

# Exploring Ancient Crossroads

Ancient crossroads, early explorers, missionaries and the Morleyville settlement, along with the more recent history of the McDougall and Luxton families were the features of the coach bus tour to Morley and Banff on Saturday, September 27, 2008.

Organized by the Chinook Country Historical Society, along with the Southern Alberta Pioneers, there were other participants from McDougall Stoney Mission Society, the Native Calgarian Society and those who learned about the tour through brochures distributed during Historic Calgary Week. At McDougall Stoney Mission church at Morley, the 47 participants were greeted with refreshments before a presentation was made inside the historic 1875 building. McDougall Stoney Mission Society President, Gerald McDougall welcomed the guests and explained the plans that the society is making for greater historical emphasis to be placed on the Morleyville settlement and the church.

The presentation first dealt with the importance of the "ancient highways/crossroads", several of which crossed at the Morley site, the early explorers and the missionary Robert Rundle. In the 1870s the McDougall missionaries, father George and son, John, came to the area to minister to the Stoney people, and David, another son, to establish a ranch and trading post. David and his wife, Annie MacKenzie, had a daughter, Georgina who married Norman Luxton, and they had one daughter, Eleanor. Additional mention was made of other special people at the Morleyville Settlement: Elizabeth Chantler McDougall, Andrew Sibbald, Elizabeth Barrett, Jacob Good



McDougall Stoney Mission Church, Morley

Stoney, Walking Buffalo, John Laurie, and the Northwest Mounted Police detachment.

The lives of David and Annie, along with Georgina and Norman, are part of the display that was viewed later at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies in Banff. (Note: This display remains available at the Museum until October, 2009.)

Guides at the Whyte Museum provided the tours of displays: *The Group of Seven to Takao Tanabe* and *The Stuff of Legend: The Luxton Family in Banff and the Bow Valley* that focused on the David McDougall and the Luxton families.

Following these viewings, participants were given the choice of using the Heritage Passport to visit the rustic museum of early natural history (1902-03) at Banff Park Museum and learn about the beginnings of Canada's national parks at the Cave and Basin National Historic site. Some also toured the former Norman Luxton store "Sign of the Goat" now re-located from Banff Avenue

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"to promote a greater  
understanding of Canadian and  
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are from Olds to Nanton,  
from the B.C. to the  
Saskatchewan borders.



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## Upcoming CCHS Programs

November, 2008  
**The 49th Parallel (1941):  
British Wartime Propaganda and  
Images of Canada**  
Presenter: Glenn Wilkinson  
Tuesday, November 25  
7:30 pm  
Fort Calgary Historic Park

December, 2008  
**CCHS Christmas Luncheon**  
Saturday, December 13  
See details on next page

January, 2009  
**Danish Ethnic Communities:  
1903-1939**  
Presented: Kristin Bouwsema  
Tuesday, January 20  
7:30 pm  
Fort Calgary Historic Park

February, 2009  
**Professional Jazz and Pop Musicians  
in Calgary: 1900-1950**  
Presenter: David Klinger  
Tuesday, February 24  
7:30 pm  
Fort Calgary Historic Park

March, 2009  
**CCHS Annual General Meeting**  
Guest Speaker: Jeff Spalding, Glenbow  
Museum President  
Tuesday, March 24  
AGM: 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 6:00 pm  
Location TBA

April, 2009  
**The Aerial Adventures of WW I  
Flying Ace Freddie McCall**  
Presenters: Shirlee Matheson and Fred  
McCall  
Tuesday, April 21  
7:30 pm  
Fort Calgary Historic Park

May, 2009  
**Nursing on the Prairies:  
1860 to the Present**  
Presented: Diana Mansell  
Tuesday, May 26  
7:30 pm  
Fort Calgary Historic Park

# From the President

**W**ell! We have been off to a busy start of the year with two unscheduled events being held, in addition to the regular Program Meeting.

The first event was a bus tour to Banff and Morley on September 27. This was a wonderful and well-attended event beginning with a tour of the McDougall Church and wonderful presentations by many involved in its maintenance and restoration. The event continued with tours of the Whyte Museum and the Cave and Basin Hot Springs in Banff. Our thanks go to David Ballard and Kate Reeves for organizing the first-class event, and to Sue Nelson, Janice Lowe, Diana Ringstrom and Dave Wake for their wonderful participation.

