



CHINOOK COUNTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Glenbow Hosts Emily Carr Exhibit

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The Vision of the Society:
"to promote a greater
understanding of Canadian and
Alberta history in Chinook
Country for people of all ages."

Chinook boundaries
are from Olds to Nanton,
from the B.C. to the
Saskatchewan borders.



Emily Carr's first ever exhibition in Calgary is now showing at Glenbow Museum from October 27, 2007 – January 27, 2008. Come see this landmark exhibition showcasing the outstanding work of one of Canada's most complex and beloved artists. It features nearly 200 objects by Carr and others, including paintings, drawings, watercolours, caricatures, ceramics, sculpture, hooked rugs, books, maps and photographs. Her most famous works are featured in this exhibition, covering the breadth of her career.

Glenbow is proud to be the only prairie venue to host this national touring exhibition organized by the Vancouver Art Gallery and the National Gallery of Canada. This unique show explores not only Carr's art but also her life, something not done in earlier

retrospectives. A remarkable Canadian woman and a trailblazer, no other artist in Canadian history has sparked as much popular and scholarly response as Emily Carr. Her astonishing and enduring appeal owes as much to her strength as an independent woman as it does to her paintings and writings.

Emily Carr: New Perspectives on a Canadian Icon takes a fresh look at Carr. It includes a partial reconstruction of a 1927 show where Carr was "discovered", and her subsequent and spectacular development as a powerful and expressive modern artist. It also examines Carr's connection to the landscape, the First Nations people, the logging industry and tourism. -CCHS

—Submitted by Roberta Ryckman,
Glenbow Library and Archives

VOICES FROM OUR PAST

"Think of seventy thousand acres of our choicest grass lands in a solid block, bounded on its two longest sides by rivers, stocked with fourteen or fifteen thousand head of well bred cattle, a ranche which brands nearly three thousand calves and sells a hundred thousand dollars worth of beef yearly and which has lost and made more money than any similar enterprise in Canada, and you have some idea of the big Cochrane ranche. When it was started the owners had the whole of Alberta to pick from... Nothing could be more charming than an autumn visit at such a ranche and such a house as this."

—The Calgary Weekly Herald, October 9, 1902
Submitted by Laurel Halladay

Upcoming CCHS Programs

November, 2007

Bowness: Our Village in the Valley
Presenter: Carole Carpenter
Tuesday, November 27
7:30 p.m.
Fort Calgary Historic Park

December, 2007

CCHS Annual Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 4
See details on next page.

January, 2008

R.B. Bennett: From Friend of Labour to
Capitalist Prime Minister
Presenters: Shannon Murray and
Robyn Gifford
Tuesday, January 22
7:30 p.m.
Fort Calgary Historic Park

February, 2008

The Bow: Living with a River
Presenters: Gerald Conaty and
Daryl Betenia
Tuesday, February 26
7:30 p.m.
Fort Calgary Historic Park

March, 2008

CCHS Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, March 25
AGM: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Danish Canadian Club

April, 2008

The Westward March of the NWMP
Presenter: Jack Dunn
Tuesday, April 22
7:30 p.m.
Fort Calgary Historic Park

May/08

Calgary's Story: A Planner's
Perspective
Presenter: Richard Parker
Tuesday, May 20
7:30 p.m.
Fort Calgary Historic Park -CCHS

From the President

The 2007/2008 Chinook Country Historical Society Program began with a look at social activist Emily Spencer Kerby, by University of Calgary professor Dr. Anne White. Chinook Country Historical Society was pleased to welcome so many of Dr. White's students, who came to hear the results of her research into the career of this amazing woman.

Before the program, however, Jennifer Prest presented the winners of the Historic Calgary Week Crossword Puzzle with their prizes, the highlight being the grand prize – an A.Y. Jackson print donated by Prints Charming framing shop. Once again, congratulations to the winners. And thanks to Program Chair, Tom Hamp, for preparing this year's program and for organizing the Fort Calgary programs.

In September, I was invited to speak to the South Calgary Rotary Club about the Historical Society of Alberta and Chinook Country Historical Society in particular. In effect, this was the history of historical societies in Alberta, so I turned to Harry Sanders' chapter in our anthology, *Chinook Country Remembers*. Thanks to Harry Sanders, and to the editor, Diana Ringstrom, I was able to craft a speech that informed South Calgary Rotarians of a very interesting history.

I hope to see you at the November program at Fort Calgary – a presentation by Carole Carpenter on the history of Bowness, "Bowness: Our Village in the Valley," on November 27th at 7:30 p.m.

And of course, we would like to see you

at our Christmas Dinner on December 4. You will find details elsewhere in this newsletter. -CCHS

—Carrol Jaques

Volunteers: Historic Calgary Week

Planning for Historic Calgary Week 2008 will begin on Tuesday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. at the Outdoor Resource Centre at 1111 Memorial Drive N.W. Everyone is invited to join us at this inaugural meeting.

