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

Chinook Country boundaries are
from Olds to Nanton,
from the British Columbia to
Saskatchewan borders.

Upcoming Free Programs:

September 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, 800 3 St SE

Ranching Under the Arch: Stories from
the Southern Alberta Ranchlands

October 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

**Gallery Hall, Taylor Family Digital
Library, University of Calgary**

The Glenbow Western Research Centre:
An Introduction and Tour at the Taylor
Family Digital Library.

Pre-register at amurr@ucalgary.ca or
call 403-210-9521

October 29, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library, 800 3 St SE

Like the Phoenix: The Alberta University
of the Arts

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information

End of an Era at the Glenbow Library and Archives David Finch



Current and some former staff:

Left to right: Len Gottselig, **Roberta Ryckman**, **Steve Waite**, Tonia Fanella, Ellen Bryant, **Doug Cass**, Shona Gourlay, Susan Kooyman, **Kim Gerald**, Jennifer Hamblin, Lindsay Moir, Jim Bowman, **Lynette Walton**, **Adria Lund**, **Anita Dammer**, Andrea Garnier Spongberg.

* **Current Staff**

The storied Glenbow Library and Archives reference room burst to overflowing with emotion Friday afternoon, August 30, 2019. The Historical Society of Alberta hosted a reception to acknowledge the exceptional service and assistance of the Library & Archives staff to the heritage community over the years. More than 50 people gathered to say goodbye to many things and many people. Most of the archival and library collections have moved to the University of Calgary, but the spirit of the best reference room for researchers in Canada ended that day.

Doug Cass stood in front of the plaque that honours the leader of this legacy, The Hugh A. Dempsey Reading Room, and graciously ended an era. Before him great archivists had provided unparalleled service to an adoring public. They included archivists Hugh Dempsey, Sheilagh Jameson, Bill McKee, Tony Rees and librarians Pat McCloy, Len Gottselig and Lindsay Moir. Doug symbolized the epitome of service for researchers from all over the world.

Researchers told stories and offered praise, including David Breen, Pat Roome and David Jones - to name just a few. The level of service of the generations of staff is without precedent and cannot be replicated anywhere, by any institution or group of people. And so it was a sad day. Many hugs and tears, funny stories and laughter too.

The archival and library collections will soon be accessible at the University of Calgary. Efforts will be made to provide excellent service to the public.

President's Report Walt DeBoni

Historic Calgary Week 2019 brought 112 events to Calgary and region between July 26 and August 5. Thank you to the more than 150 volunteer organizers and presenters for making this possible. Attendance set new records this year and the theme of *Oh, What Fun We Had!* resonated with presenters and attendees. We have put together a summary of HCW 2019 and it is available on our website at chinookhistory.ca/historic-calgary-week. Check out the News tab on our home page to see other history events happening in our city.

The Building Calgary Communities program, in cooperation with the Calgary Association of Lifelong Learners, will commence again in October. The first event will be on October 4, 2019 at cSpace King Edward and will see Dolly Castillo presenting the history of the Filipino Community in Calgary. On November 1, 2019, Hal Eagletail will highlight the history of the Tsuut'ina Nation. All of the Building Calgary Communities programs start at 1:00 pm.

Please take note of and plan to attend our special presentation on October 15, 2019 entitled *The Glenbow Western Research Centre: An Introduction and Tour of the Taylor Family Digital Library*. This event will be held at 7:00 pm in the Gallery Hall of the Taylor Family Digital Library at the University of Calgary. This is an opportunity to hear Dr. Annie Murray talk about the special and archival collections in the new Centre that is incorporating the Glenbow Library and Archives material into the U of C collections.

Our board looks forward to seeing our members and guests at the programs during the fall and winter.

2018 Calgary Awards- Heritage By Jackie Kleiner



Photo courtesy of the City of Calgary

On June 12, 2019, Walt and Irene DeBoni received the Calgary Award for Community Achievement in Heritage. This is a well-deserved honour for Walt, our CCHS President, and Irene who together co-chair the Historic Calgary Week Committee.

