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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.



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Chinook Country Historical Society Annual Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction

Don't miss our Christmas celebration Saturday, December 12th, 10:30 am at the Danish Canadian Club. There is lots of free parking. Enjoy a glass of apple cider while you are checking out the vintage Christmas baubles to bid for on our Silent Auction. Look forward to the roast beef buffet and then settle back for Calgary's One Accord whose last appearances with us have been memorable. Some of the choir is performing at fabled Carnegie Hall in 2016. Finish up by bidding on your favourite Christmas ornament. All proceeds go to Historic Calgary Week. See you there!

Tickets \$35

**Saturday, December 12, 2015 Doors at 10:30 am
Danish Canadian Club- 727 11th Ave SW Calgary**

Deadline for tickets is December 4*

Contact Sarah Harvey for tickets
403-404-8717 or email sarpatharv@gmail.com

WANTED: Antique, vintage, quality Christmas ornaments and decorations for the Historic Calgary Week silent auction. All proceeds go to the Historic Calgary Week Forever Fund. Donations should be in good condition. We can arrange for pick up of donated items.

Contact David Ballard 403-282-3716 or Donna Zwicker 403-283-5611

From the President's Desk

Donna Zwicker

Banff author Chic Scott kicked off our autumn Chinook Country Historical Society Speaker Series season with his talk *Mountain Romantics: The White/Whytes of Banff*. A capacity crowd was on hand to hear interesting stories about the early days of our mountain park. If you missed the talk, Chic's new book is now available in bookstores.

We are pleased to welcome 25 new members to the CCHS. Thank you for supporting the great work we do by becoming a member. Chinook Country Historical Society is a chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta (HSA). HSA handles memberships for all the chapters – Calgary, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Edmonton and Peace River. Memberships can be purchased or renewed in person at the HSA's Calgary office, by phone with a credit card, or by mail. Give Debbie in the HSA office a call if you are unsure of your renewal date 403-261-3662.

There is great value in being a CCHS member. Your membership supports the volunteer work of our society. The Society offers engaging history talks during the year, an informative and interesting ten-day heritage festival is organized every summer, a scholarship is provided to an undergraduate University of Calgary history student each year, a children's history book for ages 8-12 is being produced, the work of the HSA is supported, and, when asked, we participate in heritage-related stakeholder meetings. Someone recently said to me CCHS does good work. Yes it does.

I am pleased to say that volunteers have been offering to join our board and assist in the good work we do. Shona and I have had conversations with several people interested in joining our CCHS Board of Directors including interest in our VP positions. Please consider giving our society some of your time and energy. Perhaps consider our Historic Calgary Week Committee, Publications Committee, Speaker Series Program Committee or a new Oral History Committee we are considering. Joining a committee is a great place to learn about boards, meet people with similar interests, share your talents and expertise, and have some fun.

We spent half of our October board meeting on board development - discussing plans for the remainder of our board term, recruitment and succession planning. Your board members had some great ideas. We talked about our members-at-large positions each assuming the responsibility for chairing a committee or specific board responsibilities. Such a shift would greatly reduce the president's load.

Our board is looking into the idea of an oral history project. We have a board member interested in chairing the project and we are now discussing with Tom Hamp, president of the Medicine Hat Historical Society and past president of the CCHS, the details of how their project got underway. A Chinook Country Historical Society project would look to interview a selected number of aging members of our Calgary and region historical community using the successful model developed in Medicine Hat.

Congratulations to past CCHS board member Ray Wilkinson who recently won a President's Award for the MS Society plus the Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta's volunteer of the year award. One of the great benefits of board work is you get the opportunity to develop friendships with wonderful people like Ray.

Sadly, I share the news that Elisabeth (Betty) Proudfoot passed away Oct 3, 2015. For many years Betty was an active member in the CCHS and in the Historical Society of Alberta.

As the CCHS representative, I added our stakeholder group input into the City of Calgary *Quarry Road Trail Project*. The trail is east of Edworthy Park and is adjacent to an old quarry site. We discussed signage, historic conservation and trail materials. See the City of Calgary website for more information: www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Construction/Quarry-Road-Trail.aspx

Kind Regards,

Donna

Upcoming Fall/Winter Programs Stutt Pottruff

Alberta and World War I
Stéphane Guevremont
Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 pm
Central Library
616 Macleod Tr. SE

Annual Christmas Luncheon
Christmas music provided by One Accord
Saturday, December 12, 10:30am
Danish Canadian Club
HCW Silent Auction
Tickets: \$35
Contact Sarah Harvey for tickets
403-404-8717

Roland Gissing - The People's Painter
Kori Gregory, Granddaughter of Roland Gissing
Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 pm
Fort Calgary

