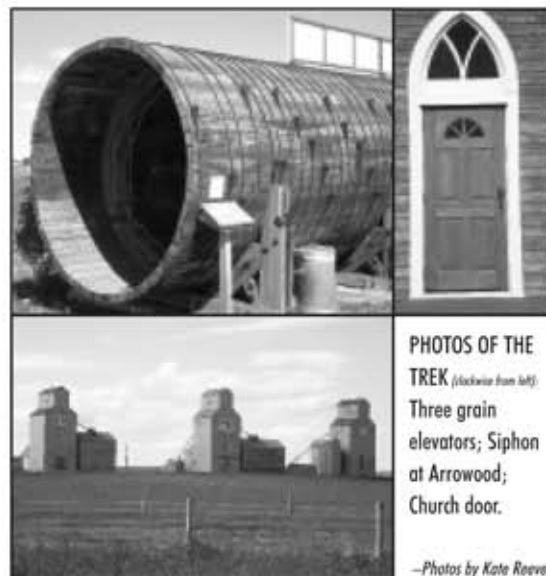


The Trek to Blackfoot Crossing Park — and Beyond

In June 2008, we joined intrepid leader David Ballard on a Trek to Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park. This site overlooks the valley where Treaty #7 was signed in 1877 and the resting place of Chief Crowfoot. After viewing an introductory film, the morning was filled with the fascinating insights of Gerald Sitting Eagle who lead the group through the galleries. Lunch was enjoyed at The Country Farmhouse located one-half mile north of the park between Gleichen and Cluny. Then it was on to the “Beyond” part of the tour.

A booklet written by David especially for the tour gave explicit instructions on the route. It also included historical background and where and what we should be looking for. We traveled through the Siksika Reserve and over a 1908 steel-span bridge which spanned the Bow River. We stopped to view part of the Bow River Irrigation District.

A highlight of the trip was the town of Arrowood and its museum housed in a former general store. The museum is generally open only by appointment but residents of the area gather here on Saturday mornings for coffee and contribute the proceeds to cover the museum’s monthly power bill. The store/museum also sells ice cream when open, a fact quickly taken advantage of by local Hutterite children on the day we were there. The museum is a treasure trove of nostalgia and a few unique items. A local rancher, Tom Ward, helped us interpret the area homestead map and answered our questions.



PHOTOS OF THE
TREK (clockwise from left)
Three grain
elevators; Siphon
at Arrowood;
Church door.

—Photos by Kate Reeves

Another interesting stop on the Trek was the Aspen Crossing Tree Farm & Garden Centre which serves as the Mossleigh post office. A restored CNR 1887 Pullman car that began as a Southern Pacific Railway car has been converted into a dining room. The owners plan to recreate a CPR garden adjacent to the car. As a special Father’s Day event, the greenhouse was filled with “G” scale model trains.

As we continued on our loop, stops were made at local picturesque churches, much to the pleasure of one participant who loves old churches. The crest of Galdys Ridge provided a lovely panoramic view of the area. Our trip ended with a beautiful rainbow and dinner at The Stockmen’s Restaurant in DeWinton.

If you would like an electronic copy of the booklet used on the Trek or notification of future tours contact Kate Reeves at kareeves@telus.net. CCHS

—Kate Reeves

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Friends of Reader Rock Garden

The gardeners working on the restoration of the Reader Rock Gardens could really use your help. If you have any photographs of the Reader Rock Garden taken after 1942 they could be of great assistance to our gardeners.