Last year's very successful Historic Calgary Week was planned and organized by a committee that consisted of seven committee chairs who worked with committee members to develop the program (including the program at Central United Church); prepare the brochure; locate venues and organize sound equipment; promote and advertise our events; and provide volunteers to make sure each event ran smoothly.

Gary Ellis has agreed to be co-chair of Historic Calgary Week 2008, so we are looking for someone to work with Gary. We also must replace our talented and hardworking program committee chair, Len Babin, who has moved to Guatemala for a very exciting employment opportunity. We need volunteers to step forward to take these positions and work with an enthusiastic committee to make sure Historic Calgary Week continues to be successful.

Historic Calgary Week depends on volunteers, so please attend this meeting, or let a board member know that you are interested in helping. -CCHS

Solutions to Crossword (Crossword on page 4)

Across: 1. Exshaw; 4. Jubilee; 8. Wendy; 9. Husky; 10. Ron; 11. Ray; 12. Hogue; 13. Sachs; 14. Swift; 16. William; 19. Emily; 20. Dover; 23. Adams; 25. Bligh; 27. RCI; 28. Unity; 30. Un; 31. Roc; 32. SAS; 33. Orr; 34. Eyes.

Down: 1. Edwards; 2. Sunnyside; 3. Alyth; 4. Jesse; 5. Bay; 6. Lyric; 7. Ernest; 9. Highway; 13. Skied; 15. Tails; 17. Laurie; 18. Mavericks; 21. Reimer; 22. Jaques; 24. Acids; 25. Bauer; 26. Harry; 29. Yeo. -CCHS

Demolition Slated for Historic Building

Draper Grocery, located at 226 - 17 Avenue S.W., was built in 1906. At just over 100 years old, this is one of the oldest examples of an Edwardian Commercial building on 17th Avenue.



The proprietor, Luke Draper, came to Alberta from Ontario in 1890. He farmed in De Winton from 1901-1904 before moving to Calgary and taking a job as a driver for the Hudson's Bay Company. Like many men settling in Calgary at the time, Luke Draper chose to go into business for himself and started up Draper Grocery. His home, which was built around 1905, was situated next to his store.

The Draper home no longer stands, but it was on the site of what is now the parking lot of the First Memorial Funeral Services. Many of the entrepreneurs of this era often lived in, or in close proximity to, their businesses. As such, these people were a very real part of their communities as they provided services to their neighbours while their families participated in the day-to-day activities of the area. Often the sons and daughters of these entrepreneurs were involved in the family business, and the Draper family was no exception. Draper Grocery sold biscuits from the Independent Biscuit Company; a business managed by Luke's son, G. Stanley Draper.

It was unfortunate to hear that a demolition

permit has been signed off for Draper Grocery. This is a shame in many ways. While losing a building with both its rarity in age and style is certainly lamentable, the demolition of Draper Grocery will also be the end of something tangible that was representative of a way of life for Calgarians during the early 1900s.

Thanks to Harry Sanders for the information on Draper Grocery provided in his book, *Historic Walks of Calgary*, the Glenbow Archives and the Local History Section of the Calgary Public Library. -CCHS

—Submitted by Kristi Johnson,
Research Committee, CCHS



What's in Your Attic?

Fort Calgary is looking for a number of historically-accurate items for their school programs. Please call Kate Schutz at Fort Calgary to donate or for more information: 290-1875 ext. 232 or email kschutz@fortcalgary.com.

- Old Playing cards (even just a few)
- Harmonicas x3
- Pipes
- Straight razors, dulled
- Hand-knit wool mitts and socks
- Pocket watch
- B&W formal portrait of a "high society" couple, ideally a visible minority
- Hoof picks
- Pens with nibs and ink bottles
- Medicine bottles
- Clothing made of Hudson's Bay blankets
- Kerosene lamps or lamp parts
- Wooden flute (played horizontally)
- Old novels for adults, esp. adult men
- Wool long johns or union suits
- Fur caps
- Linen kerchief
- Wide white candles, altar style
- Old Catholic statues/images and rosaries
- Cutlery
- Old combs (not plastic)
- Operational slide projector, reel and working light bulb -CCHS

November Programs at Calgary Public Library

Genealogy 101

Are you interested in learning more about your family's history? An Alberta Family Histories representative will help you get started.

Saturday, November 3, 2007

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Room #1

Calgary's Unknown Heritage

Heard about the Western Hospital? The Calgary Heritage initiative invites you to learn about this and other "unknown" heritage sites.

