



## HISTORIC CALGARY WEEK 2024

Welcome to Historic Calgary Week 2024, our 34<sup>th</sup> annual history festival. Join us as we celebrate ***Community Builders***, the people and the organizations that have made Calgary and Alberta one of the best places on earth to live. They have dedicated their *Time, Talent, and Treasure* to make this a better place than when they arrived on the scene. Some of these organizations and people are continuing their dedication to our community and we will have the opportunity to hear their future plans. Today, we are all the beneficiaries of their dedication and determination.

As usual, events are held in many communities surrounding Calgary, communities that have made a significant contribution to the growth of our province. You will meet the “Scoundrels and Renegades” of High River, check out the historic sites of Okotoks, appreciate the arts legacy of the Leightons, relive the dreams of Edward, Prince of Wales at the E.P. Ranch and more. In Calgary’s core, the history and future of the Calgary Convention Centre, Arts Commons, National Music Centre, and Glenbow will be on display as examples of the importance of the vitality of our business and entertainment areas. The RCAF is celebrating 100 years and in addition to hearing of its history you can visit the Hangar Flight Museum for an up close and personal view of important aircraft from the past. The leaders in several of our ethnic communities will be featured, including the Chinese, Italian, and Jewish communities as well as the pioneers who made their way across this vast country to plant the roots of the society we enjoy today. And much, much, more.

Historic Calgary Week is a program of Chinook Country Historical Society, a Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta. CCHS is dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of Canadian and Alberta history for people of all ages. Organized in 1958 and incorporated in 1993, CCHS covers the region from Olds to Nanton and from the BC border to the Saskatchewan border. For more information on our societies, please visit the following websites:

Chinook Country Historical Society: [www.chinookhistory.ca](http://www.chinookhistory.ca)

Historical Society of Alberta: [www.albertahistory.org](http://www.albertahistory.org)

***During Historic Calgary Week in the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge Moh’kinstis, and the traditional Treaty 7 territory and oral practices of the Blackfoot confederacy: Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, as well as the Iyarhe Nakoda and Tsuut’ina nations. We acknowledge that this territory is home to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta Districts 5 and 6. Finally, we acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work, and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.***

## **Important Information:**

### **Registration:**

- Many programs, especially walking tours, require registration.
- Maximum number generally 40 but some events as low as 15 due to individual circumstances.
- If meeting location is included in the description, registration is not required.
- “Register” link at bottom of description will take you to appropriate spot.
- Meeting locations will be emailed to registrants shortly before the event.
- If registered but cannot attend, please notify the individual that confirmed your registration – we maintain wait lists.

### **Registration via email:**

- “Register” link will usually direct you to the appropriate email address on your email program.
- Please specify the event for which you are registering as our volunteers may be taking registration for more than one program.
- Specify the names and the number of people you are registering.
- If using a PC, you may be defaulted to using Outlook instead of your preferred email program.
- If so, copy the email address in this brochure and paste it into your email program to bypass Outlook.

### **Walking Tours:**

- Please dress for the weather, wear good walking shoes, and bring water.
- Some walking tours may not be suitable for everyone due to challenging terrain.
- Neighbourhood walks are often on narrow sidewalks that may be uneven. Please use caution and be aware of traffic.

### **Crossword Puzzle:**

- Look for the giant crossword puzzle in the Calgary Herald or on our website on Friday, July 26.
- Send in your completed copy for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

### **Donations:**

- All events are open to the public and most are free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.
- Your support for HCW Forever Fund, donations we receive during the year, and the generosity of our Sponsors enables us to pay for the cost of HCW without taking any other donations during the week.
- Donations are welcomed at some of our venues, such as Central United, where the donation stays with the venue to assist with the upkeep of these historic buildings.
- Your continuing support for the programs of Chinook Country Historical Society and for Historic Calgary Week is much appreciated.
- Go to our website at <https://chinookhistory.ca/support> where we accept donations via e-transfer, cheque or credit card.
- All donations \$20 and over will receive tax receipts.

# HCW 2024 Program

**Friday, July 26**

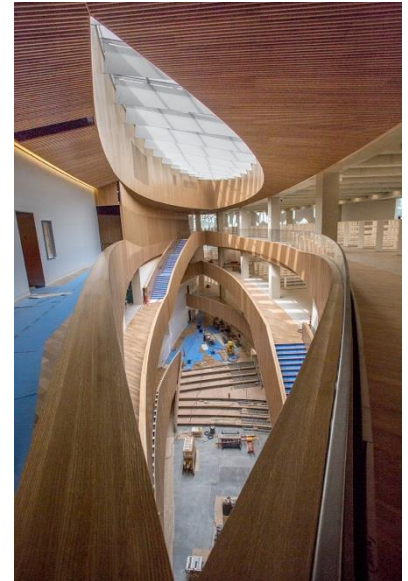
## 9:30 – 10:00 am — Historic Calgary Week 2024 Opening Ceremonies

Hosted by **Walt DeBoni**, Co-Chair HCW 2024 and **Jackie Kleiner**, President of CCHS.

Mayor Jyoti Gondek invited, Councillor Terry Wong presenting.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*

View of Central Library from the Oculus to the ground floor.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Memorial Park Library, 1912.  
Courtesy Calgary Public Library

## 10:00 – 11:00 am — Calgary Public Library: Books, Belonging, and Building Community Since 1912

Annie Davidson campaigned to establish Alberta's first public library, Alexander Calhoun devised to support an educated and inspired local community, and today Calgary Public Library continues to welcome, inspire, and support Calgarians through numerous programs, partnerships, and initiatives. Join **Leanne Hooper**, Calgary's Story Librarian, to learn more about Calgary Public Library's growth from its earliest days at Central Memorial Park through to today with 21 community libraries across every city quadrant.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*

## 11:00 am – Noon — Building a Sense of Community with Music

National Music Centre's CEO, **Andrew Mosker**, explores the vibrant tapestry of Calgary's musical heritage. Influential people, festivals, and places have shaped Calgary's and the region's sonic identity. From Indigenous creators to pioneering artists who settled here, along with influential educators, music industry leaders, and impresarios, we delve into the stories of these musical architects. Their contributions have enriched Calgary's cultural scene and resonated beyond the city's borders, creating a lasting legacy on its music ecosystem.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*



A performance in the National Music Centre.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni





# THE CALGARY FOUNDATION

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## FOR CALGARY FOREVER

The logo of the Calgary Foundation.

### 1:00 - 2:00 pm — Addressing the Needs of People in the Community

Since 1955, Calgary Foundation has been nurturing a healthy, vibrant, giving, and caring community. Each year, Calgary Foundation flows millions of dollars to every corner of our city, supporting causes as myriad as our population. Our hope is that these funds bring the knowledge that a city is a profound thing to share. The strength and value of a community foundation is reflected in a strong and sustainable charitable sector. **Eva Friesen**, CEO, will share inspirational stories and highlights of its 70-year history.

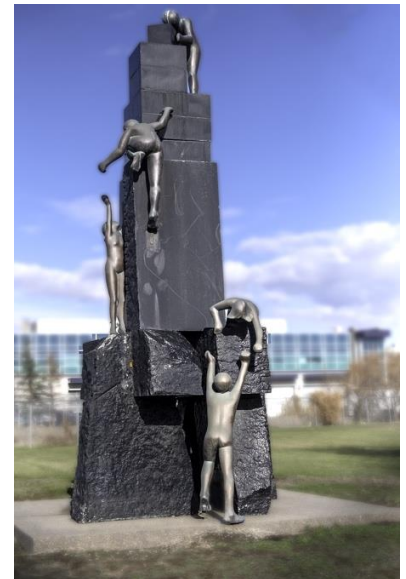
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### 2:00 - 3:00 pm — Builders from the Oilpatch

The oil industry has been instrumental in the growth of Alberta and in creation of wealth, both public and private. **Walt DeBoni** will highlight several individuals who contributed to the growth of the industry, benefitted from its wealth creation, and shared their time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of the community.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*

*The Builders*, by George Pratt, originally located in lobby of Husky Energy Offices, Calgary.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Military hospital at Ogden, 1917. (CU194185)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

### 7:00 - 8:30 pm — History of Ogden

Ogden is one of Calgary's oldest annexed communities, begun in 1912, far from the Calgary town limits at the time. **Bonny Warbeck** will lead a walk where you will learn about the fascinating history of the former Ogden Hotel, the Ogden Block apartments, St. Augustine's Anglican Church, the Scout Hall, and many of the 120 heritage homes in the area. Join us on this captivating walk to learn about one of Calgary's hidden historic communities!

