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New HSA President is Red Deer's Citizen of the Year

On May 8, 2003, Donald Hepburn was named Rotary's Citizen of the Year and was bestowed with Rotary's highest award that named him as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Don retired from a career in education and consulting and now fills his time as a full-time volunteer. To Don volunteering is a treat because it brings him in contact with a diverse group of people in the community regardless of age, race or socio-economic background. He approaches each issue with well honed research. With this knowledge he can bring a quiet integrity, compassion, tolerance and a good sense

of humour to address each problem.

Janet Walter has first hand experience of his informal but effective chairing of meetings that inspire others to do their best.

Don himself admits that the most interesting work he does is in the area of history — expanding the knowledge of and interest in the history and historical heritage of Alberta.

That is great news for the Historical Society of Alberta as it plans for upcoming centennials —

Edmonton in 2004, Province of Alberta in 2005 and the HSA in 2007.



L to R Don Hepburn the incoming president receives the HSA gavel from past president Ron Williams

HSA Council



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President's Report

by Don Hepburn

The new program year got off to a rousing start with a very successful annual general meeting and conference at Red Deer. The planning committee faced a rather unusual problem: too many registrants! One hundred and forty people registered for the AGM, and another twenty or more took part in some parts of the weekend. The Central chapter are to be commended for their excellent planning and their hospitality. In particular I would like to acknowledge the planning committee chaired by Bill Baergen and including Dave Smith, Janet Walter and Marion Hives. Also Rod Trentham, who assisted the committee in many ways.

The main business of the AGM was to receive reports of the various officers and committees, and to elect a new Council. New members welcomed to the Council include Doug Raey of Calgary, member at large, and Linda Collier, president of the Edmonton and District Historical Society. Ron Williams becomes Past President, and Val Jobson retires from the board after serving as Secretary for four years. On behalf of the Society, I would like to express deep appreciation to both of them for their valued contribution. President-elect Jean Johnstone has determined that she is unable to move into the President's chair at this time. Instead, I was chosen at the AGM to fill that position for the next two years. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Society in this capacity.

A key part of any AGM is the presentation of the Treasurer's report, audited financial statement, and budget for the coming year. Treasurer Bev Leggett presented a thorough report, but had the unpleasant task of informing us that we are headed toward serious financial difficulties

unless we can curb our spending or increase our revenues, or both. A deficit budget was approved, with the clear understanding that we will address the problem in the coming year.

When the Historical Society of Alberta was formed in 1907, by statute of the Legislature of Alberta, one of its objects was "to rescue from oblivion the memories of the original inhabitants, the early missionaries, fur traders, explorers, and settlers of north and west of Canada". The wording may seem a little quaint now, but the objects of the Society have remained essentially the same ever since: promoting interest in our history, recording and publishing our history, and being an advocate for historic sites and landmarks.

All of this we do, in spades, both on a province-wide basis (by the Provincial Council) and at a local and regional level (by our four chapters). Each of the chapters offers an interesting and exciting series of programs to explore various aspects of our history. Our publishing record is impressive, too. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of our quarterly journal, *Alberta History*. The Alberta Records Publication Board (a committee of the Provincial Council) produces a book every second year, based on primary sources. The chapters are involved as well. At the recent AGM the Central chapter announced that its third book, *Women of Aspenland*, will be released within weeks. And recently I had the privilege of attending the launch of the 38th title to be published by the Lethbridge chapter. *Sweetgrass Hills: A Natural and Cultural History*.

Some chapters are involved in the organization of bus tours to historic sites. Some are involved in the Heritage School Fairs program and, through our



membership in the newly-formed Heritage Fairs Council, we expect to be more deeply involved in years to come. We are also involved in "historic weeks". Historic Calgary Week has been celebrated for over a decade. Historic Edmonton Week began in 1997. Central chapter held its first Historic Red Deer Week in May of this year, and the Lethbridge Chapter is making plans for next year. The Society is now in the process of preparing a guidebook to be made available to other towns and cities across the country so that they can develop their own "history awareness" weeks.

Is there interest in history and heritage? Attendance at the various events referred to above certainly suggests that there is. Moreover, a look at our website statistics is very encouraging. The Heritage Community Foundation which manages our website provides us with quarterly reports indicating, among other things, the number of people who have visited our website. During the months of February, March and April there were seven thousand visitors to the site, or about eighty per day on average. The interest is there.

This is indeed a time of centennials. In 2004 it will be one hundred years since Edmonton received its charter as a city. We have been invited to help the Edmonton chapter celebrate the occasion by holding our 2004 AGM there. The year 2005 marks the hundredth anniversary

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Trudy Cowan receives honorary doctor of laws at UofC Convocation May 8, 2003



Eminent Chancellor Warren, President Weingarten, faculty, graduands, family, friends and colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

I am truly grateful for the honour conferred upon me today by the University of Calgary. Accepting the responsibility for giving this convocation address was not undertaken lightly. It would have been easier had I been asked to bring slides and talk about current restoration work at Beaulieu, the historic Loughheed House. But I wasn't and so I won't. I will begin with another tale.

In *The Grapes of Wrath*, his 1939 novel of the Great Depression, Steinbeck described grinding poverty. Forced to leave their home to search for work to escape starvation, the women are packing, deciding which of their meagre belongings are essential, which must be abandoned. *"The women sat among the doomed things, turning them*

over and looking past them and back. This book. My father had it. ... Got his name on it. ... Here's a letter from my brother wrote the day before he died. Here's an old-time hat. These feathers — never got to use them. No, there isn't room. How can we live without our lives? How will we know it's us without our past?"

I want to speak to you of responsibility. Each of us in the depth of our being knows that we are personally accountable to all humankind. We commit ourselves to do the right thing, to support fellow human beings in need, to make just laws that enable every child to grow in safety, every person to develop their fullest potential in a productive, creative community, to live in health, and to age in contentment and satisfaction.

We also know that we are responsible for the health of the planet, for the natural environment that surrounds us — not only the prairie, foothills & mountains close to home, but yet-undiscovered orchids in the Amazon jungle, vast herds of caribou across the Arctic tundra and fragile hovering hummingbirds. In our souls we know all that.

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But sometimes we forget that we also bear the responsibility to care for that environment which we humans have created — a scattering of fragile twig and grass huts in the remotest desert of Africa, a cluster of white frame buildings along the ice-polished granite shoreline of Battle Harbour, NF, mysterious sculptures carved into a cliff in the ancient Middle East, a ring of stones that once weighted the base of a buffalo hide tipi against the prairie wind, and the densely woven urban fabric of cities — London, Tokyo, Paris — or Calgary. Just as environmentalists speak of our individual responsibility to every species, every natural region on earth, I speak to you of our responsibility to see that the gene pool of architectural diversity is neither diminished nor lost.