William Reader was very good at keeping records and taking photos of the garden, but there is very little of this material after his passing. The gardeners are in particular need of photographs of the west side, but any and all photographs would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Friends of Reader Rock Garden member Ruth Manning at 403-249-3144, or email: manningthefort@shaw.ca. -CCBS

—Ruth Manning



Winners of the Giant Herald Historic Week Puzzle

Carol Christensen - winner of the Mansanarez print, *His Majesty II*

Bruce Kohse - \$50 gift certificate from Moti Mahal Restaurant

Jannette Daley - \$25 certificate from Oliviers

Allan Sears - \$50 certificate for Bernard Callebaut Chocolaterie

Barbara Thorpe - one-year free membership

Donnalee Powell - one-year free membership

Mary Esposito - *A New Day for Women*

Dolores Klatzel - *A Wilderness Outpost*

Thanks and kudos to all who entered and made the Historic Calgary Week such a success. -CCBS

—Jennifer Prest

From the President

Cooler weather is finally upon us, signaling the end of summer and the coming Fall season! And with that we fondly remember our wonderfully successful premier event of the Summer – Historic Calgary Week.

Historic Calgary Week was launched on a pleasant Friday evening, July 25, at Lougheed House, with Carrol Jaques as Master of Ceremonies, and keynote speaker Tim Christison. The 10-day event ended at Fort Calgary on Sunday, August 3 with a film presentation of *Susannah of the Mounties*. Participants in Historic Calgary Week attended over 50 events, including presentations, talks and tours of and about the varied history and historic locations in Calgary.

Historic Calgary Week's theme this year was "Explore & Celebrate Our Roots", taking a look back at the people who helped establish Calgary and the natural and agricultural base from which we grew. The event was a result of heroic effort on the part of the Planning Committee, ably led by Carrol Jaques (Gary Ellis as co-chair), as well as all the volunteers who led tours and helped at the actual events. Particular appreciation goes to: Kate Reeves & Janice Lowe (Central United); Lynda Purdy, Roberta Ryckman & Colleen Robarts (Brochure); Ron and Gail Kessler (Audio); and David Ballard, Diana Ringstrom and Ken LePointe.

We also wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the Calgary Herald for printing the Historic Calgary Week Crossword Puzzle, and to Jennifer Prest for her extensive work in preparing it. Our thanks also go to the following

additional sponsors: Canadian Heritage; City of Calgary / Land Use Planning & Policy; Calgary Heritage Initiative; Central United Church; City of Calgary / Outdoor Resource Centre; Fort Calgary; Glenbow Archives; Lougheed House; Memorial Park Library; Southern Alberta Pioneers; W.R. Castell Central Library; and Wild Rose United Church.

Next year's Historic Calgary Week is tentatively scheduled for July 24 - August 2, 2009. Application has already been made for funding for this event by Carrol Jaques. (Thank you, Carrol!) Next year's event is expected to have approximately 18 walking tours and 27 presentations in museums, libraries, historic sites, churches and heritage buildings. Planning for these events will begin in October. Volunteers and history buffs are invited to join in the effort; you are always welcome! You can make your interest known by calling and leaving a message on the Society's telephone at 403-261-4667.

Included with this newsletter is the program for 2008-2009. Our thanks to Laurel Halladay for assembling this great program for the coming year. Please also look for an insert with this newsletter regarding the bus tour to the McDougall Church and Banff on September 27. And, finally, be sure to refer to the Chinook Country website at www.chinookcountry.org for other interesting programs and events that take place throughout the year. We will be emailing announcement and reminders to those who have provided email addresses (thanks to Irene DeBoni!), while ensuring your email address is kept confidential.

I look forward to seeing at Fort Calgary over the coming months. -CCBS

—Tom Hamp

Solutions to Crossword

(Crossword on page 6)

Across: 1. Hudson; 4. Scollen; 8. Inlet; 9. Baker; 10. Cal; 11. Hub; 12. Reeds; 13. Sushi; 14. Scott; 16. Elveden; 19. Kit; 20. Exton; 23. Denim; 25. Sheep; 27. Err; 28. Alley; 30. AM; 31. CIA; 32. Don; 33. Oop; 34. Fire.

