CHINOOK COUNTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2015 - 2016



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

The Chinook Country Historical Society welcomes members, their guests and the general public to attend monthly programs and special events.

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in local history? We need your help in many areas. Please contact CCHS at 403-261-4667 or speak to one of our volunteers at a program event.

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The Program

SEPTEMBER 2015

Tuesday, September 22nd 7:30 PM Free Program FORT CALGARY, Burnswest Theatre 750-9th Avenue SE

Mountain Romantics: The White/Whytes of Banff

Chic Scott

This book tells the story of one of the most unique towns in Canada, through its ups and downs, and some of its colourful characters. The White/Whyte family of Banff created a successful mercantile business in Banff, played a major role in creating the Mount Norquay ski resort, Skoki Lodge and Sunshine Ski Resort, fathered a poet, a historian, a Park Warden, as well as two of the most famous artists in the Canadian Rockies.

OCTOBER 2015

Tuesday, October 27th 7:30 PM Free Program FORT CALGARY, Burnswest Theatre 750-9th Avenue SE

Growing up Chinese in Alberta to 1950

Brian L. Evans

Emeritus Professor of History, U of Alberta

The first Chinese to settle on the prairies arrived from the United States. The next wave of migration followed the rails from British Columbia. They were true pioneers whose contributions to building Alberta society and it's economy were valued by fellow citizens. Come hear their story.

NOVEMBER 2015

Tuesday, November 24th 7:30 PM Free Program CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY, Central Library Dutton Theatre, 616 Macleod Trail SE

In partnership with Calgary Public Library

Alberta and World War I Stéphane Guevremont

The fascinating legacy of the Great War in Alberta between 1914 and 1919 is brought to life by dynamic military historian Stéphane Guevremont.

DECEMBER 2015

Saturday, December 12th <u>Tickets Required</u> DANISH CANADIAN CLUB 727-11th Avenue SW

CCHS Christmas Luncheon & Silent Auction Begins at 10:30 AM

Christmas with the One Accord Choir Liz Paynter, Choir Director

JANUARY 2016

Tuesday, January 26th 7:30 PM Free Program FORT CALGARY, Burnswest Theatre 750-9th Avenue SE

Roland Gissing - The People's Painter

Kori Gregory

Granddaughter of Roland Gissing

Roland Gissing was Alberta's most famous artist It the time he died at age 72. He was truly an artist whe was an ambassador for the land he painted and mucof the world came to appreciate the foothills are mountains because of him.

FEBRUARY 2016

Tuesday, February 23rd 7:30 PM Free Program FORT CALGARY, Burnswest Theatre 750-9th Avenue SE

Paying it Backward: The John Ware Story

Cheryl Foggo

Cheryl Foggo shares her research on the legendary cowboy and rancher John Ware, and the impact he has had on her own life in Alberta.

MARCH 2016

Tuesday. March 22nd 5:00 PM <u>Tickets Required</u> DANISH CANADIAN CLUB 727-11th Avenue SW

CCHS AGM

United States-Canadian First Special Service Force (The Devil's Brigade)

John Hart

John Hart is the son of WWII Veteran Geoffrey Hart of the First Special Service Force. John has followed his father's footsteps through Norway, Italy and France. John will speak on the history and the legacy of this highly decorated American-Canadian unit.

APRIL 2016

Tuesday, April 26th 7:30 PM Free Program RANCHMEN'S CLUB 710-13th Avenue SW

125 Years of the Ranchmen's Club (1891-2016)

Jennifer Cook Bobrovitz

Join Club Archivist/Historian Jennifer Cook Bobrovitz for an inside look at the history of one of the oldest private clubs in western Canada. It is an action packed story with a cast of characters and a plot that will surprise. Jennifer will take us on a breathtaking ride through Club history from the first unofficial meeting in a boxcar to the present day. This is the story of a 125 year journey through good times and bad.

MAY 2016

Tuesday, May 24th 7:30 PM Free Program FORT CALGARY, Burnswest Theatre 750-9th Avenue SE

David Thompson's Journey

Emerson Sanford

In the fall of 1810 David Thompson established the fur trade route over Athabasca Pass which was used regularly for the next 50 years. Why would Thompson attempt such a hazardous journey to a remote area under very unfavourable conditions? How did he know that there was a pass that would take him across the Rockies? This talk will present a plausible argument put forth by Professor Arthur Morton in the first quarter of the twentieth century as to why Thompson undertook this journey under such demanding conditions and how he knew that there was a pass there for him to cross.

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