Brendan Gill, Chairman Emeritus, New York Landmarks Conservancy wrote "Whether we are conscious of it or not, we draw strength and reassurance from all those evidences of the past that bear witness to the successful outcome of struggles not unlike our own, under-

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of provincial status for Alberta and neighbouring Saskatchewan. We have formed a joint planning committee with the Saskatchewan History and Folklore Society to plan a joint celebration. And in 2007, our own Historical Society of Alberta will mark its own hundredth birthday — no mean achievement, to be sure. How will we mark that milestone?

All of this activity requires resources. We are dependent on the generosity of our members, both in time and in

money. We are also dependent on the proceeds from casinos, and a significant grant from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation — recently increased by forty per cent. Somehow at the present time, however, our resources are not quite adequate for all our activities. A review of the minutes of Provincial Council meetings makes it plain that financial problems are not new for the Society. But they must be dealt with. We need to review our spending priorities, decide which activities are

best done by the provincial body and which by the chapters, decide how our available resources can best be shared to achieve the Society's objectives, and consider how we can reach out to those parts of the province that are not yet served by a chapter.

Finding satisfactory answers to these questions will be the challenge for the next two years. If we succeed, we will be well positioned to embark on our second century. What better way to mark our centennial?

Thank you for your donations to the silent auction

The Historical Society of Alberta gratefully acknowledges the donations given by the following sponsors to this successful event held at our Annual Conference in May, 2003 in Red Deer:

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Canada Songs Update — CD now available, April 12 release

"And it fluttered and fell to the ground, where the great ace, Von Richtofen, dying, was found."

April 21, 2003, was the 85th anniversary of the demise of the great Manfred Von Richtofen, the notorious Red Baron of Germany. The real story . . .

In the weeks following April 21, 1918, the world was in frenzy over the death of the great German flying ace, Manfred von Richtofen, "The Red Baron." The most heroic figure in German history had been killed in an air battle near Amiens, France. He had been struck by a bullet and crashed behind enemy lines.

While vehemently pursuing a rookie Canadian pilot (Wop May), he had been strafed from above/behind by another Canadian pilot, and had been shot at by ground troops.

Officially, Canadian Captain Arthur (Roy) Brown (the strafing pilot) was given credit. His 7-second burst, at close enough range that he had to "swerve away to avoid collision" sent 140 rounds into the immediate confines of the Baron's Fokker Triplane.

It was an honor that Captain Brown neither approved nor wanted, and it would haunt him for the rest of his shortened years. Not only was he guilt-ridden about causing death, he feared that any of many German nationalists, from Berlin to Buenos Aires, would one day show up and gun him down in reprisal.

To the relief of Roy Brown, many stories surfaced and persisted (and subsequently attempted to prove) that Australian ground-fire, though highly unlikely, had hit the Baron. Unless, of course, the actual bullet is found and

somehow doubtless proven (It went missing along with countless souvenirs from the wreckage) no one will ever really be able to alter the historic record. Other information at www.wopmay.com

Selections #4 and #5 from the CD Canada Songs retell the story of the event, as outlined below:

Denny May's Message (spoken) (0:21)

Roy Brown & Wop May (song selection) (4:08)

Both of the above selections are available as sample MP3 downloads at www.canadasongs.com

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Five Danes and an Iclander

by **Annette Gray**



Standing: Peter J.M. Pallesen (grandson of the late Peter N. Pallesen), John McCaffery (great-grandson).
Seated: Stephan Benedictson, past Hon. Icelandic Vice-consul, holding his grandfather's (Stephan G. Stephansson) medal and parchment, and Mrs. Florence Mannix-Pallesen, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Heritage Park, Calgary, and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International.

The immigration of Scandinavian immigrants to the new world is indeed an interesting phenomena. There appeared to be three distinct periods of immigration, the first occurred in the late eighteen hundreds, the second in the 1920's and the third wave of Scandinavians arrived after the second World War.

A great many Scandinavians, some of who came to Canada via way of the States, began settling in Alberta as early as 1888. They were noted as being industrious citizens, building schools, churches, forming service clubs and making other significant contributions to the development of an area which has not yet become a province.

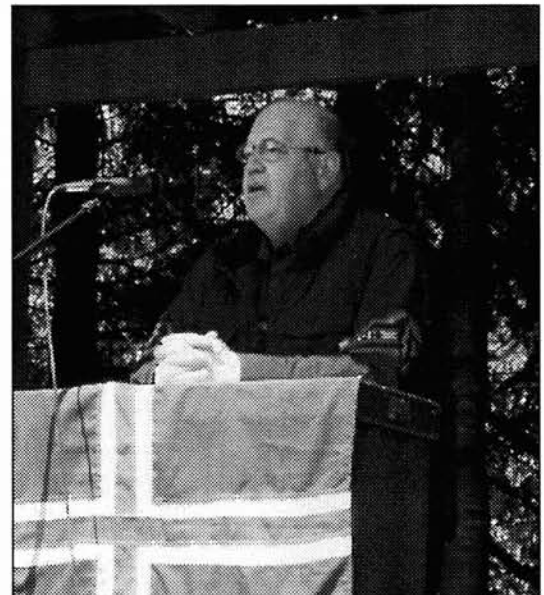
Among these early settlers were six men — five Danes and an Iclander who recently received posthumously the recognition of Paul Harris Fellowships funded by Mrs. Florence Mannix Pallesen of Calgary and awarded through the Rotary Foundation of Canada during a ceremony held June 15, 2002, at the Historic Markerville Creamery. These men were N. Peter Pallesen, R. afDbg. (1873–1933) an Alberta pioneer dairyman and civic leader, the Honourable Daniel Morkeberg, R. afDbg. (1870–1963) who with his son, Carl, operated the creamery between 1898 to 1972, HRH Prince Erik of Denmark (1890–1950), Markerville's royal visitor and resident, Dr. Christian Peter Marker, LL.M. (1869–1949), father of the Alberta dairy industry, Acsel Sandemose (1899-1965)

a noted Danish author who visited Alberta (1927–1928) and Stephan G. Stephansson (1853–1927) of Markerville, the noted Icelandic poet.

Mr. Peter Pallesen of Calgary, the grandson of one of the honoured men and his mother, Mrs. Florence Mannix Pallesen, were on hand to present memorial parchments to the museum and to open the gazebo donated to the site by Mrs. Pallesen. In an interesting lecture, Mr. Pallesen paid tribute to the outstanding contributions made by each of the pioneers.

The Hon. Daniel Morkeberg, R. afDbg. known affectionately as Dan, was a popular figure in the Markerville area, yet many of his achievements were overlooked. He served as a member of the Royal Danish Guards between 1889 to 1891 with HRH Prince Christian of Denmark (later HM King Christian X of Denmark.) He served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta (1917–1921) and was the founding president of the Alberta Dairyman's Association in 1919. He also received the Order of Dannebrog in 1924 and was the founding president of the Calgary Division of the Royal Danish Guards Association.