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**Saturday, July 27**

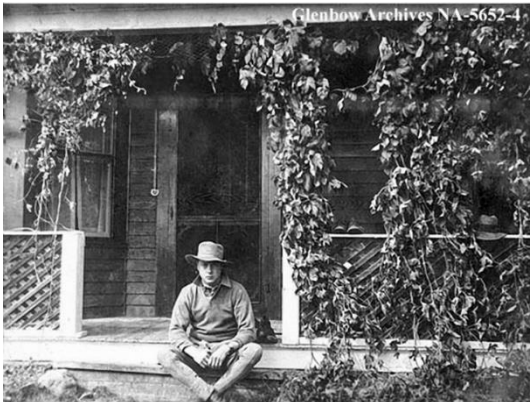
### **9:30 – 11:00 am — Just Keep Swimming: The Special Olympics Calgary Swim Team**

Join **Brittany Gadzosa**, Special Olympics Swim Coach, and **Kelly Edwards**, coach, for a history of the Special Olympics Movement as told through the Calgary Swim Team and the positive impacts it has had on athletes, coaches, and the community. The presentation will include specific stories from both coaches and athletes and how the team has remained strong for over 20 years.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*



Special Olympics Swim Team.  
Courtesy Brittany Gadzosa



Edward, Prince of Wales, at E.P. Ranch, 1923,  
by Fred Andrews. (CU1143238)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

### **10:00 am – Noon — Restoration and Stewardship of E.P. Ranch after the 2013 Historic Flood**

The E.P. Ranch, a privately owned and Provincially Designated Historic Resource, was devastatingly impacted by the 2013 Pekisko Creek flood. In 1919 Edward, Prince of Wales, purchased the ranch south of Longview which dates to the 1880s. It's believed to be the only land privately owned by a royal family member. The tour chronicles the repair, conservation, and restoration of the site and buildings post-flood. The restored Prince of Wales Ranch House, Manager's House, and 1883 Log Cabin are again integral parts of this historic working ranch.

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### **Noon – 1:00 pm — Visit St. Aidans Church**

Stop by the historic St. Aidans Church after leaving the E.P. Ranch. **Bern Dayment** will give a tour of the church and review the history of the congregation which turns 100 next year. *Please park on the side of the road.*



St. Aidans Anglican Church.  
Courtesy LocationHub





## 11:00 am – Noon — Calgary's Story Tour, Calgary Public Library

Calgary's Story Librarian, **Leanne Hooper**, offers a glimpse into the Calgary's Story Collection located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Central Library. This unique local history archive, launched with the support of the Library's first head librarian Alexander Calhoun, includes maps, postcards, newspapers, works of fiction, and ephemera. Explore the stories of Calgary and Southern Alberta from the oldest book in the collection to the most recent acquisitions and learn more about upcoming initiatives.

**Note: This event also runs on Tuesday, July 30 at Noon.**

[Register](#)

Calgary's Story, Central Library.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

## 11:00 am – 12:30 pm — Unwitting Community Builders: Scoundrels, Renegades and Rogues

High River history is riddled with colourful, charismatic characters who made a lasting impact on our town. They weren't always upstanding citizens with impeccable manners and morals, although many of them thought they were. Join **Irene Kerr** and **Olivia Cotton Cornwall** from the Museum of the Highwood and enjoy stories that are sometimes irreverent, sometimes hard to believe, but always truthful (as far as we know); stories of those who helped to shape our community for better or worse.

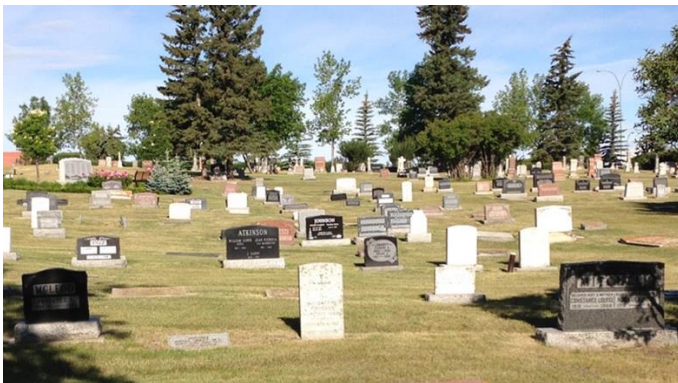
[Register](#): 403-652-7516

or [info@museumofthehighwood.com](mailto:info@museumofthehighwood.com)



Phil Weinard in wagon, after spring round-up at Mosquito Creek, 1892.

Courtesy Museum of the Highwood



Okotoks Cemetery.

Courtesy Okotoks & District Historical Society

## 2:00 – 3:30 pm — Okotoks Cemetery Tour

Join **Karen Peters** of the Okotoks and District Historical Society for a tour of the older section of the Okotoks Cemetery. Learn the fascinating stories of determination and resiliency about some of the town's early community builders – from homesteaders to shopkeepers. Tour will last 1.5 hours.

*Meet: Okotoks Cemetery, 30 Westland Street*

## 2:00 – 3:30 pm — The New "Old Y": Why Tenants Fought for their Shabby Home

Interested in stories of Calgary community builders from radical and also marginalized communities? Join **Philip McCutcheon** on a tour of Alberta's oldest social purpose building and get the inside scoop. Built in 1910, CommunityWise has for decades been a hub of work dedicated to social justice movements. Come for this walking tour and presentation at CommunityWise to learn about what happens when scrappy non-profits and grassroots organizations come together to change the fabric of society in this city.

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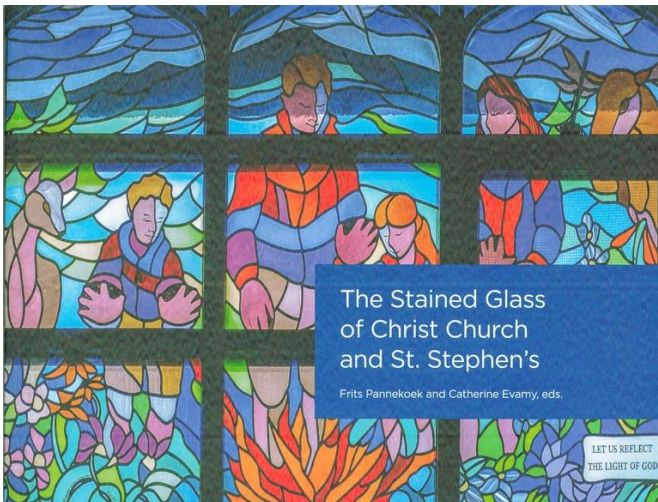


Young Women's Christian Association, ca. 1911. (CU169169)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

## 3:30 – 5:00 pm — Calgary's Stained Glass Heritage

Join **David Haight**, Calgary's preeminent stained-glass artist, **Catherine Evamy** and **Frits Pannekoek**, editors of *The Stained Glass Windows of Christ Church and St. Stephen's* and **John Mendham**, the parish historian, in celebrating Calgary's stained-glass heritage. David will give a personal illustrated talk on the history of stained-glass makers in Calgary. This will be followed by a tour of Christ Church's McCausland stained glass, amongst the best in Western Canada. Copies of the book will be available for sale.

