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Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal Recipients

by Jean Johnstone

On November 13, 2002, Richard "Dick" Papworth and Irma Dogterom, two executive members of the Lethbridge Historical Society, were presented with the Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We are very proud of these individuals who have worked hard for our community. The medals were created to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and to honour Canadians who have made outstanding contributions to their fellow citizens, their communities or to Canada. Congratulations Dick and Irma.



L to R Richard "Dick" Papworth, and Irma Dogterom
November 13, 2002

Eighteen recipients received their medals at a ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion and twenty-two other southern Albertans received their medals November 9, at City Hall. Dick and Irma were recipients who were piped in at the Royal Canadian Legion. Lethbridge Member of Parliament, Rick Casson, presented their medals. A reception followed for recipients and invited guests.

Dick is a Director for LHS, the Secretary of the Prairie Tractor and Engine Society located at Picture Butte; a Director on the Great Canadian Railway Society located at Stirling, and served as Councillor for the County of Lethbridge for 22 years and Reeve for 15 years.

Irma is Secretary and Newsletter Editor of LHS, a volunteer and board member of the Sir Alexander Galt Museum & Archives, Chairman of Centennial Committee for Recognition of Women who are having street names and parks named for women of merit, involved with the compilation of the McLean School local history and Wilson White Schools area history, and recent author of "Where Was It: a Guide to Early Lethbridge Buildings" which is a LHS publication in its second printing.

Congratulations also to Liliane Coutu Maisonneuve, a director of the Historical Society of Alberta, who received her medal at a ceremony November 14, in Edmonton. The celebrations included a wonderful banquet, entertainment by the Métis Cultural Society, followed by a dance.

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President's Report

by **Ron Williams**

As 2002 is drawing to a close, I extend greetings to all. May this holiday season be filled with joy and may 2003 be one of happiness.

Our Society has continued to be involved in public heritage issues. Both the Edmonton and District Historical Society and The Historical Society of Alberta have made presentations to both Provincial and City bodies regarding the future of the Rossdale site. Progress has been made on these issues.

The HSA has expressed its support for designating North Garneau as a National Historic site. We have also written to express our opinion that the University should be subject to laws relating to planning, environmental protection and historical site preservation in the same way other institutions are.

The HSA supported the Chinook Chapter in its efforts to preserve St. Mary's School. Unfortunately, our efforts were not successful.

A meeting was held to discuss bringing the 'Doors Open' concept to Alberta. This is a program under which sites of historical and/or architectural significance, which are not generally open to the public, can be opened for

brief periods—possibly a weekend. This would be organized on a community basis. It is very exciting to see the possibilities of promoting history, arts and community with one program. The Heritage Community Foundation and The Historical Society of Alberta will work together on this project.

The lease has been signed for our new office. It will be in the historically significant Barron Building at 610 8 Avenue SW in Calgary. The Barron Building was the first office building completed in Calgary after the Second World War. It marked the beginning of the post war period of prosperity, optimism and growth. It is in the art deco design which elsewhere was popular in the late 20's and 30's. Here, because of the virtual stop in building during the Depression, we were behind the latest architectural fads. This is fortunate as it is a truly beautiful building.

Everyone is invited to visit. The office is spacious so that our Library can again be available for study or just enjoyment. The office staff is looking forward to giving even greater service now that we will be housed in such improved quarters.



We will be in the new quarters on February 1, 2003.

I was able to attend the Edmonton and District Christmas Dinner and Program. The Program was based on the poetry of Robert Service. It was a total delight. I also enjoyed Chinook's Christmas Dinner at Historic Fort Calgary.

The Centennial of the Province in 2005 and of the Association in 2007 are rapidly approaching. The Council is in discussions concerning all of these. Any ideas or suggestions will be gratefully received by Council members.

My best wishes for the New Year to all members.

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A Tribute to Carl Hansen An Outstanding HSA Volunteer

by Diana Sim, Past HSA Director, and
Margaret Waite, Former Office Coordinator

Carl Hansen, an outstanding HSA office volunteer, passed away on November 12, 2002 in Victoria, BC.

Carl began volunteering in the mid 1990s, in the role of bookkeeper to assist the busy treasurer of the time. Carl agreed to keep the financial records on a weekly basis, also becoming the unofficial watchdog of the day-to-day operations of the office. He soon had things running smoothly, always aware of the fiscal responsibility and accountability necessary in a not-for-profit society.

Although he was a native Albertan, Carl's dream was to retire to Victoria and he and his wife Lois spent several months every winter in their condo there. On at least one occasion, he did

the bookkeeping long distance from Victoria, corresponding by telephone and mail back and forth to the HSA office in Calgary.

In 1998, he and Lois officially moved to Victoria, and his years as an HSA volunteer ended.

Once again, he was willing to go the extra mile when he offered to assist the treasurer, if necessary, one last time!

At a farewell gathering, his HSA friends said he would not be away very long. In his first Christmas card sent to the society from Victoria, with his special gentle sense of humour, he advised that he was still enjoying his new home and not having to shovel the liquid snow, and was looking forward to the flowers blooming soon. He wished us

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well but indicated that relocating to Calgary was not in his plans!

After his retirement in 1989, Carl became involved in many different organizations, giving freely of his time. As a member of Wesley United Church, he was instrumental in obtaining a provincial historic resource designation for the church.

He sang in many choirs in Calgary and continued this passion in Victoria. He also continued his volunteer efforts there.

Carl was diagnosed with lung cancer two years ago and battled valiantly to the end. He is survived by his wife Lois, five children and three grandchildren.



Dear "Interested from Lethbridge"

I have seen your request in *History Now* concerning "a small group of western singers/entertainers."

Some time in that era there were two men who called themselves "Rambling Red and Fiddling Ted" and specialized in violin music. I don't know whether they featured vocals or not. I believe these men sometimes performed on American stations too.

I was personally acquainted with the "Fiddling Ted" part of the pair. He was Ted Bensmiller, who was born and raised in the Vermillion area and perfected his performance on the violin over many years in this area, playing at dances and other special occasions.

This may not be your group, but I thought it was worthwhile to mention them to you,

I am, sincerely, Allen Ronaghan, Islay, Alberta

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2001	James A.N. Mackie, Q.C., Calgary
2002	Helen LaRose, Edmonton

The Historical Society of Alberta Annual Awards

The Annual General Meeting will be held in May 2003 and the Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the following categories:

Annual Award: which shall be presented to an individual for his or her outstanding contribution to Alberta history. To be eligible, the recipient must qualify in one or more of these categories:

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one or both of the following categories:

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Please forward your nominations in writing before **March 14, 2003**, setting out the nominee's accomplishments with a short biography and the name of at least one other member supporting the nomination to:

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Join The HSA Council! Call for Nominations

The Historical Society of Alberta is seeking nominations from interested persons to serve on its council. The following positions are open:

Third Vice-President, Secretary, and 2 Directors at Large

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Interview with Father Green

by Shirley Black

Father Robert Greene is a man of incredible energy and faith. When asked about the various "hats" he wears, the list was extensive. Husband of Marion, Vicar of Vulcan, Assistant Priest at St. John the Evangelist, Padre for the Lord Strathcona Horse Association, Chairman of the Monarchist League Canada, Calgary Branch, Founding member of the Prayer Book Society and an active Pro-Life activist.

