Welcome Your New President For 2011-13

Belinda Crowson was born in Taber, Alberta. She attended schools in Enchant and Vauxhall and graduated from the University of Lethbridge in 1992 with a Bachelor of Education followed in 1998 by a Bachelor of Science degree in BioChemistry. Since 2000, she has worked as the Museum Educator at the Galt Museum & Archives in Lethbridge sharing her love of history with thousands of school students each year. She is a Past President of the Lethbridge Historical Society. In 2010 she was named to the University of Lethbridge Alumna Honour Society.

We welcome Belinda to the Presidency and look forward to working with her over the next two years.
Welcome
Welcome to new members and/or subscribers
March 15, 2011 — June 15, 2011
Andrew Hawkes, Calgary
Shelley Rasmussen, Standard
Donald/Arlene Hepburn, Cochrane
Angela Carlyle, Red Deer
Lianne Kruger, Red Deer
Fred Gainer, Edmonton
Milan Mijatovic, Edmonton
Calgary Heritage Initiative Society, Calgary
John Todd, St. Albert
Evelyn Dieterle, Burstall SK
Johanne Yaku, Edmonton
Courtney Campbell, Edmonton
Charles Gareth MacKay, Banff
Rhondda Schindeler, Lethbridge
Jack Vaneaton, Clive
Roger Bakes, Red Deer County
Julie Pike, Nobleford
David P. MacNaughton, Stettler
Dale Kastelen, Calgary
Millie Boucher, Lac La Biche
Jordan Jos Jans, Tompkins SK
Barbara Walters, Clive
Margaret Fyten, Calgary
Duane Bowers, Chauvin
Prerna Koberstein, Lacombe

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David Innes
Bill/June Tye
Mary Mishra
Richard Bailey
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Evelyn/Kathy Brown
Murray/Marilyn Younger
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Drs. Lloyd/Margaret Rodway
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Anna Fahrion
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Daryl White

Donations to the Legacy 2011 Campaign will be published in the October 2011 issue.
President's Report

I am honoured to have the opportunity over the upcoming two years to serve as the President of this organization. I am looking forward to a fun and active time ahead.

First, let me express my personal gratitude to Bill Baergen. I have learned a great deal these past two years from you and I have incredibly large shoes to fill. Your graciousness, sense of humour and knowledge are going to be a hard act to follow. What many of you don’t know is that Bill and I are both from the same small town (Vauxhall, Alberta) and I’m hoping some of his wit and ability will rub off on me.

Thank you to everyone who worked on the Conference. Congratulations again to all of the award recipients. You are an inspiration to all of us.

by Belinda Crowson

The conference was also a great chance to see and talk with so many of our members from across the province. And those of us from down here in the deep south can never resist an opportunity to show off our beautiful part of the province.

While there are so many highlights from the conference, one of my personal favourites is always the heritage fair presentations. Listening to these young students present their research and work with a passion and knowledge far beyond their years, makes me well aware that the history of our province is in great hands. These students understand why history is important.

I am greatly looking forward over the next two years to getting to visit all of your communities and meeting more of our Society members. I know from the newsletters and reports all of the hard-work being done in each chapter and I can’t wait to see it in person.

I’ll get my first opportunity to meet many of you from Chinook Country this summer at the Casino and as the guest speaker to your chapter in September.

The Mountie

"The Mountie" is a western movie about a tough, heroic Mountie dispatched to the Yukon in the 1890s who must battle a criminal gang trying to enslave a small settler community.

The Mountie stars a pair of Canadian Actors, Andrew Walker (Steel Toes, The Torturer) and Jessica Paré (Mad Men), along with other screen veterans such as Earl Paskto (Highway 61) and John Wildman (My American Cousin).

The picture is set in the time of Sam Steele and contains poetry by the great Robert Service. Fans of classic westerns will warm to this All-Canadian western rooted in Canadian History.

While The Mountie is first and foremost an entertaining movie, it also expands interest in our history and national stories. Filmed on location in Yukon Territory, the movie also gives the rest of Canada an amazing look at a part of our country that most of us have never before seen.

We would like to work directly with the Alberta Historical society to inform its members and allies about the film. Further, we would like to arrange advance group seating for all your members who would have interest in attending the film when it comes to Edmonton and Calgary theaters so that we may deliver a block booking ticket price discount to all members, family and friends of AHS who wish to come see "The Mountie."

The website for the film is www.themountie.ca. The Mountie will be in theaters across Canada this Canada Day, July 1.

If there are any questions or additional information is required, please contact me directly by email pdaniels@travestyproductions.com, or by phone at 647.340.4466 — Phillip Daniels, Producer.
Trudy Cowan, I.L.D.  Honorary Lifetime Membership
Nominated by: William Tye

As noted, the criteria to be eligible for a Honorary Lifetime membership in The Historical Society of Alberta is that 'the recipient must have provided meritorious service to The Historical Society of Alberta over a period of years'. Dr. Cowan is most deserving of this honor; having devoted over 40 years to the promotion and preservation of Alberta's history, both professionally and personally. Trudy, to us, is recognized not only in Alberta but also nationally for her efforts in the heritage community.

Since her arrival into the cultural sector in March, 1969 Dr. Cowan has developed into an experienced, award-winning consultant, administrator, mentor and advisor in the museum, heritage preservation and cultural field. She started her journey at the Glenbow Museum as Head of Educational Programming. She has since worked and/or volunteered with most of the museums in Alberta, as well as sites in Quebec, Ontario, and the North West Territories. She has most recently been recognized as the ‘face’ of the Lougheed House in Calgary.

Trudy Cowan led the volunteer, professional, government and community efforts to restore the 2.8 acre Lougheed House, an estate also known as Beau lieu, from January 1990 until the site was open and fully operational as a Public Heritage Centre in 2005. For many years she worked as a volunteer, only in the last few years receiving a salary as Executive Director. This $10 million project was a dream that she began in 1990, and she describes herself as the project’s “orchestra conductor” adding that no orchestra can make music with only a conductor, but that it needs musicians and support staff and people in the audience in order to be truly successful.