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Book Cover.  
Courtesy Helen Mackie, Rubaiyat

## 6:00 – 7:30 pm — One Man's Vision of Green

William Roland Reader was a city maker! As superintendent of the Calgary Parks Department from 1913 to 1942, he helped transform the landscape and the city. While newcomers moved to Calgary, he was planting trees, developing parks, collecting and testing plant varieties that thrived in Calgary's challenging climate. Sourcing his plants locally and worldwide, he shared via seed exchanges, enriching gardens everywhere. Join us on an escorted tour of the garden, a National Historic Site of Canada, as we showcase this man, his work, and his legacy!

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Main lawn, Reader Rock Garden.  
Courtesy Friends of Reader Rock Garden





West end of Murdoch Park, Bridgeland, a park with a big story.  
Courtesy Deb Lee

### 7:00 – 8:30 pm — Heroes and Hospitals

Communities arise from the places and people who live, work, and play there. Community heroes contribute in varied and unexpected ways. A former hospital built in the middle of our community made a difference for decades in the lives of many. On this 4 km walking tour, **Deb Lee** will talk about Bridgeland-Riverside history projects and the plans to celebrate our heroes and our hospital.

**Note: This event also runs on Wednesday, July 31 at 10:00 am.**

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## Sunday, July 28

### 9:30 – 11:00 am — Shaw's Meadow Heritage Tour: Unveiling Alberta's Pioneering Past

Join a walking tour in Fish Creek! Discover Shaw's Meadow, once home to Alberta's first woolen mill, established by William Shaw. His pioneering efforts not only fueled Calgary's early growth but also provided essential goods like blankets and clothing. Explore this historic site from Glennfield, Fish Creek Provincial Park with former Park Planner, **Wayne Meikle**.

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Walking tour in Shaw Meadows.  
Courtesy Wayne Meikle



Chinese Cultural Centre.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

### 10:00 – 11:00 am — Historical Chinatown Tour

Join **Tony Wong** on a tour that will take you back to the 1880s and walk through time to learn about the three Chinatowns. How was Chinatown formed? Learn about the reasons why Chinatown had to move and end up next to the Bow River. Chinatown in the early 1900s was also known as Bachelor Town. What makes Chinatown unique and how does it differ from other communities? **Optional no-host lunch will follow.**

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*Please indicate whether you will join the lunch.*



## 10:00 - 11:30 am — Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Garden: Growing Community

The Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Garden (HSCG), an organic garden of 34 plots, has been an integral part of the community since its start in 1989, and we have now been operating for 35 years. Our goals are to foster the creation of a sustainable food system, environment, and community, by networking, educating, and sharing resources. In short, we grow community by growing gardens. Come hear a presentation about the garden and its history.

*Meet: HSCG - Sunnyhill Lane and 9 Avenue NW*



Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Garden.  
Courtesy Buff Smith



## 10:30 - 11:30 am — Family Storytime at Sam Centre

Celebrate Historic Calgary Week with an outdoor storytime for the whole family! Join Calgary Public Library and the new Sam Centre for stories and songs that celebrate the history of the Calgary Stampede and Calgary community. Children aged 0-12 will enjoy an interactive storytime led by CPL storytellers along with exciting activities facilitated by Sam Centre experts. Curious about trying trick roping like Flores La Due? Or practicing auctioneering?

[Register](#)

Flores La Due. (CU189100)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

## Noon - 1:00 pm — Sam Centre Tour

Join a Sam Centre Experience Wrangler on an interactive guided tour exploring Calgary Stampede community builders whose legacy lives on. Who were they? Why here? What was their inspiration?

[Register](#)



Sam Centre.  
Courtesy Calgary Stampede



Barbara Leighton (right) and friends creating art in Leighton Art Centre's Schoolhouse Studio, ca. 1970s.  
Courtesy Leighton Art Centre

### 1:30 - 3:00 pm — Crafting Culture: The Legacy of Barbara and A.C. Leighton

With your guide, explore the historic rural art centre's galleries, museum, and 80-acre foothills property with one of the best views in the foothills! Contemporary and historical art of the Leighton's, their peers and students is curated with collaboration and diverse influences. Learn about the evolution of the long-held dichotomy between "fine art" and craft. Reconsider the interconnectedness of creative communities in Alberta. Donations greatly appreciated, onsite or CanadaHelps.

[Register](#)

### 3:00 - 4:30 pm — Flags, Firehalls and Firemen

Fire played a defining role in Calgary's development. As the Sandstone City rose from the ashes of the ruinous 1886 fire, the first firehalls became hot spots of community activity, and the early firefighters forged Calgary's society, fanning the flames of music, sport and politics. **Shari Peyerl** will introduce you to some members of Calgary's Fire Department, including the fiery Chief, the trailblazing woman, and the fighting firemen of the First World War.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*



Fire Headquarters, ca. 1914. (CU1198605)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Lougheed House, ca. 1947-59.  
Courtesy Lougheed House

### 7:00 - 8:30 pm — Hidden Beltline Walking Tour

Explore the hidden archaeology and history of the Beltline and nearby neighbourhoods to learn about some of the ways these communities have been built over thousands of years! Join archaeologist **Brian Vivian** and historian **Allison Graham** for a walk with stops at some of the area's archaeological dig sites and heritage buildings. Created in partnership with the Archaeological Society of Alberta – Calgary Centre and Lougheed House. Please note: this tour involves walking 4 km.

[Register](#) or [hcwid@chinookhistory.ca](mailto:hcwid@chinookhistory.ca)



**Monday, July 29**

### **10:00 – 11:30 am — Spruce Meadows – Bringing the World to Calgary**

Founded in 1975, Spruce Meadows began as a dream to create a world-class equestrian facility. Now a vibrant hub where individuals from all walks of life come together for international competitions, dynamic social gatherings, or scenic beauty, it fosters a sense of belonging and camaraderie. Diverse passions converge forging lasting connections and memories that resonate long after the events conclude. It's not just a venue, it's a community. Uncover Spruce Meadows' rich history intertwined with Calgary and showjumping as we visit iconic sites.

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Spruce Meadows International Ring.  
Courtesy Spruce Meadows



### **10:00 – 11:30 am — Mount Royal: The Sequel**

Many Calgarians know the early history of Mount Royal as American Hill, home to the mansions of the city's nouveau riche during Calgary's boom before the First World War. But much of the neighbourhood was developed later, between the wars and into the 1950s. While Mount Royal remained one of Calgary's most desirable neighbourhoods, the later development created a surprisingly diverse community. Join local historian **David Mittelstadt** to hear about the lesser-known story of Mount Royal.

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1106 Talon Avenue Mount Royal, ca. 1960. (CU1211931)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

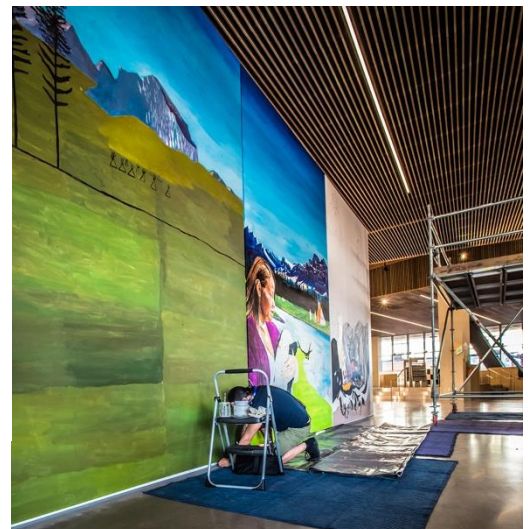
### **1:00 – 2:00 pm — Indigenous Placemaking Tour, Central Library**

Join **Jasmine MacGregor**, Indigenous Placemaking Coordinator at Calgary Public Library, to learn more about traditional and contemporary art installations by Indigenous artists at Central Library that promote understanding of Indigenous Peoples and cultures within Treaty 7 territory.

