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July 28 - August 7, 2023



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2023 Program Descriptions and Registration Details




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Welcome to Historic Calgary Week 2023. We hope that you can “make tracks” to many of the 82 events during the 11-day history festival and help us celebrate “travelling through time.” One hundred forty years ago, the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived in Calgary. The same year, the Calgary Herald presses travelled on the CPR to Calgary and set up shop in a tent. Together, they provided Calgary with connections to the outside world that set the stage for our city’s growth into the world class city it is today.

Most programs, especially walking tours, require registration to ensure appropriate attendance at each event. The maximum number at registered in-person events will be 35, with some event maximums as low as 15 registrants due to individual circumstances. Only events that require registration will have a *Register* link at the bottom of the description. Meeting locations will be emailed to all registrants shortly before the event. If, after you have registered, you cannot attend an event, we would appreciate it if you notified the individual that confirmed your registration so that people on the waiting list can enjoy the event. For 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.

Registration for some programs is via email and the *Register* link will direct you to the appropriate email address. If you are registering from a PC, you may be defaulted to using Outlook instead of your preferred email program. In this case, copy the email address listed in our brochure beside the word *Register* and paste it into your preferred email program. **When registering by email please specify the event in which you are interested.** Some of our volunteers taking registration may be doing so for more than one event. Also, **indicate the number of people** for whom you are registering.

Most of our events are free of charge (four events have a cost for services provided) and your financial support for our history festival is very much appreciated. We will be taking donations at only a few in-person events this year as we are able to pay the costs of HCW 2023 due to your past support for the Historic Calgary Week Forever Fund at the Calgary Foundation, the financial and in-kind support from our Supporters and Partners, and your donations during Historic Calgary Week. If you wish to donate, please consider going to our website at <https://chinookhistory.ca/support>. Various options are available for donations including etransfers, cheques and credit cards. Consider donating to one of the several needs of Chinook Country Historical Society, including to the Historic Calgary Week Forever Fund. All donations of \$20 or more will receive tax receipts.

Winnifred Eaton Conference

Historic Calgary Week 2023 is co-sponsoring, with the **Winnifred Eaton Archive** of the University of British Columbia, a conference entitled **Onoto Watanna's Cattle at 100: Indomitable Women in the West During Chinese Exclusion**. Our program includes several events at this conference that do not require a registration fee while certain events at the conference require a fee. If you are interested in the other events the full conference information can be viewed at: <https://weaconference.sites.olt.ubc.ca/home/conference-info/program/>. All the events that HCW is co-sponsoring are listed in the day-to-day HCW program.

Please note that the conference starts the day before HCW 2023 and runs from July 27-29.



Mrs. Winnifred Reeve at a ranch, near Morley, Alberta, 1920s, (CU1118366)
Digital Collections, University of Calgary

Conference Description:

“Onoto Watanna’s Cattle at 100: Indomitable Women in the West During Chinese Exclusion” is a public-facing scholarly conference about the first Asian North American novelist, Winnifred Eaton, organized by the [Winnifred Eaton Archive](#).

Winnifred Eaton Babcock Reeve (1875-1954) was a popular early Chinese North American fiction-writer, journalist, screenwriter, and playwright whose best-known works were published under the pen-name “Onoto Watanna,” a controversial Japanese persona that she assumed for over two decades. Eaton was also the sister of Edith Eaton (“Sui Sin Far”), author of *Mrs. Spring Fragrance*.

This gathering seeks to explore Winnifred Eaton’s transnational and multi-genre career beyond her problematic Japanese phase in response to newly recovered and newly digitized works by her and to situate her within new contexts, including the Canadian west, Canadian literature, middlebrow fiction, film, and Indigenous studies on the centenary of the publication of her powerful naturalist novel *Cattle*.

2023 is also the [centenary](#) of the passage of Canada’s **Chinese Immigration Act**, sometimes referred to as **Canada’s Chinese Exclusion Act**. Presenters and attendees will consider Eaton’s controversial masquerade and representations of race against the backdrop of over a century of anti-Asian racism and violence in North America and within a history of the Chinese diaspora.

Registration for the Public Events in Celebration of Winnifred Eaton is accessed through [this link](#). Once accessed, click on “Get Tickets” and scroll through the various events listed to register for the ones in which you are interested. The link is also available at the individual events described below. Please note that registration for these events must be done by July 14.

HCW 2023 Program

Friday, July 28

9:30 – 10:00 am – Historic Calgary Week 2023 Opening Ceremonies

Hosted by **Walt DeBoni**, Co-Chair HCW 2023 and **Jackie Kleiner**, President of CCHS. The ceremonies will include a video tribute to Gordon Lightfoot, featuring his *Canadian Railroad Trilogy* that highlights the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Councillor **Terry Wong** will bring greetings from the City of Calgary and give us the benefit of his perspective on history.

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



View of the east side of Central Library with the historic St. Louis in front.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Calgary's first serious traffic accident, 1912.
Courtesy Calgary Herald

10:00 – 11:00 am — Planes, Trains, and Automobiles – Calgary: A City on the Move

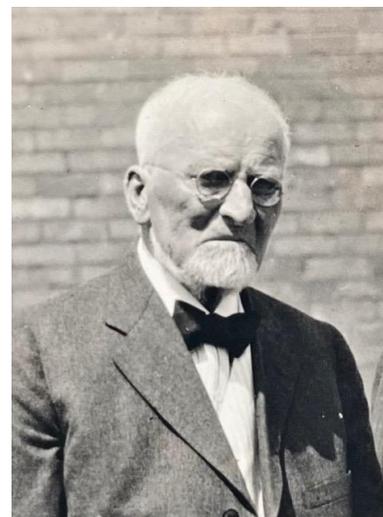
The *Calgary Herald's* first printing press arrived with the first freight train reaching Calgary in 1883. Later that same August afternoon, the Herald published its first edition. In the 140 years since, the Herald has reported on countless stories of travel and transportation — a theme of this year's HCW. Long-time Herald researcher **Norma Marr** and deputy editor **Monica Zurowski** share stories of transportation firsts, failures, accidents, and accomplishments in our city over the years.

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

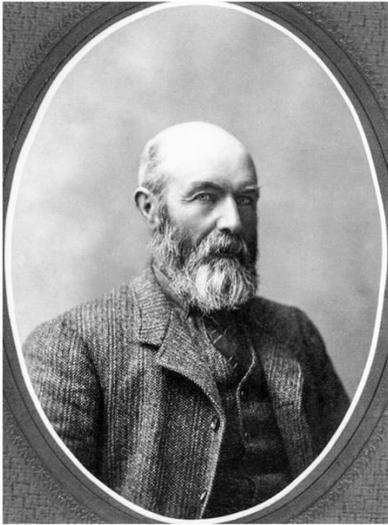
11:00 am – Noon — John Gerow Van Wart – Pioneer Family

John Gerow Van Wart, one of the first merchants to come to Calgary before the railway arrived, took an adventuresome route from his home in the east. With the railway ending at Swift Current, he and fellow travellers made their way to Calgary by foot, ferry, and freighter, arriving in June 1883. As a young man, he had worked the gold fields of California, Montana, and the Caribou. Great-Great-Granddaughter **Kathleen Rogers** will take us through the generations of the Van Wart family and its contributions to early Calgary.

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



John Gerow Van Wart, ca. 1902.
Courtesy Kathleen Rogers



1:00 – 2:00 pm — Millarville Fisher Family

Eugene Blakey presents his mother's family history, the Fishers. Joseph Fisher, his grandfather, brought the first load of cattle to Calgary by rail in 1883 and settled at what is now Millarville. He, his brother Harry, and two hired men were the first settlers to spend the winter there in 1884. Hear how these pioneers adapted to the harsh winter conditions on the prairies and built a successful ranching business.

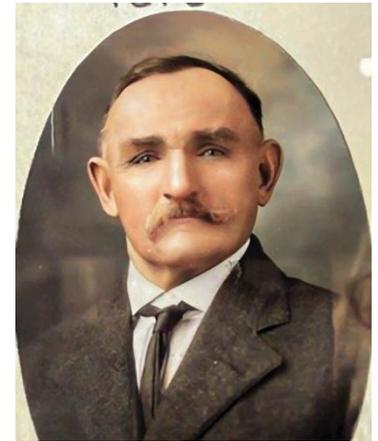
Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3rd Street SE

Joseph Fisher, ca. 1900, (CU184941)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

2:00 – 3:00 pm — McKevitt Family

James McKevitt (1865-1930) emigrated from Ireland in 1883 and worked on surveys for the Canadian Pacific Railway. His resultant land grant brought him a homestead west of Midnapore which he named “Shamrock Hill.” Join Great-Granddaughter **Angela Boyes** to learn about his travels, his marriage to Julia Kiely (which produced twelve children), and his contributions to the Calgary area.

