



CHINOOK COUNTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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## Historic Mural Unveiled in Inglewood



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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.

An historic mural by local artist Corinne Dickson was unveiled in October to mark Inglewood's historic place in the Alberta Centennial. The mural is located on 9th Avenue (Atlantic Avenue) near Crown Surplus.

The mural portrays ten significant persons in Inglewood's history. Some of the names are familiar to all Calgarians – others honour local residents. They are Edgar Wenger, Helen Rothney Macleod Cross, John Bunn, Flora Eagleson, Charles Riddock, William (Bill) Walker Gaskarth, George Lovett Pickering, Evelyn Nicholson Leinweber, Archibald Westmacott McVittie and George (Art) Arthur Sugden.

The mural also has 30 significant persons' names written on railway ties. Again, some such as Tom Baines or W. H. Cushing are familiar Calgary names, others are local heroes. One name is that of CCHS past president Bill Yeo. The following is how the Inglewood brochure describes Bill.

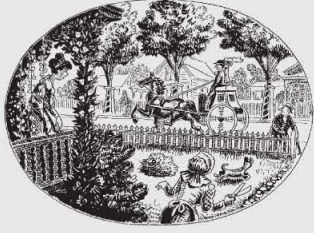
*Bill Yeo was born in England and came to Canada when he was three years old. His father was a blacksmith in Nanton. Bill went to U of C and has lived on 8th Avenue in Inglewood for over twenty-five years. Bill worked with Parks Canada for 27 years and is*



*an avid outdoorsman, historian and a man with a mind like a walking encyclopedia. Bill has been Inglewood's historian, for the most trivial detail to the grand sweep of the story of Inglewood. Bill has been our interpreter and guide through a labyrinth of facts and figures. He has offered his expertise to many organizations in the community, including the Inglewood BRZ. Much of the evidence of historic Inglewood that you observe in your walk along 9th Avenue has been either uncovered or redesigned by Bill from his research. In fact the blue, diamond shaped interpretive signs, sponsored by the Inglewood Community Association that you see throughout the neighbourhood were designed and installed under Bill's direction. Bill is also well-known for having large feet. His boot-size was ideal for use as a pattern for "stepping-stones" over the sidewalk vents throughout downtown Calgary. -CCHS*

—Submitted by Kate Reeves

## Introducing the Calgary Heritage Initiative



The Calgary Heritage Initiative (CHI) is a new city-wide group that is dedicated to the preservation, productive use and interpretation of buildings and sites of historic and architectural interest in Calgary.

CHI plans to ultimately include a non-profit society board, committees, and members-at-large. At present it consists of a "founding group". As we grow, the Calgary Heritage Initiative will seek to partner with others on projects of mutual interest.

Our first effort is to enhance the heritage information network by facilitating more communication among heritage "stakeholders" – including interest groups, community associations, heritage professionals, government, members of the development and design community, and others with an interest in Calgary's built heritage. Part of this service is an e-bulletin through a Yahoo group. You are welcome to propose news, concerns, interesting articles, etc. for distribution to the entire e-bulletin list. Send your submission to [info@calgaryheritage.org](mailto:info@calgaryheritage.org).

We are also developing a website at [www.calgaryheritage.org](http://www.calgaryheritage.org) which includes an electronic forum for open discussion of heritage topics. You are encouraged to visit the site and provide input that will be accessible to the general public.

-CCHS

## From the President

Again this year, we have a host of excellent presentations put together by Tom Hamp, Program Chairman and his committee. Tom has taken over the role of Program Coordinator from Brenda Everitt who did such a wonderful job for the CCHS last year.

September 27 was the first program of the new season at Fort Calgary. David Peyto spoke to a full house on his recent publication dealing with the life and duties of a Banff town warden. David based his book on the journals of his grandfather, Walter Peyto, warden in Banff from 1914-48.

The British Commonwealth Air Field Training Program BCATP bus tour that took place on October 1 was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Two highlights of our tour were the Vulcan airfield and the Nanton Museum. Although most of the airfields are no longer in existence, we were given the opportunity to explore one of the few remaining hangers left from WWII in Vulcan. It was estimated the Vulcan airfield would take two years to build, but with great determination by Canadians, it was built in six months.