**Note: This event also runs on Thursday, August 1 at 10:30 am.**

[Register](#)

Indigenous artist Keegan Starlight at work in Central Library, 2018.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni





Cutter Crew from Naval Museum of Alberta, 1943.  
Courtesy Chestermere Historical Society

### 1:30 - 3:00 pm — Story of Camp Chestermere

Were you or members of your family ever campers at Camp Chestermere? **Doreen Masran** will tell the story of the oldest facility in Chestermere. In 1937 CPR donated 14 acres on Chestermere Lake to the Alberta Division of the Navy League Sea Cadets. During the second world war Chestermere Lake Patrick Burns Camp served as a naval training base. In 1955 the Gospel Missionary Association purchased it for their summer camps. Hear more about the long and fascinating history of this camp.

[Register](#)

### 1:00 - 2:30 pm — Southern Alberta Pioneers 100 Years

**Kathleen Rogers** will take you through the history of the Southern Alberta Pioneers / Old Timers. The presentation will also answer “Who is a Pioneer and the First Contact in North America.” Join her inside the Pioneers Memorial Building.

*Meet: Southern Alberta Pioneers Building,  
3625 – 4 Street SW, Free parking*



Southern Alberta Pioneers Building.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Tess McNaughton, Historian in Residence.  
Courtesy Calgary Public Library

### 3:30 - 4:30 pm — Generations United: Connecting Calgary's 2SLGBTQIA+ Community

Join Historian in Residence, **Tess McNaughton**, in an exploration of Calgary's 2SLGBTQIA+ history. In this presentation, Tess will share their research so far and explore queer stories of Calgary, proving that resilience and strength are timeless qualities. From overcoming adversity to celebrating triumphs, dive into the diverse history of this city. Through this presentation, you will gain insight and respect for the vibrant queer community members who have called Calgary home. Join us as we celebrate resilience and the continuous spirit of Calgary's 2SLGBTQIA+ community!

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*



## 7:00 - 8:30 pm — Gay History with Lois Szabo at Lois Szabo Commons

Step into history with **Lois Szabo**, a 2SLGBTQ+ community builder, as she engages in a thought-provoking conversation with **Kevin Allen** of the Calgary Gay History Project. In 2021, the City unveiled Lois Szabo Commons, a park in the Beltline, as a testament to Lois' instrumental role in the creation and development of the groundbreaking gay bar, Club Carousel, in 1970. Enjoy complimentary pizza and soda, sponsored by Calgary Pride. Bring a folding chair if you have one. *Meet: Lois Szabo Commons, 936 – 16 Avenue SW*



Mayor Naheed Nenshi, Lois Szabo, Councillor Evan Woolley, 2021. Courtesy City of Calgary



## 7:00 - 8:30 pm — Secret Mission

Behind its trendy boutiques and eateries lies Calgary's Secret Mission. As old as the city itself, over the years Mission has been a community of communities: Catholic, Métis, Francophone, Jewish, artistic and medical – and today it's a little bit of everything! Join **Doug Coats** for the story of how Father Lacombe's independent little village across 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue became one of the most fascinating spots in modern Calgary. *Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*

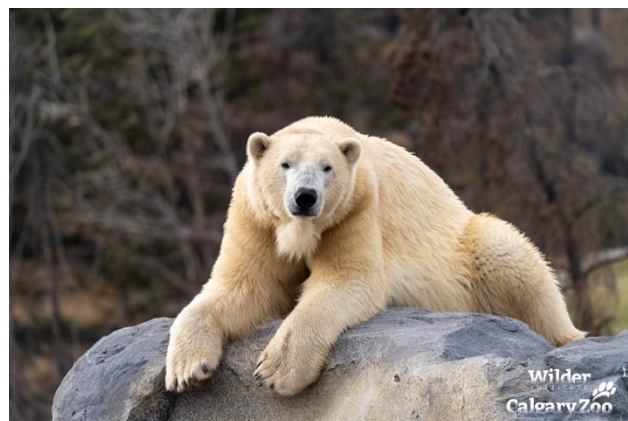
ARRÊT sign in Mission District. Courtesy Doug Coats

## Tuesday, July 30

## 9:00 - 10:30 am — Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo: Wild Canada Community Builders

On this tour through the newly redeveloped Wild Canada zone, **Tegan Jessop** explores the fascinating world of animal community builders who call the Zoo home. We will look at the vital roles these builders play within their ecosystem, how they impact other species, and the practical steps we are taking with respect to conservation. Conservation is at the heart of our organization. As we walk through Wild Canada, we will discuss practical steps we can take to become builders for wildlife that we share our Calgary communities with.

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Polar bear, Wild Canada, Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo. Courtesy Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo



### 9:30 – 11:00 am — Conservation and Preservation: Birds of a Feather

The City of Calgary Archives and Calgary Parks offer a presentation on community involvement and conservation at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. **Kristine Lehew**, Parks Department archivist, looks at records related to the Sanctuary, followed by an optional hour-long walking tour of this historic property. Step into the past, explore this natural area, and learn about new conservation efforts.

**Note: This event also runs on Wednesday, July 31 at 9:30 am.**

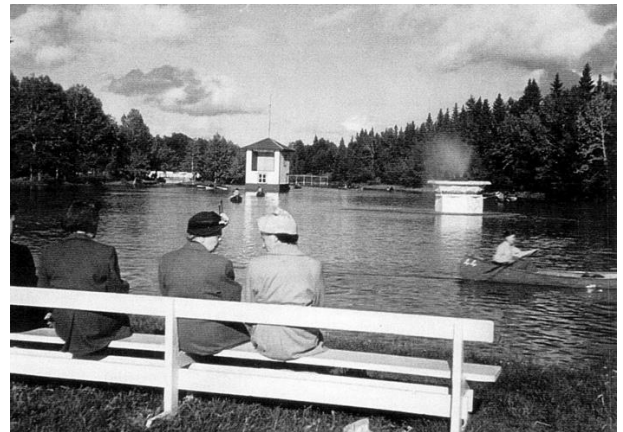
[Register](#)

Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and Colonel Walker House, Calgary, Summer 1984.  
(CalA CR92-005-219d)  
Courtesy City of Calgary Archives

### 10:00 – 11:30 am — Heritage Walking Tour of Bowness Park

**Inga Pollhaus** and **Judith Barge** of the Bowness Historical Society delve into the history of Bowness Park: its origins and many former attractions. Learn about Park founder John Hextall, the dance pavilion, tea house, the lagoon and orthophonic, the pools, miniature train, Funland and the summer cottages.

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View of Bowness lagoon and orthophonic.  
Courtesy Bowness Historical Society



### Noon – 1:00 pm — Calgary's Story Tour, Calgary Public Library

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[Register](#)

Calgary's Story, Central Library.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



**Noon – 1:00 pm — Rotary in Calgary:  
Building a Legacy of Community Service**

**Robert Lampard, Franco Savoia, and Randy Topolnitsky** will guide us on an inspiring and informative journey through the evolution of Rotary in our region, highlighting its rich history, key milestones, current initiatives, and future plans. Discover how Rotary has been instrumental in building a stronger, more connected community through service, leadership, and fellowship.  
*Meet: Central United Church, 131 – 7 Avenue SW*



**1:30 – 3:00 pm — Feminism and Flight: A History of the Kerby Family**

You might know that George William Kerby is the namesake of our Kerby Centre building, but how much do you really know about him? Or his family for that matter? This presentation will trace the Kerbys throughout history, from the suffragette Emily Spencer Kerby to the three generations of pilots in the Kerby Lineage.  
[Register](#) or [hcwkr@chinookhistory.ca](mailto:hcwkr@chinookhistory.ca)

Harold Spencer Kerby, son of George William Kerby.  
Courtesy Kerby Family

**2:00 – 3:30 pm — Jewish Marda Loop**

Historian and raconteur-par-excellence **Harry Sanders** talks about the dynamic history of Marda Loop as it intersects with the history of the Jewish community in Calgary. For information, contact the Jewish Historical Society at [jhssa@shaw.ca](mailto:jhssa@shaw.ca) or 403-444-3171.  
*Meet: Marda Loop Community Association Upper Hall, 3130 – 16 Street SW*

Marda Theatre, 1964. (CU 1131045)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary





## 7:00 – 8:30 pm — The Many Lives of Lougheed House

Explore the world of adaptive reuse of historic buildings through stories. The teams at **Heritage Calgary** and **Lougheed House** will share some of the ways heritage sites can gain new relevance and adapt to community needs, with Lougheed House as an example of an historic space that has been repurposed and reimagined over time. Doors open at 6:30.