Dr. Christian Peter Marker, LL.D., after who the village of Markerville is named, served as first Dominion Dairy Commissioner and later Provincial Dairy Commissioner. A director of the



Peter J.M. Pallesen, M.Ed., M Sc., M.A. addresses a crowd prior to presenting parchments to Historic Markerville Creamery Museum

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Alberta 2005 Centennial Program — Legacy Projects for Albertans

News Release April 11, 2003

A number of Alberta 2005 Centennial legacy projects that will benefit Alberta communities were announced by Gene Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, responsible for the Alberta 2005 Centennial Initiative.

Over the next two years, Community Development will administer \$25 million (budgeted in Alberta Infrastructure) for the Centennial Legacies Grant Program, Phase II (deferred in October 2001). Today's announcement includes 31 community-based projects receiving a total of \$19.1 million in years 2003/04/05.

"Alberta's centennial is a momentous occasion and these community-based projects will leaving a lasting legacy across our province," Zwozdesky stated. "Budget 2003 provides funding for the legacy grant program that will enhance

the quality of life for Albertans today and for generations to come."

As well, an additional \$10.4 million will be spent on government-owned Centennial projects including Turner Valley Gas Plant Historic Site, Lougheed House (Calgary) and the Provincial Archives (Edmonton). Several provincial parks will also receive funding for improvements to interpretive centres, which provide important visitor programming and environmental educational services.

"I am also pleased to announce that we will proceed with a new and renewed Provincial Museum of Alberta at its existing location, and with major upgrades to our two Jubilee Auditoria," said Zwozdesky.

The Provincial Archives, the Provincial Museum, the Jubilee Auditoria and provincial park

interpretive centres play vital roles in preserving and honouring our heritage. The work done at these facilities preserves the story of Alberta, helps educate our children, improves the quality of our lives through exhibitions and programs, and produces enormous economic benefits by attracting visitors to our communities. Approximately \$57 million was previously distributed to 24 projects across the province as part of the Centennial Legacy Grant Program, Phase I.

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Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Board, he served as first Danish and Icelandic vice-consul in Calgary, received an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Alberta in 1924 and was a faculty member at the university.

HRH Prince Erik of Denmark undertook two trips to Canada between 1917 to 1922 staying with the Morkeberg family of Markerville and the Pallesen family of Calgary. His family association in Canada was HRH Prince Edward of Wales (1894–1972) who purchased the EP Ranch in 1919.

It was particularly gratifying to note the accomplishment of the others. Aysel

Sandemose visited Alberta and Saskatchewan during 1927 and 1928. A translation of his writings has since been published by Professor Christopher Hale of the University of Alberta which provides further insights into the Scandinavian pioneer experience. The writings of Sandemose are well known in Denmark.

N. Peter Pallesen, R. afDbg. opened the NWT creamery in Calgary in 1901, formed Central Creameries Ltd. of Calgary, in 1912, with branches to expand to Olds, Camrose and Eckville, served as Danish-Icelandic vice consul between 1918 to 1928, served two terms as president of the Alberta Dairymen's Association, served as a director and

vice-president of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede board (1917–1932) and was awarded the Order of Dannebrog in 1928 from HM King Christian X of Denmark. Stephan G. Stephansson also known as the "Poet of the Rocky Mountains" has left a vast legacy of literature and is well known in his native Iceland.

Visitors to the Markerville Creamery museum are urged to learn more about these prominent Albertans whose medals, parchments and histories are now on display in the museum foyer. Thanks goes to Mrs. Florence Mannix Pallesen of Calgary for the Rotary memorials and gazebo.

Heritage Updates

Extracted from a June 11, 2003 release from the City of Edmonton

The Rossdale Flats Baronial Oral Histories Project is now underway and is expected to be completed by December of 2003 with a final report submission in early of 2004. This project is being undertaken by the Edmonton Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee and the Community Services Department of the City of Edmonton.

The Rossdale Flats area has been identified as the site of aboriginal activity and habitation for the past 8,000 years. Throughout history, Amiskwaci-waskahikan was the location of much Aboriginal activity. It was a meeting place, a seasonal residence, a trading place, an important ford and the landing of the North Saskatchewan River. In the 1800's, the location was the site of various Northwest company and HBC forts. Over time many important Aboriginal events have occurred and the essence has been passed on in the traditional way. People from many nations — Cree, Dene, Metis, Blackfoot, Sarcee, French-Canadians and Europeans of many countries — have been buried in the Rossdale Flats.

The project will be managed by Pamela Cunningham, a volunteer member of the AUEAC Advisory Board. She is of Metis descent and has relatives buried at Rossdale. She is an anthropologist studying at the University of Alberta. Oral histories will be undertaken by Jacqueline Pelletier and a team of researchers, Ms. Pelletier is an Alberta Metis who is highly qualified in the field of Aboriginal oral history research.

For more information on the project or if you are aware of someone who should be interviewed call

780-496-4936 or visit the web site at www.aboriginal_edmonton.ca

Fires along with demolition threaten Alberta's Historic Elevators

The **Leduc Grain Elevator**, designated a provincial resource was destroyed by fire this past February. Tragedy struck again this spring in **High River**. The Alberta Grain Elevator Society is a provincial grass roots organization which hopes to assemble a network of volunteers to help preserve Alberta's remaining grain elevators. The organization is working with the Heritage Community Foundation to help raise an endowment to secure funding to install fire suppression systems into the buildings. Grain elevators are highly flammable thus necessitating a need to stabilize them and protect them. The Society is working with the Heritage Resource Management Branch of Alberta Community Development and with conservation architects, Alan Partridge, James Kidd and Lorne Simpson to develop safety programmes. Often that begins with the removal of extensive dust found in the buildings. For more information please call David Capelazo at 780-431-2326.

Heritage Preservation Works: The 2003 Heritage Canada Foundation Conference.

The Historic Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba, September 18 to 20, 2003.

This year the theme of Heritage Canada's Annual Conference is 'Human Resources in the Heritage Conservation Field'. Sessions will include an overview of human resources in the heritage preservation field in Canada with discussions on education, training, and career development. The Heritage

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Canada Gala Awards Ceremony takes place on the evening of Friday, September 19, 2003. There will be several field trips, walking tours, opening reception and dinners in historic places. Contact Maggie Villeneuve for more information at 613-237-1066 or email maggiev@heritagecanada.org

Don't forget to check out Heritage Canada's Latest Website that celebrates the new national event Doors Open Canada www.doorsopencanada.org

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taken in times that must have seemed every bit as difficult as those we face today. It is not too much to say of the buildings, streets, parks, and monuments that we have inherited – and not merely the best of them, mind you, but the most characteristic – that they are indispensable to our well-being. Silently, as we dwell among them, they help to make us aware of ourselves as members of a community.”