Trudy has written and edited numerous articles, booklets, brochures and books; researched and presented two “In-Person’A tions” of suffragist and author, Nellie McClung, and artist and author, Emily Carr; has been an active volunteer and board member for over 20 organizations and causes. She is as well the recipient of numerous awards.

Please join The Historical Society of Alberta in bestowing an Honorary Lifetime Membership to Trudy Cowan. We are proud to have you as part of the family.
Jean Johnstone  Annual Award
Nominated by: Lethbridge Historical Society
Jean is well known to the heritage community having lived in Lethbridge since 1955. A graduate of the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, she started her career at the Sir Alexander Galt Museum in the 1970s. She served as the first Archivist for the City of Lethbridge (Galt Museum) and also served as the first female City Clerk for Lethbridge.
Jean is a Past President of the Lethbridge Historical Society and a past Second Vice-President of The Historical Society of Alberta. She continues as Co-Chair of the LHS Plaques & Monuments Committee and serves as the LHS representative of the City of Lethbridge Downtown Redevelopment Steering Committee. Jean as well serves as the LHS representative and Chair of the City of Lethbridge Heritage Advisory Committee — this Committee evaluates and makes recommendations to City Council regarding the potential designation of historic properties. She also contributed as one of a group of historical society volunteers who assisted with the survey of heritage buildings in Lethbridge, with just under 3000 buildings being inventoried.
We wish to recognize Jean’s continued commitment to the preservation of Alberta’s history with a 2011 Annual Award.

Joan & Clarence Davis  Annual Award
Nominated by: Ron Kessler
Joan and Clarence Davis have been devoted volunteers for the preservation of history for many years.
The Davis’ have been active in the Southern Alberta Pioneers since 1991. They have worked on the historical committee with that organization for the past twenty years. They were instrumental in getting the Memorial Building of the Southern Alberta Pioneers declared a ‘historic’ building.
They have worked researching the family histories of Southern Alberta Pioneers with Jay Jaffe and in 1993 the Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta, was produced for the benefit of all Albertans. The 1981 Alberta census was recorded by them and delivered to the Alberta Family Histories Society. They have catalogued artifacts for Fort Calgary at fort sites; volunteered at the Morley Mission McDougall Church for several years (sometimes 2-3 days per week). As well, they have volunteered with the Chinook Country Historical Society’s Historic Week for many years.
Clarence was Pioneer Gentlemen in 2009. Clarence and Joan have made many visits to classrooms in the Calgary area to give student presentations on the history of the City and the surrounding communities.
Congratulations to Joan and Clarence Davis on receiving a 2011 Annual Award.

Prairie Tractor and Engine Society  Award of Merit
Nominated by: Lethbridge Historical Society
Early in 1982 a group interested in the hobby of collecting and restoring antique tractors and farm machinery met to discuss the idea of establishing a tractor museum. The outcome was the establishment of the “Prairie Tractor and Engine Club”. In August of 1983-1986 the Club organized two-day Threshing Shows. The popularity of these shows facilitated the purchase of land south of Picture Butte to become the home of the Club and the site for future shows held on the third weekend of August. A shop for the restoration and maintenance of tractors and machinery, and storage facilities were constructed, providing a year round home for the Club’s activities.
The Society’s objectives have expanded to include the relocation and restoration of buildings and related artifacts of historic significance. By 2000, more than a dozen such buildings were added to the “Pioneer Village” area of the site and the “Prairie Acres Museum” displayed more than 100 machines. Also, as the property is on a coulee (tributary to the Old Man River valley) which was the location of a number of coal mines in the early 1900’s, a walking tour past the entrances to these sites has been developed.
In 2001 the Society received a substantial legacy from an estate, sufficient to erect a 5,000 square foot general purpose centre which has become a popular community centre for the Picture Butte area as well as serving the manifold needs of the Society. Through the efforts of dedicated volunteer members, the Prairie Tractor and Engine Society is continuing to fill important needs in the County of Lethbridge and neighbouring areas.
My Roots
by Don Edgecombe

My mother was Sarah Eliza Winnifred (Owens) Edgecombe. She was born in Ottawa on April 17th.

1889 the younger sister of Percy. Her parents were John Owens and Constance (Howell) Owens. Her paternal grandfather was Edward Owens born in 1821 in Ireland, and her grandmother was Eliza. Her maternal grandfather was Henry Howell also born in 1821 in Ireland, and her other grandmother was Henry's wife Sarah Ann. No doubt this explains my mother's first two given names and how she chose to be known as Winnifred or Winnie. As a young woman she worked in Anglican Indian Residential Schools as girl's supervisor. It's in in Sault St. Marie, Ontario, and later in Grouard, Alberta. While boarding a train in Edmonton en route to Grouard with a heavy steamer trunk, she was offered assistance by a handsome young stranger, who was also boarding the train to Grouard. His name was Harold Nichols Edgecombe.

My father Harold was born in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on May 8th, 1883 the youngest of nine children. His parents were Richard and Annie Louise (Shiel's) Edgecombe. Dad worked in a men's clothing store named Colwell Brothers in Halifax in 1903. This company is still operating and had eight stores when I visited Halifax in 1994 and spoke to the great grandson of the founder. Dad had several different jobs in Dartmouth and Halifax before moving west in '1913. He moved westerly across the prairies working the fall harvest, then spent the winter as a coal miner in Fernie B.C. He then moved to Grouard Alberta to work. * in a fur trading post operated by Ken McKenzie. He served in the Canadian Army during-the-Great War, with the First Depot Battalion unit he was wounded in France on September 27th 1918. When the war ended he returned to Grouard and became store manager for Lambson Hubbard an American Company. In Grouard he courted my mother until he was transferred to Fort Vermilion, Alberta in 1920. The courtship continued by mail until he returned for the wedding on June 29th, 1921 in the High Prairie Anglican Church.