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



James McKevitt.
Courtesy Angela Boyes



Universal Studios.
Courtesy Winnifred Eaton Archive

3:30 – 4:45 pm — Winnifred Eaton Reeve in Hollywood

In the 1920-30s, Calgary author Winnifred Eaton spent a few years in New York and Hollywood, running the scriptwriting department at Universal Studios. While in Hollywood, she contributed to at least 14 films produced by Universal and MGM, including *Phantom of the Opera* (1925) and *Barbary Coast* (1935). Come hear three scholars’ – **Donna Campbell**, **Vito Adriaensens**, and **Karintha Lowe** – reflections on Eaton’s years in Hollywood.

Co-sponsored by The Winnifred Eaton Archive and by the University of Calgary’s School of Creative and Performing Arts.
Meet: Boris Roubakine Recital Hall (Craigie Hall 105), University of Calgary

[Register](#)

6:00 – 9:00 pm — Screening and Discussion of Phantom of the Opera

Join us for a screening of Phantom of the Opera, Universal Studios' adaptation (written by Winnifred Eaton) of Gaston Leroux's 1910 novel, starring silent film stars Mary Philbin and Lon Chaney, followed by a Q&A moderated by **Vito Adriaensens** (Columbia University / Université libre de Bruxelles). *Co-sponsored by The Winnifred Eaton Archive, by the University of Calgary School of Creative and Performing Arts, and by the Calgary Institute for the Humanities.*

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Phantom of the Opera Poster.
Courtesy Winnifred Eaton Archive



Calgary Humane Society

6:00 – 8:00 pm —The Calgary Humane Society: 100 Years of Connecting Lives

Incorporated in 1922, the Calgary Humane Society has been a Calgary institution for over 100 years. What started as a refuge for Calgary's domestic animals, has evolved into a hub of humane education and community connection while maintaining its roots in animal protection. **Sally Johnston** and **Anne-Lee Fitzsimmons** will lead a walking tour through the illustrious new building, and they will detail the history of the Calgary Humane Society as it grew into Calgary's pillar of animal welfare.

[Register:](#) or email markjohnston926@hotmail.com

Saturday, July 29

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 flood of Pekisko Creek. The Ranch, located south of Longview, dates to the 1880s. In 1919 Edward, Prince of Wales purchased the ranch, and it is believed to be the only land privately owned by a member of the royal family. Join us for a tour chronicling the repair, conservation, and restoration of the site and buildings post flood. The restored Prince of Wales Ranch House, the Manager's House, and the 1883 Log Cabin are once again an integral part of this historic working ranch.

[Register:](#) or email hcwepr@chinookhistory.ca



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



A Reader Rock Garden pathway.
 Courtesy Friends of Reader Rock Garden Society

10:00 – 11:30 am — Calgary’s Best Kept Historical Secret – Reader Rock Garden

Parks Superintendent William Reader spent nearly thirty years creating the hillside garden that bears his name. The Reader Rock Garden began as a bold experiment in prairie horticulture and over time gained renown for its plant diversity. Now, a century later, it is a treasured **National Historic Site**. Join us as we explore the garden's history and see for yourself what plants can be grown in Calgary. Registration required. There is limited space for this event. Sensible walking shoes are a must. (NB: also runs July 29 at 1:00 pm)

[Register:](mailto:hcwreader@chinookhistory.ca) or email hcwreader@chinookhistory.ca

10:30 am – Open* — Champion Park Tour Okotoks

Visit Champion Park, built by Gerald L. Knowlton as an homage to the CPR and as a family tribute to his mother, Faye, and father, Ted Knowlton - a CPR station agent. Founded in 1979, Champion Park includes a lake, a restored CPR railway station from Champion, Alberta, a 1960s era locomotive, a 1948 mail-express car, a 1929 Executive car, as well as other railway artifacts.

Numerous **volunteer guides** will be available to share their love of trains and the history of the park.

There is no on-site parking. HCW participants will be bused from the Okotoks Recreation Centre to Champion Park at 10:30 am.

**Multiple buses will be available to return you to Okotoks from 11:30 am and throughout the day. You are welcome to bring a lunch. [You must pre-register.](#)*



Railway station, Champion Park.
 Courtesy Okotoks Museum and Archives

11:00 am – 12:15 pm — Getting Started in Chinese Genealogy

Have you ever wanted to trace your ancestry but are unsure where to start? **Linda Yip**, a member of several genealogy societies, will explain how to research your ancestors and other historical figures. She will introduce participants to online sources for researching their genealogy, particularly resources made available in 2023, the centenary of what has come to be known as Canada’s Chinese Exclusion Act. This presentation will be helpful to participants on how to best conduct research on Chinese Canadian ancestry in Western Canada. Followed by Q&A moderated by **Mary Chapman** (UBC).

Co-sponsored by The Winnifred Eaton Archive, by UBC’s Public Humanities Hub, and by the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre.

[Register](#)



Zodiac Wheel.
 Courtesy Walt DeBoni

11:00 am – 12:30 pm — Historic Downtown Canmore Walking Tour

Join **Rob Alexander** for a tour of historic Canmore. The community was founded in 1883, evolving from a gritty railway depot to a coal mining town, to an international resort destination. As a railway and mining centre, it was a place where you played hard and worked hard. Like many mining towns, the community faced economic ups and downs. Its history has included boom-town architecture, interesting characters, exciting events, and mine disasters. With the closure of the mine in 1979 and the hosting of the 1988 Winter Olympics, the community has continued to evolve.

[Register](#): or email hcwepr@chinookhistory.ca



Canmore Hotel with Canmore Community Band. A composite photo of the Canmore Hotel in the 1950s and in 2014. Courtesy Rob Alexander



Reader Rock Garden scene.
Courtesy Friends of Reader Rock Garden Society

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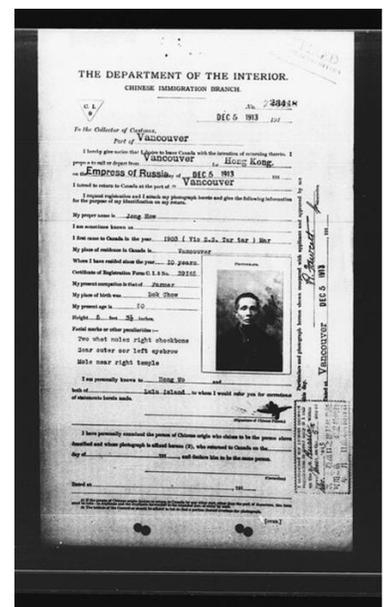
[Register](#): or email hcwreader@chinookhistory.ca

1:45 – 3:15 pm — Mass Capture and Chinese Canadian History

Lily Cho will share findings from her award-winning book *Mass Capture: The Chinese Head Tax and the Making of Non-Citizens*. Between 1885 and 1953, and after the 1923 passage of the Chinese Immigration Act, the Canadian government used an array of state documents and photographs, known as CI 9s, to identify and determine citizenship among Chinese immigrants. Cho investigates a vast archive of CI 9s to tell the stories of the “mass captured” and reflect on the history of citizenship in Canada. *Co-sponsored by The Winnifred Eaton Archive, by the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.*

[Register](#)

Example of a CI 9 document.
Courtesy Winnifred Eaton Archive





A train travels through downtown High River in 1906. Fourth Avenue West looking East. Courtesy Museum of the Highwood

2:00 – 3:30 pm — “Above all things let us have harmony. Remember that a town (like a house) divided against itself cannot stand.”
High River Times, December 1905.