If that isn't enough he has recently become the Commissary to the Bishop of Northern Malawi in East Central Africa. One of his roles is to recruit doctors, nurses and priests.

Father Greene comes from a long line of Anglican Priests. Two great grandfathers, two uncles and a grandfather that Stephen Leacock based his character Dean Drone on in his book, *Sunshine Sketches of a Small Town*. Still, it was not his intention to follow into the ministry. He was working in a bank when the war broke out.

"I was one of the few people who joined the army as a private and got a raise," he said. His war-time experiences "so many truly good young men killed," convinced him to enroll at Trinity College in Toronto. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and two degrees in Theology. That was forty-nine years ago.

Although he and his wife Marion asked that their first church be based in an industrial or slum area the Bishop had another plan. "Don't be so heavenly-minded that you're no earthly good," he cautioned. He sent them to the most rural parish in the diocese. The three room rectory had no telephone, no electricity, and although it faced a fifteen mile stretch of lake water, no insulation. The closest paved road was a hundred miles away. This was a scattered parish and Father Greene drove over thirty-five thousand miles a year on muddy or gravel roads. He never traded a car in

that the frame hadn't been welded and the steering column broken.

Despite all this the congregation built their church. They cut the logs and did all the carpentry themselves. With only five-hundred dollars outside help. St. Mary the Virgin - Rich Lake, grew into a lovely little church.

The next seven years were spent in Fairview, Alberta. Here again a new church was built only this time the plumbing and electrical work were contracted out. The rest of the labour was done by the parishioners. And not to become too "heavenly minded," Father Greene organized a hockey league with twenty-eight teams in it.

In 1965 they moved to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Calgary. Here, instead of building a church they paid off the mortgage by running "The Comfortable Pew," a hamburger booth, situated on the grounds during Stampede week. The Good Shepherd also had the biggest youth group of any Anglican church in Calgary.

Do politics and religion mix? "Of course they do," as long as your theology is conservative and your philosophy liberal, like Father Greene's.

Many of you may remember a picture of him standing in front of a bulldozer... "a bulldozer that a lot of people in Calgary hoped would keep right on going," he said. The house they were going to tear down was occupied by a family with eight children. He obtained a restraining order for the family and only after the developer agreed to find alternative accommodation for them and pay two months rent was the restraint lifted.

"There were more regulations for houses than people." Father Greene decided to run for city council. During his tenure as a city alderman he sat on the Board of Calgary Interfaith and was chairman of the Housing Committee.

This involved lots of television and radio work.

Winnipeg was next. A quiet time. A sabbatical almost.

In 1977, the Bishop of Toronto, invited the Greene's to St. Bartholomew's, a church situated in the centre of the biggest housing development in Canada. Ten thousand people living in less than one-third of a square mile. Wall to wall people, many of them pedophiles, pimps or prostitutes. The rectory was in the middle of this crime infested area.

St. Bartholomew's served the biggest Christmas day dinner in Toronto. Thirteen hundred, including the street people. They gave out over a thousand Christmas hampers and distributed over a thousand star boxes.

Marion ran a food bank from the basement of the rectory that served six hundred families. "I think she got tired of running up and down the stairs," her husband commented. And every Tuesday and Thursday from six to eight there was a soup kitchen in the church basement that regularly fed threehundred people.

Still, Father Greene had time to stand on a soap box in Allen Gardens every Sunday afternoon from May until October. He was bringing the same message that Lord Donald Soper, one of his heroes, had soap boxed in Hyde Park for sixty years.

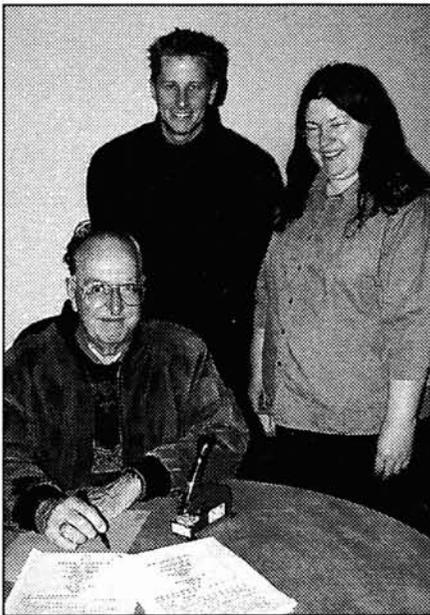
He was also the Anglican Chaplain for the Don Jail.

One of the highlights, if not the highlight, of his time at St. Bartholomew's was a visit from Mother Theresa with whom he spent a whole afternoon. He found she came across even more strongly than on television.

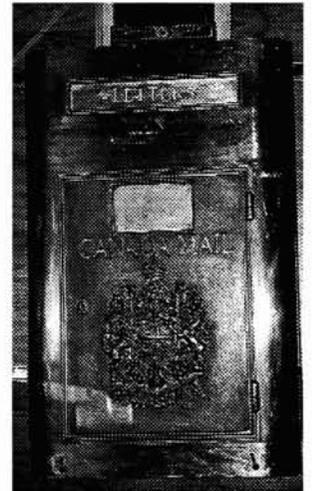
At age seventy Father Greene took his first retirement. He left St. Bartholomew's. However, because of his experience working the streets, he

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Introducing the Future Home for the HSA Office - the Barron Building



J.B. Barron, an American born and educated lawyer, completed this high-rise in 1951. It was the first major downtown construction since the Depression. Barron rightly sensed the oil sector's rapid expansion after the Leduc oil strike of 1947. Many feared that the lack of office space in Calgary would lead the oil patch to Edmonton. Barron seized the opportunity and commissioned this office building as a speculative venture. Over time Mobil, Shell, Sun Oil and Trans Canada Pipelines all located here. J.B. Barron lived in the building's penthouse, which featured a roof-top garden. Designed by Cawston and Stevenson, the stepped form of the building and its moulded aluminum decoration are direct references to New York's Art Deco and Moderne towers of the 1920s and 1930s.



photos by **Colleen Hughes**

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Rossdale: Presentation to the Edmonton City Council

by Liliane Coutu Maisonneuve

Mr. Mayor, members of council,
Bonjour,

On behalf of the Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta, I wish to thank you for giving us this opportunity to express our views on the future of the Rossdale-EPCOR lands.

This is an important step in restoring the river valley to parkland and in preserving the archeological and historical heritage of our city and of our province. Our association would like to bring forth four important areas of interest and concern which would enable us to preserve the history and culture of our people.

1. The voyageurs and the first white woman and family to live at "Fort des Prairies" (Edmonton).
2. The history of the "engagés" or the employees of the North West company and the Hudson Bay company, and
3. The historic cemetery of Fort Edmonton and St. Joachim mission.
4. The interdependence of the Aboriginal and French Canadians. We are concerned that this important part of the history of Alberta will be lost.

The French Canadian community has strong roots in the history of this city. There is evidence that since the 1700's French Canadian voyageurs have traded in Alberta. I would like to quote from Professor Olive Dickason, author of "Canada's First Nations": "Linguistic evidence hints that the first Europeans that the Blackfoot met were French, as they designated them as "Real or (original) (Old) man people" and they had another term for non-aboriginals in general." Across this province, many French Canadian, Métis and aboriginal people still carry the names of the voyageurs who took native wives or wives of "this country".