In the 1850s, British art critic and author, John Ruskin, answered the question whether it was advisable to preserve the buildings of the past, with a passionate reply. “We have no right whatever to touch them. They are not ours. They belong partly to those who built them, and partly to all the generations of mankind who are to follow us... It may hereafter be a subject of sorrow, or a cause of injury to millions that we have consulted our present convenience when casting down such buildings as we choose to dispense with. That sorrow, that loss we have no right to inflict.” His passion still rings true. But to make such decisions, we must know about the past, why such buildings were built and what materials, designs, technologies, personal associations and events have given them value.

I was listening to the CBC radio during the recent Canada Book Week (and I bless the CBC daily for reminding me of so much that makes us all Canadian, but that is another talk.) Margaret Atwood commented “The problem with our species is that our attention has always been focused on the present, on the here and now.” She was right. At the same time that individuals focus on today, on the need to make a living, to survive, it is difficult to see in the periphery, let alone focus on, the need to cherish the past, to preserve the historic buildings and artifacts that speak of history, of beauty, of civic amenity. And

preserving the heritage architecture of the world is no easy task. Buildings fall prey to age, to over-use, to the ravages of weather, to neglect, to lack of resources, or lack of knowledge, and we have become all too aware recently of the insupportable loss of the world’s historical resources and irreplaceable artifacts in times of war.

Education has the answer to many of the world’s difficulties; scientists will find a cure or a vaccine for SARS, for AIDS, and for Cancer; oh please, let us find a cure for the sickness called war. Canada has lost between 21% and 23% of our heritage building stock in just one generation – an epidemic in its own right. The vaccine for that, too, will be found through education. A greater emphasis on including history in the curriculum at all levels in all school systems, and a new approach at the post secondary level. Let me suggest one example.

We in Calgary have an opportunity to use educational resources already at hand to conserve our history, to nurture our past and to understand its economic and environmental benefits. Let us use our three exceptional educational institutions to make Calgary a “centre of excellence for the preservation of the world’s heritage.” The University of Calgary already produces excellence in many fields – the proof of that is the group of you, the graduands before us today. The Southern Alberta Institute of Technology already produces excellence in the construction trades; and Mount Royal College already produces excellence in interior design. Calgary has the foundation for a series of programs that could, literally, save the world.

But change is required. Currently, most of that excellence faces the future, designs new buildings, deals with laws, engineering and technology that promote newer, bigger, a culture of the future

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that becomes concurrently a culture of demolition.

With only a modest change of direction, all three institutions could enhance current programs to deal more sensitively with existing buildings and those of historic significance. With a sharper turn, the University of Calgary, SAIT and Mount Royal, working together, could attract people from across Canada and around the world to study heritage conservation and cultural literacy, to make preservation their life’s work.

Canadians have already begun to be recognized in the international fields of environmental protection, national park development and cultural tourism, but these are more often because of the skills and expertise of individuals, rather than a cohesive approach. Heritage preservation is an international growth-market field. The federal government’s recently-announced Historic Places Program will give Canada’s built heritage a long-awaited boost, and the demand for skilled, experienced people will expand. Calgary is poised to take a leadership role, if we dare to take the responsibility.

And so, as you accept your degrees today, along with all the well-deserved accolades, accept also the responsibility to carry the past with you into the future and to care for it because, to paraphrase the ancient words “if we are only for ourselves, who are we?”

Congratulations, I wish you all well.

NB: In its initial stages the Lougheed House Conservation Society was a sub-committee of the Historical Society of Alberta and it continues to support the Lougheed House efforts to preserve the past.

HSA Awards 2003



Dr. William Baergen HSA Annual Award. Nominated by Central Alberta Historical Society

William Peter Baergen was born at Irma, Alberta to European immigrant parents during the Depression. He was President of the Central Alberta Historical Society from 1999 to 2002, and has served extensively with Alberta's Human Rights and Citizenship Commission since 1995. He and his wife Donna, live in Stettler, where they have raised three children.

William Baergen has made a significant and multifaceted contribution to the understanding of Alberta's history as educator, writer and public speaker. He holds degrees in Education, History (MA) and Philosophy (Doctorate). He has taught public school, and lectured extensively and passionately on Western Canadian History at universities and colleges. He has blended his professional work as an educator and school superintendent with his love for history of the Canadian West. His interests include multicultural history, the history of the Métis, the Fur Trade, and the Ku Klux Klan in Alberta. In 2000, he worked with the Central Alberta Historical Society to publish the highly regarded

book, *The Ku Klux Klan in Central Alberta*.

In the educational field Dr. Baergen has contributed to Western Canadian history curriculum development and a variety of teaching guides. An avid performer, William has taken his historical interest into the theatre portraying Louis Riel at the time of his jury address in 1885.

Dr. Baergen has received a number of academic awards and scholarships. He is a Honorary Member of the Métis Nation (Local 492).

F. Marie Dorsey - HSA Annual Award Nominated by Candace Dorsey.



Marie Dorsey was born Francis Marie Dezall in Agassiz, BC, on December 28, 1915 and came to Alberta with her parents. She has lived in Alberta all her life. Trained as a nurse at Edmonton's Misericordia Hospital she graduated in 1938. She married Jack Dorsey in 1940 and they had three children: Jaclyn, Michael and Candace, nominator of this award.

Marie Dorsey's love for history started with her interest in researching the place names of Alberta post offices and postmarks. This led to volunteer work at the City of Edmonton Archives and various research contracts. These included an inventory of Edmonton River Valley historic sites, and research for the reconstruction of Fort Edmonton. In 1970 she was appointed the Geographical Names Officer for

Alberta. Starting from scratch, she was given some basic research and asked to create a program to govern the naming of Alberta's geographical features. This program was recognized across the country. Mrs. Dorsey insisted that the naming of sites be based on accurate and extensive historical research. She traveled widely during her career to national conferences representing Alberta's program. Following her retirement, Mrs. Dorsey served on The Historic Sites and Monuments Board and the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names. Her significant library of regional history is now part of the permanent collections of the University of Calgary Library.

Marie Dorsey has dedicated the better part of her life to helping Albertans understand the stories behind Alberta place names. She has received several awards, including the Edmonton Historical Board Award and the Namedropper Award of the Friends of the Geographic Names of Alberta. She has been a member of the HSA for many years.



HSA Award of Merit The Big Valley Historical Society. Nominated by CAHS

The Big Valley Historical Society (BVHS) is a fine example of a village historical group. The Society originated informally in the early 1970's with a group of citizens who saw the need to preserve the diverse aspects of the area's local history. In 1970, with the assistance of the Town of Big Valley, the Society entered into an agreement with the CNR to operate a museum. The museum opened in 1973. The organization was incorporated in 1984 and has worked with the East Central Alberta Heritage Society to help promote the unique rail tours operated by Alberta Prairie Steam Tours. In the year 2000, over 18,000 people visited the Big Valley Museum.