[Register](#)

Lougheed House, ca. 1947-59.  
Courtesy Lougheed House

## 7:00 – 8:30 pm — Looking Through History's Lens: Preserving History through the Art of Filmmaking

Many of the most compelling stories are those that are true. The art of filmmaking lets us experience the magnificent events of history. **Rob Gale** peeks behind the camera to see how documentary cinematography, music, and real stories make history come alive.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library,  
800 – 3 Street SE*



Composite image.  
Courtesy Ghost Pine Films

Wednesday, July 31



## 9:30 – 11:00 am — Conservation and Preservation: Birds of a Feather

The City of Calgary Archives and Calgary Parks offer a presentation on community involvement and conservation at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. **Kristine Lehew**, Parks Department archivist, looks at records related to the Sanctuary, followed by an optional hour-long walking tour of this historic property. Step into the past, explore this natural area, and learn about new conservation efforts.

**Note: This event also runs on Tuesday, July 30 at 9:30 am.**

[Register](#)

Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and Colonel Walker House, Calgary, Summer 1984.  
(CalA CR92-005-219d)  
Courtesy City of Calgary Archives



## 10:00 - 11:00 am — Hotels as Community Builders

Hotels served as the heart of small-town communities. On this walking tour, **Kathy Coutts** of the Okotoks Museum and Archives shares the history of the early hotels in Okotoks and their role as community builders. Learn how Prohibition and its end a century ago this year impacted Okotoks hotels and the surrounding community.

Meet: *Okotoks Museum and Archives*,  
49 North Railway Street, Okotoks



Grand Central Hotel, Okotoks.  
Courtesy Okotoks Museum and Archives



West end of Murdoch Park, Bridgeland, a park with a big story.  
Courtesy Deb Lee

## 10:00 - 11:30 am — Heroes and Hospitals

Communities arise from the places and people who live, work, and play there. Community heroes contribute in varied and unexpected ways. A former hospital built in the middle of our community made a difference for decades in the lives of many. On this 4 km walking tour, **Deb Lee** will talk about Bridgeland-Riverside history projects and the plans to celebrate our heroes and our hospital. **Note: This event also runs on Saturday, July 27 at 7:00 pm.**

[Register](#) or [info@chinookhistory.ca](mailto:info@chinookhistory.ca)

## 10:00 - 11:30 am — Fairmont Palliser: 110 Years of History and Community Building

In all probability, no living person has encountered a version of Calgary without the Fairmont Palliser, the hotel built by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1914. For 110 years, the hotel has been central to city life and to the visitor experience. Constructed for the railway age, this city landmark operates seamlessly in the digital age, bridging tradition and dynamism with timeless dignity. Join **Harry Sanders**, author of *Fairmont Palliser: The Story of Calgary's Most Iconic Hotel*, for this tour through time.

[Register](#) or [hcwjm@chinookhistory.ca](mailto:hcwjm@chinookhistory.ca)

Palliser Hotel, 9 Avenue SW, ca. 1920s. (A10226)  
Courtesy Provincial Archives of Alberta





### Noon - 1:00 pm — Flamenco at ProArts

For over 20 years, ProArts has provided a platform for artistic expression by talented performing artists. Audiences from all walks of life - from the underemployed and the well-to-do to the houseless, retirees and students - have gathered here to be entertained. Today, international Flamenco dance artist **Fiona Malena** makes a rare Calgary appearance at the historic Cathedral Church of the Redeemer.

*Meet: Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, 604 -1 Street SE*

Cathedral Church of the Redeemer.  
Courtesy ProArts Society

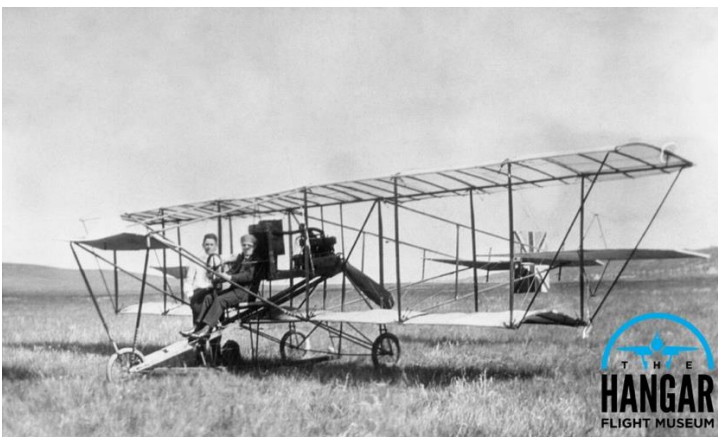
### 2:00 - 3:30 pm — Bible, Bands, Bricks and Blessings - The Salvation Army in Calgary

Since 1886, the Salvation Army has been building community in Calgary with an ongoing mission to share the gospel message of the Bible. Learn about the Army's history in the city, its community engagement, iconic brass band, and more.

*Meet: The Salvation Army Calgary  
Glenmore Temple, 921 - 68 Avenue SW*



Salvation Army Band, Stampede Parade, 1949.  
Courtesy Salvation Army, Calgary



Biplane 'West Wind' at Shouldice Park, Calgary, 1914. (CU176455)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

### 2:00 - 3:30 pm — Trailblazers: The Men and Women Who Brought Flight to Calgary

**Hangar Flight Museum** staff explore the lives and legacies of the people who pioneered flight in Calgary. From Katherine Stinson's epic mail run, to Fred McCall's failed municipal airport, and to Tom Ellis' West Wind, we will dive into the beginning of Calgary's aviation community and the people who laid the foundation for our international airport.

[Register](#)





The first lot in Mayfair, sold to John Hutchings Sr., 1957.  
Courtesy John Hutchings

### 6:30 – 8:00 pm — Nostalgic Walking Tour of Meadowlark Park, Mayfair and Bel-Aire

In the 1950s and '60s, Meadowlark Park, Mayfair, and Bel-Aire sprouted up in the city's southwest with unique street layouts, new schools, shopping centres, parks, and sports fields. Join **John Hutchings, Kathleen Rogers** and others who grew up in this area for a walking tour down memory lane: stories from the Glenmore Reservoir to Chinook Centre, and everything in between. This 4.5 km walk includes varying terrain not suitable for people with limited mobility.

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### 7:00 – 8:30 pm — 100 Years of the RCAF

Canada's Royal Canadian Air Force is celebrating its Centennial this year. For decades, Calgary and area has played host to thousands of Air Force personnel at six different locations. Hear **Richard de Boer** relate where it all started: about our first military airplane, the heroes and the scoundrels that founded, shaped and grew this great national institution and how for decades it was a huge part of Calgary's community.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*



Composite image.  
Courtesy Robert Bradford

## Thursday, August 1



### 9:00 am – Noon — The History and Transformation of Calgary's Cultural Hub

The corner of Macleod Trail and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE has been a central hub of business, cultural and community activity, with the **Calgary TELUS Convention Centre, Glenbow, Arts Commons** and **Olympic Plaza** occupying the four corners of the intersection. Major changes are underway. Who were the inspirations behind these institutions and what does the future hold? Three key individuals will bring you the history and future direction of this important corner of Calgary. See the descriptions of these events, below. Plan on attending all three presentations.