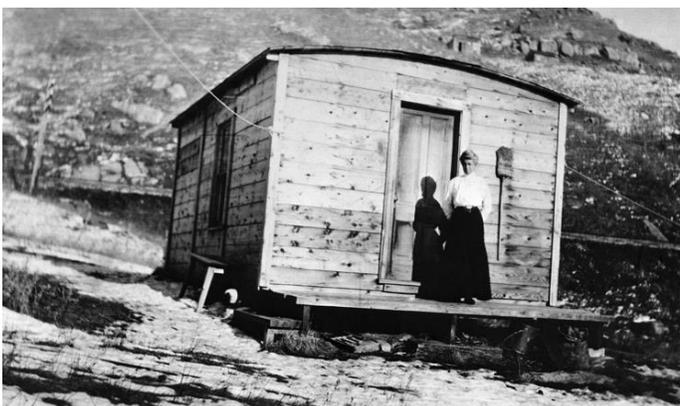
From 1879 to the coming of the railway in 1893, settlers formed a nice little community in The Crossing (High River). When the tracks were laid the settlement was cut in half. There were two inconvenient crossings that caused a split between "east and west-siders." **Irene Kerr** will lead this walking tour on both sides of the tracks along Fourth Avenue. It will feature stories about places and their people including a Senator and Superman!
Meet: Museum of the Highwood, 406 First Street SW
Register: or email info@museumofthehighwood.com or 403-652-7156

3:30 – 5:30 pm — Screening and Discussion of *Golden Gate Girls* (2013)

Award-winning Hong Kong filmmaker **S. Louisa Wei** (City University-Hong Kong) will screen her acclaimed documentary *Golden Gate Girls* (2013) about Chinese American filmmaker Esther Eng (1914-1970). Eng was the first woman to direct Chinese-language films in the US and was once honoured as “South China’s first woman director.” Followed by discussion moderated by **Nancy Rao** (Rutgers University).
Co-sponsored by the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre.
[Register](#)



Golden Gate Girls movie promotional. Courtesy Winnifred Eaton Archive



Ida McCormick, Secretary, Quinlan-Carter Ltd., and shack at Glenbow stone quarry, (CU174950) Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

6:00 – 8:00 pm — History of Glenbow Ranch Guided Golf Cart Tour (Repeated 9:00 am August 5 & 1:00 pm August 6)

Join an experienced guide from the **Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation** on a tour back in time! From when Glacial Lake Calgary covered our lands, to when a sandstone quarry and town thrived here, you will end this tour with a deeper appreciation for our Park and what we strive to protect. Note: There is a \$25 transportation fee for this tour. (NB: Tour also runs August 5 at 9:00 am & August 6 at 1:00 pm)

[Register](#)

6:00 – 8:30 pm — Multi-Course Traditional Chinese Banquet

Come enjoy a traditional Chinese banquet, emceed by Calgary poet, playwright, and essayist **Dale Lee Kwong**. An event organized by the Winnifred Eaton Archive Conference. NB: Tickets must be purchased in advance.

*Sponsored by The Winnifred Eaton Archive
Meet: Silver Dragon Restaurant, 106 – 3rd Avenue SE*

[Register](#) / Vegetarian (\$43.93)* / Meat (\$54.50)*

**Prices all-inclusive (incl. tax and gratuity)*

Silver Dragon Restaurant.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Sunday, July 30



Courtesy Deb Lee

9:30 – 11:30 am — Getting Around on 4th Street NE

From the original ferry crossing, northbound stagecoach and freighter route to Edmonton, new steel truss bridge and streetcar, the village of Riverside emerged. The neighbourhood prospered over the years. Change came with the growing prominence of the car and the East Memorial Drive project when 4th Street became a one-way, multi-lane, southbound thoroughfare. Join **Deb Lee** on this walking tour to learn how transportation affected the fortunes of this early Calgary village. (NB: Tour also runs August 2, 9:30 am.)

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

10:00 – 11:30 am — “Winnifred Lived Here” Walking Tour

The charismatic bestselling novelist known as Onoto Watanna was a literary luminary in 1920s Calgary. Join literary historian **Shaun Hunter** for a “peek” through a window into Winnifred Eaton Reeve’s storied life in the city she came to call home and for a walk to two of her many city addresses.

Sponsored by The Winnifred Eaton Archive and the Calgary Institute for the Humanities.

[Register](#): or email hcw2@chinookhistory.ca



Lougheed House and Beaulieu Gardens.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Central Methodist Church, ca. 1905.
Courtesy Russell Moore

Noon - 1:00 pm — Central United Church - Building History

When it opened in 1905, Central Methodist Church (known as Central United since 1925), was the largest building in Calgary. Few churches were ever more truly central, in the geographical sense. More importantly, few downtown churches in Canada remain more central to their communities in terms of seeing and meeting needs. Third generation Calgarian, **Russell Moore** will talk about the building's history as well as his own family connections which are documented back to 1906.

NB: This event follows the Spirited Service held at 10:30 am.
Meet: Central United Church, 131 – 7th Avenue SW

1:00 – 2:30 pm — Historical Walk of Stephen Avenue

Come join **Chris Edwards** and **Sarah Ebborn** from the Calgary Heritage Initiative Society on a historical walk of 8th and 7th Avenues with a focus on the buildings recently threatened with redevelopment. Learn what was, what is, and what could be. They will tell the story of the people, events, and architecture that make this streetscape significant to our past and future city.

[Register](#)

Strolling on Stephen Avenue.
Courtesy Quinn Goddard, Savestephenave.ca



3:00 – 4:30 pm — The Men Who Brought the Train to Town

The men responsible for the CPR's arrival in Calgary used brains and brawn to tie Canada together with a ribbon of steel, no matter what or who stood in their way. They forged the National Dream, and shaped cultural development locally and abroad. Join **Shari Peyerl** to hear stories of Calgary's determined railroaders, such as the superintendent who sparked a battle, the fireman who tracked down a prime sandstone source, and the record-setting construction boss who nearly set off a world war.

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

Locomotive and crew Canadian Pacific Railway yard,
Gleichen, Alberta, 1894, (CU176872)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

6:30 – 8:00 pm — Chinese Market Gardens

On this walking tour in the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Calgary-based writer **Jacqueline Louie** will explore the history of the early Chinese immigrants in Calgary and Canada, including the Chinese market gardener families in Calgary. Her paternal grandmother's family were among these families. The underlying theme of her talk will be of the importance of families and individuals recording their own family history stories.

[Register](#) or email hcw@chinookhistory.ca



Hot caps in place on vegetable crops on Jow Sung's market garden, (PA-1599-278-1)

Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

Monday, July 31



9:00 – 10:30 am — Holy Cross Anglican Church - Our Shared History

In 1997 the two Anglican parishes of St. Michael and All Angels (established in 1909) and St. Cyprian (established in 1925) amalgamated and were renamed the Anglican Parish of Holy Cross. Join **David Peyto** on a tour of the church, view the new parish garden and hear the details of our shared history. Handouts will be provided.

[Register](#) or email dwpeyto@telus.net

Holy Cross Anglican Church.
Courtesy David Peyto

10:30 am – 12:30 pm — Walking Tour of Inglewood

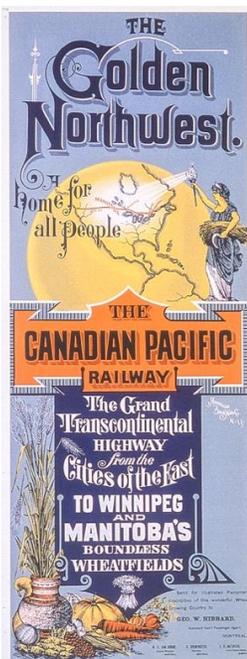
Join **Manfred Baum** on a walk through western Inglewood. Before the CPR announced that the railway was going through Calgary, there were few people in the area. Learn about the effect of the railway being laid through the area and discover some of Inglewood's railway history. Hear histories of neighbourhood buildings and discover the people behind them. For those who have been on previous tours, there will be some new stories. (NB: Tour also runs on August 4 at 1:00 pm.)

[Register](#) or email hcwtrain@chinookhistory.ca



View of tent town Calgary, Alberta, east side of Elbow River, 1883, (CU178916)

Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Noon – 1:00 pm — New World Dreams: Coming to the Golden Northwest with Canadian Pacific

From the time of its founding in the 1880s to the outbreak of WW II, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company invested more money than the federal government in promoting immigration to Canada and stimulating settlement throughout the country's sparsely populated hinterland. **David L. Jones** will chronicle how the CPR's financial and material contributions assured the essential role that the Prairie Provinces would play in the country's growing prosperity and established a pattern of development in the region that is still evident today.

Meet: Central United Church, 131 - 7th Avenue SW

Canadian Pacific Railway promotional poster.
Courtesy David L. Jones

2:00 – 3:30 pm — Routes to Roots

Digging through your family history can be a wonderful way to stay in touch with your kinfolk and to remember those that have passed on. But it can be frustrating when you hit that inevitable “brick wall” of missing information. Enjoy a walk through a new online portal to Alberta family trees, cemeteries, newspapers, and war records. **Jim Benedict** will guide you through this website of Calgary's Alberta Family Histories Society.

