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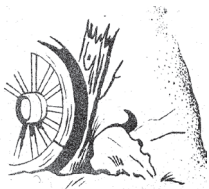


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Annual Awards Luncheon
Of
The Historical Society of Alberta

Saturday, May 27, 2017 12:00 noon

Royal Canadian Legion, Br. #27
9964 93 Avenue, Fort Saskatchewan, AB



President's Message

The Historical Society of Alberta

from Linda Collier, HSA President

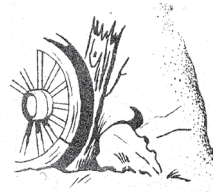
Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the H.S.A. Council, welcome to the 2017 Historical Society of Alberta Awards Luncheon. Congratulations to everyone being honoured today. It is a pleasure and privilege each year to read the nominations and to be reminded of the great history being done day in and day out across this province. Thank you to the award recipients for all you do for Alberta.

Thank you also to Branch #27, Royal Canadian Legion, for providing this wonderful venue for our Awards Luncheon. Thank you as well to the volunteers who organized and made today's events possible.

Let us once again share some great history and conversation and renew those friendships that keep Alberta history and the H.S.A. strong.

Awards Chair Message



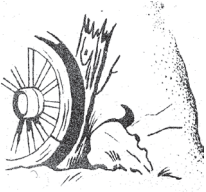
from Belinda Crowson, Awards Chair

The Awards Committee is pleased to welcome you to the 111th Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon of The Historical Society of Alberta.

The Awards Committee recommends to the Provincial Council the annual award for, an individual, an award of merit for an organization and an honorary lifetime membership to an individual who has given outstanding service to the Historical Society for a number of years. We are pleased to recommend the following candidates for our 2017 Awards.

This year we offer congratulations to the two recipients of an Annual Award, Phyllis Arnold and Walt and Irene DeBoni. It takes hundreds of volunteers in Alberta to make our Society a sustainable force in Alberta. We have maintained a presence in this province for 111 years and with the continued dedication and talent from our volunteers we will be around for many more to come.

The Award Committee includes Elizabeth Sande (Peace Country Historical Society), Kathryn Ivany (Edmonton and District Historical Society), Sheila Bannerman (Central Alberta Historical Society), Vipul Jasani (Chinook Country Historical Society), and, Belinda Crowson (Lethbridge Historical Society).



Annual Award

Edmonton and District Historical Society,
Kathryn Ivany

Awarded to Phyllis Arnold

Phyllis Arnold has been a member of The Historical Society of Alberta for many years and has served on the Edmonton and District Historical Society Board of Directors. Throughout her work with the Chapter, she has led initiatives to foster historical education in schools. She was one of the founders of the History Centre at Queen Alexandra School; the Centre is now located at the Fort Saskatchewan Heritage Precinct. The Centre provides unique programs for students in Grades 4 and 5 with hands-on sessions enabling students to “live” the experiences of the past while enhancing their historical knowledge in relation to Alberta’s social studies curriculum. In addition, she championed EDHS’s history in the Classroom program that sponsors a teacher/historian to visit classrooms and provide free curriculum focussed presentations.

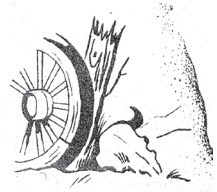
As EDHS planned for its commemoration of Canada 150, Phyllis envisioned a publication to answer the question: What was going on in the Edmonton area when Canada became a country? The answer is “we were fur trading”, and Phyllis began to write the book, *The Fur Trade in the West*, linked to the grades 4 and 5 social studies curriculum in Alberta. The book provides broad coverage of the fur trade in the four western provinces. Full of hundreds of maps, images, and illustrations, the publication is a captivating resource for school children of all ages and an important book for the children and youth trade market.

Alberta educators and historians are deeply grateful that Phyllis chose to commitment her considerable publishing and historical expertise to this outstanding Canada 150 project.

Congratulations to Phyllis Arnold on this Annual Award.