Calgary TELUS Convention Centre with TELUS Sky in the background.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Calgary Convention Centre, ca. 1975.  
Courtesy Calgary TELUS Convention Centre

## 9:00 - 10:00 am — Calgary TELUS Convention Centre: Building Connections for 50 Years

The Calgary TELUS Convention Centre was Canada's first purpose-built convention centre, Calgary's first modern urban renewal project, and the first hotel/convention centre/art gallery/museum complex in North America. Join us as we celebrate 50 years as a community gathering place in support of Calgary's urban renewal and economic development. Joining **Devin McLaughlin** will be the Executive Chef, **Sean Cutler**, of the downtown Marriott Hotel, to discuss how food trends have affected Convention Centre operations and influenced events over the past five decades.

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## 10:00 - 11:00 am — Arts Commons: The Audacity of Relevance

On the heels of announcing the largest cultural infrastructure project in Canada's history and his upcoming book, **Alex Sarian**, CEO of Arts Commons, will discuss the role of community as essential to building new value propositions and business models for the arts.

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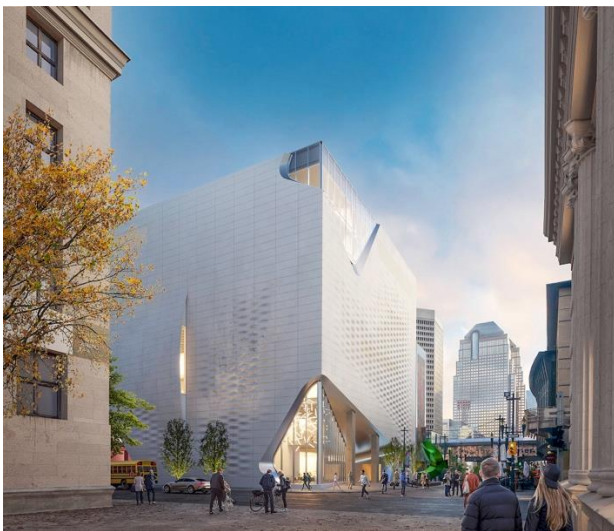


Concept drawing of Arts Commons Transformation.  
Courtesy Arts Commons

## 11:00 am - Noon — Glenbow, A Meeting Point for People and Communities

Glenbow CEO **Nicholas Bell** will describe the ongoing adventure of transforming one of Canada's largest museums - housed in an historic and challenging building - and how rethinking the museum provides the grounds to engage a broader community in Calgary's arts and culture.

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The JR Shaw Centre for Arts & Culture.  
Courtesy of Dialog



## 10:00 – 11:30 am — Building the University of Calgary: Personalities from the Archives

Join University Records Archivist **Curtis Frederick** on a walking tour of the University of Calgary campus. Explore the story of some of the most significant buildings on campus and the numerous community builders who have championed and shaped the university. Explore the history of the campus from its beginnings with just two small buildings to its development into one of the top research universities in Canada.

[Register](#)



Arch-05, 2011-09-02, by David H. Brown. (CU110365905)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Joseph Andison, pioneer.  
Courtesy David Sharpe

## 10:00 – 11:30 am — A Butcher, Storekeeper, Carpenter, and Lawmaker

**Gordon Davies** will showcase the stories of the Andison family, Alice, Joseph, and their seven sons and one daughter, who journeyed from Carlisle, England, to settle in Cochrane before Cochrane was a village. The first son arrived in Cochrane area in 1901, with the rest of the family following between 1902 and 1919. Some embraced life in Cochrane, while others moved to Banff. Three sons made significant contributions to Cochrane and surrounding communities, and one son became Clerk of the Alberta Legislature.

*Meet: Cochrane Historical Museum, 94 AB-1A, Cochrane*

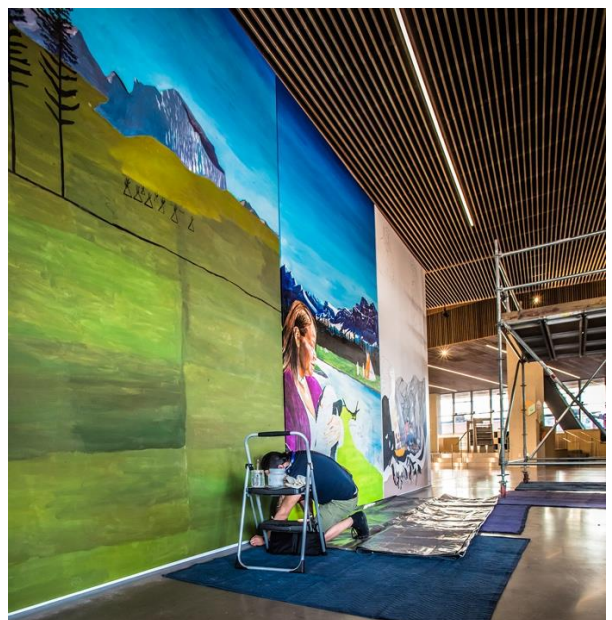
## 10:30 – 11:30 am — Indigenous Placemaking Tour, Central Library

Join **Jasmine MacGregor**, Indigenous Placemaking Coordinator at Calgary Public Library, to learn more about traditional and contemporary art installations by Indigenous artists at Central Library that promote understanding of Indigenous Peoples and cultures within Treaty 7 territory.

**Note: This event also runs on Monday, July 29 at Noon.**

[Register](#)

Indigenous artist Keegan Starlight at work in Central Library, 2018.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni





Senior Management Group, UFA, 1971. (UF 2020.0001.01)  
Courtesy Onions Photography in care of United Farmers  
Historical Society,

## Noon - 1:00 pm — 115 Years of UFA Community Builders

The United Farmers of Alberta (UFA) began advocating for the interests of farmers in 1909, formed the provincial government from 1921-1935, and emerged as the UFA Co-operative Limited becoming one of Canada's largest and most dynamic co-operatives. Who were the people behind this success? Archivist **Erin Hoar** will look at key UFA leaders and figures who helped build the organization including Henry Wise Wood, George Church, Bill McCartney and others.

*Meet: Central United Church, 131 – 7 Avenue SW*

## 1:00 - 2:30 pm — Historic Maps of Calgary

Join **Julia Guy** and **Renna Truong** for a showcase of some of our favourite Calgary area maps and photos from the Spatial and Numeric Data Services (SANDS) and Glenbow Map collections! Maps will be displayed throughout the room for folks to explore. There will be a brief talk about the map collection and demonstration of a few online map resources. There will be plenty of time for casual discussion and questions.

[Register](#)



Displaying a map from the SANDS collection.  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Giovanni Caboto Lodge, Calgary, 1925. (CU2123653)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

## 1:30 - 3:00 pm — Calgary's Italian Community, 1900-1930

Join **Antonella Fanella** to hear about the origins of Calgary's Italian community that dates back to the first decade of the 20th century. Though small in comparison to other immigrant groups, Italian immigrants made quite an impact both socially and economically to what was then Western Canada's fastest growing farming and ranching centre.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*



## 6:00 – 8:00 pm — The Rogues' Gallery

**YouthLink** examines the early days of our community through the lens of our recently restored 1913-1917 Calgary 01 Mugshot Book. 1910s Calgary was vastly different from Calgary today. The crimes, the sentences, and the faces of the people who fell afoul of the law indicate how much our community has evolved in the past century. There is something very recognizable in the eyes, expressions, and fates of these historic “rogues.” Although communities change, some struggles are timeless. They remind us of the universality of the human experience and the importance of looking back at history as we strive to build inclusive and compassionate communities for the future.