Meet: Central Library, Room 3-16B, 800 - 3rd Street SE



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2:00 – 3:30 pm — The Lady of the Golden Bow at the Bow and Elbow Rivers: The Early Life of Kathleen Parlow

Kathleen Parlow (1890-1963), born in Fort Calgary, was the first foreign student of Leopold Auer at the Saint Petersburg Conservatory. A violin prodigy that would become known for her technique and tone, Parlow went on to international success as a concert violinist, chamber musician and teacher, and was often billed as “The Lady of the Golden Bow.” This presentation by **Lelland Reed** will look at Parlow's early childhood years in Calgary, through the traces that remain in the city, and documentation in the archival record.

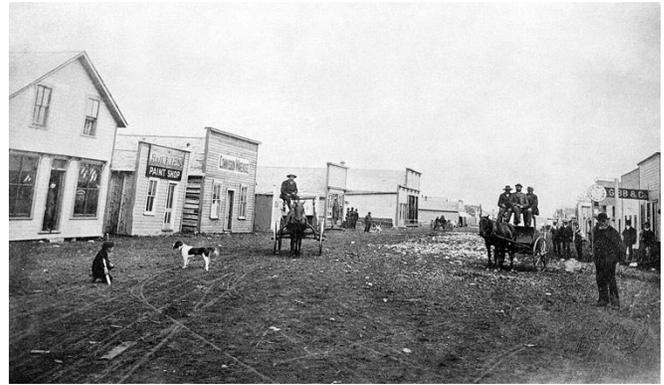
[Register](#) or email kim.geraldi@ucalgary.ca

Kathleen Parlow, New York, NY, 1912, (CU1170995) by Mishkin Studio
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

**7:00 – 8:30 pm — Little Town on the Prairie:
Calgary, 1883-1886**

Rapid growth. Rivalry with Edmonton. Corporate interests outweigh public opinion. A strike is forcibly put down. A bribed official skips town. Racism. NIMBYism. Citizens question police methods. A store clerk is murdered. Political chaos and stalemate. Panicky demands for public safety. Sound familiar? But all this was in three short years, in a Calgary smaller than your high school. And then came the Great Fire. A **Doug Coats** presentation!

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



Stephen Avenue, 1884, (CU196818)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

Tuesday, August 1



Courtesy Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo

**9:00 – 10:00 am — Making Tracks Towards a
Brighter Future: Community Conservation in
Africa**

How are hippo hoofprints, Mountain Bongo selfies, and lemur poop connected? Join conservator educator **Andrea Robinson** on a journey through the African savannah and rainforest to find out! This journey will explore how tracks, innovative technology and community champions work to save endangered species and the critical role the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo plays in community conservation and species reintroduction across the globe. Complimentary admission to the Zoo.

[Register](#) or email hcw2@chinookhistory.ca

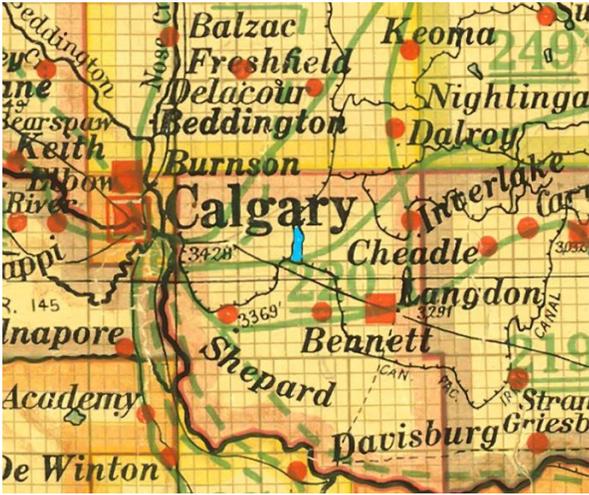
**9:30 – 11:30 am — From Rails to Real Estate:
The CPR and Calgary's Mount Royal**

The Canadian Pacific Railway shaped Canada in many ways, not the least as a major real estate developer. Along with building imposing railway stations and magnificent hotels, the company developed iconic residential districts in cities such as Calgary and Vancouver influenced by the City Beautiful and Garden Suburb movements of the late 19th century. They intended Mount Royal to be Calgary's premier neighbourhood when work started on the area in 1905. Many would argue it still is. Join local historian **David Mittelstadt** for a tour of Mount Royal with its stately historic residences and a discussion on the CPR's role in developing the district.

[Register](#) or email hcwmountroyal@chinookhistory.ca



Mount Royal, Calgary, ca. 1915, (CU175295)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Excerpt from ca.1916 map of Alberta, (WCW M000853)
 Courtesy of Peel's Prairie Provinces,
 University of Alberta Libraries

10:30 – 11:30 am — Trails, Roads and Rails to Chestermere

Journey through time on routes ranging from a First Nations trail to CN rails to the TransCanada highway. Book your expedition ticket and join **Eileen McElroy**, of Chestermere Historical Foundation, to explore modes of transport in our district from past to present. Have lunch in Chestermere and then enjoy a guided historical boat tour of the lake in the afternoon (separate registration required, see below at 1:30 pm.)

Meet: Meeting Room #2, Chestermere Regional Recreation Centre, 201 W Chestermere Drive
[Register](#)

Noon – 1:00 pm — Ace-Hy Motorcycle Club

The Ace-Hy Motorcycle Club has been making tracks in and around Calgary since its formation led by Walt Healy in 1939. Join **James Hunchuk**, President of the Ace-Hy Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America, as he shares bits about bikes, riding and racing from their extensive Jack Leong photo archive.

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



Courtesy Ace-Hy Motorcycle Club



Boating on CPR irrigation canal ca.1906, (CU179113)
 Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

1:30 and 2:45 pm — Historical Boat Tours of Chestermere Lake

Chestermere Lake has come a long way from being “just a slough.” **Chestermere Historical Foundation** is offering 45-minute guided pontoon boat tours around this irrigation reservoir. Learn about two railroads, WWII cadet training, sailing, water ski championships, dances, and cabins. Lifejackets provided. Bring a hat. Liability waiver must be signed prior to boarding. Seats are limited. Alternate rain date of Thursday, August 3rd. If required, notice of rain delay provided by email before 10:00 am on launch date.

Meet: The Landing, 109 E Chestermere Drive

[Register for 1:30 pm launch](#)

[Register for 2:45 pm launch](#)

1:30 – 3:00 pm — Tracks and Books: Aquila Books

Books, posters, ephemera, and artifacts all on the theme of "tracks"! At 2:00 pm, join a talk by historian **Doug Phillips** on his 40-year career at CPR. Explore a spot for Calgary collectors, researchers, and readers. This is a pre-registered event with space for 20 people. Free two-hour parking available on 18th Avenue NW.

[Register](#) 403-282-5832 or email aquila@aquilabooks.com

Interior, Aquila Books.
Courtesy Shelly McElroy



Calgary Stampede Trolley.
Courtesy Calgary Exhibition and Stampede

1:30 – 2:45 pm & 3:00 – 4:15 pm — From Streetcars to Buses: A Trolley Bus Tour of Calgary Transit's history

From 1909 until 1950, Calgary's transit system operated a streetcar network that connected the city centre with residential subdivisions, Bowness Park, and the CPR's Ogden Shops. In 1947, transit operations moved from the streetcar barns in Stampede Park to the Eau Claire bus barns, home of the new bus and trolley coach fleet. Join historian **Harry Sanders** and Calgary Stampede Historical Specialist **Cassandra Cummings** for a trolley bus tour that tracks Calgary's transit history from streetcars to electric trolley coaches and buses. Meet on the old streetcar barn site south of the Big Four Building in Stampede Park. *Limited seating – [Register](#) for free tickets.*

7:00 – 8:30 pm — Spur Lines, Subways, and Streetcars

Enjoy an evening at Lougheed House with Heritage Calgary. Hear stories of the development of Calgary's rail network – from the CPR to the streetcar – and how it shaped the Beltline area around Lougheed House. Your storytellers for the evening are members of the Heritage Resources Program team, including **Cynthia Klaassen** and **Afrah Rayes**. Doors open at 6:30 pm and light refreshments will be provided, with time to sip and mingle. **Lougheed House** is a sponsor for this event.