My parents raised a family of four in Fort Vermilion, Dorothy Grace, Harold Alexander, Donald David (myself) and Phyllis Louise. In 1924, when Lambson Hubbard sold out to the Hudson's Bay Company, my parents moved to Ottawa where they purchased a grocery store. However, my Dad missed the north and persuaded my Mother to move back to Fort Vermilion, before I was born November 9, 1926.

They operated the post office and a fur trading business for many years until Dad had a serious heart attack. In semi-retirement he had several part time jobs including secretary of the school division, radio telegraph operator, justice of the peace and commissioner of oaths until his retirement in Devon, Alberta in 1963. Dad passed away on October 30, 1967 and Mother joined him on January 23, 1981.

Growing up in Alberta I did not have the opportunity to meet any of my relatives during my younger years. I did meet my uncle Percy and his family in 1954 when I drove to Ontario with my wife Velma and my mother. In 1994, I met a second cousin Jane Van Doorn the granddaughter of my uncle George Edgecombe. Jane, her two sons and one young grandson were the only Edgecombe relatives I have ever met. Jane was my age and after a few hours Velma and I both felt we had known her for years. We corresponded regularly until her death August 3, 1996.

About 1991, I became interested in researching my family history. Tracing my father's branch of the Family Tree proved very challenging, as I hadn't been told a whole lot by him; I knew he was the youngest of nine children, five boys and four girls. My two sisters had been corresponding with our cousin, Mary (Blair) Lionberger of Boston, who gave us a general background of my aunts and uncles and their families. Mary was my aunt Anne's only child... She was a nurse who married Dr Leo Lionberger in Boston. She had been given a nurse's lapel pin- on watch by our aunt Lillian, also a nurse, and had no children.

The watch was presented to Lillian, suitably engraved, by US President William Taft in recognition of her many years as the full time family nurse, caring constantly for the president's sickly son Robert Taft, who later became one of the more famous and respected US Senators. This watch has been passed down from Lillian to Mary to my niece Barbara Wearnouth to my granddaughter Jenny Guittard, all four being registered nurses.

My Dad told me of only two experiences from his army life. He never mentioned being wounded so I was very surprised to read about it when we requested his military records from the government long after his death.

He somehow survived being buried alive in a trench in France when a German artillery shell landed close enough to knock him down and cave in the walls of the trench on top of him. Fortunately, as he fell, his steel helmet tipped forward over his face trapping enough air for him to remain alive while his comrades dug frantically to rescue him.

The other story he told was very sad. His unit had just completed a duty detail in the front lines and were walking back toward their field base when he came face to face with his brother Brent, whose unit was going into the trenches to relieve Dad's unit. They stopped to talk for a moment but the Sergeant hollered to get moving and Dad never saw his brother again. Uncle Brent survived the war but moved to the western USA right after the war, either before or after Dad stopped in Halifax to see his mother and sisters before
returning to Alberta. My grandfather Richard had passed away on July 21, 1913 and my grandmother had moved from Dartmouth to Halifax to live with my aunt Anne and her husband Robert Blair. They survived the Great Halifax Explosion and Fire of 1913, even though they lived on Robie Street only a few blocks from the harbour where the explosion occurred.

Dad’s siblings in order of age were Richard Philip, Anne Blanche, George Seymour, Mary Jane Florence, Brenton Gabriel, John Herbert, Lillian Grace, and Ethel Louise. My grandfather Richard Edgecombe was the eldest of a family of four children. His parents were Gabriel and Mary. Gabriel was born in Launceston England in 1785 the sixth child and only son in the family. My father told me an interesting story about Gabriel, probably passed on to him by his father. Gabriel had decided to immigrate to Canada and arranged passage on a sailing ship from Plymouth. He was told the ship would sail on Sunday at seven in the evening.

Then he arrived at the dock he was advised that the departure was delayed and to come back on Monday at seven pm. He returned on Monday only to find that the ship had sailed earlier without him. He later discovered that the ship had been lost with no survivors. By this odd twist of fate our branch of the family tree survived and flourished. Coincidentally my father’s branch of the family tree is the only one perpetuating our Edgecombe name. Dad’s brother George had two sons but both died young with no children. His other male siblings had no sons.

My great grandfather Gabriel (1785-1859) was an only son of seven children.

Gabriel’s father Richard of Launceston (1751-1807) was fifth in a family of six children.

Richard’s father John of Ogbear (1712-1755) was the eighth of ten children.

John’s father Gabriel of Longbrook (1666-1719) was the youngest of three children.

Gabriel’s father George of Ottery (1633-1702) was the youngest of eight children.

George’s father Gabriel (1588-1670) was the ninth child of thirteen.

Gabriel’s father George of Ottery (1538-1618) was the eldest of seven children.

George’s father was John of Ottery (1507-1587). John’s father Thomas was the youngest of four children and the census showed he was alive in 1533.

Thomas’s father John of Oxford (1430-1497).

John’s father Richard (1400-1484)

Richard’s father John of Edgecombe (1375-1464).

John’s father John of Edgecombe (1328-1403), older brother of William (see William below).

John’s father Richard of Edgecombe died 1349 second of four brothers.

Richard’s father Richard built Edgecombe House near Milton Abbot in 1292 and died in 1319.

Richard’s father John died in 1285.

Now back to my multi-generation cousin William, younger brother of John of Edgecombe. William married Hillarie de Cotehele in 1353. His descendants built Cotehele castle between 1485 and 1539. The family later built Mount Edgecombe Castle across the harbour from the city of Plymouth. Both these estates are now National Historic Sites and have been beautifully preserved, one consisting of 1200 acres and the other 800. I was privileged to visit both in 2000 with my son Don and grandson Howie. One of William’s heirs Richard was knighted as the first Earl of Mount Edgecombe. The title has been passed down from generation to generation, with the current Earl being the ninth. He lived in New Zealand prior to his ascension to the earldom.