Over the course of the war, 73,000 pilots from Canada, the Commonwealth and Allied countries including the United States were trained at BCATP airfields throughout Canada.

The Nanton Museum and the Lancaster bomber along with fighter planes used during the war, has been a life's work for David Birrell who has been with the

museum for the last 20 years. David has seen the museum collection grow to the point where an expansion to the museum hanger is now being planned.

Recently, a large plaque outside the museum listing the names of those men who lost their lives on bomber missions has been erected.

Our thanks go to David Ballard who organized this wonderful trip as our tribute to the "Year of the Veteran". Thanks must also be extended to Marj Weber who gave a lively account of Vulcan during the time of the BCATP, and to Stephane Guevremont for his historical expertise on the BCATP.

Our Centennial is quickly coming to a close and three programs including the Christmas dinner program on December 7 are left for this year. Details to register for the Christmas dinner program are on page 5. It should be a gala affair with the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta as our speaker.

Due to rising costs, we will be accepting donations for our monthly programs at Fort Calgary. A donation of a toonie will be gratefully accepted, and help us cover some of the costs in bringing these programs to you.

The CCHS publication *Remembering Chinook Country* will also be on sale, and would make a great gift for those "history buffs" on your Christmas list. The book is selling for \$25.00 to members and \$30.00 for non-members. -CCHS

—Diana Ringstrom



## Solutions to Crossword (Crossword on page 6)

*Across:* 1. Mawson; 4. Filumena; 10. Toothache; 11. Deane; 12. Hustler; 13. Emerald; 14. Limbo; 16. Austin; 18. Brewster; 20. Paget; 22. Calgary; 24. Uniform; 26. Ennui; 27. Underwood; 28. Rose Kohn; 29. Lena

*Down:* 1. Mitchell; 2. Woods; 3. Othello; 5. Irene; 6. Undress; 7. Emanating; 8. Amends; 9. Scarlett; 15. Mary Lynas; 16. Aground; 17. Stomodea; 19. Weadick; 20. Priory; 21. McTeer; 23. Youth; 25. Ozone -CCHS

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# Christmas Dinner

Come join us & guest speaker,  
His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor,  
*The Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE*



Date: Wednesday, December 7

Place: Fort Calgary,  
750-9 Avenue S.E.

Doors Open: 5:45 pm

Cocktails: 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Bar Closed: 6:45 - 7:45 pm

Program: 7:00 pm Vice Regal Party  
escorted to Head Table

7:20 pm Dinner is served

8:15 pm Programme begins

Tickets: \$45 members  
\$50 non-members

RSVP By: Wednesday, November 30

For Information & Tickets, contact:

Vivian Sampson  
(403) 277-1013

2108 - 401 Patterson Hill SW,  
Calgary, AB T3H 1W3

*Note: All guests to be seated by 6:55 pm. Latecomers will not be allowed in until after 7:15 pm.*

For information and reservations please call  
Vivian Sampson at (403) 277-1013

## Edmonton Author Looking to Southern Alberta for Stories

Linda Goyette, author of *Edmonton: In Our Own Words*, is now hard at work on a history of Southern Alberta. Goyette is looking for the stories of "ordinary" people. Her work was tested on Grade Four students who were inspired to write about and act the stories out.

If you have a memory of an event from the past that you are willing to share, contact her at [lgoyette@epl.ca](mailto:lgoyette@epl.ca). -CCHS

## Jewish Historical Society Opens Centennial Exhibition

The Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta (JHSSA) is proud to announce the opening of *A Joyful Harvest: A Centennial Exhibit Celebrating the Jewish Contribution to Southern Alberta Life*.

Dedicated in honour of the province's centennial, the richly illustrated exhibit celebrates the significant impact made within and beyond Alberta by members of the Jewish community in many fields, including agriculture, business, education, health care, politics and the arts.