Up next, on October 3, was an event conceived and organized by Harry Sanders at the Coste House. Harry had the foresight to recognize that Una Maclean Evans was the first speaker at CCHS exactly 50 years prior to October 3, 2008 at the Coste House. Harry made all arrangements to bring Una down from Edmonton, accompanied by her daughter, Sarah, and to work with the Lamond family, who graciously opened their home for all to tour. Approximately 60 people, who much appreciated Una's representation of her original talk on Irene Parlyby, and the fabulous surroundings of the Coste House, attended the event.

Our first program meeting of the year, arranged by Laurel Halladay, took place on September 23, being a talk by Sheila McManus on the influence of advertising images on the perception of the Canada-U.S. Border. The talk was well attended and very interesting indeed. Jennifer Prest awarded

CCHS memberships to Barbara Thorpe and Donnalee Powell and a framed Mansanarez print donated by "Prints Charming" to Carol Christensen.

You will find enclosed with this newsletter an insert for the Christmas Luncheon (purchase your tickets now!), and an appeal for volunteers for the 2009 CCHS-HSA Conference. And we are again in need of volunteers to come forward for Historic Calgary Week as well, and look forward to your involvement in these important events!

Our November program meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 25, with a talk will be by Glen Wilkinson entitled: "The 49th Parallel (1941): British Wartime Propaganda and Images of Canada". See you all there! CCHS

—Tom Hamp



## Did You Know...?

- Calgary was incorporated in 1884 as a town and again in 1894 as a city.
  - Calgary is 726.50 km<sup>2</sup> (280.5 sq mi).
  - Calgary's elevation is 1,048 m (3,438 ft).
  - Calgary's population is 1,042,892 (2008), but there are 1,162,100 in the greater metropolitan area. This makes Calgary the fifth largest city in Canada.
- CCHS

—Source: Wikipedia

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## Solutions to Crossword

(Crossword on page 6)

**Across:** 1. Rutherford; 6. Muir; 9. Leslie;  
10. A.C.; 11. India; 13. Hears;  
14. Immediate; 15. Spy Hill; 17. Nolan;  
18. Nesbitt; 21. Sue; 22. Rod; 23. Sheriff;  
24. Elbow; 26. Odd; 27. Alexander;  
30. No; 31. Edna; 32. York Hotel.

**Down:** 1. Ralph; 2. Tuscany; 3. Edits;  
4. Fr.; 5. Ryckman; 7. Undrawn;  
8. Reader; 11. Indulge; 12. Vial;  
15. Sandstone; 19. Sheldon; 20. Tiffany;  
21. Stake; 22. Rib; 25. War; 28. Loo;  
29. Eye. CCHS

# A Quilt in Clarence's Room

If you have toured the Lougheed House recently, you will notice that a lovely early-thirties era butterfly quilt has been spread on the bed in Clarence's room. This quilt was donated by Mary Green Christie, nee Hooper, on behalf of the Hooper Family: Nell McCullough, Stead Hooper, Mary Christie, George Hooper, Margaret Austin, and Audrey Coats.

In the early thirties, their mother, Jean Hooper, nee Wannop, set out to make quilts for each of her six children who were all young adults at the time, soon poised to leave home to form their own families and launch their careers.

In the tradition of the time, she made use of fabric from discarded dresses and other sources and invited the ladies from Crescent Heights United Church to come and help in an old-time Quilting Bee. I can just imagine the gossip that was exchanged and the tea and cookies that were consumed. In turn, Jean Wannop Hooper probably spent time in other people's homes, helping them with their quilting projects.

Jean's daughter Mary Christie has fond memories of returning home from nurse's training at the General Hospital to find her mother and the ladies from the church all working hard on the quilts, some, but not all, in the butterfly pattern.

In time, the quilts were given to Nell, Stead, Mary, George, and Audrey, but because she had moved to Victoria, Margaret's quilt remained in a cedar chest in Calgary until it could be delivered, years later, to her daughter, Margaret Jean Sloat. My sisters, Susan Giffen of Lethbridge and Patricia Bussard of Perth Australia, and I, daughters of Stead Hooper, remember the quilt fondly as one we used often as we grew up, until it more or less disintegrated.