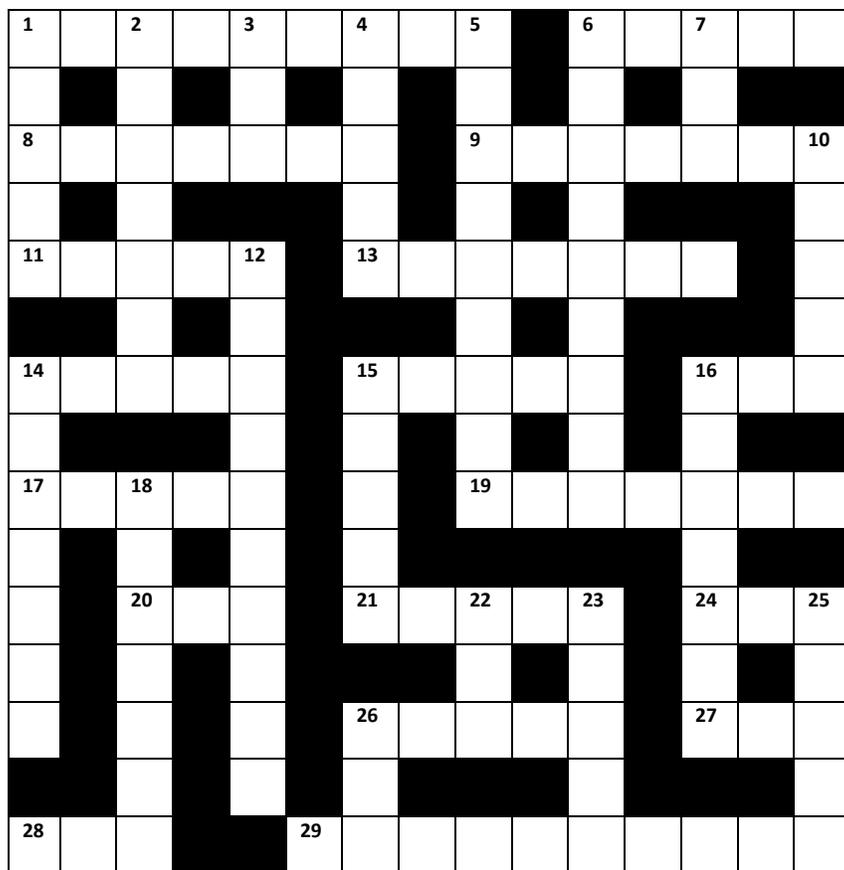
Historic Calgary Week just celebrated its 29th edition and was more successful than ever, featuring over 100 sites, stories, walks and experiences. The DeBoni's hands-on leadership, dedication and philanthropy have truly made Calgary a better place to live.

Walt and Irene are passionate about the history of our city and have contributed in so many ways to ensuring it is found, preserved and documented for current and future generations. Their initiation of the Forever Fund is just one way they are ensuring financial stability for the future of Historic Calgary Week. As well, the DeBonis support many other cultural endeavours, for example Calgary's Story at the Central Library, the National Music Centre, Glenbow, Lougheed House, Philharmonic Orchestra and the Alberta Ballet.

Our heartfelt congratulations to Walt and Irene!