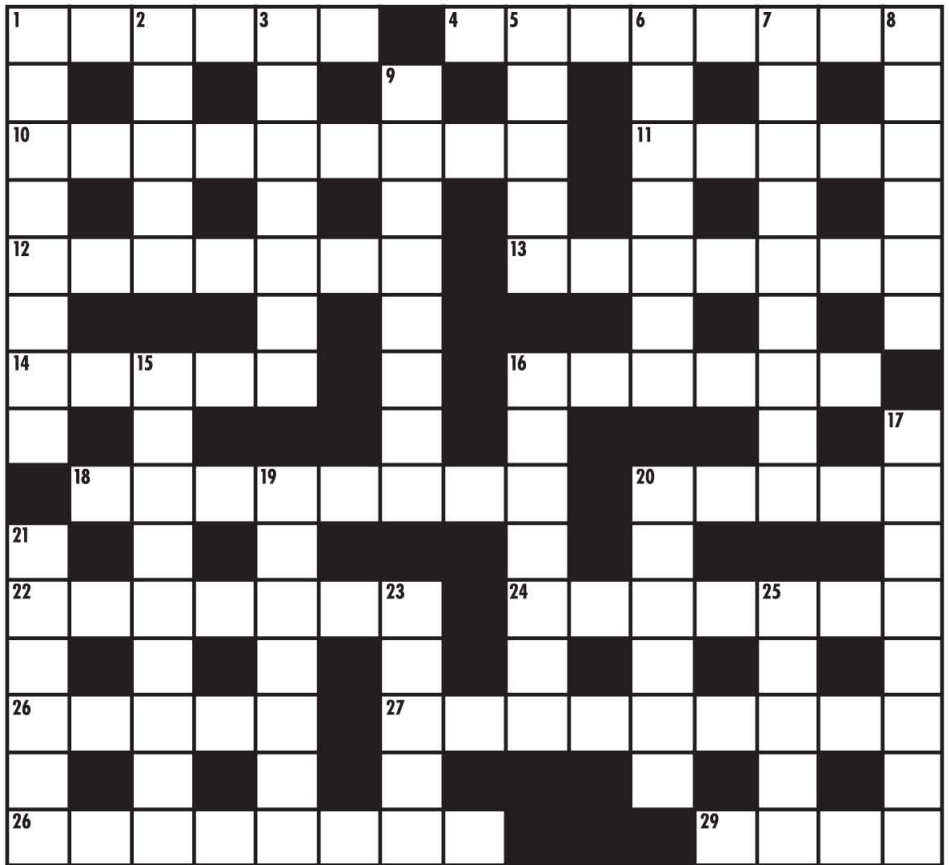
*A Joyful Harvest* will be on display on the lower level of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue from November 15 to December 15. Viewing hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm; and Sundays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. -CCHS

# Local History Crossword

(Solution on page 2)

## Across

1. Thomas Hayton -----, whose plans for Calgary were never to be realized
4. A resident of the Crow's Nest Pass, this lady is the subject of an opera
10. A pain in the mouth?
11. The ----- House, site of murder mysteries
12. Paul Newman's movie, The -----
13. A Lake in Yoho National Park
14. In -----, being in a state of uncertainty
16. A city in Texas, or a man of mystery?
18. A pioneer of public transport in Banff
20. Clarence Edward -----, Dean of the Anglican church in Calgary from 1901 – 1926
22. ----- Stampeder
24. Even, similar attire, for example
26. Boredom
27. "The man who made First Street West", Thomas -----
28. Sportswoman of the year, 1954, (2 wds.)
29. ---- Horne, jazz singer



## Down

1. Author, W.O. -----
2. ----- Christian Home in Bowness
3. A Shakespearean tragic hero
5. Member of the Famous Five, ----- Parlyby
6. To disrobe
7. Rising, issuing from
8. Apology, redress
9. E.P. ----- High School
15. Col. Walker's grand daughter and an active member of CCHS, (2 wds.)
16. To run -----, to be beached
17. Primitive oral cavities of embryos (zoological term)
19. Guy -----, Cowboy impresario
20. Abbey, convent, or nunnery
21. Joe Clark's wife, Maureen -----
23. Childhood
25. The ----- layer, that surrounds our planet

by Jennifer Prest



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