Down: 1. Heights; 2. Doll Block; 3. Otter; 4. Sykes; 5. Orr; 6. Lucas; 7. Nellie; 9. Brebeuf; 13. Sadie; 15. Totem; 17. Valley; 18. Notre Dame; 21. Normal; 22. Edward; 24. Nolan; 25. Stamp; 26. PPCLI; 29. Yeo. -CCBS

Spruce Cliff Site of Former Buffalo Jump

The early history of our area began with the Paleo-Indians and later the history of the Plains Indians. This was an area that, for centuries, had been used by nomadic Indians as campsites and locations for buffalo jumps. One of the favoured areas was Shaganappi Point, on the east side of Spruce Cliff. A survey crew in the 1880s observed piles of buffalo bones extending below the full length of the cliff. The name *Shaganappi* was a Cree word meaning rawhide.

One of the earliest and most influential pioneers in our area was John Lawrey who was born in Cornwall, England in 1843. Lawrey emigrated to the Caribou region of British Columbia during the days of the Gold Rush there but came to this area in the late 1890s. He settled along the fertile river bottomland sheltered by the cliffs within the sandstone outcroppings at Shaganappi. This was four miles west of the North West Mounted Police Fort located at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow rivers.

Lawrey acquired title to his property in part from a homestead grant from the Dominion Government, and in part by purchase from the CPR in 1902. This property included all of the land that is now between Bow Trail and the Bow River between 37 Street SW and the Shaganappi Point Golf Course. He was the first pioneer to farm the Bow Valley west of Calgary. With the Bow River flowing beside the land he was cultivating, he did not need to use spring water and warming reservoir like other market gardens in the area. Lawrey built a windmill to pump water from the Bow River onto his land and was one of the first settlers in the Bow River Valley to use a windmill. Produce from the market garden barely met the demands of the Police Post at Fort Calgary and the emerging settlement of Calgary.

John Lawrey also owned and operated four sandstone quarry lots that were located along the escarpment where now are the condominiums along Cedar Crescent running east to Shaganappi Point. The fine-

quality sandstone from these quarries was shipped as far east as Regina where it was used in the construction of the Government Building. It was also used for numerous other buildings in the rapidly-growing settlement of Calgary. The popularity of sandstone as a building material in Calgary was partially the result of its abundance in the area but also as a safer material for construction. The fire of 1886 that devastated the emerging town of Calgary resulted in the greater use of sandstone as a building material and many of these buildings are still standing in downtown Calgary today.

In 1953 the location of the former Lawrey Garden along the Bow River was acquired by the Province of Alberta as a flood plain. In the annals of Calgary history, Lawrey was instrumental in making agriculture a bona fide industry within the district. He proved the value of the soil and climate, which had been dispelled by many unsuitable for crop production. Today all of the land once owned by John Lawrey is known as Spruce Cliff Community. -CCBS

—compiled by Neil Anderson



Thanks again, Volunteers!

Historic Calgary Week 2008 (July 25 - August 3), sponsored by the Chinook Country Historical Society, was very successful. About 3,500 people attended the nearly 50 events, enjoying walks and talks of historical interest on the theme "Explore and Celebrate our Roots".

Special thanks are extended to the 65 volunteers who devoted approximately 3,000 hours to organizing and planning the program, as well as assisting during the week as presenters, introducers, equipment carriers, donation collectors, crowd control, etc. Without you, the week would not have been possible, and your efforts

Historic Hanger Put to Good Use



On June 12, 2008 the Boys and Girl's Club of Calgary proudly hosted a "Lift Off" to showcase their new building. And what a building it is! The Hanger has been integrated into the spanning new facility to good advantage. The Hanger is the only one of three or four structures originally built on the site. From the plaque situated inside the main doors we learn that:

In June 1928, the City of Calgary bought 251 acres of land from the Canadian Pacific Railway on which to develop the Calgary Municipal Airport, Calgary's first publicly operated airport and the first in Canada with state of the art illumination allowing night flying.

Rather than build and operate hangars at their own expense, the City leased space at the airport to a number of locally-based clients, who constructed and operated hangars independently. After securing a 10 year lease in 1929, W. L. Rutledge built the Rutledge Hanger.