[Register](#)



8th Avenue and Centre Street looking east, 1912, (CU1151218)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



CPR Engine 1401, GM Diesel of the 1950s.
Courtesy Peter Boyle

7:00 – 8:30 pm — At the Disposal of the Dominion: Canadian Pacific During the Second World War

On sea, land and in the air, Canadian Pacific made an immense contribution to Canada's Second World War efforts. **Peter Boyle** will relate the story that includes CP Ships on North Atlantic convoys, locomotive shops being retooled to produce naval guns at Calgary's Ogden Shops, and over 21,000 employees on leave to serve in uniform in the navy, army, and air force. Presentation in theatre and walking tour of the Naval Museum at The Military Museums.

[Register](#)

Wednesday, August 2

9:30 – 11:30 am — Getting Around on 4th Street NE

From the original ferry crossing, northbound stagecoach and freighter route to Edmonton, new steel truss bridge and streetcar, the village of Riverside emerged. The neighbourhood prospered over the years. Change came with the growing prominence of the car and the East Memorial Drive project when 4th Street became a one-way multi-lane southbound thoroughfare. Join **Deb Lee** to learn how transportation affected the fortunes of this early Calgary village. (NB: Tour also runs on July 30 at 9:30 am.)

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



Courtesy Deb Lee

10:00 – 11:30 am — An Ice Age Tour of Nose Hill

Cory Gross, 2021 Historian in Residence for Calgary Public Library and Heritage Calgary takes us on a tour of sixty million years of Calgary's history in this walk through Nose Hill Park with spectacular Bow Valley and city skyline views. Learn about Calgary's famous sandstone. Hear the Blackfoot story of Napi and the Big Rock. Imagine great sheets of glacial ice once covering this area. Examine wildlife fossils and understand the daring migration of the first peoples into this area.

[Register](#) or email hwc2@chinookhistory.ca

Sabre Cat skull.
Courtesy Cory Gross



10:00 – 11:30 am — “Trains, Planes and Automobiles”

Join **Kathy Coutts** of the Okotoks Museum and Archives for a guided tour of downtown Okotoks as she explains how trains, planes and automobiles have impacted the town. Among the stops will be the train station and the home of one of Freddie McCall's flying students.

*Meet: Okotoks Museum and Archives,
49 Railway Avenue, Okotoks*



The Okotoks CPR Station, 1909.
Courtesy Okotoks Museum and Archives



Noon – 1:00 pm — Back Alley Secrets

Karen Gummo and **Mary Hays** are the embodiment of two resourceful women, **Jean McWilliam** and **Laura Goodman Salverson**, whose names were featured in Calgary newspapers one hundred years ago, one for social reform and the other for literary accomplishments. They have returned to HCW 2023 to reveal some of their most poignant stories of lives lived to the fullest in Calgary.

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

Back-alley stairs, Inglewood.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

2:00 – 3:30 pm — Nation Building: History of Canadian Pacific Railway Bridge Construction in Alberta

A transcontinental railroad was mandated as a component of the 1871 Terms of Confederation. Construction commenced in 1874 and arrived at Alberta's eastern border in June 1883. By the end of 1883 track was constructed to Stephen. Achieving this required bridging the South Saskatchewan, Kananaskis and, at many locations, the Bow River. Subsequent CPR expansion required crossing the Oldman, North Saskatchewan, Red Deer and Battle Rivers. **John Unsworth** will review the types of timber and metal bridges employed, and the construction methods over waterways during the original CPR construction and the CPR expansion.

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



Construction on the Lethbridge Viaduct, ca. 1908.
Courtesy John Unsworth



City Hall Market, stall 26, ca. 1920, (CU1218241)
 Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

4:00–5:30 pm — The Hidden History of Olympic Plaza

A large historical panel in Olympic Plaza tells the story of the Calgary Public Market and other buildings and businesses that once occupied this block. But there is so much more to tell. **Harry Sanders**, on behalf of Calgary Parks, presents a walking tour that highlights the little-known story of this block, including the Seventh Avenue Skating Rink from the 1930s, a multitude of apartment houses, cafes, and other small businesses, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, as well as strong connections to the city’s Chinese and Jewish communities and the Siksika Nation.

[Register](#) or email hcw@chinookhistory.ca

7:00 – 8:30 pm — The Archaeology of a Little House on the Prairie

Brian Vivian will present the results of a recent investigation into a late 19th century farmstead located in Pine Creek Valley, on the south side of Calgary. Archaeological excavations revealed a rich artifactual record associated with occupations of the farmstead between 1885 and circa the 1920s. Discussion will examine how these archaeological data assist in illuminating the historic record and what kind of unexpected consumption patterns are revealed by the finds.

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



Thomas Douglas home, ca. 1913-1919, (CU1105549)
 Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

7:00 – 9:00 pm — BEEP, BEEP, CRUNCH! The dawn of the automotive era and the law, the good, the bad, and the smashed

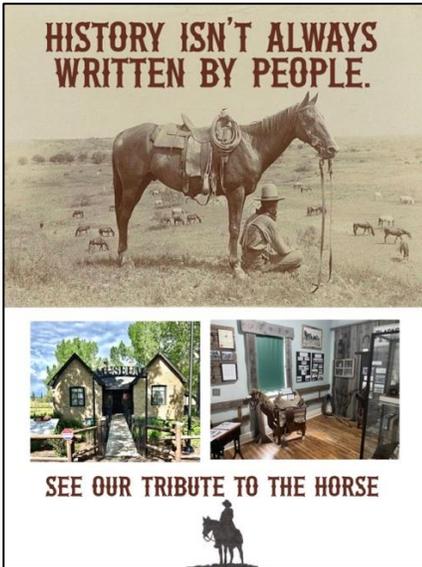
The introduction of the automobile into everyday life for most Canadians was welcomed with open arms. In addition to revolutionizing how we viewed daily transportation it also changed the way that citizens were policed. While we view automobiles as a hallmark of modern civilization, interpreters from **YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre** will look at what aspects of law enforcement changed as a result of the inherent danger that is present as speeds and vehicles literally carried us away...

[Register](#)



An Alberta Ice Truck at the Calgary Police Lot after an accident with a personal automobile, December 1940.
 Courtesy YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre

Thursday, August 3



9:30 – 11:00 am — History Isn't Always Written by People

Horses played an early role in Cochrane taking kids to school, hauling bricks and farm machinery, harnessed to WW1 artillery, transporting doctors to deliver babies, and playing competitive polo. Cochrane even had an internationally recognized horse racing track where visitors travelled by a special race day train from Calgary to attend. Join **Gord Davies** to hear about the museum, archives and newest displays at the Cochrane Historical Museum, located on the historic Cochrane Ranche site on Hwy 1A. *Meet: 20 Bow Valley Trail, Cochrane*

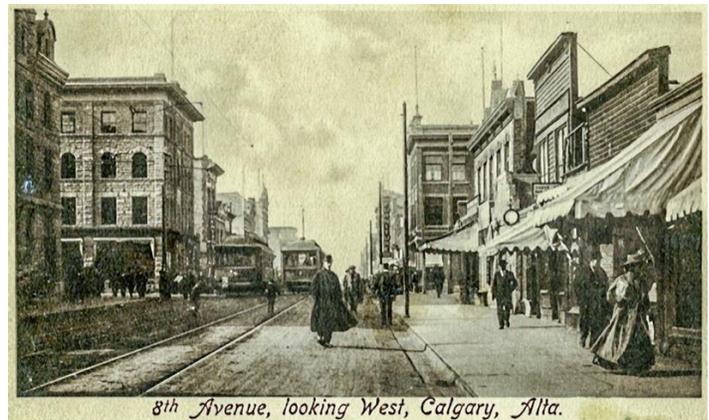
Poster courtesy Cochrane Historical Museum

9:30 – 11:30 am — Commuting Through Time: Exploring Public Transit from Downtown to Bowness Park

Join **Susanne Clark** of the City of Calgary Archives on a journey through archival records and transportation as we commute from downtown to one of Calgary's favourite summer parks, using maps, photographs, bylaws, agreements, and annexation records. Those joining us in-person, will also be provided with a tour of the Archives. As a bonus, the City of Calgary Archives will be creating a behind-the-scenes video showing how our archivists pulled together research for this lecture using our [Archives Research Portal](#). A video of this presentation will be made available for those who would like to participate virtually.