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Room - 4th Floor North

Author Author

David Laurence Jones

Famous Name Trains:

Travelling in Style with the CPR

David Laurence Jones takes you back in time and describes what it was like to travel on CPR's famous trains.

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Room - 4th Floor North

To register for these and other programs, ensure you have your library card and go online to: <http://calgarypubliclibrary.com/library/programs.aspx> or phone 260-2620.

For more information on these programs, call 260-2785. -CCHS

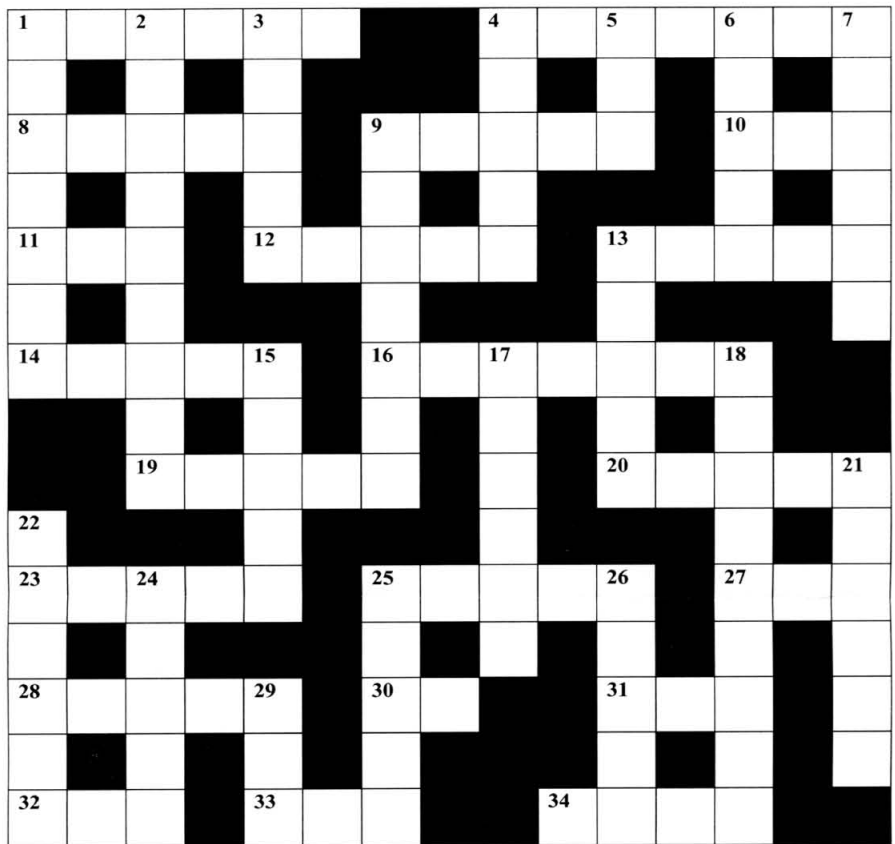
—Submitted by Carolyn Ryder,
Calgary Public Library

Local History Crossword

(Solution on page 2)

Across

1. A hamlet west of Calgary on the 1A Highway
4. The recently refurbished ----- Auditorium
8. Peter Pan's friend, ----
9. The former name of the Calgary Tower
10. Former curling champion, --- Northcott
11. Calgary swimmer, --- Betuzzi
12. Executive Director of the Lougheed House, Blane -----
13. Investment bank, Goldman-----
14. Eighteenth century British satirist, Jonathan -----
16. Elected in 1921 as a Labour MP from Calgary, ----- Irvine
19. Famous fiver, ---- Murphy
20. Maverick, Mary -----
23. Calgary's 24th mayor, Samuel H. -----
25. Captain ----- of HMS Bounty
27. Communications giant, --- (acronym)
28. Harmony or accord
30. One (Fr.)
31. A fabulous bird
32. A Scandinavian airline
33. Calgary mayor, 1894-95 and 1896-97, Wesley F. ---
34. Looks at



Down

1. Maverick, Calgary Eye-Opener editor, Bob -----
2. A district in northwest Calgary
3. The rail yards in SE Calgary
4. An American outlaw who was a celebrity of his day, ---- James
5. The ---; one of Calgary's oldest downtown stores
6. A favourite movie theatre of old, the -----
7. Former premier, ----- Manning
9. Named in 2005, the Queen Elizabeth II -----
13. Glided down a snowy slope
15. Follows
17. John Lee -----, 1899-1959, teacher and social activist
18. An exhibit currently displayed at the Glenbow Museum, the -----
21. Calgary's police chief, 1984-89, Ernie -----
22. CCHS President, Carrol -----
24. Amino -----
25. Father David ----- Arena
26. Well known Calgary historian, ----- Sanders
29. Former CCHS president, Bill ---

—Jennifer Prest

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