The land was used as an air field by various groups until 1962 when the building was purchased by the Calgary Boys Club. In 2002 the hanger was designated a historic site by the Calgary Heritage Authority. -CCBS

—Kate Reeves

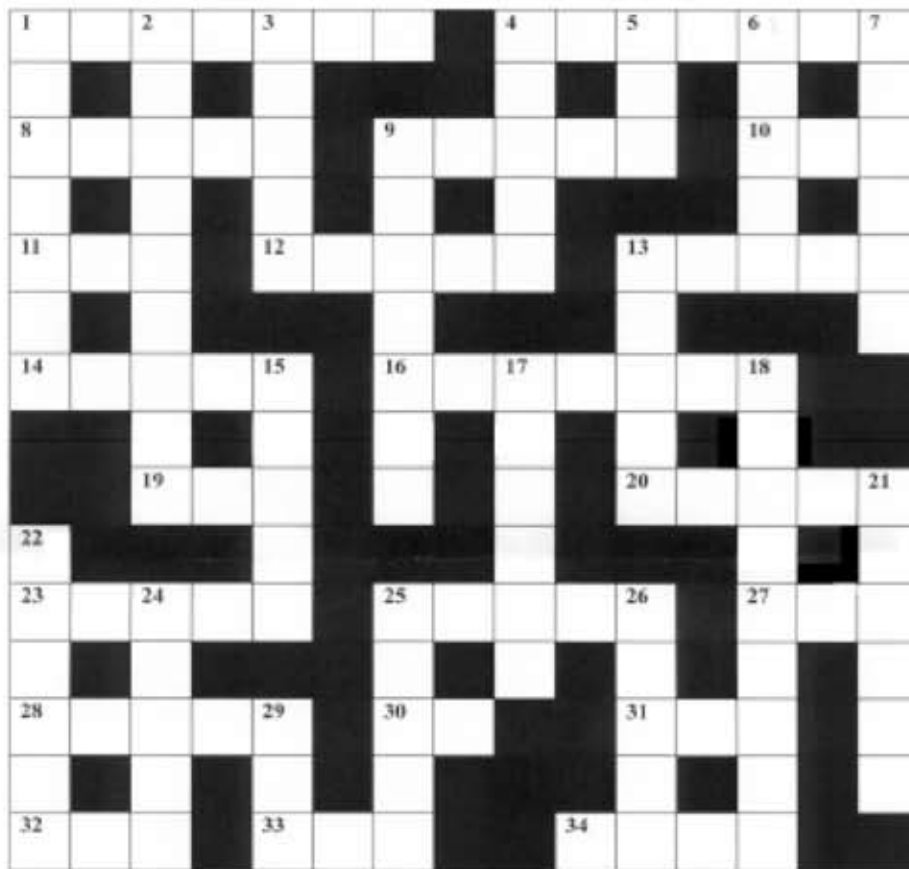


Local History Crossword

(Solution on page 2)

Across

1. One of the first companies in Calgary, the ----- Bay Co.
4. The first priest at Our Lady of Peace Mission, Father -----
8. A fjord or narrow bay
9. Calgary's Tom ----- Cancer Centre
10. A dieter's treat, Lo- ---
11. One of the early oil companies in the Calgary area, --- Oil
12. Bullrushes
13. A Japanese epicurean delight
14. Calgary alderman 1971-95, Barbara -----
16. Calgary's first modern skyscraper, ----- House
19. Al Duerr's wife, ---
20. Anglican Bishop George ----- Lloyd, founder of the National Assn. of Canada
23. A tough, hard-wearing fabric
25. Okotoks' river
27. "To --- is human"
28. A comics caveman (see also 33 across)
30. Morning (abbr.)
31. American spy agency?
32. Former Calgary mayor, --- MacKay
33. See 28 across
34. Inferno