Most of these employees or engagés were French Canadians who came from towns along the St-Lawrence river, from Montréal and from Trois-Rivieres. Even with the Hudson Bay Company's policy of discouraging employees from taking

country wives, many Métis families were started in Alberta.

For our Association, this area is not only important for the history of voyageurs, guides and interpreters of the fur trade, but for the first French Canadian and Métis to settle in this area.

On this site, the first white woman and her family, Marie Anne Gaboury and Jean Baptiste Lagimodiere, were part of the first group of freeman traders to sign a contract with the Hudson Bay Company in 1808. As a descendant I realize that their story is relatively unknown outside the francophone community and it is an important event in the history of our city. They were the grandparents of Louis Riel, the Métis leader, founder of Manitoba and Father of Confederation. He defended the language and property rights of his people who had lived in Western Canada 60 years before the Northwest Rebellion of 1870. During this Rebellion of 1885 the native and metis people were moved from the Rossdale site.

This is also the site of the Fort Edmonton cemetery, the St. Joachim mission, where the first missionaries including Jean Baptiste Thibault and Father Albert Lacombe recorded baptisms, marriages, and burials.

When the artist Paul Kane arrived in 1846, the white cross erected by the first missionaries, Father Francois Norbert Blanchet and Father todeste Demers, in 1838 and which marks the arrival of Christianity to our city and to our province was still standing. Oblate registers, North West Company and Hudson Bay journals record the names of about 100 people buried in the Fort Edmonton cemetery.

On this site was the first school in Edmonton with an enrollment of 32 students who were taught French, English, and hymns by Father Scollen. It is also the site of the inauguration of Alberta in 1905 by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the first Canadian born Prime Minister.

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It is imperative that a team of experts which include aboriginal and French Canadian historians and archeologists be formed to help develop a world class archeological and historical resources which could along with the "Forks" at Winnipeg illustrate the colonization of Western Canada. Here it could be called the "Forts", where the history and heritage could be interpreted in buildings that have been designated as historical resources by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation of Alberta Community Development.

Since the beginning of the excavations at EPCOR many artifacts have been found and they could be displayed and the history and heritage of several groups could be interpreted in these buildings.

We must protect and interpret this history because it can become an archeological, historical, cultural and recreational resource, which could enrich our community, and help revitalize the downtown area for future generations. For many years, this area has been neglected by the City of Edmonton and should now be restored to provide an important aspect of heritage tourism in Western Canada.

We want to be part of a group that recognizes this heritage where all citizens can fully participate in the celebration of our history in 2005, our centennial year. We need an enlightened decision and vision for the future of Edmonton and of Alberta which would enable our citizens, and tourists from around the world to appreciate and celebrate the history of our city, or our province, and of our country.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the City for this initiative to prepare for the commemoration of the cemetery with the help of David Schneider of Community Services. Thank you, merci.

Rossdale: Activities

by **Duncan Fraser**, Senior Planner & Project Manager, Rossdale Historical Land Use Study, Edmonton Planning and Development Department

The following is a brief summary of activities relating to Rossdale.

On October 1, 2002 City Council held a non-statutory public hearing concerning the future use of the Rossdale Power Plant lands. There were over 24 members of the public speaking representing a divergent number of views. Council heard EPCOR, many First Nations/Metis groups, heritage associations, community organizations and members of the legislative assembly. Council agreed to meet again on January 14th 2003 where the Administration and EPCOR have been asked 45 questions to answer. The discussion concerning this item will therefore continue.

The Planning and Development Department, in consultation with Alberta Community Development has selected a consultant to undertake the Rossdale Historical Land Use Study. They are Commonwealth Historic Resource Management Ltd. of Vancouver whose Principal is Dr. Hal Kalman.

The purpose of the historic land use study is to identify where there are burial remains and/or non-registered cemeteries existing within the west Rossdale area. The final report will produce a scholarly piece of work which will be used for research, interpretive, commemorative and land management activities. The

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consultants will have nine months to complete the work (July 31, 2003). An oral history study sponsored by the Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Affairs Committee of Council will also be undertaken in conjunction with the land use study.

In addition, Council agreed on October 15, 2002 to place three EPCOR buildings back onto the Register of Heritage Resources in Edmonton. The Boiler House, Turbine House and Switch House have all returned to the Register.

Interview with Father Greene (continued from page 6)

was asked to join St. James the Less in Philadelphia. A north Philly church that was riddled with drug traffickers, prostitutes, the whole bit.

They really enjoyed Philadelphia and could have stayed there forever. St. James the Less had a wonderful balance from the down and outer's to the very rich. The Greene's grandchildren were here, in Calgary so they came home. This was their second retirement and as short lived as the first. Holy Trinity in Medicine Hat was without a priest and the Bishop asked Father Greene to step in. For almost a year they traveled the two hundred miles, to Holy trinity, sometimes in adverse weather conditions, to fill this void. When Holy Trinity closed its doors the Greene's took their third retirement.

Being head of the Monarchist League involves arranging three or four dinners a year. He is also the media contact on anything to do with the monarchy. One thing Father Greene feels the crown

does is unite this vast country, the only binding thing Canada has. As well he feels it provides continuity. One of his dreams is to debate John Manley.

In May 2002, Father Greene was presented with a large framed scroll signed personally by Prince Charles, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC) for his work as Padre of the Strathcona Association and for his work with the veterans. Then in November, the Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole, presented him with the Queen's Jubilee medal. Two very special honours indeed.

On August 31 Bob Greene and his "first wife" Marion celebrated fifty years of marriage with a mass at St. Bartholomew's. The next day they flew to Malawi, one third of the way around the world. A country where 70% of the people are starving, 30% have AIDS and the average age is fifteen. Yet, they found them to be a happy people. Gracious and welcoming.

When I asked about their future plans Father Greene said he'd like to become involved with Health Care. After living in the states, where his health care insurance cost ninety-five hundred dollars a year, and that only covered eighty percent, he knows the ramifications of privatization. He would also like to go back to Malawi.

Father Greene says he'd like to die with his cassock on and feels privileged to be the Vicar of Vulcan. And, just as they were in Rich Lake, forty-nine years ago, they are still doing lots of driving. Eighty miles to Vulcan and eighty miles back every second Sunday and on special church days. Will there ever be a fourth retirement? I doubt it. I think as long as there's a nursing home that needs him, a shut-in to visit or a mass to celebrate Father Greene and Marion will be there.

All of us need role models. Certainly these remarkable people are two of mine.

History Teaching Tips

presented by: **David M. Smith**, BEd, MA, the Education Committee of the HSA

One of the main reasons many students, and non-students for that matter, find History interesting is that at its heart, History can be a darned fine story. The narrative quality of history can be an important entry point for a history teacher when introducing broader themes and trends. This is especially true when teaching History in the younger grades.

There is an important distinction that must be made, however, between narrative story-telling and historical experience. Students must be aware that while we, or at least the teacher, knows how the story ends, those experiencing the event at the time did not. Nevertheless, a teacher can use this simple fact to her or his advantage.