The quilt now in Clarence's Room at the Lougheed House was given to Mary Hooper Christie where it was used briefly on her father Sidney Hooper's bed in the years he spent with Mary and Andy Christie before

Sidney's death in 1962. His wife Jean, the maker of the quilts, had died in 1948.

Sometime in the 1950's, Mary and her sister Audrey Coats became aware of the "Alberta Heritage Quilt Project" and had their mother's quilt registered as a Heritage Quilt.

This beautiful butterfly quilt remained on the bed in the guest room of Mary and Andy's apartment in Hull Estates until Mary moved to the Carewest Sarcee Centre in February 2008. Mary and the rest of the surviving siblings, Audrey and Margaret, are so happy that the quilt their mother made in the 1930's is currently on display at the Lougheed House for everyone to enjoy. -CCHS

*—This article was written by Carrol Jaques, nee Hooper, Past President of Chinook Country Historical Society. Carrol's cousin, Doug Coats, son of Audrey, one of the Hooper sisters, has been a popular presenter during the past two Historic Calgary Weeks.*



## Ancient Crossroads (cont'd)

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to the south end of the Bow River bridge. Continuing from here, many participants toured the Buffalo Nations Luxton Museum along the river side. Others in the group took time to visit the art galleries in Banff and to walk through the cemetery to visit gravesites of Tom Wilson and Minnie McDougall Wilson, the Brewsters, Harmons, and the Luxtons.

A great deal of history; ancient, 18th and 19th century, and present time was covered during the day. With the completion of the tour, many commented that Chinook Country Historical Society fulfilled its mandate to provide the public with opportunities to learn more about southern Alberta people and events. -CCHS

*—David Ballard*

## Request for Historic Photos

This is an open request to anyone who has historic or vintage photographs of Calgary's Beltline district to submit them for a photographic project.

Specifically, I am seeking old imagery of the Moxam and Congress apartment buildings (721 and 725 13th Avenue S.W., located directly beside the Peter Lougheed House) and the surrounding neighbourhood for use in a printed book detailing the history and community of the two buildings.

For further information about the project and the imagery needed, please contact Heather Saitz at 403-836-7283 or [heathersaitz@gmail.com](mailto:heathersaitz@gmail.com). -CCHS

*—Heather Saitz*

## VOICES FROM THE PAST

The spirit of the prairie, the throb and thrill of it all, does as much toward making a woman successful as the natural advantages of the country. The lack of restraint, the sense of "hoeing one's own row," away from the eastern community where one is merely "the youngest Jones girl," engenders a certain impulse to venture beyond past achievements. The fact that this is a young people's country, where their judgment is considered worthy of at least a thought, makes a girl consider increasing her attainments and earning power. She attempts things she has never tried before. Why not? How would anyone out here know that she is not an expert?

*—Margaret Forbes, "Making Good in the West," in the June 12, 1913 Western Standard special issue "Calgary: The Gateway to the Women's West."*