Down

1. North West district, Hounsfeld -----
2. A landmark on Stephen Avenue Mall, the ---- (2 Wds.)
3. A playful amphibian
4. Calgary's mayor from 1969-77, Rod -----
5. Our mayor from 1896-97, Wesley ---
6. Yet another mayor, this one from 1892-94, Alexander -----
7. One of the Famous Five, ----- McClung
9. Jesuit missionary and martyr, St. Jean -----
13. Once a popular dance craze, ----- Hawkins
15. Symbol of the Haida First Nations
17. One of Calgary's newer northern suburbs, Hidden -----
18. One of Paris' most famous sights, ----- Cathedral (2 wds.)
21. A precursor to the University of Calgary's Faculty of Education, ----- School
22. Former owner of the EP Ranch, -----, Prince of Wales
24. A flamboyant lawyer in early Calgary, Paddy -----
25. A former member of the CCHS Board and Professor Emeritus, Dr. Robert -----
26. Regiment, formerly stationed in Calgary, now in Edmonton ----- (abbr.)
29. Long-time member of CCHS, Bill ---

—Jennifer Prest

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Invite you to join us on a

Coach Bus Tour to Historic Morley and Banff

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Be guests of the McDougall Morley Mission Society at the historic church built in 1875 by missionaries George and John McDougall.

Visit the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies for two guided tours:

The Stuff of Legend: The Luxton Family in Banff and the Bow Valley

Through their strength of character and extraordinary lives, the Luxton and McDougall families helped bring the small mountain community of Banff and the Bow Valley to the world. At the same time, they brought the world to Banff. This exhibition is a tribute to the spirit, vision, commitment and creative energy of one of the early pioneer families in Banff and the Bow Valley.

The Group of Seven to Takao Tanabe...Inspiring Landscape

This exhibition presents the work of artists who taught landscape art at in Banff, beginning with A.Y. Jackson, a member of the group of Seven and culminating with Takao Tanabe, but also including examples from other long-serving instructors such as A.C. Leighton, Walter J. Phillips and H.G. Glyde.

Cost including coach bus travel, Whyte Museum tour, Heritage Passport to Museums, and National Park fees.

Cost = \$55.00 per person

There will be opportunities for participants to devote more time in the Whyte Museum (closes at 5:00 p.m.):

- view the exteriors of the Heritage Houses located on the museum grounds (no interior tours available);
- visit the historic Banff Park Museum National Historic Site (use the Heritage Passport);

- take a taxi to the Cave & Basin National Parks Historic Site (use the Heritage Passport);
- walk across the bridge to the Trading Post and on to the Buffalo Nations Luxton Museum located on the south shore of the Bow River (use the ½ price entrance ticket attached to Heritage Passport), or take a walking tour of the art galleries of Banff;
- walk or take a taxi tour around the Town of Banff, do some shopping and sightsee.

You could also treat yourself to the Hot Springs (come prepared).

Experience Banff's new public hybrid electric diesel buses — ideal for touring the area.

There will be time for lunch before the museum tours, and for an early supper while in Banff. You are welcome to bring your picnic lunch and enjoy the Banff Central Park along the Bow River. A list of dining places near the Whyte Museum will be available.

The coach bus will leave Banff at 6:45 p.m. with arrival in Calgary at approximately 8:15 p.m.

CALGARY MEETING PLACE: Brentwood Centre Co-op, 4122 Brentwood Road NW (adjacent to the Brentwood LRT). Vehicle parking will be in lots I and J at the SW portion of the parking lot. Information slips will be placed on the dashboard of your vehicle.

TIME: Boarding of coach at 8:00 a.m.; departure at 8:30 a.m.

Participation in this tour is open to all members and friends.

REGISTRATION FOR COACH TOUR TO MORLEY AND BANFF

Saturday, September 27, 2008 • REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, September 12, 2008

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Names of additional registrants: _____

Amount enclosed: (Make cheque payable to Chinook Country Historical Society) _____ Registrations x \$55.00 = \$ _____

Forward your registration to: Diana Ringstrom, Chinook Country Historical Society, #24 - 532 Cedar Crescent SW., Calgary, Alberta, T3C 2Y8

The tour is subject to cancellation; a minimum number of participants will be required.