[Register](#) or email archives@calgary.ca

Please join us afterwards for a new display in the Calgary Municipal Building, bringing life to the history and future of Calgary's CTrain system. Located on the west side of Council Chambers, it showcases historical artifacts, photos, and maps of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) system since its inception in 1981. Included is a Green Line LRV model, made of LEGO®, built by two City of Calgary firefighters who were recently contestants on the popular TV show LEGO® Masters. The display will be in the Atrium through August 2023. *(No registration) Meet: 800 Macleod Trail SE*



Trolley tracks on 8th Avenue.
Courtesy City of Calgary Archives



Lego Masters Stephen Joo and Stephen Cassley.
Courtesy City of Calgary Archives



9:30 – 11:30 am — All Aboard! Doing Historical Research on the CPR

Drawing on the holdings of the University of Calgary’s Libraries and Cultural Resources, including the Glenbow Library and Archives holdings, archivist **Kim Gerald** and librarian **Annie Murray** will show examples of CPR documents, posters, brochures, architectural plans and more published by and about the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Participants will be shown how to search for historical materials in the library’s discovery system, the archival database, and digital collections. Participants may want to bring a camera, notebook, and a pencil.

[Register](#) or email kim.geraldi@ucalgary.ca

CPR Poster “Own Your Own Home in Canada,” (CU12852459)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

Noon – 1:00 pm — Networking by the Tracks

Lifetime member **Sid Helischauer** will highlight the history of The Probus Club of Calgary. Established in 1922 as the 100% Club, inner turmoil resulted in renaming of the Club. Weekly lunch meetings were held at CP’s Palliser Hotel, remaining there for 75 years. Recently the Palliser hosted the Club’s Centennial Gala. Meetings are currently held at the Winston Golf Club. Until the early 2000s Probus was a men’s only Club, but with knowledge, like transportation comes progression, and membership is now open to all. Today women make up about 50% of the Club’s membership.

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



Councillor Peter Demong and Sid Helischauer at the centennial gala of The Probus Club.
Courtesy Sid Helischauer



Glenbow Western Research Centre entrance, U of C.
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

1:00 – 2:30 pm — Behind the Scenes Tour of the Glenbow Western Research Centre

The University of Calgary’s Archives and Special Collections is home to more than 12 km of archival material and over 200,000 rare books, making it the second largest University archive in Canada. Join Archives and Special Collections staff for an introduction to our reading room, and a behind-the-scenes tour of archival storage, collection space, and the rare book vault. This is a tremendous opportunity for those who want to discover more about the resources available to them through the University of Calgary.

[Register](#) or email kim.geraldi@ucalgary.ca

1:30 – 2:30 pm — Rain Date for Historical Boat Trip Around Chestermere Lake

See description Tuesday, August 1 at 1:30 pm.

1:30 – 2:30 pm — The Ron Carey Antique Truck Collection at Pioneer Acres

The late Calgary businessman, Ron Carey, had a passion for restoring antique trucks. Several of these artifacts are on display in the Ron Carey Truck Building at Pioneer Acres Museum. A volunteer will discuss the history, maintenance, and operation of the trucks. There is plenty of space, so no need to register. If you have any questions, please email curator@pioneeracres.ab.ca. Park is open until 5:00 pm. Meet: Pioneer Acres Museum, Township Rd 274, Irricana



The Ron Carey Collection at Pioneer Acres Museum. Courtesy Walt DeBoni



WACO airplane at The Hangar Flight Museum. Courtesy The Hangar Flight Museum

2:00 – 3:30 pm — Way to Go WACO!: The Story of the WACO and its Impact on Western Canada

Before Cessna held global pre-eminence in civilian aviation, the Waco Aircraft Company saw early success in the 1930s with their Standard Cabin Biplane series. Considered a reliable, rugged aircraft, the Waco were well-liked by private pilots and commuter airlines. It was the first aircraft type to operate as an air ambulance in Canada, and was used extensively in bush flying, and was flown by Grant McConachie, renowned bush pilot and a CEO of Canadian Pacific Air Lines. Presented by **The Hangar Flight Museum** and volunteers.

Register: or email Collections@thehangarmuseum.ca or call 403-250-3752

4:00 – 5:30 pm — Travelling Back in Time Through Our GRAND History

Join **Ryan Gray** and **Morgan Johnson** for a historic tour of The GRAND Theatre, Western Canada's oldest performing arts theatre! It opened its doors in 1912 and quickly became an entertainment destination for Calgary's rapidly growing population. Advancements in transportation enabled a steady stream of global artists and touring shows to perform here. We'll travel back in time and explore the theatre's history from opening night to today, the notable people who have visited, significant events that took place, and how The GRAND has evolved over the years to meet Calgary's changing landscape, while maintaining its role as a hub for arts, entertainment and culture.

Register



The Lougheed Building, home of The GRAND. Courtesy The Grand Theatre

7:00 – 8:30 pm — Stories of Jewish Mewata

Join Calgary-born, Montreal-based writer **Norman Ravvin** and local literary historian **Shaun Hunter** as they explore forgotten Jewish footprints in the streets of Downtown West.

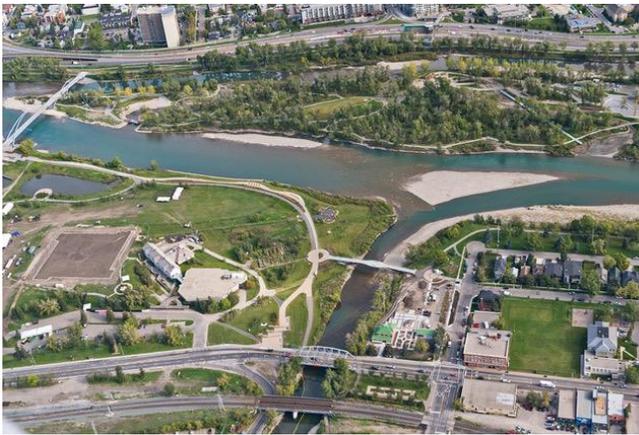
In partnership with the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta.

[Register](#) or email jhssa@shaw.ca or call 403-444-3171



Mewata Confectionery Store Owners Israel and Sophie Ravvin.
Courtesy Norman Ravvin

Friday, August 4



The Confluence.
Courtesy City of Calgary

9:00 – 10:00 am — From Campsites to Train Cars: The Archaeology of the East Village/Inglewood Area

Lauren Bryant, Archaeologist with Calgary Parks and Open Space, will take you on a 1.4 km walking tour through park spaces and the river pathway. Along the way she will highlight some of the archaeological resources found in the area, from deeply buried stone features thousands of years old, to the buried Grand Trunk Pacific Railway train turntable.

[Register](#) or email hcwmountroyal@chinookhistory.ca

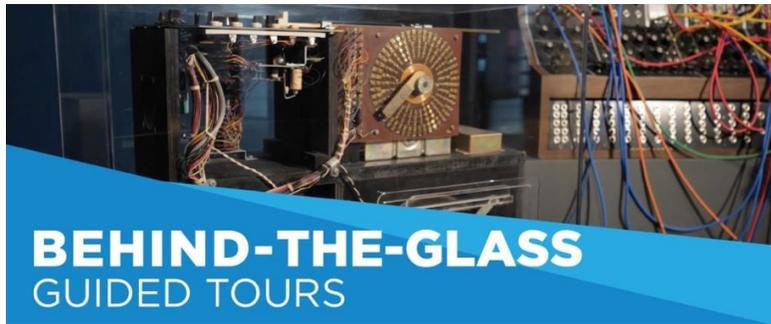
10:30 – 11:30 am — Siksikaitstapi — "Stories from the Blackfoot People and Where We Come From"

The Siksikaitstapi (Blackfoot) people have lived on these lands since Time Immemorial. Take a walk with **Crystal Many Fingers**, Indigenous Landscape Strategist, Calgary Parks and learn about landscape which is dear to the Blackfoot people. This place is called the Confluence – the place where the Bow and Elbow Rivers meet. This site, of great significance to the Blackfoot, is the place that Napi created for his people – the Niitsitapi – to live with their loved ones and friends. The City of Calgary is called Mohkintsis (meaning elbow) and Piikani Elder **Noella Wells** will share with us the Blackfoot Creation Story “Napi and the Water Beings.” We look forward to meeting with you and to build friendships and relationships that will last for a very long time.

[Register](#) or email hcwmountroyal@chinookhistory.ca



Noella Wells at the Confluence.
Courtesy Noella Wells



11:00 am – Noon — Behind the Glass at the National Music Centre

Go “behind-the-glass” with a **musically trained tour guide** at the NMC. See the collection come alive – hear the inspiration behind Studio Bell’s distinct architecture, discover the innovators in Canadian music, and see the iconic instruments behind many beloved artists and songs. Then, while gazing at the King Eddy, learn about its saga as a railway hotel and how it morphed into a jazz destination. A demonstration of the Kimball Theatre Organ will be featured following the tour. Tour guests will receive complimentary admission to Studio Bell.