HISTORIC CALGARY WEEK 2015 HERITAGE CROSSWORD PUZZLE WINNERS

Jennifer Prest

Laine Simpson - Family membership for The Military Museums
Susan Gannon - 2 day passes to Heritage Park
Bernice Gaetz - A special blend of tea from the Naked Leaf in Kensington
Joyce Grieve - A biography of Hugh Dempsey, editor of Alberta History
Deanna Bergman - Journal of Katherine Hughes, a pioneer of northern Alberta
Bonnie Rothwell- Alpine Adventures of Margaret Fleming
Janette Daley - \$30 gift certificate for the Lazy Loaf and Kettle
Pat McAlister - Prints Charming print, "The Best Seat in the House"
Judy Mansfield - CD of Alberta called 'Wild Rose Country' plus some memorabilia
Pat Beckstead, Cynthia MacDonald, and Bei Li - One-year free memberships
Terry Storch - Gift certificate to ONE18 EMPIRE Restaurant at the Marriott Hotel
Carol Christiansen - Family membership to Glenbow
*Daniel Berday, in Red Deer - Book on the North Trail

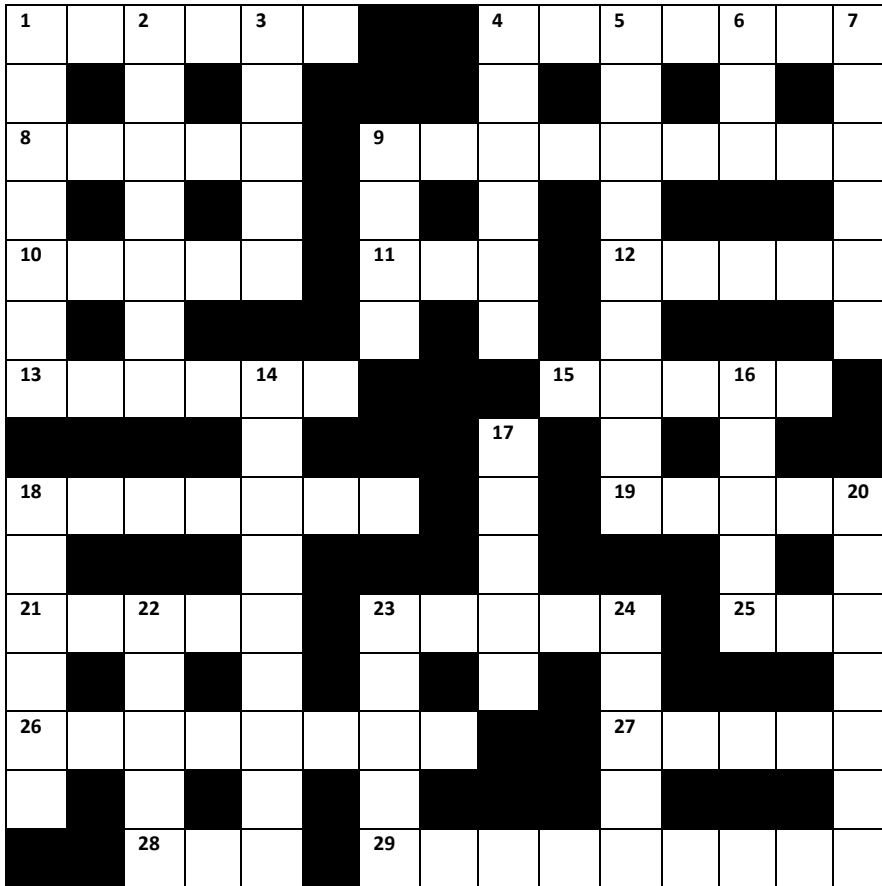
Please give a round of applause to all of our winners.

I want to thank the donors of the prizes and the Herald for donating the space for the coverage of Historic Calgary Week. Reporter Erin Sylvester did an outstanding job of setting up the list of Daily Events. Unfortunately, she has returned to Toronto but we're hoping she will be back next year. Finally, I must thank my long-suffering proofreaders, Martin, Irene, Gail, and Carol Lacey.

*Daniel is 15 years old and our youngest winner to date!

Local History Crossword Puzzle #43

Jennifer Prest



Solutions to crossword puzzle on page 4

Across

1. Former name of the Piikani First Nations people of Southern Alberta
4. The town where there is lots to do? Located south of Calgary, near a big rock
8. _____ Bowser, (1918-1995) Jazz pianist
9. Strange happenings
10. Indian fried cake
11. A First Nations people living in Utah and Colorado
12. “ _____! Read all about it!” A familiar call in London prior to the internet
13. Once located on the SAIT campus, Calgary’s _____ school
15. Edgar Allan Poe’s novel, “The Fall of the House of _____”
18. Calgary’s Catholic cathedral (2 words)
19. Where Canadian forces overcame their German foes in the spring of 1915
21. This mining town in southern Alberta was crushed by a slide in 1903
23. Once Calgary’s regiment, now based in Edmonton (initials)
25. To retreat; ease
26. To untie knots; untangle
27. A large country in southern Asia
28. A cathedral city in East England
29. Once a landmark on 9th Avenue SW, the _____ Flour Mill (2 words)