Some of the major projects undertaken by the BVHS have included the restoration of St. Edmund's Anglican Church, the Alberta Wheat Pool Elevator (designated in 2001), McAllister Motors Building, a typical oil well pump and the restoration of farm machinery.

In addition, the BVHS has made regular contributions to the local newspaper, The Valley Whistle, created a video describing the workings of their grain elevator, and has helped to publish local history books, including *Thanks for the Memories*, by Allan Johnston (1999).

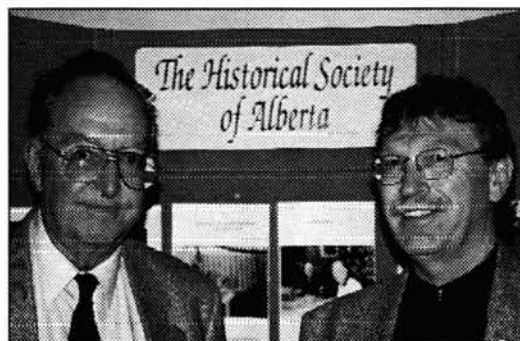
Four of the original founding members of the Society remain involved today. They are Allan Johnston, President, Marie Melary, Gordon Melary and Florence Johnston. These members and other volunteers have demonstrated great foresight and the ability to get the job done.

The Big Valley Historical Society has captured the rich history of its region, from its early aboriginal roots, to the valley's development of a rich ranching and farming centre. This Historical Society has "translated their love of the past and place" to create an exceptional interpretive centre that typifies the stories of many Albertans.

HSA Annual General Meeting, Red Deer, May 23-25, 2003



L to R: Dr. R. Lampard, Hon Gene Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, Dr. Bill Baergen, Ron Williams, Bob Mills, MP



L to R: Ron Williams with AGM Guest Speaker, Author Fred Stenson

The lighter side of your council



Back L to R: David Smith, Ron Williams, Jean Johnstone, Bev Leggett, Liliane Coutu Maisonneuve, Linda Collier, Frank Norris, Doug Rae
Front L to R: Tony Rees, Bob Shore, Marianne Fedori, Val Jobson, Don Hepburn



Dr. Robert Lampard, CAHS President and Bill Baergen, Past President CAHS

Scenes from the Big Valley Tour



Western History Preserved in Cochrane



Are you looking for a long lost great uncle who may have been in the cattle business in Alberta in the early 1900's? Are you wondering what your grandfather's horse brand was? Are you researching farm and ranch history?

Your search may end at the Bert Sheppard Library at the Stockmen's Memorial Foundation.

This specialized library contains a complete indexed and cross-referenced collection of all the Canadian Cattleman's magazines. You will find more than 400 community history books from throughout Alberta as well as several communities in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia. These are just a small part of

the books and materials to be found in the Bert Sheppard Library.

Safely preserved in the archives are old cancelled Alberta brand records and interesting letters written by early stockmen regarding brand registration. There are collections of personal materials from such people as Grant MacEwan, Wilf Carter and Frank Jacobs. There is also a collection of saddles, bronzes and other significant artifacts as well as assorted materials from the Western Stock Growers Association.

Where is this amazing collection? Right where it has been for the last dozen years. It is on the outskirts of Cochrane, Alberta, next door to the historic

Cochrane Ranch, in an impressive building named "Cochrane Rancho House" (formerly The Western Heritage Centre.) The library will soon be moving from the second floor to the main floor, with its own separate door just inside the main front entrance. The public is welcome to visit from 9 am to noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm, Monday to Friday. Until the library is moved to the main floor, possibly late summer 2003, visitors **must phone ahead to 403-932-3782**. Fax: 403-851-1324. Email: library@smflibrary.ca. Web site www.smflibrary.ca.

You may contact the Stockmen's Memorial Foundation and the Bert Sheppard Library by mail at Box 459, Cochrane, AB T4C 1A7.

Brindle & Glass news, April 2003 B&G Namesake Dead at 13

Paddington (Paddy) Foran, the dog who gave Brindle & Glass its name, died earlier this year at the venerable age of 13. Visit the memorial page at <http://www.brindleandglass.com>.

New website:

Brindle & Glass and Blue Couch Books have a new website up and running. Please stop in for a visit, check out our books and news, and tell us what you think. If there's something you'd like to see on our site that's not there, please let us know. Comments gratefully accepted at lee@brindleandglass.com.

Emerging rapidly:

Brindle & Glass is shortlisted for the Emerging Publisher of the Year award at the Alberta Book Awards. Thanks to everyone who made this possible. The full list of nominees in all categories is available at <http://www.bookpublishers.ab.ca/news.h>

tml, and the awards will be announced May 10 at the Alberta Book Awards gala in Edmonton.

We're number one!

As of this writing, *The Food Lover's Trail Guide to Alberta* by Mary Bailey and Judy Schultz (ISBN 1-894739-02-7, \$22.95) is number one on the Edmonton Journal's bestseller list, a position it has held for the past five weeks. This week is its third on the *Calgary Herald's* list, where it clocked in at #3.

Tea For You

Mary Oakwell's fabulous little book, *Tea Time in Alberta: 54 Great Tea Houses From Grande Prairie to Waterton Lakes* (ISBN 1-894739-01-9, \$16.95), is now available. This book makes it abundantly clear that tea is not just for grannies anymore; *Tea Time in Alberta* has the lowdown on everything from elegant traditional high teas and cozy bed and breakfasts to the hip new breed of urban tea lounges and bubble tea hangouts. After plain water, tea is

the world's No.1 drink.

And after *Tea Time in Alberta*, it will be Alberta's, too.



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New Books



Report on the Great Landslide at Frank, Alta., 1903

On April 30, 1903, a day after the Frank Slide, the Superintendent of Mines in the Canadian Department of the Interior instructed two senior staff of the Geological Survey of Canada (R.G. McConnell and R.W. Brock) to investigate the catastrophe. Their report was published in 1904 and has been out-of-print for a long time. EGS decided to reprint this report including the original geologic map on the occasion of the centennial of the Frank Slide in 2003.

McConnell and Brock's conclusion was that the slide was due to a combination of causes the chief of which, the structure and condition of the mountain, was aided by exceptional atmospheric and other natural conditions. The condition of the strata before the slide was affected by slight readjustments attendant on mining operations. The careful contemporary account of the landslide's impact on the town of Frank is still one of the very few available for risk assessment studies. The book is a must for anybody interested in landslides.

The suggested retail prize is \$9.95. This book can be ordered directly from the Edmonton Geological Society at the address below. For people residing outside Canada the price is US \$9.95, which includes shipping. Only cash, postal money orders and banks' international money orders will be accepted for foreign orders.

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Peel's Bibliography of the Canadian Prairies



based on the work of the late Bruce Braden Peel.