[Register](#)



Noon – 1:00 pm — Canadian Pacific: Off the Rails and into the Sky

Richard de Boer brings us stories we love about western upstarts, and the history of Canadian Pacific Airlines defines that phenomenon. Founded in 1942, the little airline that *could* fought against the government-owned Trans Canada Airlines for 65 years. Born “bush-wise,” the airline grew to cover six continents to become both “world-wise” and “world-wide.”

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

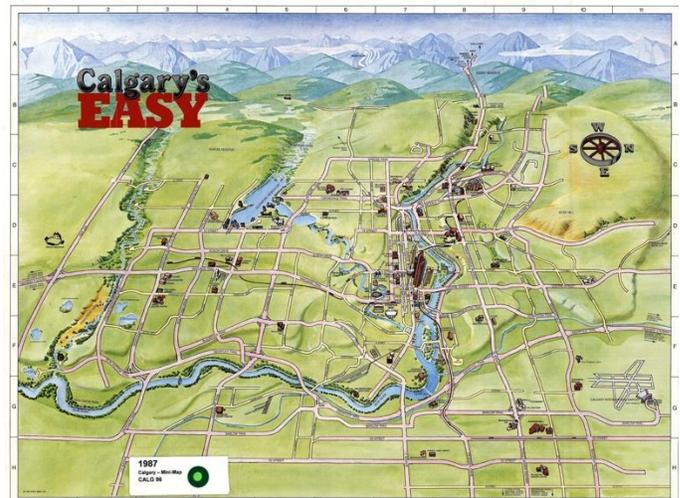
Canadian Pacific Airlines poster.
Courtesy Canada Vintage Posters

1:00 – 2:30 pm — How to Lie with Maps

Maps have a puzzling history of including misrepresentations both with intention and by accident. From Google maps to Western Canadian Colonialism, **Kay Burns**, Historian in Residence, will highlight this trend and the motives behind cartography misrepresentation.

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

Calgary Tourist Map, 1987.
Courtesy Calgary Public Library





View of tent town Calgary, Alberta, east side of Elbow River, 1883, (CU178916)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

1:00 – 3:00 pm — Walking Tour of Inglewood

Join **Manfred Baum** on a walk through western Inglewood. Before the CPR announced that the railway was going through Calgary, there were few people in the area. Learn about the effect of the railway being laid through the area and discover some of Inglewood's railway history. Hear histories of neighbourhood buildings and discover the people behind them. For those who have been on previous tours, there will be some new stories. (NB: Tour also runs on July 31 at 10:30 am.)

[Register](#) or email hcwtrain@chinookhistory.ca

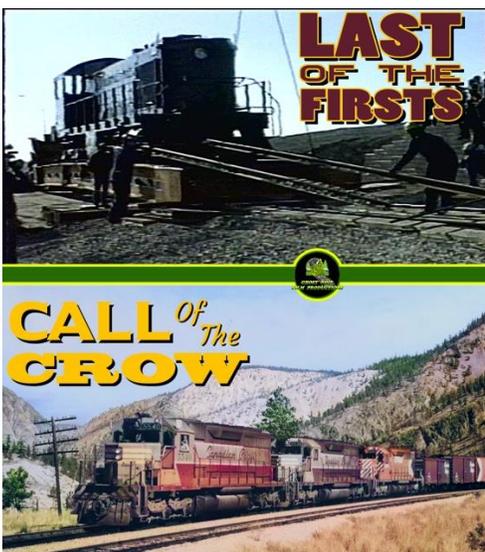
2:00 – 3:30 pm — The Rails Stopped Here!

The Canadian Pacific Railway's arrival 140 years ago put Calgary on the map and inspired this year's Historic Calgary Week theme. But Canada's other transcontinental, Canadian National Railways, also has a long history in Calgary. **Harry Sanders, Doug Coats** and **Paul Chambers** will highlight the history of this former station, its grounds and nearby yard facilities, beginning with its origin as the parish hall for nearby St. Mary's Cathedral and ending with its adaptive reuse by Alberta Ballet.

[Register](#) or email hcwtrain@chinookhistory.ca



Canadian Northern Railway Station, ca. 1913-1918, (CU166118)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



7:00 – 8:30 pm — Journey From Then to Now: Ghost Pine Films Double Feature

Rob Gale of Ghost Pine Films presents two original railway films: “The Last of the Firsts”: The story of CPR Diesel 7019, its significance to Calgary and why it was preserved. View never-before-seen footage of moving the engine to its current location at Heritage Park!

“The Call of the Crow”: The fascinating tale of the CPR line through the Crowsnest Pass. Explore the history of the line between Lethbridge, AB and Cranbrook, BC. Learn why the CPR constructed this route, and the history of a number of the route's towns.

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

Courtesy Rob Gale – Ghost Pine Films

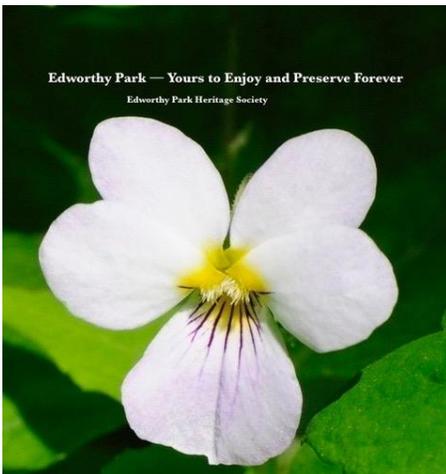
Saturday, August 5

9:00 – 11:00 am — History of Glenbow Ranch Guided Golf Cart Tour

Join an experienced guide from the **Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation** on a tour back in time! From when Glacial Lake Calgary covered our lands, to when a sandstone quarry and town thrived here, you will end this tour with a deeper appreciation for our Park and what we strive to protect. Note: There is a \$25 transportation fee for this tour. (NB: Tour also runs July 29 at 6:00 pm and August 6 at 1:00 pm.)

[Register](#)

The Waverley Ranch chimney.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Courtesy Edworthy Park Heritage Society

10:00 – 11:30 am — From Trails to Rails: the Métis in Calgary's Early History

Prior to the arrival of the railway, Calgary was among the most isolated settlements in the Northwest vis-à-vis distant navigable waterways. Ironically, this isolation may have contributed to the settlement's development. Join Métis historian **Matt Hiltermann** as he explores the Métis links to the transportation boom of the 1870s and 1880s and the significant role of the Métis in Calgary's early history.

Visit the Lougheed House Gift Store or enjoy a stroll on your own in the beautiful gardens. Co-sponsored by Lougheed House, Métis Nation of Alberta Region #3 and Edworthy Park Heritage Society.

[Registration required](https://lougheedhouse.com) — details at <https://lougheedhouse.com>

10:00 am – Noon — Loop Around Old South Calgary/Marda Loop

The changing neighbourhood of old South Calgary has many eras to explore. Beginning as a streetcar suburb (and later named for the memorable “loop”), the community was changed by the World War II military presence, the mid-century boom of suburban growth, and the later “infill boom” that is ongoing to this day. This tour is led by **Bob van Wegen** of the Marda Loop BIA history project and resident historian **Harry Sanders**.

[Register](http://www.visitmardaloop.com/history) www.visitmardaloop.com/history



cSPACE King Edward.
Courtesy Marda Loop BIA



Métis scrip Issued to Baptiste Waniyande, (CU1110021)
 Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

Noon – 1:30 pm — Funny Money, Scrip, and Calgary's Currency Innovation History

Calgary has been shaped by those who do things their own way. A lesser-known example is Calgary's unique history with money, alternative currencies, and cooperatives. Prosperity Certificates, scrip, and contemporary complementary currencies are just some examples that hail from the founding of the AFA, Social Credit, and CCF parties and to which we owe some of our innovative reputation (positively or negatively). **Drew Thomas** explores the good, the bad, and the contemporary, and discusses Calgary's unique alternative currency history.

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

3:45 – 4:45 pm and 5:00 – 6:00 pm — Discover the Living Tradition of Change-Ringing in Calgary

Join the Guild of Bellringers at Christ Church, as they take you on a discovery of the English traditional art of change-ringing. This is an interactive afternoon where the ringers will share fascinating historical facts about bells, personal experiences, and wacky enthusiasms. A complementary guided tour on the church's history and magnificent stained-glass windows should not be missed. After your visit to the church and its belfry, you will walk away with a great insight into what it is to learn to ring tower bells weighing up to 952 pounds.