Take an event such as the outbreak of World War I. By presenting the students with the situational facts and obstacles that faced European leaders in July of 1914 and guiding students through a problem solving strategy, students can get a far better idea as to how the War broke out than by essentially working backward from the accepted fact that the war began. Of course, the reality that the war DID break out can't be denied, but by working forward to it, students get an appreciation of the perspective of those who lived through the event as well as important problem-solving and decision-making skills. Examining old newspaper articles as they chronologically work toward the outbreak can also give students the sense of what it might have been like to see the world moving step by step toward total war.

Whether or not students end up at the same decision as the leaders of 1914 did or not, it provides another teaching

opportunity. If the students go to war just as European leaders did in 1914, it opens up discussion around the central theme of whether or not the war was inevitable by July 1914. If the students manage to avoid the catastrophe, discussion can revolve around what did the European leaders do wrong.

This same problem-solving approach can be used with any number of History topics, from Confederation, to the invocation of the War Measures Act in 1970. The trial of Louis Riel, the response to the Great Depression, the implementation of Medicare, and the treaty process can all be handled in this way.

Using this problem-solving approach to teaching History preserves the suspense of the story while seeing the event through the eyes of those who lived it and didn't know how the story was going to end.

Web Sites of Interest to History Teachers:

The Victorian Web—Everything you ever wanted to know about Victorian Britain

<http://65.107.211.206/victov.html>

Art and World War I—the experience of World War I through the eyes of artists

<http://www.art-ww1.com/>

The Canvas of War—An exhibit on Canada's war artists

<http://www.civilization.ca/cwm/canvas/cwint01e.html>



Great Aboriginal Albertans Project

Do you know of anyone who is an Aboriginal Albertan who has made an outstanding, long term contribution to their community?

If so please contact Dr. Cora Voyageur at the University of Calgary, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology 906 Social Sciences Tower, 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4. Phone: 403.220.6507, by fax 403.282.9298; or by e-mail voyageur@ucalgary.ca

Deadline for submissions is February 28, 2003.

Dr. Voyageur plans to publish a book that highlights Aboriginal people who have made many contributions to Alberta society in the past 100 years. The publication will be a "who's who" of Alberta's Aboriginal community that will be available for the general public and for use as a resource in Alberta schools and libraries.

This is a community project initiated as part of the planning to commemorate Alberta's 100 birthday in 2005.

Grant MacEwan

by Dorothy H. Gray

“Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be”

August 12, 2002 would have been the 100th birthday of Dr J.W. Grant MacEwan. After attending book launches in Calgary and Edmonton to celebrate the publication of *A Century of Grant MacEwan: Selected Writings*, I was reminded that this man was truly well regarded and is still missed by a legion of admirers.

Such gatherings full of reminiscences took me back to my first meeting with Grant... May 19, 1954. On that day I asked and he obliged with typical exuberance by signing my treasured autograph book. As I recall, the moment occurred during an event at the Palliser Hotel in Calgary where I had accompanied my mother, Dorothy Allen Gray, who at the time was president of the Women's Canadian Club. Coincidentally, Grant was president of the Men's Canadian Club.

A decade later when I was a teacher-librarian with the Calgary Public School Board, I would often go along to Grant's various speaking engagements throughout the city. With a selection of books he had authored tucked under my arm, I would search him out to ask if he would sign his name to the volumes I had gathered from my school's library collection. And, of course, he responded with his usual verve and enthusiasm.

Our paths didn't cross again until 1977 several months after I had joined the faculty at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton. I reacquainted myself with him and Phyllis MacEwan at the official opening of Mill Woods Campus.

In 1984, when President Gerry Kelly proclaimed that one Thursday in February would be set aside as Grant MacEwan Day, my association with the college namesake would be forever intertwined. From then on, I joined the ranks of friends and acquaintances who

absorbed the MacEwan lore and anecdotes. One companion dubbed it as being touched by “MacEwan Magic”.

My personal recollections are vast but one event continues to stand out. There was one trait that always impressed me about Grant and that was his humility. The behavior was particularly evident in the affection he held for people of all ages and all walks of life. Nowhere was this better revealed than when he was riding the Greyhound bus. He acknowledged the passengers; he chatted with his seatmates; he asked questions; he listened to their stories.

There was one particular occasion where he clearly demonstrated his humbleness. After spending a full and exhilarating day in Edmonton celebrating MacEwan Day on February 9, 1995, he was most anxious to return home to greet his first great grandchild, Kelsey Heather Aebli, who had been born hours earlier. During the short car ride to the bus station, Grant had unbuckled his seat belt a good block before arriving at the terminal doors. At the entrance, he cautiously made his way to the line up to join the others. He never gave a thought to preferred seating or pre-boarding options. Soon after the bus driver came out to collect the tickets, a customer service agent walked over to where Grant was standing. She offered to pre-board him but he firmly declined. He wanted no special privileges; he would wait his turn. After sharing the day with him, I had to admit that I was affected by the excitement of the arrival of the new baby, I also knew a family friend would be waiting in Calgary to take him directly to the hospital. For those reasons, I immediately announced that since there was a first great granddaughter awaiting his visit, perhaps no one would mind if he took his seat in advance of his fellow travellers. The grinning approval on the surrounding faces seemed to be the only

incentive he needed to move to the head of the line.

In his poignant eulogy, son in law Dr Maxwell Foran, said it all for us... a living legend, a friend to everyone, a truly great man. Grant's friendship enriched my life; his legacy continues to inspire me.

Some of Grant MacEwan's Books:

Breeds of Farm Livestock in Canada (1941),
Sodbusters (1948),
Between the Red and the Rockies (1952),
Eye Opener Bob: The Story of Bob Edwards (1957),
John Ware's Cow Country (1960),
Hoofprints and Hitchingposts (1964),
Poking into Politics (1966),
Tantanga Mani: Walking Buffalo of the Stoney (1969),
Power for Prairie Plows (1971),
Sitting Bull: The Years in Canada (1973),
Memory Meadows, Horse Stories from Canada's Past (1976),
Cornerstone Colony: Selkirk's Contribution to the Canadian West (1977),
Grant MacEwan's Illustrated History of Western Canadian Agriculture (1980)
Frederick Haultain: Frontier Statesman of the Canadian Northwest (1985),
Grant MacEwan's Journals (1986),
Grant MacEwan's West: Sketches from the Past (1990),
Heavy Horses, An Illustrated History of the Draft Horse (2001),
Watershed: Reflections on Water (2001),
and many others.

Alberta's Roadside Point-of-Interest Sign Programme

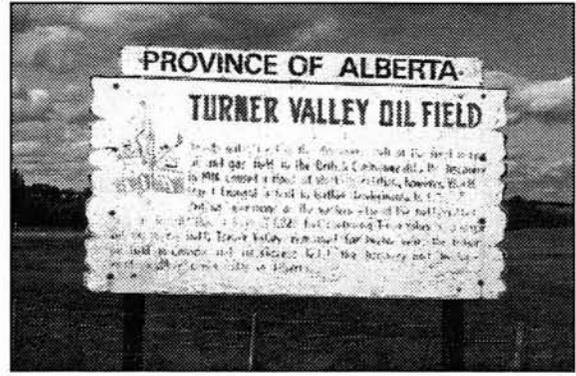
by Bill Tracy

Roadside point-of-interest signs erected by the Alberta government to inform the public of the rich historical mosaic of Alberta's history first began to appear along the province's highways in the 1950s. Alberta Community Development now administers a network of approximately 140 roadside point-of-interest signs. The vast majority of the signs are historical in content. However, there are also signs addressing Aboriginal Prehistory and Natural History.