Edited by Ernie B. Ingles and N. Merrill Distad. ISBN 0-8020-4825-0

Both the history and the popular image of western Canada are recorded in its publications: accounts of exploration, travel, and settlement; immigration literature, settlers' accounts and memoirs; small-town histories bursting with pride, and imaginative literature depicting western settlers overcoming and taming nature. Those who undertake to study or write that history are most often indebted to the work of the late Bruce Peel (1916-98), the bibliographer most closely associated with the Canadian Prairies.

Previous editions of Bruce Peel's *Bibliography* pictured kaleidoscopically the occupation and development of a region of great agricultural importance which became in the course of a few decades the new home of a multitude. Hailed as the finest introduction to the literature of the Canadian Prairies ever compiled, it now appears in an edition sixty percent larger, which features over 7400 entries, almost 3000 of them new. The annotations, bibliographical notes, author, title, and subject indexes have been revised and greatly expanded.

This portal to the past, with its fully indexed and searchable, multi-lingual content, provides unparalleled access to a vast collection of material depicting the history of the Canadian prairies. The rich resources of Peel's Prairie Provinces will enable scholars, genealogists, and students, young and old, across Canada and throughout the world, to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Canadian prairie experience, the lives of its people, and

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the region's role in the life of the nation.

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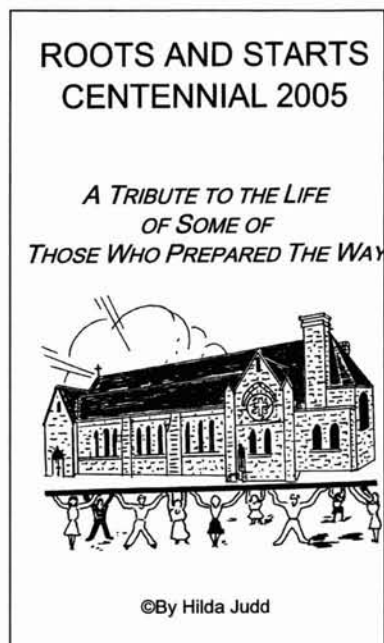
Web Sites to Try

Peel's Prairie Provinces
www.peel.library.ualberta.ca

Uniquely capturing the history of Canada's Prairie Provinces, this website combines the bibliographic content of Peel's *Bibliography* with a multitude of full, published texts, manuscripts, journals, photographs, maps, artifacts, and links to other websites, to bring the past of life, virtually at one's fingertips.

With funding by a generous grant from The Department of Canadian Heritage, the University of Alberta Library has undertaken to make easily accessible, in digital form, a wealth of published and unpublished texts and other resources. Many of these are scarce or unique, found only in large libraries, and are often in fragile condition, limiting their use. Peel's Prairie Provinces will support innovative, web-based teaching and research applications at the post-secondary level, in the K-12 education sector, and among lifelong learners in the community as a whole.

New Books



A series of vignettes on the pioneers of Alberta from the Glenbow Archives: William Drever, a Hudson's Bay employee; James Farquarson Macleod, the Queen's cowboy; W.J. Millican and Sam C. Nickle; Inspector L. Stuart Grayson and James S. Mackie; the Glenbow and Eric L. Harvie, Q.C. LLD.

Contact: Hilda Judd, 611 34 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2S 0T3

A new newsletter *The Prairie Tressure*. Editor Darren S.A. George, Ph.D.



Last summer (2002), a small but enthusiastic group of heraldists started meeting regularly in Edmonton to discuss heraldry and to enjoy the company of others who shared this interest. This was soon followed by the formation of a similar group in Red Deer. Although the two groups discussed different aspects of heraldry, there was total agreement

on one issue — it was time that the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada has a branch on the Prairies.

In order to generate interest in the formation of such a branch, and to make the presence of our group known, we have started the publication of a newsletter, *The Prairie Tressure*. A copy of the first issue Volume 1, Number 1, Spring 2003 is in the office of the Historical Society of Alberta, and was also sent to all members of the RHSC in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, to local libraries and to anyone whom we imagine may be interested in the subject.

It is our hope to accumulate a sufficiently large and stable membership for our twig to mature into a fully formed branch.

Application for membership can be made to:

The Prairie Heraldry Society
217 – 52152 RR 225
Sherwood Park, AB T8C 1C6

NB: There are no membership fees for 2003.

Contributions to *The Prairie Tressure* (both written and artistic) are welcomed. Documents sent via email should be in Microsoft Word or .txt format. Images (preferably black and white drawings) should be sent separately in .jpg or .gif format.

Send to the Editor.

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Glenbow Museum announces pilot project for its Library & Archives



The Glenbow will implement a one-year user fee pilot project for access to the Library & Archives effective June 24, 2004. The user fee will be the same cost as general admission to the museum (Adult \$11, Seniors \$8.50.) Regular users of the Library & Archives will be encouraged to purchase a Glenbow Museum membership, as membership revenues contribute to the ongoing care and support required in the Library & Archives as well as contributing to the permanent galleries and special exhibitions offered each year.

Exceptions to this user fee include first time users, students, specified media partners, and donors to Library & Archives for access to their donated collection only. First Nations researchers will also be exempted from this user fee for the first year thanks to the generous support of Shell Canada Limited.

— Calgary, AB May 22, 2003

2003 Central Alberta Heritage School Fairs Process

by Rod Trentham

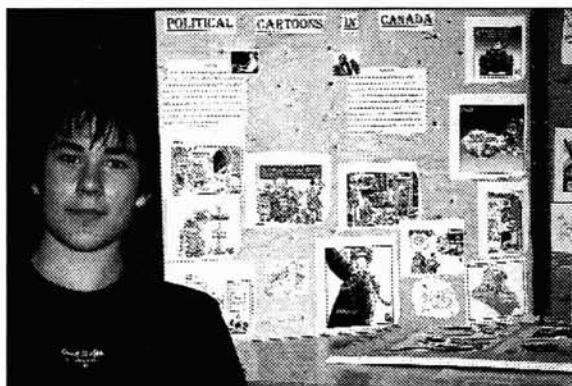
The Central Alberta Historical Society has been a generous supporter of the Heritage School Fairs project for the past six years. The CAHS provides financial support, volunteer energy, and this year sponsored a casino in aid of the future of this history project.

This year's project was great success. Prior to the Central Alberta Heritage Schools Fair at Red Deer Centre (formerly Parkland Mall) that featured **133** students presenting **97** heritage projects, the process involved **11** Heritage School (feeder) Fairs. We welcomed two new communities to the process: Didsbury and Byemore both held school fairs. In total, **656** central Alberta students presented **427** projects in communities—including the Olds Jr./Sr. High and Glendale Middle, SEVEC/Historica exchange students who presented their projects in Kingston, Ontario and Florenceville, New Brunswick respectively. This represents the most students involved in creating projects to date.

