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#### **SEPTEMBER 2010**

Tuesday, September 28th Fort Calgary Historic Park 750 9th Avenue S.E. 7:30 PM Free Program

#### **Eugenics in Alberta**

Jana Grekul

In 1928 the government of Alberta passed a Sexual Sterilization Act which was not repealed until 1972. During this period over 2800 people were sterilized, many without their consent. The eugenics program in Alberta was unique in that it was one of only two such programs in the country. This talk provides an overview of the activities of the Eugenics Board of Alberta and looks at the factors that contributed to its longevity.

#### **OCTOBER 2010**

Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM Free Program Fort Calgary Historic Park 750 9th Avenue S.E.

# Is There a Distinct Alberta Literature? A Historical Perspective

George Melynk

A great deal has been written in and about Alberta for the past 250 years. Does this writing constitute a distinct literary identity? This presentation explores the theme of Alberta's literary identity and how it relates to other categories such as Prairie Literature and Canadian Literature. Beginning with the exploration period in the 18th century and ending with the renowned writers of the 21st century, Professor Melnyk will provide an overview of the issue and some directions that can be taken to answer the question of Alberta's literary identity.

## **NOVEMBER 2010**

Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 PM Free Program Fort Calgary Historic Park 750 9th Avenue S.E.

# Annie Glen Broder: The Grande Dame of Calgary's Early Music World

Don Smith, Ron Bond, and Kat Hammer

Annie Glen Broder was born in India ca. 1858 and was educated as both a singer and pianist. A widely published music critic in England before coming to Calgary after the turn of the century, Broder became a very well known educator, composer and critic here. "When she swept down the aisle at concerts to her critic's chair, her befeathered hat swathed in pale pink tulle was known to half the audience."



Sacred Heart Convent, Calgary, ca. 1945-48 Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus Glenbow Archives NA 3550-4

## **DECEMBER 2010**

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Tickets Required Dining Room, Fort Calgary Historic Park 750 9th Avenue S.E.

## **CCHS Christmas Luncheon** Begins at 10:30 AM

# Mother Mary Greene and the Faithful Companions of Jesus

Gretchen Macmillan

Roman Catholic nuns were an important group in the establishment of schools and hospitals in the Canadian West. This year is the centenary of the arrival of the Faithful Companions of Jesus in Calgary under the leadership of Mother Mary Greene. The sisters had previously settled in Saskatchewan and had been at Batoche during the Northwest Rebellion; in Calgary, they established the first elementary and secondary Catholic schools.

#### **JANUARY 2011**

Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM Free Program Fort Calgary Historic Park 750 9th Avenue S.E.

## To the Grandmother's Land: The Nez Perce in Canada

George Kush

Following a war with the US government in 1877, the Nez Perce decided to seek sanctuary north of the Medicine Line, in Canada. What was the response from Canadian Natives, the NWMP, Sitting Bull's exiled American Sioux and the US authorities? What happened to those Nez Perce who stayed and those that returned to the US? The presentation will conclude with an update on the blood ties that still bind the Nez Perce of Idaho to the Piegans of southern Alberta.

#### **FEBRUARY 2011**

Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 PM Free Program Fort Calgary Historic Park 750 9th Avenue S.E.

# Larger Than Life: Alberta Volunteers in the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902

Sheila Bannerman

Bannerman will examine English soldiers and notions of masculinity at the turn of the century. Early twentieth century Western Canadian "cowboy" mythology finds its roots in this conflict, the first major overseas campaign for the Canadian army.



Boer War Volunteers, Pincher Creek
December 1899
Glenbow Archives NB-9-21



#### **MARCH 2011**

Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Location TBA

Tickets Required

## **CCHS Annual General Meeting**

AGM: 5:30 PM Dinner: 6:00 PM With guest speaker

Andrew Mosker, Executive Director, Cantos Music Foundation-National Music Centre at the King Eddy

#### **APRIL 2011**

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM Free Program Fort Calgary Historic Park 750 9th Avenue S.E.

#### History Lessons in Alberta's Schools Amy von Heyking

Tonight our speaker will examine how the content and purpose of teaching history changed over the decades in Alberta's schools. It will describe how schools and teaching materials helped shape the ways in which Alberta's children identified themselves as both Canadian citizens and citizens of the West.

## **MAY 2011**

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM Free Program Fort Calgary Historic Park 750 9th Avenue S.E.

## Being Good Sports: Fish and Game Conservation in Alberta, 1907-1930

George Colpitts

Early settlers in the western territories were witnesses to a rapid decline in what had been viewed as "superabundant" fish and game populations. This talk examines the proliferation of town and city protective associations in Alberta's early history and highlights some of the ways pioneers mobilized against fish hogs, poachers, and tributary trespassers to safeguard the natural wealth, and reputation, of the Last Best West.

#### **CHINOOK COUNTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Organized in 1958 and incorporated in 1993, the Chinook Country Historical Society (CCHS) covers the region from Olds to Nanton, and from the BC border to the Saskatchewan border. Each year from September to May, the CCHS presents an exciting monthly series of historical lectures and special events. In addition, the Society's Historic Calgary Week celebrates the city's past with walks, talks, hikes and tours of many points of interest for ten days beginning in late July. All CCHS programs are open to the general public and are free of charge with the exception of certain special events.

The CCHS is a chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta, established in 1907 by an act of the Alberta Legislature to encourage the study and preservation of Canadian and Alberta History.

#### **MEMBERSHIP HAS ADVANTAGES**

Membership in the CCHS includes a membership in the Historical Society of Alberta, discounts on ticket prices for our special events, the CCHS newsletter, and the *History Now* newsletter of the HSA, which covers history across the province. The glossy magazine *Alberta History* is also available to members at a reasonable subscription rate.



**CCHS MISSION STATEMENT**: To promote a greater understanding of Canadian and Albertan history in Chinook Country for people of all ages.

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Annie Glen Broder, ca. 1930 Glenbow Archives NA 5432-2-1

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#### **HISTORIC CALGARY WEEK 2011**

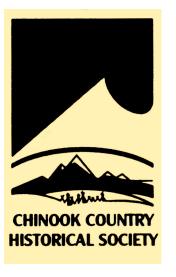
Historic Calgary Week has been an annual event since 1991 and is generally held the last week of July and the first week of August. Watch for upcoming information on the CCHS websites and in our newsletter, or call the CCHS office for more information.

# CHINOOK COUNTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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