John and William’s father was Richard of Edgecumbe, the second of four brothers who died in 1349. He built Edgecumbe House in 1292. On our visit to the area we visited the house and found it still being lived in 708 years after it’s original construction. A large addition was completed in the 1500’s. Above the doorway the initials RE for Richard Edgecumbe are very visible, recessed in the plaster interior wall. Our ancestors sold the property to the Duke of Bedford who owned the adjoining lands. The Duke then willed it to one of his long serving farm managers and it has been willed from one generation to the next, eventually to the present owners Mr and Mrs Uglow, who very graciously allowed us to tour the house when they learned of our connection to the original builder.

Richard’s father was John of Edgecumbe who died in 1285. Using him as generation number one, that I was positively able to trace and substantiate, I would be generation number 19, my children 20, and my grandchildren 21. The Edgecombes of Alberta are the only male Edgecombe descendants from Gabriel of Longbrook the 13th generation. In earlier years our surname was spelled Edcumbe, but gradually evolved to the spelling we use now, by adding an “e” next to the “g” and replacing the “u” with “o”. How did this name begin? It’s origin is on the high banks of the Tamar River which represents the border between Cornwall and Devon Counties in southwest England. Many small ravines or cumbes were created by run off from the high ground down to the steep banks of the Tamar River. Adjoining the head of each cume were the flat fertile farmlands which our forefathers cultivated. Hence the name Edcumbe or edge of the cume.

My interest in family genealogy began in 1991. I researched the archives of the Church of Latter Day Saints in Edmonton for a whole day and came home with 44 pages of Edgecombes and Edgecombes from Cornwall and Devon,
but none from Nova Scotia. I was advised that government regulations prohibited public access to this type of information until the person being researched had been dead at least 100 years. With the 44 pages I had no way of knowing where we stood. I knew my grandfather's name was Richard, and but had no idea what his father's name was, as my Dad simply referred to him as his grandpa when he told me the story of the missed voyage on the sailing ship that sank. My son Don Jr., and I started writing letters to several churches in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and eventually received copies of my grandfather's baptism and marriage records plus my great grandfather Gabriel's marriage. This showed his parents as Richard and Elizabeth Edgecombe of Launceston England. From this point I was able to laboriously locate Gabriel's parents hidden somewhere amid my 44 pages of Cornwall and Devon Edgecombes. Then I worked my way backward for generations 14 to number 1. and by sheer good luck I was made aware of Alan Taylor of England a distant descendant of our family through his mother who was connected to our 13th generation. Alan has spent over 20 years researching the Edgecombe family history, and has over 12,000 Edgecombes from many parts of the world in his computer database. He publishes a quarterly magazine, Edgecombe Family Genealogy and History. I have been a subscriber for about 12 years. We visited Alan and his wife Margaret in 2000 at their home south west of London.

The two castles we visited are absolutely loaded with history, but didn't belong to my direct lineage, as they were owned by descendants of a younger brother of our Richard seventeen generations before me, from whence grew the line of earls of Mount Edgecombe. Many British monarchs such as Queen Victoria, King George V and Queen Mary, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, Queen Elizabeth II and have been house guests at Mount Edgecombe. Also Emperor Napoleon III of France, Emperor Frederick of Russia, Captain James Cook and Sir Frances Drake were just a few of the dignitaries who have been welcomed for extended visits. Captain Cook named Mount Edgecombe Alaska and Mount Edgecombe New Zealand and also Edgecombe Bay in Australia in recognition of this estate and also in appreciation of one of our ancestors who sailed with him. Sir Walter Raleigh's grandmother was from our direct line of ancestors. Our family Coat of Arms is proudly displayed on a wall in our den beside a large framed drawing of the village of Tavistock, about 30 miles from our family birthplace, as it appeared in the year 1761. In the picture and accompanying caption I find a home owned by a John Edgecombe. Obviously I have not finished all the research that could possibly take us back several more generations along the branch of the family tree. But at age 80 I am running out of curiosity. Hopefully one of my three sons or three male grandsons with our surname will take up the challenge long after I have departed this world.

Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park  (http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/mountedgcumbe)

Mount Edgcumbe House is the former home of the Earls of Mount Edgecumbe. Set in Grade I Cornish Gardens within 865 acres Country Park on the Rame Peninsula, South East Cornwall.

Whether you are searching for a venue for a family outing or group visit, enthused by the magnificent Grade I Cornish gardens and famous historic house, combining your visit with a cruise of the River Tamar, looking for a civil wedding venue or viewing the national collection of camellias you are invited to come and explore, enjoy, learn its history or even dream awhile.

Mount Edgcumbe House was first built in the 1500s and was restored after World War Two. It is jointly owned by Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council and is one of the regions most popular historic tourist destinations.

The House and Earl's Garden (admission charged) is open Sunday to Thursday and Bank Holiday Monday between 11am and 4.30pm from Sunday 3 April to Wednesday 28 September 2011. Group bookings can also be arranged in March and October. The house is available for civil wedding and civil partnership ceremonies plus conferences.

The wider park is open year round, daily from 8am to dusk and is free to the public. The free area of the park includes the National Camellia Collection, the majority of the formal gardens and the Orangery Restaurant.

The Stables and Orangery are open daily until 30 September (occasional closures for special events) then weekends only for the winter period. Refreshments can also be purchased at the Cremyll Shop inside the gate in the lower park.
Carseland Public Benefit Club

“In July 1912 a group of thirty-two Carseland and district women founded the Carseland Public Benefit Club. Over the years their undertakings were many and varied including helping local families in need, public assistance to local children and flowers for the sick. During the wars they had an extensive program of knitting socks and sweaters, and sending food parcels to the boys overseas. The Carseland PB Club also assisted in the finishing and furnishing of the new Hall, catering and planning, preparing and hosting bridal showers for local brides and bridegrooms.”