Award of Merit

Nominated by Ron and Gail Kessler



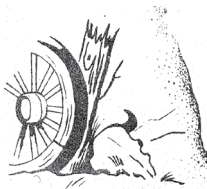
Awarded to Walt and Irene DeBoni

Walter and Irene DeBoni moved to Calgary in 1969. Walter was born in Italy and came to Canada in 1951 as a young child. He grew up in the Arrow Lakes region of the West Kootenays. Irene is from Dawson Creek. They met in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia and came to Calgary right after graduation. Like most Albertans, a lot of us are from somewhere else.

This couple has been involved in many aspects of the Chinook Country Historical Society, including, but not limited to the Historic Calgary Week. They have been involved in HCW for over 10 years now, from chairing the organizational meetings on an annual basis; establishing and maintaining contacts with partner organizations; writing grant applications; designing brochures, posters; investing time and resources to provide photos of planned events; personally leading walks and presenting talks for HCW; conducting media interviews; even quietly financing some events, when other funding was not available. To ensure the sustainability of the Historic Calgary Week, Walt took on the task of establishing the “Forever Fund” to provide some financial assistance for HCW. They have also donated their time and resources in maintaining the CCHS web page for a number of years.

Their most recent achievement has been the publication of Volume 1 and Volume 2 of In the Footsteps of Giants, Events and Personalities From Calgary’s History For Young Readers. Both Walt and Irene have donated numerous hours to secure material from over twenty-five contributors, meetings with the CCHS Book Committee, publishing personnel, contacting distributors of the publication, to name a few. This project alone has generated in excess of 3400 volunteer hours for the Society. The success of the publications is evident in that Volume 1 has already gone to second print. These publications are being used to educate new immigrants to the City and province. It should also be noted that the DeBonis have even gone so far as to fundraise for the success of these publications.

On behalf of The Historical Society of Alberta we are pleased to honour Walt and Irene DeBoni with this Annual Award.



Annual Awards Luncheon

Hosted by The Historical Society of Alberta

Program & Menu

11:30 am **Opening Remarks by Linda Collier, President**

Grace by Ron Williams

Buffet Lunch Served:

Roast Beef

Roast Chicken

Roasted Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Tossed Salad & Dressings

Assorted Pies

Assorted Squares

Tea and Coffee

12:15 pm **Greetings from Special Guests**

12:20 pm **Presentations of Awards**

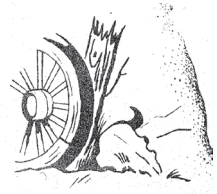
12:45 pm **Guest Speaker**

Jim Higgs, "Mounties March West"

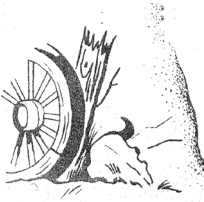
1:30 pm **Closing Remarks by Linda Collier, President**

2:00 pm **Tour of the Fort Heritage Precinct**

Honourary Lifetime Memberships



1962	<i>E.S. George, Edmonton</i>
1963	<i>Hugh A. Dempsey, Calgary</i>
1968	<i>James Gray, Calgary</i>
1977	<i>Georgeen Barrass, Calgary</i>
1995	<i>Fred G. Holberton, Calgary</i>
1999	<i>Sheila Johnston, Calgary</i>
2000	<i>Morris Flewwelling, Red Deer</i>
2000	<i>Allen and Shirley Ronaghan, Edmonton</i>
2001	<i>Carlton (Carly) Ross Stewart, Lethbridge</i>
2001	<i>James A.N. Mackie, Q.C., Calgary</i>
2002	<i>Helen LaRose, Edmonton</i>
2005	<i>Jack and Enid Fitzsimonds</i>
2006	<i>Ralph L. Erdman, Lethbridge</i>
2006	<i>F. Marie Dorsey, Edmonton</i>
2007	<i>No Award</i>
2008	<i>No Award</i>
2009	<i>Dr. Geoffrey J. Wilson</i>
2010	<i>Donald Hepburn</i>
2011	<i>Trudy Cowan. LL.D.</i>
2012	<i>Linda Collier</i>
2013	<i>Vivian D. Sampson</i>
2014	<i>No Award</i>
2015	<i>No Award</i>
2016	<i>No Award</i>



The Provincial Council

2016 – 2017

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