[Register](#)



The YouthLink Rogues Gallery.  
Courtesy YouthLink



View of Elbow Park, 1914. (CU196811)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

## 6:30 – 8:30 pm — A Walk Through Elbow Park's Hidden Heritage

Join Elbow Park Residents Association's Heritage Director, **Tracey J. Johnson**, as she explores the heritage buildings, prominent past residents, and community highlights of one of Calgary's oldest neighbourhoods. From colourful characters, to streetcars, to the old telephone building, this walk takes you back in time and paints a picture of what life was like in this unique and picturesque community. Please note that this walk is over 3 km long.

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W. O. Mitchell watering orchids in his greenhouse.  
Courtesy Mitchell family

## 7:00 – 8:30 pm — W. O. Mitchell Lived Here

The celebrated author W. O. Mitchell (1914-1998) spent the last three decades of his life in Roxboro, writing seven novels and leading a lively literary life. Join Calgary historian **Shaun Hunter** and special guest speakers in the park across from Mitchell's house to share stories about his life, work, and the neighbourhood he put on the page. Lawn chairs highly recommended and Mitchell memories warmly welcomed.  
*Meet: Roxboro Park, opposite 3031 Roxboro Glen Road SW*

Friday, August 2

### 9:30 - 11:30 am — Growing Up at Bow Valley Ranch in the 1950s and 1960s

As a fourth generation Calgarian and a direct descendant of the late Senator Patrick Burns, **Dennis Burns** will take you on a trip down memory lane. Taking up to two hours to complete, the tour will cover various exhibits inside the Visitor Centre, followed by a walk along the valley floor on paved or hard-packed trails to view and discuss different points of interest from Dennis' years at Bow Valley Ranch.

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Bow Valley Ranche House, June 2016.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

### 10:00 - 11:30 am — Camping at Carburn Park....3,500 years ago!

The importance of waterways to human beings is well documented. For thousands of years, people have been attracted to the waterway we now call the Bow River. Several archaeological sites have been identified within Carburn Park over the years. Join **Laureen Bryant**, Archaeologist with Calgary Parks and Open Spaces, for a tour around Carburn Park while she highlights some of the interesting finds from within the park and this section of the river. Should anyone want to learn more about the park amenities, plan to stay beyond the tour.

[Register](#) or [hcwmf@chinookhistory.ca](mailto:hcwmf@chinookhistory.ca)



A dig in Carburn Park.  
Courtesy City of Calgary

### 10:00 - 11:00 am & 11:30 am - 12:30 pm — National Music Centre Backstage Pass Tour

Experience a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the world-class recording facilities at the National Music Centre. Hear the stories behind notable artifacts spanning 450 years of music innovation and technology from NMC's talented music educators! Visitors will gain insight into some of NMC's most treasured items — that few members of the public have seen — from the earliest instruments in the NMC collection, such as a 16th century Trasuntino Harpsichord, to modern electronics, like TONTO, considered to be the 'holy grail' of synthesizers.

[Register](#)



TONTO in NMC's Back Rooms.  
Courtesy National Music Centre





Calgary Stampeders Football Club, 1945.  
Courtesy Greg Pauling

## Noon - 1:00 pm — The Beginning of the Calgary Stampeders Football Team

The Calgary Stampeders are now playing in their 80th season. Long-time Stamps fan **Greg Pauling** takes a look back at how, in the immediate aftermath of World War II, the team was put together for its first game at Mewata Stadium on October 20, 1945. We also get to know some of the exceptional people involved in that team, and the prominent roles they played in their communities in Calgary and beyond.

*Meet: Central United Church, 131 – 7 Avenue SW*

## 2:00 - 3:30 pm — Community Builders at Knox United Church

When Colonel James Walker settled in Calgary, his first venture into civic leadership was to establish Knox Church. Both Calgary and Knox United Church benefitted from the long line of community builders who followed. This presentation and tour will include the church's stained-glass windows which memorialize some of these Calgarians, as well as a look inside the massive Knox pipe organ.

**Note: Knox will also open for self-guided walking tours from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, July 29 through August 4.**

*Meet: Knox United Church, 504 – 4 Street SW*



Knox United Church, ca. 1926-28, by McDermid Photo Laboratories.  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary, (CU1218569)



Charles Jackson with family in car.  
Courtesy The Salvation Army, Calgary

## 2:00 - 3:30 pm — Charlie Jackson - A Legacy of Hope

**Lara Peters**, Communication Coordinator of The Salvation Army Community Resources (Calgary) shares the legacy of community-minded Charles Jackson, a Calgary resident from 1882 to his passing in 1949. Homesteading along what is now 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Charles was the first milkman in Calgary, operated a sandstone quarry with his brother, and appeared repeatedly in the Stampede Parade driving 'Calgary's first car.' An original member of The Salvation Army Citadel Core, he also generously supported the social services work in the city.

*Meet: The Barbara Mitchell Family Resource Centre, 1731 – 29 Street SW*

## 2:00 – 3:30 pm — WWII Canadian Red Cross Quilts: The Return Home

Six-year-old Robin emerged from the shelter to find his family home bombed. His mother wrapped him in a Canadian Red Cross quilt. Canadian quilters sent over 400,000 comfort quilts to Britain in WW II, 43,000 from Alberta. As quilts resurfaced in the UK, the Canadian Red Cross Quilt Research Group formed to collect, document, and research our quilts. In 2023, 64 quilts came home with stories of the people who received them.

**Lucie Heins** talks about this amazing project! **NB: This event will be held on Zoom.**

[Register for link](#)

Lucie Heins with one of the returned Canadian Red Cross quilts. Courtesy Christine Vogel



## 5:00 – 7:30 pm — Community Football: Getting the Ball Rolling

Join remarkable sportsman, **Tony Spoletini**, and Al Azahar Shriner and former Potentate, **Ernie Hilland**, to hear the story of building Shriners Field. Tony is one of a large group along with the Calgary Cowboys Football Association, Greg Peterson, Daum Daun, and Shriners Al Cooper, Don Boulton and then-Potentate Charlie Duffin, behind this project. Learn how this organization has contributed to our community and beyond. Refreshments and food provided, courtesy of Spolumbo's Fine Foods.

*Meet: Shrine Centre, 5225 – 101 Street NW*

Shriners game at Shriners Field.  
Courtesy Ernie Skagen

## 5:30 – 7:00 pm — Building Community Through Our GRAND History

Join **Ryan Wesley Gray** and **Morgan Johnson** to discover the rich legacy of The GRAND Theatre, Western Canada's oldest performing arts theatre. Uncover its journey from 1912 to present day, exploring its pivotal role in Calgary's cultural landscape and the diverse community it continues to foster.

[Register](#)

Composite image.  
Courtesy The GRAND





Saturday, August 3

**10:00 - 11:30 am — J. I. Case Pulled Its Weight**

The J.I. Case Company, located on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, was a corporate citizen of Calgary for many decades. Their trademark was a bald eagle, named Old Abe, perched on a globe. That trademark has been around for 160 years and represents one of the largest manufacturers of farm equipment in North America. Hear **Bob Anderson** from Pioneer Acres relate the history of this long time Alberta presence.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*



J.I. Case logo.  
Courtesy Pioneer Acres



**10:00 - 11:30 am — Velkommen! The Little Church That Could!**

Founded as a small house church in 1899, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church celebrates its 125th anniversary this year! The small but mighty congregation was founded by Norwegian immigrants working for Peter Prince’s Eau Claire and Bow River Lumber Company and is still welcoming all today. Escorted by **Cory Gross**, a museums and heritage professional, local tour guide, and deacon of the Church, learn about one of the last remnants of the old, once thriving, residential community of Eau Claire.