— Quote from ‘Trails to the Bow – Carseland and Cheadle Chronicles’

Since 1912 the Carseland Public Benefit Club’s intention has been to augment programs for those in need as well as provide a service to improve community welfare.

As a not-for-profit organization, the PB Club exists solely to promote the health, well being, safety, and education of the general population of the Carseland district. For ninety-nine years the PB Club attempts to fill or enhance any void in needed service areas that relate or affect Carseland and its surrounding population. The PB Club is not facility driven, nor sports or agriculturally focused, but has supported a variety of populations within the larger county area (i.e.: seniors, children, maternity, voluntary associations).

Historically the PB Club has been for female members only, however this was more due to the fact that the men were either working the land or serving in the armed forces. The division of labor was so much more distinct back then; females predominately did stitching and cooking. In 1998, “open membership” was discussed and it was agreed that any community member was welcome to join. There has yet to be a male member. The Carseland Public Benefit Club does have a broad-based membership of ladies living in and around Carseland town-ship.

A wide array of events and programs have enhanced the community through PB Club efforts. They include:

• aiding medical treatment programs by furnishing and providing equipment of the maternity room at the Valley General Hospital in Strathmore;
• providing relief to the poor by semi-annual donations to the Wheatland Food Bank;
• publishing of Carseland and Cheadle chronicles book “Trails By The Bow” (1971) and ‘More Trails to the Bow’ (2007)
• providing further education opportunities or informational sessions in a variety of topics (i.e. fire safety, health, local history)

The membership of the PB Club establishes and provides all program delivery, and all programs benefit the local community and extended county, not the club members’ self-interest.

In April 2012 the Club will celebrate their 100th Anniversary. Because their original undertakings included extensive support to the Red Cross (for example: knitting socks for deployed soldiers, sewing bandages and slings, and maintaining a Prisoner of War Fund) they have chosen a military theme to celebrate their centennial.

The Club believes the power of future community success lies within our next generation and, in this theme, has invited the 3125 Royal Canadian Army Cadets and the Alberta Army Cadet League to participate in their celebration; showcasing their training, discipline and commitment of youth to building our nation.

Feature Decade: 1912 – 1922 Feature Decade Member: Mrs. Anna Berquist

Anna Berquist (nee Fiksdal), with her husband Bill, settled in the Carseland area in 1908. She was very active in the church and community, being voted Vice President of the original Bow Valley Ladies Aid Society in 1910 and hosting the January meeting of the Carseland Public Benefit Club in 1913. An enthusiast of nature, Anna took much pride in her flowers and plants. The community helped Anna and Bill celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in June 1931 at the site of their beautiful homestead near the first half-section purchased. The Berquist house currently sits at Aspen Crossing in Mossleigh, back amongst beautiful plants and flowers, anticipating refurbishing.

World events from this decade:

April 10, 1912: Sinking of the Titanic
April 3, 1913: British suffragette Emily Pankhurst sentenced to 3 years in jail
August 4, 1914: Canada entered World War I
January 18, 1919: Paris: Peace Conference negotiated the treaties ending World War I
May 23, 1922: Walt Disney incorporates his 1st film company Laugh-O-Gram films

PB Club events from this decade:

• In 1914 PB Club members accepted responsibility of sewing bandages, slings, and nurse’s aprons for Red Cross. Many hours of many meetings were spent visiting over fabric.
• A flu epidemic prevailed the region; no meetings were held between October 1918 to February 1919.
• Prisoner of War’ dues paid by Carseland PB Club members up to January 1, 1919 were donated to the Red Cross “the prisoners were released and would need no further support” (quote from 1920’s minutes).
• A banquet celebrating the return of soldiers was held November 11, 1919 organized by a committee consisting of Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Bishop, Miss Alicia Phillips and Mrs. G. Field.
HSA AGM & Conference Highlights

Edwardian Dress

Jean Johnstone

Pat Brown

LtoR: Marion Snowden, Belinda Crowson, Lana Lonseth, Pat Brown and Bobbie Fox

Banquet & AGM

LtoR: Sheila Bannerman and Janet Peterson
HSA AGM & Conference Highlights — Photos by: Laurence G. Hoye

Past Presidents

Sheila McManus

Pat Wearmouth PCHS

Introducing Guest Speaker - Ray Huel

Heritage Fair Presenters

Heritage Fair Regional Presenters

Dr. Hugh Dempsey
HSA AGM & Conference Activities

Coyote Flats Pioneer Village  
— Photo: Laurence G. Hoye

On the Finnegan Ferry  
— Photo: Laurence G. Hoye

Carly Stewart & Bill Baergen in jail  
— Photo: Roberta Ryckman

We were fortunate to have 7 Past Presidents attend the AGM and Conference this year.
Back Row: LtoR:
Bill Baergen, Ron Wiliams, Carly Stewart
Front Row:
LtoR: Don Hepburn, Sheila Johnston and Linda Collier
Missing from Photo: Hugh Dempsey who was in attendance Friday evening.
— Photo: Roberta Ryckman

Lethbridge Citizens Band
Special to HSA members  
Buy before August 31, 2011  
$30.00 plus $7.00 p&h

Always an Adventure  

by Hugh A. Dempsey  

It’s “Always an Adventure” for historian Hugh A. Dempsey

Over eighty years in the making, Always an Adventure, the autobiography of popular western historian Hugh A. Dempsey has just been published by the University of Calgary Press.

Dempsey is one of Alberta’s most prolific and influential public historians and author of more than twenty books, including Crowfoot, Chief of the Blackfoot; Red Crow, Warrior Chief; Indian Tribes of Alberta; Gentle Persuader: A Biography of James Gladstone, Indian Senator; and Charcoal’s World: The True Story of a Canadian Indian’s Last Stand.