The major challenge faced by Olds and Glendale students was driving to the airport through an Alberta spring blizzard. Glendale, for example, spent 30 hours traveling to Florenceville with both airports closed. The Florenceville contingent leaves for home this week. Their host families have toured them around Red Deer, to the Rockies, Heritage Park, the Royal Tyrrell Museum and Badlands before wrapping up the visit in Edmonton. Kingston students return to visit their new Olds'

friends in early June. Olds was treated to a splendid visit touring around Kingston and Ottawa.

Three students selected lottery style from projects rated as excellent are off to the National Heritage Fair in Sudbury, July 7 to 14. Joel Carlos—a committee volunteer and 4th year student in the RDC/UofA, Bachelor of Education (Middle School) program—



Remi Watts, an Eckville Grade 9 student at the Eckville Heritage School Fair. His favourite political cartoonist is the Montreal Gazette's Aislin. His project included his own political cartoons. Remi understands irony. Perhaps someday he will join that exclusive Canadian club that features 25 cartoonists when they meet at a national conference.

will accompany the students. **Evan Lloyd**, a Grade 4 student at Ecole Mountview School, will take his project titled, "**Rowley: A Ghost Town?**" to the National Fair. Evan travelled to Rowley and recorded an interview with the McKay family, took photographs and even watched Anne Wheeler's "Bye Bye Blues"—essentially he did the work of a Museum or Archives. **Matthew Sztyrm**, a Grade 8 student from St. Patrick's Middle School will present his project titled, "**The History of**

Canadian Currency." A coin collector, Matthew will set off a few metal security scanners. The final project travelling to Sudbury is "**Old Time Women's Hockey**" created by **Caitlin Pyra**, a Grade 7 student at Glendale Middle School. Not only did Caitlin interview Red Deer Archivist, Michael Dawe who pulled files on the Red Deer Skookems and the Red Deer Amazons but Caitlin had information on every women's hockey team that competed in Alberta since 1902. The project included a photo of women in long Victorian dresses playing hockey in Banff, circa 1902. They are in for an experience of a lifetime.

Our thanks to Margaret Brodie this year's coordinator, Linda Cullen-Saik, a UofC, BFA practicum volunteer, Lyle Guidolin, RDC Tourism and Hospitality practicum volunteer, and Joel Carlos from RDC, BEd program. A big thank you to CAHS appointee Shirley Dye for her contribution. She was a tremendous help.

Finally, thanks to the many CAHS volunteers, our sponsors and partners, and of course the teachers, students and parents of central Alberta whose energy and enthusiasm makes this project possible.

by Vivian Sampson

Greetings from Chinook Country.

Thank you Central Alberta Historical Society for a great conference in Red Deer. The choir at the banquet was magnificent and everyone enjoyed the steamer train trip from Stettler to Big Valley and back. Congratulations to all the organizers.

CCHS has been going through a bit of a strain. Two weeks into his mandate, our new president resigned. However, the board is trying out something new. There will be a different acting president every three months from the past presidents of CCHS until our AGM in March. Kate Reeves is our acting president until the end of September.

Past HSA President, James Mackie and long time member Jennifer Cook

Bobrovitz were presented with City of Calgary Heritage awards. Jim for his work on getting a portion of Stephen Avenue designated as a Heritage District and Jennifer for her weekly articles on Calgary's built heritage in the Calgary Herald. Congratulations to you both.

As a Calgary project for Alberta's Centennial into confederation, the Reader Rock Gardens will be restored. There is a group consisting of city parks and recreational staff, horticultural groups, historical groups and possibly the Calgary Stampede and Olds College working together. Mrs. Colleen Kline, the premier's wife has agreed to be our honorary chair.

To get this project rolling, we will be looking for heritage plants from

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approximately 1912 to 1945. Volunteers will also be needed this year to get rid of the dandelions and other weeds. If you are interested in supporting this project, please give Vivian Sampson a call at 403-277-1013.

This year's Historic Calgary Week will be held from Friday, July 25 to Monday, August 4, 2003. Our theme is built heritage. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

Have a very enjoyable and safe summer.

Calgary Public Library Historian wins 2003 Journalism Prize

The Heritage Canada Foundation has named Jennifer Cook Bobrovitz, the Calgary Library's local history librarian, the winner of its 2003 Journalism Prize.

Jennifer gain the national award for her efforts in preserving and promoting heritage.

She was honored for her research skills and her achievements in heritage education. Jennifer created two column series, Cornerstones and Then & Now, for the Calgary Herald. the latter series still runs in the Herald.

She also created two Web sites around Calgary's heritage: Home Sweet Home and A Virtual Tour of Historic Calgary.

Her efforts earned her a Calgary Heritage award, which was presented earlier in June.

Trudy Cowan, executive director of the Loughheed House Conservation Society has worked for years with Cook Bobrovitz.

"Her research skills are absolutely top drawer," said Cowan.

"And she works so well with people. She has been able to have volunteers do research. A lot of research is pretty boring stuff, such as going through days and weeks and months of news for an occasional gem, but she has been able to get people interested and excited about doing that kind of work.

The Calgary Public Library is fortunate to have her, and Calgary is incredibly fortunate to have her."

Society of Civil War Surgeons, Inc.

The Society of Civil War Surgeons is dedicated to preserving the medical history of the American Civil War, the most turbulent period of medicine as it has been practiced in this, and other countries.

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Annual Banquet:

At our annual banquet held in February a program by Catherine Cole on the Eaton's catalogues was presented with great interest. We had a good turn out for the event. Catherine opened our eyes to the fact that Eaton's had issued different versions of the catalogues to eastern Canadians than what was provided to us Westerners.

Alex Johnston Award of Merit:

Bob Shore who has been a faithful volunteer for our Society for many many years was presented the Alex Johnston Award of Merit for his "always there to help" attitude - very infrequently does he ever turn away from a task he is asked to do. Bob was presented a framed set of three grain elevator photographs — Bob has interest in elevators and photographs as many as he can when ever he is out in the country.

Two previously published books had to be reordered:

Where Was It? A Guide to Early Lethbridge Buildings by Irma Dogterom was again almost out of print. And *Prairie Prisoners* - POWs in Lethbridge during two world conflicts by Georgia Green Fooks, first released in early December 2002, it quickly sold out so a printing was ordered. Both books have a reasonable inventory once again.

HSA-AGM Red Deer

About eight Lethbridge Historical Society members took in the Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society of Alberta in Red Deer. From all reports everyone was impressed with the event, especially the Train Ride & Bus

Tours. The only complaint heard was the so called "singing? voice" of one Carly Stewart who was cornered by the "gay 90s gal" on the train ride to Big Valley — a little of that goes a long way!