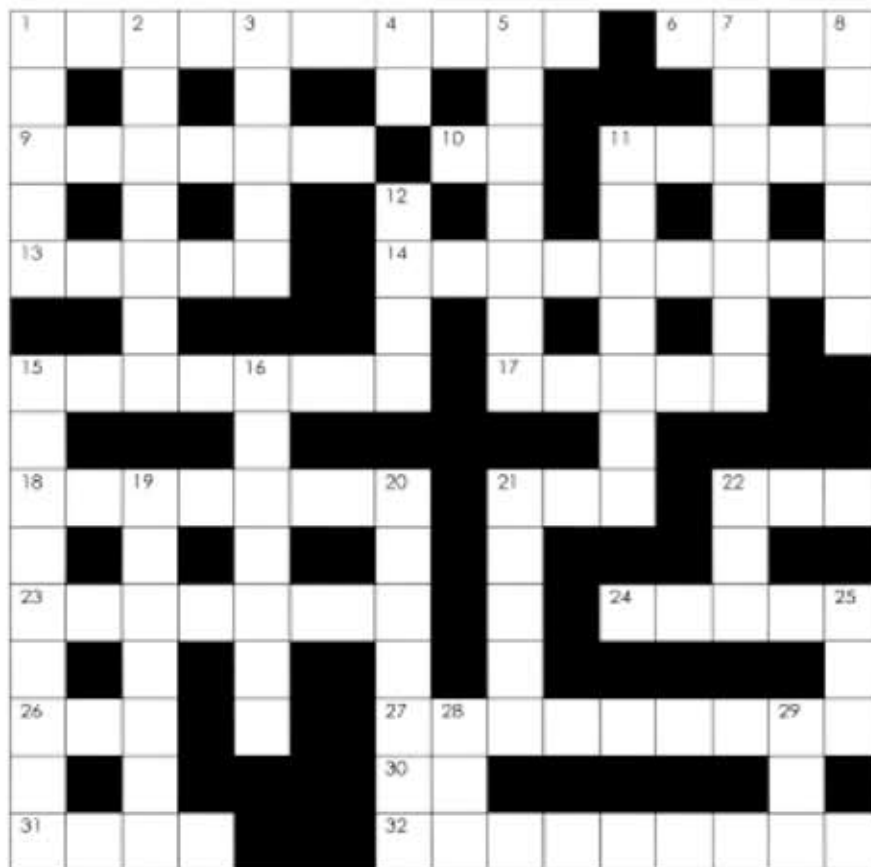
*—Submitted by Laurel Halladay*

# Local History Crossword

(Solution on page 2)

## Across

1. Alberta's first premier, -----
6. Famous Five member, Henrietta ---- Edwards
9. Calgary's 32nd Mayor, Jack -----
10. Painter, -- Leighton (Init.)
11. The world's largest democracy
13. Heeds, harks
14. At once, urgent
15. Jail in Northwest Calgary
17. Colourful lawyer, Paddy -----
18. Leonard D. -----, Superintendent for Publicity for the Alberta Wheat Pool, 1926-55
21. Ex-Alderman, --- Higgins
22. Calgary's 33rd mayor, --- Sykes
23. YWCA's ----- King Home for abused women
24. Calgary's second river, the -----
- 26, Not even
27. See one across
30. Yes or --?
31. American novelist, ---- Ferber
32. A landmark hotel in downtown Calgary that was recently destroyed (2 words)



## Down

1. Calgary's 35th mayor, ----- Klein
2. A subdivision in north west Calgary and also a region of Italy
3. Checks for grammar and corrects manuscripts
4. French (abbr.)
5. A long-standing member of CCHS, Roberta -----
7. Not illustrated
8. William -----, Parks Superintendent in Calgary from 1913-43
11. To spoil or immerse in
12. A small container
15. Calgary was once known as '-----' City
16. First; acronym
19. Former Liberal MLA, ----- Chumir
20. A kind of lamp
21. A Mormon meeting house, the -----
22. A popular cut of meat, the --- -eye steak
25. Armed conflict
28. An English washroom?
29. The 'Calgary --- Opener'

—Jennifer Prest

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# Christmas Luncheon

*Date:* SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2008

*Where:* FORT CALGARY, 750 - 9TH AVENUE SE

*Time:* 10:30 AM - 1:45 PM

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## REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist the CCHS organizing committee to prepare and host the 2009 provincial conference. Funding has been secured from Alberta Lotteries and the program planning is moving into high gear. It's now time for you to join the team!

Most of the work has been broken into easily manageable tasks, requiring minimal time and effort. In addition, working together will be fun and sociable. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Registration
- Transportation arrangements
- Food & beverage
- Special events
- Trade show
- Kit bags
- Silent auction
- Tours
- Volunteer coordination
- Media liaison
- Printing & signage

If the conference sounds like something you'd like to help with, please contact:

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We look forward to working with you to make the 2009 Conference the best ever!

## Winners of the Giant Herald Historic Week Puzzle



Jennifer Prest awards prizes to winners of the Herald Historic Week Crossword Puzzle winners (from left to right, starting at top): 1. **Allan Sears** (\$50 certificate for Bernard Callebeaut Chocolaterie); 2. **Mary Esposito** (*A New Day for Women*); 3. Four-time winner **Carol Christensen** (*Mansanarez print His Majesty II*); 4. **Jannette Daley** (\$25 certificate from Oliviers); 5. **Donnalee Powell** (one-year free membership). -CCHS