[Register](#) for one of the times: *Space in the ringing room is limited to 6 visitors at a time.*



Ringling the bells at Christ Church.
 Courtesy Guild of Bellringers of Christ Church



Fall of 1958, Top of Cawder Drive.
 Courtesy Doug Coats

6:30 – 8:30 pm — When Collingwood Was New – A Kid's-Eye View

1958. Like all the other new suburbs, you could see forever when the dust wasn't blowing. Join **Doug Coats** for a walking tour of this little-known district at the base of Nose Hill. What was it like to grow up here as Collingwood grew too? How did geography affect layout and lifestyle? Who lived here and why? Why the nickname "Rabbit Hill"? Lots of stories – come and add your own! We'll climb two hills, after which it's downhill or flat, all on pavement.

[Register](#) or email hcwtrain@chinookhistory.ca

Sunday, August 6

10:00 – 11:30 am — Chinatown Past and Future

Come learn about Calgary Chinatown's 100+ years of history in our city and the reason many Chinese ended up settling in this city. Learn about the community they built and how the next generation is working on sustaining the history and vision of the neighbourhood for years to come through entrepreneurship and volunteerism. Get a glimpse at some spaces you haven't seen before! Hosted by **Alice Lam** and **guest**.

[Register](#) or email hcw@chinookhistory.ca



Chinatown sign seen while travelling south across Centre Street bridge.

Courtesy Walt DeBoni



10:00 am – Noon — A Walk in Wildflowers: Traditional Uses and Stories of the Incredible Native Plants Found in Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park

On this **Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation** wildflower tour, an experienced guide will identify and describe the wildflowers that call grasslands home. For centuries, flowers have been used for medicinal purposes and even as toys and utensils. Not only that, but wildflowers play a vital role in grassland health.

[Register](#)

Butterfly and flowers, Tiger Lily Loop, Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

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[Register](#)



Trail to the West from Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Building on Canadian Pacific Supply Farm No. 1.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

1:30 – 2:30 pm — Canadian Pacific Supply Farm No. 1, Strathmore

Established in 1908, the CPR Demonstration Farm’s purpose was to attract settlers to sell them irrigable land and to educate them about the best breeds of cattle, hogs, poultry, horses, and sheep. The farm helped develop better strains of grains. Up to 350,000 trees were grown and orchards were established to encourage fruit production. Join **Bruce Klaiber** and **Tom Sadler**, Western District Historical Society, in the only surviving building located on the original farm site. After the presentation, partake in the four historical walking tours of Strathmore using the App “On This Spot.”

[Register](#): or email - ablvent@telusplanet.net

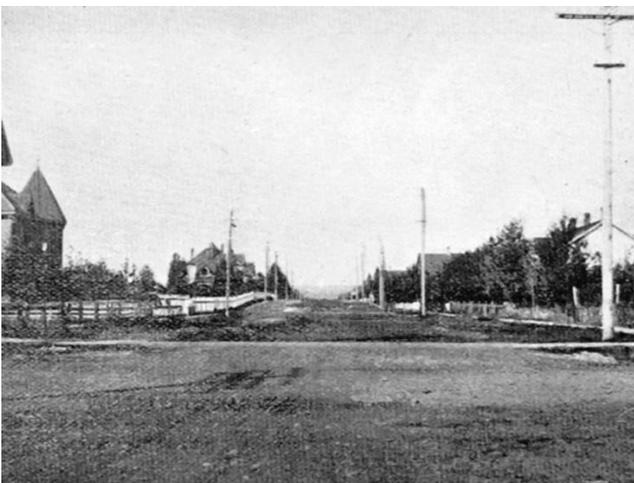
1:30 – 3:00 pm — Historic White Avenue, Bragg Creek

White Avenue (also now known as Heritage Mile) is the original front street of Bragg Creek. Join **volunteers** from the Bragg Creek Historical Society for an informative walk highlighting the rich history of the avenue. Stories of the early residents and their experiences will be shared during this 2 km walk. Refreshments will be served following the walk. Dress for the weather; walking shoes recommended.

Meet: The Post House Inn and Conference Centre, 36 White Avenue, Bragg Creek



Store operated by Jack Elsdon. From *Bragg Creek Stories of Our Past*.
Courtesy Barbara Teghtmeyer (Jack Elsdon’s daughter)



Reinach Avenue (4th Avenue), looking west, (CU11054879)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

6:00 – 7:30 pm — Reinach Avenue: Calgary’s Forgotten Jewish Street

Fourth Avenue SE/SW has many strong historical associations with Calgary’s Jewish community, including homes and businesses that belonged to community members and an early iteration of the Calgary Hebrew School. Coincidentally, this avenue had once been named for a Jewish director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Jacques de Reinach. On the 135th anniversary of Reinach Avenue’s establishment in 1888, the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta invites you to join **Harry Sanders** on a walking tour to discover Calgary’s forgotten Jewish street.

[Register](#) or email jhssa@shaw.ca or call 403-444-3171

Monday, August 7

**10:00 – 11:45 am — Visit the 1920
Bears paw Historical One Room School**

The Bears paw Historical Society restored the original 1920 Bears paw one room school, the 1940 teacherage, and built a replica horse barn. The school classroom is available for educational visits by children and the classroom and barn are rented to local groups.

The visit to the site will include coffee and muffins on arrival. Society members will take visitors on guided tours through the school, teacherage and barn, as they arrive. At **10:45 am**, there will be a presentation on the 100-year history of the school and Bears paw community.

Meet: 253253 Bears paw Road, about 1km south of 1A highway



Historic Bears paw School.
Courtesy Bears paw Historical Society



8th Avenue & 1st Street SW, Calgary ca. 1945.
H. N. Rowed photo. Courtesy Scott Rowed

**Noon – 4:00 pm — McDougall Memorial
United Church Open House (Tour @ 2:00 pm)**

For more than 10,000 years, as the glaciers from the last ice age receded, the Bow River corridor was used as a passageway through the mountains. View the stone circles from these early inhabitants and learn how this historic route was used by Indigenous people for thousands of years for travel and trade. This tour will also talk about the Old Morley Trail/ McDougall Trail that brought early European settlers from Fort Edmonton to the thriving settlement of Morleyville. Learn about the people of Morleyville, what brought them here, and how the settlement was impacted by the building of the railway.

Meet: 1A Highway, Morleyville

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm — Harry Rowed: Legacy of a
Canadian Photojournalist**

This slide show, presented by Harry's son, **Scott Rowed**, a professional photographer living in Canmore, rediscovers a prominent documentary photographer from the mid 20th century. Starting with newspaper work in Saskatchewan, Harry photographed the 1936 Berlin Olympics before returning to Canada, eventually becoming Director of Photo Services for the National Film Board. Harry fell in love with the Rockies and moved to Jasper in 1946. This show emphasizes Calgary and Southern Alberta, including aviation, early oil and gas exploration, coal mining, ranching, and mountaineering in the Rockies.

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



Lane leading to McDougall Memorial United Church.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

Other History Happenings

Although not part of Historic Calgary Week 2023
You may wish to explore our history at the venue below

Sundre & District Museum



Come celebrate the way we were as you travel back to a time when Sundre was first established. Explore the rich Indigenous history of the area, and tour our beautiful pioneer village located on 4 acres of land nestled in Sundre's Riverside District. Here you will find a blacksmith shop, tipi, trapper's cabin, schoolhouse, log cabin and more.

Make tracks around the world in our unique exhibit - "The World of Wildlife." Our main gallery, which showcases vignettes from the past, invites you to walk in our ancestors' footsteps. Join us this summer as you make tracks up Alberta's Cowboy Trail – Highway 22. Our summer events include Indigenous People's Day, Multiculture Day, Canada Day, Concert in the Park, and Alberta Culture Days. Summer hours are seven days a week 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Summer rates are: \$30/family; \$10/adult; \$8/senior; \$6.00/youth.

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A huge thank you to all our volunteers, our committee members, our presenters, and organizers without whom Historic Calgary Week would not exist. We also thank our partners, whose own volunteers and staff bring a rich diversity to our festival and help us give life to the stories of our history and make available their facilities for the in-person tours. Thousands of hours are required to research the topics, prepare presentations and to organize and run this program. Due to the efforts of our volunteers, we can present most events free of charge to the public.