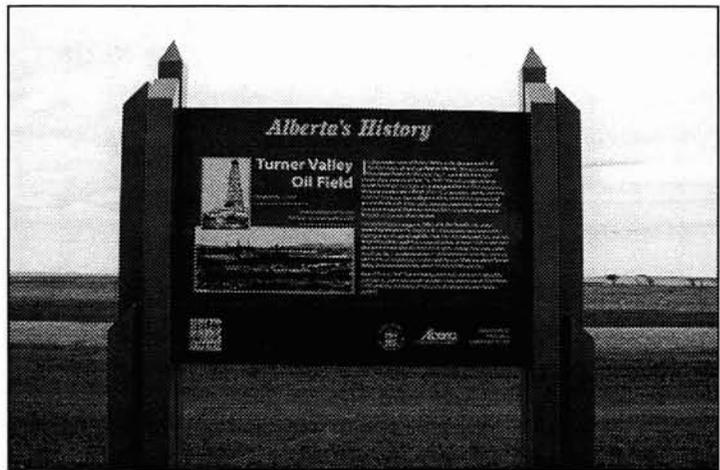
In 1995 Community Development initiated a joint program with the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation to replace all the existing signs, many of which were displaying varying levels of wear and distress. As well, the content of some of the signs no longer reflected current scholarship. The signs were also in five different construction styles that had been used over the years. Community Development commissioned a new design for the signs in keeping with the Department of Transportation's highway sign standards. The new design permits a larger field for text as well as for the inclusion of graphic images.

In 1995/96 five test signs were installed. Since that time an additional 36 have been installed. The intent of the new program is to replace all of the original 140 signs. In some instances, it is not possible to replace signs in their original locations due to upgraded Department of Transportation requirements for turnouts. In such cases the signs are either relocated to the closest suitable existing turnout, or in rare cases dropped from the inventory.

Stay tuned. A new sign may be coming to a highway near you!



Before Turner Valley Oil Field, 1993



After Turner Valley Oil Field, 2001

Action Alert - Help Preserve Garneau - Web site: <http://preservegarneau.org>

The non profit society "Preserve Garneau Riverlot 7" has been created by concerned citizens of The Garneau and the wider Edmonton community. Preserve Garneau's principles are founded on a desire to awaken amongst our own community and other older communities in Edmonton a commitment to appreciate and protect our valuable and often threatened historic buildings. We strongly believe that conservation of our City's historic areas must become a priority for those individuals or corporations planning and implementing future development in Edmonton.

"The Garneau" area is one of the oldest

in Edmonton, and has roots of deep historical significance to the University of Alberta, the City of Edmonton, and the Province of Alberta. Numerous prominent citizens have lived here in the decades since the area was created over 90 years ago, and one can find a variety of architectural styles amongst the houses here. This charming area, with its streets lined by large mature elm and ash trees, has been described by former Garneau resident and University of Alberta Historian Professor Emeritus Lewis Gwynne Thomas as an "outdoor museum."

Founding Principles:

1. To highlight the history of "The

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2. To act to preserve "The Garneau" community and its historic buildings for future generations of Edmontonians.

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ISBN 0-9684921-1-8 (Occasional paper; no 34).

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An interesting and rare account of ranching in southern Alberta by a man who lived and worked there.

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Fred Ings insights into the land and the people of this area make for essential reading for anyone wishing to learn about the early history of ranching in southern Alberta.

Recently reprinted, this book is available in local bookstores (McNally Robinson in Calgary), ISBN 0-9732217-0-4. \$20. Or by calling Linda Hornburg at 403-283-3190.



Books & Websites



Web Sites to Try

www.rom.on.ca

Visit the Royal Ontario Museum's ROM Reproduction Shop on-line. The shop carries an exclusive assortment of reproductions from the museum's collections.

www.pma.edmonton.ab.ca

The Museum Shop at the Provincial Museum is a place to find quality heritage crafts, reproductions and books. Orders can be placed by fax, phone or email.

www.countrygifts.com

This is the website of Canadian Country Gifts on-line magazine. Use it to find and shop for heritage crafts and heritage collectibles.

www.cprstore.com

Shop the Canadian Pacific Railway Store for railway gifts and collectibles, including books, videos, posters and a section 'just for kids.'

www.lougheedhouse.com

Shop for native Canadian seeds, Beaulieu prints, cross stitch kits.

www.cowboystore.ca

Handmade and unique country and western products from Western Canada can be found at this site. They include cowboy collectibles, native crafts, clothing, antiques and saddlery.

www.albertacraft.ab.ca

The official site of the Alberta Craft Council provides access to Alberta artisan, a list of craft fairs, and a map of craft store locations in the province.

Repatriation, Round One

by Margaret L. Clarke

The weekend of September 14 and 15, 2002, saw the re-internment in Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site of human remains unearthed during the construction of the Seafort gas plant in 1969. The reburial of the fourteen ancestors took place in the context of a First Nations traditional ceremony. This was the first in what will be a series of repatriation ceremonies returning First Nations remains to their native soil. While Canada does not have an equivalent to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) legislation in effect in the United States, provincial legislation concerning cemeteries has recently begun to be used to pressure institutions holding First Nations remains to arrange their proper re-internment.

After the disturbance of the burials near the Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site in 1969, the University of Alberta Anthropology department excavated the remains and removed them to the campus in Edmonton, where they were included in the laboratory resources used to train archaeology students. The Metis Association of Alberta, prompted by Eric Nystrom, Rocky Mountain House Local president, asked for the return of the remains in March 2000. A reburial was planned for November 2001, but was canceled by Parks Canada when complaints were received about the way it was to be carried out. One concern voiced was the paucity of community representation. The remains of the ancestors were stored at the Parks Canada Calgary office until arrangements for a proper reburial were complete.

In January 2002, Senator Thelma

Chalifoux constituted and directed a committee to plan a public reburial ceremony respecting the traditions of the Metis people and First Nations in central and southern Alberta. The committee as constituted included a Métis Elder, a Native veteran, the president of the Rocky Local, two young representatives for the First Nations, a local historian and representatives from Parks Canada and the University of Alberta.

Eric Nystrom, chairman of the committee, has been involved in the Rocky Mountain House Historic Park Repatriation Project since the beginning. The same traditional training that made him invaluable to the Park as an Interpreter guided him in inviting representatives from the First Nations who had inhabited the area at the time of the burials.

The committee members spent the time since January personally issuing traditional invitations to elders from the Cree, Sauteaux, Blackfoot, Blood, Piegan, Sarcee, Assiniboine and Metis communities. The goal was to have one Elder and one Pipe Carrier for each ancestor as well as representative Protestant and Catholic clergymen. There were many other issues that also had to be decided as well.

Finally in September, all was in readiness. The committee with the assistance of many in the central Alberta aboriginal community had prepared for the big event. Eric Nystrom, with the assistance of community youth, had set up the site for the gathering and ceremonies on the grounds of the Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site.

The area where the ceremony took place was behind the Interpretive Centre

at the Park. The approach was down a slight hill and across a meadow. The first glimpse revealed, to the left, a large white Spirit lodge, made of eight teepees put together, several small teepees that were used by the helpers preparing for the ceremony, a campfire in the centre of the site, the open graves with the mounds of dirt beside them to the right and further right, toward the river, wooden crosses marking earlier graves.