Historian David Finch comments in Alberta Views that “the memoirs of Hugh Dempsey read like the recollections of a man who has observed history for centuries... this historian who married into the history of the West provides an unparalleled perspective on the Canadian experience.”

Born in Edmonton in 1929, Dempsey began his writing career as a journalist for the Edmonton Bulletin newspaper from 1948 to 1951 before becoming a publicity writer for the Alberta Government. In 1956, he began his life-long involvement in western heritage when he became the archivist of the recently established Glenbow Museum in Calgary. At the time he wasn’t even sure what an archivist did, “I knew the meaning of the world ‘archivist,’ but that’s about all I knew. However, the prospect of looking after all the documents and photographs collected by Glenbow seemed like a thrilling one.”

The thrill of being involved in one of western Canada’s premier heritage institutions continued for the next thirty-five years. Dempsey served as Glenbow’s archivist, and later curator/director, retiring in 1991 with the title Chief Curator Emeritus.

Throughout his career, Dempsey has both witnessed and helped shape the development of key Alberta institutions such as the Indian Association of Alberta, the Historical Society of Alberta, and the Glenbow Museum.

Through his marriage in 1953, to Pauline Gladstone, daughter of Canadian Senator James Gladstone of the Kainai Blackfoot, Dempsey deepened his growing interest in Blackfoot history and became thoughtful archivist and biographer of Native culture. For his contributions became the honorary secretary of the Indian Association of Alberta and was made an honorary chief of the Kainai Nation in 1967. He awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Calgary, and in 1975 was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada.

Now, in his own engaging words, drawn from years of copious note-taking, diaries, photographs, and his own books and articles, Hugh A. Dempsey recounts the events, challenges, frustrations and joys that have made his life “always an adventure.”

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In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, travelling within North American borders or beyond to exotic locations was difficult at best and disastrous at worst. Mary Schaffer, born into a Pennsylvania-based Quaker family in 1861, not only conquered international travel but also excelled as an explorer, surveyor and photographer in the backcountry of Canada's Rocky Mountains and the isolated communities of Japan and Formosa (now Taiwan).

Michaë Lang's new book features more than 200 of Mary Schaffers colourful, hand-painted lantern slides from the archives of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies. These unique works of art detail some of the indigenous people and breathtaking landscapes of the Rocky Mountains, along with tribal communities of Japan and Formosa.

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Tonnage, funnels, coal, steam and nautical things generally, for me, do not resonate so I was pleasantly surprised to find many stories and facts that did interest me. For example it was faster and safer to bring mail from the Far East to England through Canada.

From the first three Empress liners launched in 1890 to the last passenger liner (The Empress of Canada III) launched by Olive Diefenbaker with a bottle of Canadian wine in 1960, CP ships had numerous adventures and carried many varied types of cargo and people—staff, troops, immigrants, movie stars etc.

In 1939 the Empress of Australia hosted King George VI and Queen Elizabeth from Portsmouth to Quebec City. “It took a week of frenzied work to make it ready...The smell of thousands of gallons of hastily applied paint was concealed with buckets of water filled with sliced onions”. The King and Queen then rode across Canada in a private CP rail car and boarded the Princess Marguerite, a CP ferry which sailed between Vancouver and Victoria.

During World War II CP “gave over to the Admiralty six Empresses, four Duchesses, two Princesses and five Beavers...They all suffered the indignity of having been painted grey with all luxurious furnishings removed.” One of the five still remaining at the end of the war, the Duchess of Bedford, was refitted and “elevated” to Empress of France II. I hadn’t realized how often ships were renamed, sold to other countries and used for different purposes.

Descriptions of the everyday duties of the numerous staff on these ships over the years are vivid. There were firemen who keep the furnaces going, radio operators called Sparks, “steam queens” who did the laundry, men who shovelled coal day and night, chefs, bath stewardesses, pursers, captains etc.

Readers of this book will be reminded of the importance of the Canadian Pacific. They were involved in land sales, shipping, hotels, insurance, mining, recruiting WWI troops (my grandfather for one) and of course the railway. I often wondered why Canada had both the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National railways. Thanks to this book, I now know. It informs and entertains not just sea lovers but folks interested in Canadian history as well.

This review was prepared by Brenda Etherington

While we’re on our summer hiatus, the book will be on sale at a number of events commemorating the centennial of the opening of the trail and at several heritage sites in our region. If you’re looking to purchase the book, but can’t make it to one of these events, please send us an email at contactus@pc-hs.ca or, send your cheque for $20 ($15 plus $5 shipping and handling) to:

**Peace Country Historical Society,**  
PO Box 23394, RPO Prairie Mall  
Grande Prairie, AB, T8V 7G7.

We’ve had some changes in our executive. Campbell Ross has stepped down as President — his vision and energy will be sorely missed.

Dr. Daryl White, a historian at Grande Prairie Regional College, has become our new president and is joined by a dedicated executive in Leslie Pearson, Vice-President; Lucie Campbell, Treasurer; and Janet Peterson, Secretary.

The society is already hard at work on the second issue on the Athabasca or Long Trail and also planning a lecture in October featuring Alberta’s largest unsolved mass murder, which occurred in Grande Prairie in 1918.

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**Silent Auction Donors 2011 – HSA AGM & Conference. Lethbridge, Alberta**

The Historical Society of Alberta and the Lethbridge Historical Society wish to thank the following donors for their contributions to the 2011 Silent Auction held at the Conference and Annual General Meeting in Lethbridge.

We raised over $1200 to offset the Conference costs.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the preparation of the Silent Auction. Special thanks to Michele Mallinso, Jean Johnstone, Belinda Crowson, Linda Collier, Vivian Sampson and Janet Peterson for setting out the auction items. Thanks to Max Zheng and Carly Stewart for collecting the proceeds. Great work!!!