Down

1. _____ Manning, once leader of the Reform Party
2. Calgary’s first general store in 1875 (3 words)
3. The Max Bell Centre _____
4. The “Calgary Eye- _____”
5. A park in SW Calgary named for the Russian Princess Tanya _____
6. A call once heard at bullfights in Spain
7. Calgary oilman, Doc _____
9. _____ pudding, usually consumed at Christmas in Dickensian times
14. An African festival celebrated in Calgary, marking the city’s diverse cultures
16. Dr. _____ Parkhill Scarlett, Calgary physician and educator
17. It once flew over us to keep us safe; introduced in 1995 by the Calgary Police Dept. (initials)
18. Dr. Carl _____, Alberta’s first school psychologist
20. A provincial park west of Calgary, _____ Lake in Kananaskis country
22. She was the first champion of the Calgary Public Library, _____ Davidson
23. Manager of the Eau Claire Lumber Mill, _____ Prince
24. The nape of the neck

Historic Calgary Week Forever Fund Walt Deboni



As part of the celebration of 25 years of Historic Calgary Week, the HCW Forever Fund was established in order to pave the way for this marquee event of Chinook Country Historical Society to continue into the foreseeable future. CCHS has established the Historic Calgary Week Forever Fund, a fund administered by The Calgary Foundation that will provide a significant portion of the annual funding for HCW.

To date, we have raised more than \$20,000 towards a target of \$50,000.

Please consider contributing to the HCW Forever Fund. Your participation is essential to ensuring the future financial stability for this key CCHS program. Your contribution can be made directly to The Calgary Foundation for the benefit of the HCW Forever Fund or through Chinook Country Historical Society. Please check our website at www.chinookcountry.org for more information and answers to some of the questions you may have. Alternatively please feel free to email Walt Deboni at wdeboni@shaw.ca

Crossword Solutions

Across

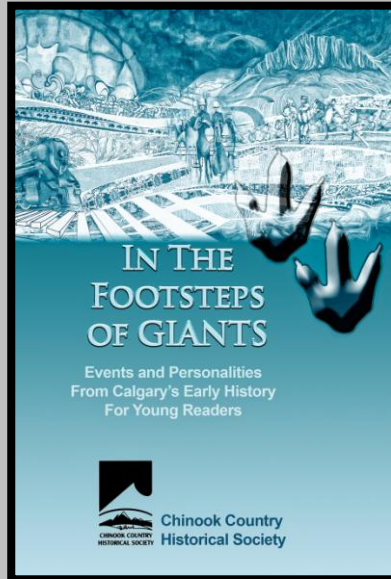
- 1. Peigan
- 4. Okotoks
- 8. Erbie
- 9. Phenomena
- 10. Tikia
- 11. Ute
- 12. Extra
- 13. Normal
- 15. Usher
- 18. St. Mary's
- 19. Ypres
- 21. Frank
- 23. PPCLI
- 25. Ebb
- 26. Abnodate
- 27. India
- 28. Ely
- 29. Robin Hood

Down

- 1. Preston
- 2. I.G. Baker
- 3. Arena
- 4. Opener
- 5. Obolensky
- 6. Ole
- 7. Seaman
- 9. Plum
- 14. Afrikadey
- 16. Earle
- 17. HAWCI
- 18. Safran
- 20. Sibbald
- 22. Annie
- 23. Peter
- 24. Inion

Calgary Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) Upcoming Events:

Dec. 5 – Christmas party
 Jan. 23 – Cooking demonstration- Grebel
 All meetings at Ascension Lutheran Church
 1432 – 19 St NE from 11 AM to 2 PM Library is open. Non-members welcome.
 For more info contact Anne: 403-246-6968 or www.calgarychapterahsgr.ca



**Children's History Book
Walt Deboni**

The work on the Children's History Book has been progressing. It is expected to be available in early December, hopefully by the time of the CCHS Christmas Luncheon on December 12.

The first volume is in final design stage and will be going to the printers soon. It contains 14 chapters covering events and personalities from prehistoric to Nellie McClung and the Persons Case.

Here's what some of our first readers had to say about sample chapters they reviewed:

"As a former elementary student, I think this would have been helpful for me when learning these topics. I would have preferred an interactive, historical fiction story like this as opposed to textbooks or worksheets."
 Tiana - 13 years.

"I love it when the kids are reading something and then I hear "Huh. Cool. Hey, did you know....." Anita, mother of 9 and 12 year olds.

"A vivid and fantastic trip back into Calgary and Alberta's railway, aviation and glacier rock history among others!" - Elsa - 14 years.

"I think it's really cool that camels used to live in Calgary."
 Kameryn - 9 years.

We will let members know when the book is available for purchase. In addition, we will be distributing books, free of charge, to libraries and schools early next year.

The stories for volume 2 are being collected with seven in hand and eight more under development. We expect to have all stories in hand early next year and then we will begin the editing program with a view to completing the second volume before year-end 2016.

Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for the Spring 2016 issue is January 15. Please email your articles and/or photos to Sarah Harvey at: sarpatharv@gmail.com

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