The ceremony began on Friday with the arrival of the Ancestors in four white hearses from Calgary. The fire was lit and kept burning that day, throughout the night and all the next day until the conclusion of the ceremony. The youths who assisted in setting up the area and preparing for the ceremony acted as an honour guard for the Ancestors, staying up Friday night to maintain the fire and hold the wake. Members of the families of the committee members were also actively involved in assisting with the preparations of food for the feast and in assisting those conducting the ceremonies. Community representatives and witnesses arrived Friday. Some stayed in Rocky Mountain House overnight and returned to the site in the morning. Others only came for the ceremony and feast on Saturday. Altogether, there were about one hundred and fifty community members present by Saturday afternoon.

The ceremonies began Saturday morning with a pipe ceremony begun at daybreak. This was concluded at about 10:30 am. The eldest and most revered elder in the area, Peter O'Chiese, 107 years old, arrived shortly thereafter and guided in a second pipe ceremony. This continued until after 2 pm. He added

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Lougheed House News

by **Diana Sim**

Many people in the Calgary area will have seen the article in the Calgary Herald telling of the return to the Lougheed House of a lovely carpet by 94 year old Mrs. Gwynnydd Kelson. That article helped spark interest in the pre-Christmas sale held at Beaulieu on November 22 and 23. The carpet was on display—its glowing colours looking much as they must have done in the early years of the 20th century when the carpet was purchased at the Lougheed House auction in 1938 by her brother, the late historian Lewis G. Thomas.

The sale was very successful, attracting over 2,000 people, garnering over 90 new members, and bringing in revenues from the wonderful variety of

gifts on sale through Beaulieu's House & Garden Gift Shop. These funds will directly help the Society play its leadership role in the restoration of Beaulieu. Besides the historic carpet and other items of furniture that have been donated back to the venerable mansion, the Board was excited to learn of two recent donations of books. One was the inaugural road guide published in 1914 by the Alberta Automobile Club. It describes the Calgary Automobile Club, among whose founding members were two of the Lougheed sons. The second exciting book, was the "Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution for 1866," published in 1867. What could be the connection with the house, which was not built for another 20 years? Jennifer

Cook Bobrovitz, chair of the Research Committee, was thrilled to find that the report contained an article on the Loucheux Indians by William Hardisty, Lady Belle Lougheed's father.

Research is a never-ending task. The LHCS is fortunate to have enthusiastic and skilled volunteers who are finding items, which will fill gaps in the history of the house, of the Lougheed family and Beaulieu's later occupants.

Please also note that the LHCS annual meeting will be a Sunday afternoon tea at the Southern Alberta Pioneers building on Rideau Road, on Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so mark your calendars.

Repatriation, Round One (continued from page 14)

much to the ceremony, teaching reverence, protocol, and added understanding, even to the oldest Elders participating. At one point, he gestured with crossed arms, saying "It is good to see so many peoples represented here. This is crossroads country, where many people met, and so all should be welcome." The pipe ceremony was followed by a traditional feast including moose nose, pemmican, bannock, buffalo stew, dry meat and salmon among the many dishes.

After the ceremony, the grave goods were put into the caskets and the side of the spirit lodge was opened so the caskets could be carried out to the graves. There were remains of 14 individuals, 13 Aboriginal and 1 of European ancestry. The European was reburied by a Christian Clergy and bagpipes were played. The 14 caskets were placed in a common area as they had been originally. The youths who had assisted in setting

up the site, and who had served the feast, acted as pallbearers, carrying the ancestors' remains out to the graveside and taking part in the burial after the graveside ceremonies.

One of the most awe-inspiring events occurred after the interment of the ancestors as all the male participants pitched in, in a frenzy of activity and worked together to get the graves covered before the sunset.

"I'm grateful for all the nations that came here today," said Leslie Stonechild, after the event. "Our ancestors are teaching us something, to work together as people. . . ." "As you know, since the establishment of this committee, this has been a long, tiring job [but] . . . our ancestors were laid to rest in the most ancient and sacred, humble and honourable way that we collectively could rally . . ." Eric Nystrom, chairman of the reburial committee reported to Senator Thelma Chalfoux.

We'd like to hear from you

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by Vivian Sampson

Greetings from Chinook Country!!

The autumn colors around us have sure been beautiful, especially in the mountains. I still feel sad for the farmers. Some who did have a good crop were prevented from harvesting it due to rain and snow. Let's hope they can still save some crops for feed for their livestock.

A tidbit from this year's Historic Calgary Week: One of the crossword winners is Sheila Daly of Victoria. While talking to Sheila during a recent telephone conversation regarding our Volunteer Appreciation on October 25, Sheila advised me she was CCHS secretary during Elise Corbett's tenure as president.

Our season opened in September with Linda Manyguns giving a presentation on Aboriginal lodge symbolism. She only touched on the many stories that have been handed down. We were also treated by world professional dancer, Liza Odjig to a demonstration of the Hoop Dance. Just watching her feet move between the many hoops was amazing. This program was sponsored by Trans Canada Pipelines.

High River has been very busy preserving their history. The Museum of the Highwood held their historic home tour on September 14 (the same day the HSA Council met in Red Deer). There were seven homes open to those who had purchased tickets. It was the Museum's second such tour and was again very successful.

Also in High River, Daniel Murphy, the president of the High River Historical Preservation Society lived on top of Grain Elevator No. 3 from September 14 to 21, to raise awareness and funds to help restore this 63-year-old building. Mr. Murphy received national TV and newspaper coverage and donations came from all over the

continent. Their next step is meeting with the Provincial Historical Resources Foundation to see if it is possible to have Grain Elevator No. 3 designated.

High River has another centenarian. Bill Hogg who arrived in the High River District in 1904 at the age of two was born on October 16, 1902 in Aberdeen, Scotland. He is now a resident of Medicine Tree Manor where many of High River's pioneers are currently living.

Many of the ranchers around Longview and south Alberta have taken a stand to stop oil exploration on some of the most pristine land along the eastern slopes of the foothills. This area takes in the historic ranches such as the EP Ranch (bought by Edward, the Prince of Wales in 1919); the D Ranch and the Bar U National Historic Ranch plus many more. The area covers the land from the Highwood River at Longview in the north to the Old Man River in the south and mostly to the west of Hwy. 22. Our history includes the natural grasses that once covered the prairies for centuries. Let's try and save what's left.

Blackfoot Crossing will have a new museum and cultural centre to be opened for Alberta's centennial in 2005. The Siksika have received news that the provincial government will contribute \$4.5 million dollars from the legacy fund. This will be added to the Siksika Nations fund of \$4.5 million dollars. The Blackfoot recently held a commemoration on the 125 Anniversary of the signing of Treaty Seven.

Members of CCHS are looking forward to our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 11 at Fort Calgary. Our first program of 2003 will be held on Tuesday, January 28, with Brian Brennan talking about the characters in his latest book *Scoundrels and*

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Scallywags: Characters from Alberta's Past. On February 25, we will learn the history of Roman Catholic education in Calgary "Mother Greene and the Faithful Companions of Jesus in Calgary" with Sheila Ross.