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- **Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village**
CCHS had its annual Christmas lunch and program at Fort Calgary on Saturday, December 11, 2010. Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker had to cancel on short notice due to illness. After a flurry of phone calls, two musicians were found. A husband and wife duo provided musical entertainment, with songs from the 1920s to the 1950s, which made for a festive event.

Once again, we have had very interesting lectures for our Tuesday evening programs. January’s presentation, by George Kush, was on the Nez Perce in Canada. It told the story of the Nez Perce as they sought sanctuary north of the Medicine Line, and included historic photographs that had never before been seen in public. In February, Sheila Bannerman (President of the Central Alberta Historical Society), gave a presentation on Albertan volunteers in the Boer War, and how this is related to the mythology of the Western Canadian ‘cowboy’.

March was the AGM, held at the historic Ranchmen's Club. (Thanks to Vivian Sampson for handling the arrangements with the Club). There were some new faces and some departures on the CCHS board. Andrew Mosker, Executive Director of the Cantos Music Foundation, was the featured speaker.

In April, we had Amy von Heyking from the University of Lethbridge, who talked on the teaching of history in Alberta schools from the early 1900s. Our final speaker before the summer break is George Colpitts from the University of Calgary who will talk on wildlife conservation in Alberta in the early 1900s.

Lethbridge hosted the Historical Society of Alberta’s annual conference and AGM at the end of May.

The theme was 3 Es — excursions, exhibition, and education. The opening night reception at the Galt Museum, lectures, and tours were all very enjoyable and interesting. There were also presentations by future history buffs — the recipients of heritage fairs in Alberta. Congratulations to the organizers and those who made the weekend possible!

Don’t forget Historic Calgary Week during the summer. The Week begins July 22. There will be many interesting events and programs; watch for the program brochure for full details.
We are looking forward to Summer in southern Alberta!

May was a busy month for the LHS – with both the Historic Lethbridge Festival and the HSA Triple “E” Conference and AGM.

Our contributions to the Historic Lethbridge Festival included participation in three events: the dedication of interpretive plaques at Elizabeth McKillop Park; organizing and hosting a talk by Rev. Dr. Austin Fennel on “The Travel Diary of Reverend Charles McKillop on his coming to Lethbridge in 1886”; and the unveiling of 7 new interpretive plaques for historic buildings, including the recently redeveloped Paramount Theatre building. The 2011 Festival adopted a more “impact” format (5 days rather than 3) which we believe was more successful.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Triple “E” HSA Conference & AGM, especially the organizing committee and volunteers for all their work in advance and over the course of the weekend.

Thanks too to the other chapters, volunteers, and special guests who participated in the various sessions and events. Thank you to our guest speakers, Dr. Sheila McManus and Dr. Raymond Huel. Thanks to the City of Lethbridge for their Local Hosting Grant support. And thank you to all who attended.

We were delighted that the HSA fit to honour our Jean Johnstone with one of its Annual Awards, and to give its 2011 Award of Merit to the Prairie Tractor and Engine Museum Society at Picture Butte — now to be known also as the “Coyote Flats Pioneer Village”.

We offer our congratulations to Trudy Cowan on her Honorary Lifetime Membership Award and to Clarence and Joan Davis on their Annual Award. And to the students who represented their regions with such great skill and distinction with their Heritage Fair projects and presentations.

I hope you all have an eventful and enjoyable summer. After our seasonal hiatus, we will resume our meeting and program schedule on September 26th with a short road trip to visit the “Gem of the West” Museum in Coaldale, Alberta — winner of an HSA Annual Award in 2006!

The HSA would like to thank Peter J. M. Pallelsen, M.Ed., M.Sc., M.A. for his kind donation of a copy of the 2011 Heritage Book, 30th Danish Canadian Conference, Calgary, AB May 26 - 29, 2011.

Biographies of the Pallelsen family can be found on pp. 68 - 78 of the book.
This book is available for your review at our offices, Suite 622, 304 8th Ave. SW, Calgary, AB.

Make a note on your calendar.

September 26, 2011 is the road trip to visit the “Gem of the West” Museum in Coaldale

See the website: http://www.gemofthewest.ca/to learn what this museum has to offer.
Spring is awards season, and the CAHS was well represented in various types of awards in the City of Red Deer. I am happy to congratulate Board members Faye Hughes and Bill Baergen on Mayor’s recognition awards, Margeurite Watson as one of Red Deer’s 13 ‘Women of Excellence’ chosen for 2011, and Michael Dawe as ‘Red Deer’s favourite historian’.

The CAHS finished off our year with a grand tour of the Palliser Triangle, led by Don Hepburn and Bill MacKay. All spots were full, and by all accounts the tour was successful. Even the weather co-operated! This tour will likely be the last led by Don, but we hope he will continue to provide us with ideas and let us plumb the depths of his knowledge for future day trips, and possibly tours.

May saw the Heritage School Fair display at Parkland Mall in Red Deer. This annual event is supported by the HSA, and, in Red Deer, our Chapter provides financial help for the local fair, as well as participation in judging and the recognition ceremonies. Our Fair was small this year, but as usual the quality of the presentations was high. It is always interesting to talk with the presenters, and rewarding to foster their interest in historical inquiry. Those of us who attended the ‘Triple E’ conference in Lethbridge in June enjoyed the presentations of the four chosen to represent the regions.

The CAHS is supporting several interesting initiatives in Central Alberta, and I think one of the most interesting is the Mintlaw trestle bridge, a former component of the historic ACR Railway, and a potential link in the developing Red Deer/Sylvan Lake trail.