*Meet: Trinity Lutheran Church, 840 – 3 Avenue SW*

First Lutheran Church, Calgary.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

**11:00 am - Noon — The Heartbeat of Humanity Meets the Animal Kingdom**

Embark on the **Sundre & District Museum’s** immersive exploration of unique community builders by stepping into the captivating realm of the Chester Mjolsness’ World of Wildlife Exhibit. This unique journey will delve into the common threads that bind animal and human societies. The symbiotic relationships of ecosystems will be explored, showcasing the profound interrelationship of environment and culture.

*Register: Call the Sundre & District Museum at (403) 638-3233*



One of the World of Wildlife Exhibits at the Sundre Museum.  
Courtesy Sundre & District Museum



The brutalist architecture of Contemporary Calgary.  
Courtesy Gerard Yunker and Contemporary Calgary

## 1:00 - 2:30 pm — Contemporary Art and Community Hub

Contemporary Calgary hosts a guided tour of its home in the former Centennial Planetarium. A significant work of brutalist architecture, it is now a world-class gallery delivering outstanding local, national, and international contemporary art programming. Visit this hub for Community Building in Downtown West and learn about this architectural landmark's past, present, and future role in Calgary.

[Register](#)

## 1:00 - 2:30 pm — Discover Community History Resources

Volunteers will give an overview of genealogical resources available at the **Alberta Family Histories Society's** library. The collection includes a large collection of Alberta community history books, family histories, maps, journals, periodicals, and books, with a focus on Alberta, other Canadian provinces, and the United Kingdom. The collection is searchable

at: <https://afhs.ab.ca/library/> Contact us at: [library@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:library@afhs.ab.ca) or 403-214-1447. The library is open to the public, but materials can only be borrowed by AFHS members.

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AFHS Library.  
Courtesy Marion Peterson

## 7:00 - 8:30 pm — Union Cemetery Tour

Join historians **Jessica Zutz, Erin Hoar** and **Shelly McElroy** on a unique ensemble tour of Union Cemetery, introducing you to significant Community Builders who shaped the way we experience Calgary today. Discover stories of Calgary politicians, original social justice advocates, physicians, innovators and more. Please note that Union Cemetery is rough terrain and is not wheelchair accessible.

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WWI Memorial, Union Cemetery.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

**Sunday, August 4**

### **10:00 - 11:30 am — Food Ways of Calgary's Migrant Communities: 17 Avenue SE from 1960 to Today**

Join **Katie Qin** for a tour of the collection of restaurants and markets known as International Avenue. An iconic hub of culinary diversity, 17th Avenue SE represents Calgary's past as a fledgling prairie town built by immigrant settlers and Calgary's present as a multicultural, diverse urban centre. Step back in time to learn how newcomers established themselves in Calgary's food scene, provisioning familiar goods to their communities and sharing their cultural practices with the city through food.

[Register](#)



Entrance sign to International Avenue.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

### **The Confluence Historic Site Tours (2 tours)**

#### **10:00 - 11:30 am — Women's History Walking Tour**

Discover some of the hidden histories of women who made an impact on the lands we now call Calgary - from First Nations and Métis women to new settlers on the prairies - and delve into why women are often overlooked in stories about our history.

[Register](#)

#### **Noon - 1:30 pm — Queer History Walking Tour**

There are many stories of gender, sexuality, and queerness from the early colonial-frontier city we now call Calgary. This tour will explore the intersection of masculinity, militarism, and colonialism, and their relevance to both past and present Calgary.

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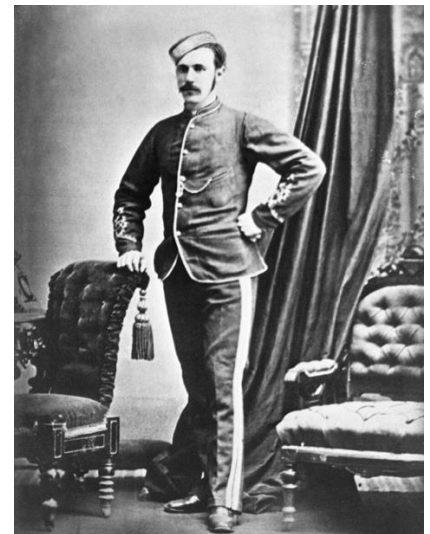


Entrance sign to the Confluence  
Historic Site and Parkland.  
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

### 1:00 – 2:30 pm — Brisebois – What’s in a Name?

In 1876, Ottawa discovered that the fort on the Bow had been named, without authority, after the NWMP officer in charge. It was quickly renamed “Fort Calgary.” Inspector Ephrem Brisebois, the man who had named the fort after himself, was consequently surrounded by controversy and disappeared from the pages of Calgary's history. **Jim Benedict** will discuss why Brisebois should be honoured for his many achievements.

*Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE*



Captain E. A. Brisebois, NWMP, 1876. (CU1155462)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Science A, the university's first building.  
Courtesy Red Sky Photography (Jay Maudsley)

### 3:00 – 5:00 pm — Mid-century Modernism at the University of Calgary

The 1950s was a time of great change, seeing Calgary transform from a “wild-west” boomtown to a modern metropolis. The opening of a new state-of-the-art university campus marked an exciting milestone for the city, and no expense was spared when it came to aesthetic design. Join **Jay Maudsley** in exploring the city's richest collection of mid-century modern gems! 2.5 km, mostly indoors on flat terrain. Fully accessible with lots of places to sit and rest, and many opportunities for washroom breaks.

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### 7:00 – 8:30 pm — Warehouse District Tour

Join the Calgary Heritage Initiative Society's





Postcard of Calgary's Warehouse District, ca. 1910-12.  
 Courtesy Peel's Prairie Provinces Collection

**Monday, August 5**

**9:30 – 11:30 am — Historic Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park Hiking Tour**

Park steward **Alice Fedosoff** will lead a hiking tour of Yodel Loop which covers about 5 km and has several very steep elevation changes. During the hike and at scenic viewpoints, learn about the history of ranching; the Glenbow quarry, town, and school; and the high society of Millionaire Hill. Find out about the Harvie family legacy, and today's provincial park and Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation. Please dress for changing weather and remember hiking shoes, walking poles, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and water.

[Register](#)



Yodel Loop with yellow flower in bloom, 2015.  
 Courtesy Harvey Martens



Construction of Midnapore Station and Hull Carriage House.  
 Heritage Park Historical Village, Courtesy of Pat Turner

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm — Heritage Park Remembers**

Join the celebration of **Heritage Park's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year!** A panel of long-time park friends including staff, volunteers, and a frequent visitor or two will share their stories and reminiscences as they reflect on sixty years of Heritage Park memories.

*Meet: Railway Orientation Centre,  
 Heritage Park Historical Village,  
 1900 Heritage Drive SW*



## Noon - 4:00 pm — Visit the Historic Morleyville Mission Site (Tour at 2:00 pm)

In 1875, the McDougall family moved to this site and the community of Morleyville began to grow, becoming the first settlement in southern Alberta. At 2:00 pm, tour the Historic Morleyville mission site and learn what building community meant to these early settlers. Come and learn about the new Interpretive Walk and view the restored McDougall Church building.

*Meet: McDougall Memorial United Church,  
1A Highway, Morleyville*



View of the Bow River from Morleyville Mission Site.  
Courtesy Jeff Cummings



Superintendent Burton Deane's house being moved to the east side of the Elbow River, 1929. By W.J. Oliver. (CU193485)  
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

## 6:30 - 8:30 pm — Some Less-Well-Known People in Inglewood's History

Walk through the western part of Inglewood with **Manfred Baum** and learn about some of the people who were integral to the history of the neighbourhood but aren't the most well-known. This will include people whose names are on the buildings, like Haskins and Fraser, plus the first landowners after the arrival of the railway. Look at the community in a different light! Tour length is 2.5 km on sidewalks.

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