At our annual dinner and AGM March 25, to be held at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Sarah Carter will be presenting "The National Policy of Domestic Conformity: Marriage and Family in Western Canada, 1875-1915".

If you happen to be in Calgary on any of the above dates, we would love to have you join us.

Monarchist League

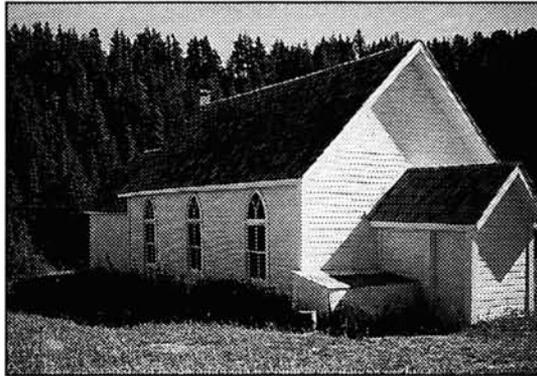
The Monarchist League will meet on Thursday, February 6, 2003 12:30 pm. Lunch will be served at 1 pm. Cost \$27.50. Fort Calgary Historic Park.

Celebrate the 51st year of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne.



Fall is a wonderful time of the year and this one was no exception. On September 21st the Lethbridge Historical Society took a bus trip to Pincher Creek and area. The wind was not blowing and it was warm with the fall colours at their best. I had my sister-in-law from England with me on the trip and she was impressed with the vast sky, landscape and spectacular views of the foothills and Rockies.

The bus first took us to the



Mountain Mill United Church
September 21, 2002

Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village at Pincher Creek. Farley Wuth was a superb host who organized a fine lunch for everyone after they had toured his facility. Imagine, we ate outside in the sunshine. Then we were off to visit the Mountain Mill Church, which is nestled in a secluded valley near Mill Creek and the William Gladstone homestead. It was built in 1906 from sawn lumber from stockpiled lumber at the Mountain Mill. After nearly 100 years, the building is essentially the same and is still active. It is heated by a coal and wood stove and has never had running water. The original pump organ is still in regular use. The church became a "united" after the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches formally joined in 1917. After leaving Mountain Mill, we traveled to St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church that sits on a knoll of land with a spectacular view of the prairie, the Rocky Mountains, and the Porcupine Hills. It was built in 1907 and

was closed in 2001. The first burial in the adjacent cemetery was a Bonertz who was killed in a farming accident and the last burial in 2001 was also a Bonertz killed in a farming accident. If you are interested in what has happened to this church, you can read about it in the May/June, 2002 issue of "Alberta

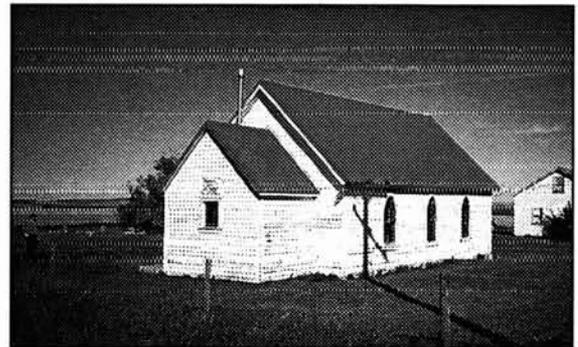
Views". It is an historic treasure. We left there and traveled a short way to the Fishburn-Marr United Church. It is a delightful little church that is semi-active. It was built in 1904

and sits on the flat prairie with a vista of hundreds of miles. In 1986-87 a decision made by the Alberta Presbytery who decided that the combined church of Fishburn-Marr would become an independent pastoral church with 5 or 6 special services each year. A minister must be found for each service since the number of attendees had necessitated releasing a regular minister.

Gordon Tolton, a member of our society, gave us an interesting and informative talk about the life and times of John J. Healy, an entrepreneur from Ireland who started business in the west with Alfred Hamilton of Fort Whoop-Up fame. Then in November we were treated to a talk from Tony Rees who is finishing a book on the International Boundary Commission 1872-75.

However, the title of his talk was "Second Hand Pemmican and Surplus Oats: How the Other Redcoats Saved the National Symbol and Really Opened the West." Needless to say he outlined the success of the boundary commission versus the lack of success of the NWMP and their mutual drive westward. That evening was our Annual General Meeting and all officers were reelected to serve another term.

The Alex Johnston Lecture Series was held on November 5, and featured Dr. Patricia Wood from the University of Toronto. Her lecture was entitled "The Horn in the Ice: Borders between the Tsuu T'ina Nation and the City of Calgary". This event was



Fishburn-Marr United Church
September 21, 2002

well attended, especially by university students. Professor Leroy Little Bear introduced Dr. Wood from the Department of Native American Studies and I facilitated the event as President of the Lethbridge Chapter.

Have a safe, happy, and a great **New Year**



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The Edmonton and District Historical Society needs the help of its members in order to continue the programs now in place and also to develop new programs that it believes fall within its mandate.

Activities for 2002-2003 include: the three-part speaker series; the Christmas Dinner; John Rowand Night, and the Annual General Meeting.

In addition there are displays to be maintained at a number of venues; bus tours; representation with various groups and at a number of events and, of course, Historic Edmonton Week.

As chair of the Historic Edmonton Week organizing committee, I have given much thought to finding a way to put in place a large group of volunteers to organize and promote future historic weeks. After a meeting, to which all participating partner organizations were invited, it was generally agreed that a larger organizing committee would be beneficial and that planning for 2003 to

start this fall.

All partner organizations are asked to send at least one representative to the "round table discussion" of the initial organizing meeting. All members are encouraged to contribute ideas to the EDHS executive or mail to EDHS, PO Box 1013, Edmonton, AB T5J 2M1 or phone: 780.439.2797.

Early in the new year the EDHS nominating committee will be preparing a slate of officers and directors to present to the Annual General Meeting in April. We would like to hear from anyone willing to serve on the board in any capacity.

No previous experience required!

If you would like more information on what these positions entail please call Lisa Maltby 708.438.0855.

As Long as the Sun Shines" gains new light

The historiographic play created to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of Treaty #8 is seeing new light through publication by Playwrights Canada Press. The play, written by Athabasca/Edmonton playwrights Christina Grant and Doug Dunn, is one of eight works selected for inclusion in *Staging Alternative Albertas*, *Experimental drama in Edmonton*, edited and with introductions by Patricia Demers and Rosalind Kerr. The book was published in May, and officially released at a book launch at the Timms Centre, Edmonton, September 30, 2002.

"As Long as the Sun Shines" chronicles and dramatizes events leading up to, and during, the signing of Treaty No. 8 at Grouard, Alberta in 1899. It was performed before 2,500 people on an open air stage as part of a week-long commemoration event in that community June 21, 1999. A condensed version of the drama was performed for the Alberta Historical Society in Grouard two days prior.

For information on obtaining a copy of *Staging Alternative Albertas*, contact Playwrights Canada Press in Toronto: 416-703-0013. Email: orders@puc.ca, or: publisher@playwrightscanada.com The playwrights may also be contacted directly about this work, or potential historiographic playwriting projects. Email: synergy1@telusplanet.net

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We Need Your Help

Can you spare some time to help EDHS? If you are able to assist in any way, please complete this form and mail to: EDHS, Box 1013, Edmonton, AB T5J 2M1. Thank You.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Type of assistance you can provide:

Help with social events Newsletter Staffing Displays

Clerical Work Graphic Design Programs

Serving on the Board Other _____

Times available: Evenings During the Day Weekends

A new season of Central Alberta Historical Society programs began with the AGM on September 19 at the Snell Gallery at the Red Deer and District Museum.