We are currently working with a talented designer on a logo for the CAHS and what will be styled the CAHS Press, for our publications. We are working over the summer to finalize the content and design for our new website, which we hope to launch at the AGM in the fall. In the meantime, our Facebook page is the go-to place for current news and events, at http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/ca.history

Our September meeting will be our AGM, on Wednesday September 21 at 7 pm in the Snell Auditorium of the Red Deer Public Library, Downtown Branch. As it is the International Day of Peace, the program following the half hour AGM will focus on immigrant experiences, both historical and recent, in an effort to increase our understanding of the rewards and challenges faced by immigrants, and their perspectives on building bridges between cultures. Please join us!

Have a lovely and warm summer — and don’t forget your sunscreen!
There has been a flurry of Annual Meetings lately. First there was EDHS' own AGM in the Faculty Club at the end of April. Then the Historical Society of Alberta's AGM was held in Lethbridge at the end of May. Many of us attended the first annual meeting of the Edmonton Heritage Council at the beginning of June. Later in June, the Edmonton Historical Board made its annual report to Edmonton City Council. With so much summimg up going on within the heritage community, one feels bound to ask what all this activity being reported upon means.

In regard to EDHS, our society has been through another good year in 2010 and the first half of 2011, but some urgent issues that will require our attention in our near future have become apparent. The EDHS Speakers' Series continued to draw a good audience this past year; indeed our series just completed was immensely successful. The EDHS particularly thanks our just retired Board member Christine Prokop for her unstinting work on the series over the past few years. As other speakers' series have emerged around Edmonton in recent years, our own programme continues to look to engage our members with presentations reflecting recent research or projects and lesser known aspects of Edmonton’s history.

The EDHS Edmonton and Northern Alberta Historic Festival will begin on 8 and run through to July 17; this is our 15th annual event. This family-oriented festival features special events and activities at Museums and Historic sites in Edmonton and across Northern Alberta.

Also, Doors Open Edmonton takes place July 8–10 and features free tours of architecturally significant buildings in and around Edmonton. Festival Guides will be available by June 27 at Libraries, Visitor Information Centres and Festival Partner Sites. One can discover how to explore the history of Edmonton and Northern Alberta year-round in the places to visit section.

History and a beautiful summer's day are an unbeatable combination. We are very grateful to our many festival partners. Please check for their names and event activities at out website: www.historic EDMONTON.ca/

EDHS return to publishing, with our first book planned be ready this fall, and it continues to be on schedule. There are many ideas for subsequent publications, so we expect this will be a busy initiative for some years to come.

The History Centre at Queen Alexandra School (http://www.historycentre.ca/) has completed another well-received school year, and thanks are due to all involved, especially the volunteers.

Among the emerging issues, however, EDHS must keep an eye on the future of our home base at Queen Alexandra School. Falling enrolments continue for inner-city schools, while the new neighbourhoods explode with students. It is a difficult problem which Edmonton Public Schools must deal with and which may affect EDHS. Certainly resources for all volunteer organisations have become ever more stretched, especially the human component.

Finally, as the economy continues to improve, ever more development pressure will be put on Edmonton heritage resources. EDHS must therefore be prepared to provide a reasonable voice as part of the heritage community, advocating for preservation and renewal.

In short, there is a lot of work ahead for us in the next year. Enjoy your summer.
HSA Calendar 2011

Jul 7-18  EDHS Historic Festival Week - see website.
Jul 8-10  EDHS Doors Open Edmonton. see website: www.historicedmonton.ca and www.doorsopenedminton.ca
Jul 22-Aug 1  CCHS Historic Calgary Week. see website: www.chinookcountry.org
Sep 21   CAHS – AGM 7 pm Shell Auditorium, Red Deer Public Library. see facebook page for latest news: http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/ca.history
Sep 26   LHS – Road Trip to visit the “Gem of the West” Museum in Coaldale
Sep 27   CCHS Fort Calgary speaker series TBA – see website www.chinookcountry.org
Oct  PCHS – Lecture: largest unsolved mass murder, which occurred in Grande Prairie in 1918. See website: www.pc-hs.ca

HSA Crossword

This crossword puzzle devised by Jennifer Prest
Answers to Jan #25 newsletter crossword

Across

Down

You have plenty of time to complete this crossword puzzle which was devised by a member of HSA. The answer will be published in the next issue of History NOW

1. Balfur ______, Father of Canola
6. Town on Hwy 9, southeast of Red Deer
9. “Michael, _____ the boat ashore…..”
10. A Chinese race
11. Grant _____ University in Edmonton
12. Mal de ______
13. The ___-U Branch
14. Tendon
15. Lac ___ Arcs
16. Lac ___ Biche
17. A popular soft drink
18. Wise counsel; seer
20. Nice; friendly
22. A daisy
23. A hamlet on Hwy 842, east of Calgary
25. A member of the Oblate Mission?
30. Temporary
32. Air Canada’s predecessor
33. The fuel of Alberta’s economy?
34. _______ Valley, first African American settlement in Alberta
35. Edmonton sportsman and entrepreneur, _____ Stanley
36. Timothy _____, 1834-1907, Canadian businessman

1. Alberta’s 9th premier, Harry _____
2. The ‘Eye Opener’s editor, Bob _____
3. A glacier or university
4. A town on Hwy 27, southwest of Red Deer
5. A lodge on the Bow Lake in Banff National Park
6. Once a food delicacy, ham _____
7. Hamlet on Hwy 4, southeast of Lethbridge _____ Dayton
8. A pioneer in the Red Deer region, _____ (Richards) _____ (2 wds.)
15. Once the “scourge of the east”, the dreaded federal _____ (initials)
16. A small border crossing south of Cardston
18. Coach of Edmonton’s “Grads” basketball Team
21. Kee Tas ____ Now Tribal Council of the Woodland Cree Nation
22. Birthplace of k d Lang
24. _____ Museum in Banff
26. A mistake
29. Calgary’s lawyer, Paddy _____
31. A key on the computer keyboard