Local History Crossword Puzzle #58

Jennifer Prest



Solution to Crossword on page 4

Across

1. A cultural community downtown, relocated 3 times due to fire and the CPR
6. Calgary's mayor, from 1980-89
8. Calgary's first Anglican Bishop
9. The Earl of _____, established the first colony of Scots & Irish in western Canada in 1811
11. Battle fought in WWI (1915) where Germans used chlorine gas for the first time
13. SW street named for a French-Canadian hockey star
14. India's historical social system
15. Head of the Hive?
16. A popular exclamation (initials)
17. To hoard; hide away
19. The central element to any conference?
20. The Old ___ River in Southern Alberta
21. Calgary's second river
24. A breakfast cereal
26. A cowboy tradition
27. Elected to the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame in 1974, ___ Peppard
28. Not a popular place to spend time, ___ Hill
29. A community to the west of Calgary

Down

1. The ___ Smart Band, to which we listened during HCW 2019
2. Denies; refuses to acknowledge
3. A tree with berries popular with birds
4. Ear Shell or Abalone
5. A waterway in north Calgary (2 words)
6. A district in SW Calgary
7. A record company that closed in 2012 (initials)
10. Alberta Lt. Governor 2005-2010, Normie _____
12. Hockey player with Chicago Black Hawks in 1947, local philanthropist & Flames supporter (2 words)
14. W.H. _____ (1852-1934) served six terms as an alderman
15. 24 or 25 sheets of paper?
16. A community once 90 km south of Calgary, now seems a lot closer!
18. Mewata _____
22. Calgary's 27th mayor, Harry ___ Hays
23. "If it's not right, it's _____."
25. The Grand ___ Railway of old
26. A popular form of music

Interpretive Signs – Bowness Historical Society

In the fall of 2018, our Board of Directors met to discuss the Park Naming Project for interpretive signs that will be installed in some of the Bowness parks. Our objective is to assign a name to each of our parks and open spaces in Bowness, and honour those citizens in Bowness history who contributed to community service or recognition.

To date, we have established park names and interpretive signage for John Hextall Park, Baker Park, and George & Annie Wood Park. The interpretive sign for Tony and Ruby Schmaltz was dedicated on June 14, 2019 at 6704 Bow Cres NW. Tony was the first Postmaster of Bowness. He was a leading citizen, town councillor, businessman and operated the Midway and Parkway Stores.

With the \$5,000 grant from the Calgary Foundation, we have identified the next two people we are honouring through park naming, Bonnie Laing and Marty Wood.

We have compiled a list of extraordinary people to draw from in the naming of community parks. Their stories are told in our Society's two published books. Bowness has about 13 to 15 additional unnamed parks.

Each sign will have an image of the person(s) and a brief history of their contributions to the community. Each sign will also acknowledge the contribution of the Jim and Mary Sibthorpe Family Fund.

Crossword Solutions Puzzle #58

Across

1. Chinatown
6. Klein
8. Pinkham
9. Selkirk
11. Ypres
13. Richard
14. Caste
15. Queen
16. O.M.G.
17. Stash
19. Keynote
20. Man
21. Elbow
24. Oat
26. Rodeo
27. Stu
28. Spy
29. Springbank

Down

1. Cappy
2. Ignores
3. Ash
4. Ormer
5. Nose
6. Killarney
7. E.M.I.
10. Kwong
12. Stew
14. Cushing
15. Quire
16. Okotoks
18. Armoury
22. Bud
23. Wrong
25. Trunk
26. Rap

Membership Privileges

CCHS is enhancing our membership by offering privileges to our members.

Members enjoy:

- discounted fees for social events, wherever possible;
- early-bird access to HCW registration events;
- discounts at certain of our partners in history.



We urge you to patronize these fine establishments. These privileges will apply to individual and family members and not to Affiliate or Associate members. Also, the discount will usually apply only to the member(s) and not the entire party.

- **Heritage Park** offers a 10% discount on gate admission.
- **Glenbow** offers a 20% discount on admission to the museum.
- **Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre**, offers a discount of 15% on general admission tickets.
- **Lougheed House** offers a 10% discount on all regular priced shop purchases.
- **Reader's Garden Café** offers members a 10% discount.
- **Canada's Sports Hall of Fame** offers members a 50% discount.

Present your HSA membership card at the above institutions to enjoy your membership privileges. Please check our website from time-to-time to see the up-to-date list of participating organizations.

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Crossword Puzzle

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