The new CAHS board is chaired by Dr. Robert Lampard. He is a Red Deer native son, who along with his professional life as a medical doctor, has a keen interest and knowledge of local history. Other board changes are that Don Hepburn is the new Vice-President, Bill Baergen becomes Past President and Ron Williams rejoins the board as member at large.

A new member of the board is Shirley Dye. She grew up in the Markerville area nurtured in Icelandic heritage and very active in its continued preservation.

Following the AGM a late afternoon bus tour brought members and guests to a dinner destination at the Danish Canadian National Museum and Gardens at Dickson, Alberta. The route led west of Red Deer. En route, Shirley Dye provided historical information on all of the Scandinavian pioneers who settled west and south of the city. A group Swedish settlers hoped that a rail line would be built through their Cygnet Lake settlement that they optimistically, named Stockholm. A town site was surveyed but the town didn't grow beyond a post office and store. It was denied a future when the railway line went closer to Sylvan Lake.

Finnish settlers claimed land further west. About forty families settled in and near the Kuusamo area. They built halls for gathering places for church, political

and cultural events. A rural Apostolic Lutheran Church congregation, descendants of the first immigrants from Finland and Michigan, continue an active church in a discontinued rural school they purchased.

The fall bus tour turned south and as we approached the Icelandic historic area Shirley told us of their renowned poet, Stephan Stephansson, and those who came before and after 1900 to build their community at Markerville. A Historical Society there is working to restore their Fensala Hall and operates a museum in a restored early creamery building. The Vonon, a women's group celebrated 110 years of community service and sisterhood in 2001.

The Town of Spruce grew around a consolidated school. It lies between Markerville and the Danish Community of Dickson. The tour stopped at the Dickson Store. It has become a museum stocked with retail items and furnishing of from over fifty years ago.

At our destination four miles south of Dickson, a heavy fall rain prevented a tour of the gardens and trails. But a hot traditional Danish soup, entree and dessert in the dining room of the converted school dormitory was a welcome tour end.

That evening was also the occasion to present Fred Schutz with the Historical Society of Alberta Individual award for his life long interest and work in historic preservation. Following his short speech of gratitude, he gave an impromptu retrospective of the changes that he has observed since his childhood

on a farm stead that bordered on unaltered land, west of Bluffton, Alberta. Fred has written hundreds of short newspaper articles on a wide range of natural and human events and personalities. A compilation of a selection of these will soon be available in book form in a CAHS publication.

The CAHS AGM committee, headed by Bill Baergen have plans well in place for events around the May meeting in Red Deer. Speakers and tours will centre on the theme of "Rivers to Rails," that brief period that saw such dramatic change in every aspect of life in what is now known as the Central Alberta area.



HSA Calendar of Events – 2003

- Jan 28** CCHS: *Scoundrels & Scallywags: Characters from Alberta's Past*. Brian Brennan. Ft. Calgary, 750 9 Avenue SE 7:30 pm
- Jan 28** LHS: "Preserving Prairie Landscape." June Flanagan. Community Meeting Room, Lethbridge Public Library.
- Jan 30** EDHS: "Railways and the Geographies of Many Alberta Communities." Alan Vanterpool. N. Glenora Community Hall, 3536 109A Ave. 7:30 pm
- Feb 21** EDHS: "Rossdale: What Was and What Might Be." N. Glenora Community Hall, 13536 109A Ave. 7:30 pm
- Feb 25** CCHS: "Mother Greene and the Faithful Companions of Jesus in Calgary." Sheila Ross. Ft. Calgary, 750 9 Avenue SE 7:30 pm
- Feb 25** LHS: Social evening and banquet. Catherine Cole, guest speaker. Topic and location TBA.
- Mar 21** EDHS: "The History of the Salvation Army." Gordon Moyles. N. Glenora Community Hall, 13536 109A Ave. 7:30 pm
- Mar 25** CCHS: AGM. Speaker: Dr. Sarah Carter "The National Policy of Domestic Conformity: Marriage and Family in Western Canada, 1875–1915." Calgary Chamber of Commerce, 517 Centre Street South. 7:30 pm
- Apr 23** EDHS: John Rowand Night & AGM. "Reflections on the Monarchy." Governor's Room, Prince of Wales Armouries, 10440 108 Ave. 6 pm. RSVP by April 18. Phone: 780.439.2797. e-mail: lmcollier@shaw.ca
- Apr 29** CCHS: "Quinkola: Tom Payne's Search for Gold." Dr. Alice V. Payne, CM. Ft. Calgary, 750 9 Avenue SE 7:30 pm
- May 27** CCHS: "Crossing the Line" American Prostitutes in Western Canada 1895–1910. Charleen Smith. Ft. Calgary, 750 9 Avenue SE 7:30 pm

HSA Crossword

Answer to last newsletter crossword:

Across: 1. & 3. Pine Lake, 6. Aspen, 10. Tyrrell, 11. zoology
12. steam, 13. Elkwater, 15. Legacy, 16. AM, 17. Forts, 19. Brownlee,
21. voices, 24. flapjack, 26. linen, 29. Chicago, 30. takeoff, 31. Whyte,
32. sure, 33. stay.

Down: 1. Potts, 2. Nordegg, 4. Allies, 5. Etzicom, 6. aroma,
7. pioneer, 8. nays, 9. pemmican, 14. Esks, 15. labs, 17. Frog Lake,
18. senators, 20. Oil City, 22. Consort, 23. skater, 25. Peace, 27. nifty,
28. scow.

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*.

Across

1. Body which cares for welfare of lesser beings (abbr)
3. Implement for turning farmer's soil
6. Stared
10. Hotel at Lake Louise
11. Valuable stone recently discovered in the NW Territories
12. Terrible battle site in World War I
13. Systematic and formulated knowledges
15. Marble, Horseshoe or Johnston, found in our mountain parks
16. Calgary's famous Museum, Archives and Library
19. One who identifies cattle by marking
21. With 30 across, our HSA Office coordinator
24. this disease was fatal to many of our First Nation peoples
26. Month. Named after a Roman emperor (abbr)
29. Person who manages property for others
30. See 21 across
31. Former Banff and area citizen whose photo adorns the cover of Brian Brennan's new book, *Scoundrels and Scallywags*
32. Words and music
33. This is a jewel of an Alberta hamlet

Down

1. Lethbridge brewery
2. HSA president, 1990–1991
4. Mr. Riel's first name
5. HSA member, Nancy Millar's book "Once Upon A ..."
6. With 17 down, a "prairie sentinel"
7. Adage or maxim
8. A type of ranch?
9. White faced steer
14. The four cardinal points (abbr)
15. Baby bears
17. See 6 down
18. Those who snare animals
20. Edmonton's Prince of Wales or Calgary's Mewata
22. Calgary Highlander's musical instrument
23. One of this plus two of hydrogen = water
25. Bingo cousin
27. 2nd Vice-President of 2002–2003
28. Red light command

