to redevelop the existing lawn bowling site and park space. Their objective is to provide “much needed public green space for the Beltline community and residents that live around it. The renewed park shall be open and accessible to all; reflect the vision and desires of the community and donor family; remain respectful of the site’s history; and serve to connect park users with each other, with nature and a piece of Calgary’s heritage.”

The newly proposed concept plan incorporates a rehabilitated lawn bowling green that will serve as flexible open space for a variety of community uses. The large, square green space will be a reflection of the site’s history as a lawn bowling green and will also include reminiscent elements such as overhead lights and surrounding paving that relate to lane markings. A new park pavilion is proposed in the location of the current clubhouse to maintain the spatial relationship of the built structure adjacent to the green and will be designed to reflect the character of the historic clubhouse architecture.

Other proposed park features include a new playground, urban pond water feature/skating rink, picnic areas and an urban garden/orchard. Upon gathering feedback on the proposed concept plan, The City of Calgary Parks will focus on design development and refinement before bringing the final concept back to the public. Target re-opening of the park is 2016. More information can be found at <http://calgary.ca/westconnaughtpark>

Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for the winter 2014 issue is **October 17**. Please email your articles and/or photos to Sarah Harvey at: sarpatharv@gmail.com

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