Firewater

Hugh and Pauline Dempsey visited Lethbridge. Hugh was the speaker at a Museum function co-hosted by the Lethbridge Historical Society and the Sir Alexander Galt Museum and Archives. Hugh gave a excellent talk on his newest book *Firewater* to a good crowd that was on hand. The Museum had brisk book sales after Hugh's talk when he autographed purchases for the crowd. It was good to see Hugh again and to meet Pauline whom I had met some 44 years before at an AGM in Lethbridge.

Sweetgrass Hills - A Natural and Cultural History — Book Launch

Written by Dr. Johan F. Dormaar. Johan was a great friend and close colleague of the late Alex Johnston who was President in Lethbridge for so many years. The launch was held June 3, 2003, the same day we joined the Central Alberta Historical Society bus tour to have a meal at the Galt Museum. Their tour was coordinated by HSA President Don Hepburn. Although it was not an official visit by the HSA President we were glad to see him.

Author Johan Dormaar was on hand and gave a very interesting and enthusiastic talk on the Hills. Although the mystic hills are actually in Montana USA they are part of our landscape here in Southern Alberta. They are revered and looked upon with awe by many of us in Southern Alberta. This volume has already had a great deal of interest with

our close neighbours to the south in Montana where a number have already been mailed.

Sweetgrass Hills is this Society's 38th publication. It contains 84 pages with 74 coloured photos and 25 black and white reproductions. It lists for \$19.95 on the general market. If HSA members purchase through the Lethbridge Historical Society they can pick it up for \$15.00 plus P&H (P&H is \$4.00 for 1st copy and \$1 for each additional copy thereafter.)



Bob Shore recipient of the
Alex Johnston Award of Merit
February 25, 2003

The Edmonton and District Historical Society is expecting a full season of activities, starting with Historical Edmonton Week (July 27 to August 2). With the cooperation of over 40 partners, this year's festival features over 120 events taking place in and around Edmonton. Once again, the people of Edmonton are demonstrating their enthusiasm for participating in historical activities.

The EDHS programming for the upcoming year will include four presentations in our Speaker Series, our Christmas dinner, John Rowand Night in the spring and possibly a three-day bus tour in June. One of the EDHS major events planned for next spring is the Annual General Meeting of the

HSA. Edmonton will be buzzing with the City's 2004 celebrations and we're hoping all HSA members will come to the AGM and participate in some of the festivities.

With 2004 fast approaching, the EDHS is actively participating in the City's planning for Edmonton's 100th birthday. Committees are busy organizing numerous activities to take place, among them an event focused on "Edmonton's firsts" featuring a theatrical presentation organized by the EDHS and Alectra Theatre. Watch for more details of our programs in the upcoming EDHS newsletters and join us as we celebrate Edmonton's history.

As you might have guessed, with all these special activities planned, the

EDHS needs volunteers. Our first major call for volunteers will be on October 6 & 7 when we hold our Casino. As this event is our major fund-raiser, it must be a success; however, to do that, we need your help. Alan Vanterpool (phone 780-455-0036, or his email avtpool@shaw.ca) is our Casino Chairman, so please contact him right away to offer your assistance. Thank you.

Check your upcoming newsletters for more details about our programs, and please, offer to volunteer at some of our events (call our information line 780-439-2797 or email Linda Collier at lmcollier@shaw.ca). With your help, the 2003/04 EDHS season will be a great success!

Grant MacEwan Literary Awards

The recipients of the Grant MacEwan Literary Awards were announced at the annual Alberta Book Awards Gala on May 10, 2003. These awards are designed to nurture Alberta writers in pursuit of an activity that was so important to Grant MacEwan.

The Author's Award of \$25,000 was presented to **Ronald LaJeunesse** of Edmonton for *Political Asylums*, published by The Muttart Foundation, Edmonton, Alberta. The jury made the following comments following their selection of LaJeunesse's work: "Passionately written, clearly the product of a life-long commitment, Ronald LaJeunesse brings an international perspective to the history of mental health care in Alberta. Well-researched, authoritative yet accessible, *Political*

Asylums meets a difficult challenge with panache."

In addition, the **Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarships** of \$2,500 each were presented to four young Albertans (aged 16-25) who submitted an essay or short story of between 1,000 and 5,000 words that met the same criteria as the Author's award. This year's recipients are:

- **Brenna Deines** of Nampa for her story "In the Beginning Was the Fencepost."
- **Marie-Claude Poirier** of Edmonton for her story "La Terre Promise du Soleil Couchant."
- **Laura Thompson** of Calgary for her story "Touching the Mountain."

• **Laura Wayne** of Calgary for her essay "Proud to be Albertan."

Each year, a panel of expert jurors, chosen from across the province, evaluates the submissions based on a number of criteria, including originality and how the work reflects one of the many interests of Grant MacEwan. In recognition of the late Dr. Grant MacEwan, the Alberta government launched the Grant MacEwan Literary Awards to honour and commemorate his lifelong achievements in literary excellence in 1999.

The Book Publishers Association of Alberta, the Writers Guild of Alberta and Alberta Community Development jointly host this event.

Spring 2003 has been a time of new ventures and new honours for CAHS and individual members. Dr. Robert Lampard, current CAHS President was awarded a William Spaulding Certificate for his outstanding contribution to the history of medicine in Alberta. He has written 77 presentations and publication articles to inform on Alberta medical history and those who have shaped it.

Three Historical Society of Alberta Awards were given to Central Albertans as part of the May AGM. Dr. William Baergen, Past President of CAHS was presented with the HSA Annual award, for his years of work in making Western Canadian history known to students and members of the public. Rod Trentham, who is Programs Coordinator for The Red Deer and District Museum was awarded a Volunteer Service Medallion. He has served as the Co-Chair (museums) of the Central Alberta Heritage School Fairs for the past 8 years and as the Alberta Head of Delegation of the National Heritage Fair. The HSA award of Merit for an institution was presented to Allan Johnson for The Big Valley Historical Society. Those who participate in the steam train ride to Big Valley and tour the sites preserved by Big Valley's small population, experience the extraordinary, love of place that exists in the historical society there, and in all the interpreters and volunteers who work with their historical society.

First ever Historic Red Deer Week, May 3-10 brought forth 28 events for public participation. Each venue had a draw box and contributed an item for draws at the end of the week. Small booklets with details and a name slip for each event, were distributed widely in

the city and district. CAHS sponsored a film evening in the Snell Auditorium of the Red Deer Public Library. The documentary shown, *How the Fiddle Flows*, reveals the rich traditions of Metis music and dancing. The local Gilles Allard family gave a live dance performance and also provided the audience with a bannock and jam treat. The CAHS draw item was a membership in the Historical Society of Alberta and a copy of Michael Dawe's, *Red Deer: An Illustrated History*. Fort Normandeau had an 1885 conference. The Kerry Wood Nature Centre had a guided tour of the Gaetz Lake Sanctuary as well as a summary of the history of the preservation role of The Red Deer River Naturalists. Sunnybrook Farm hosted a country-style ham dinner and demonstrated spring field work with restored farm equipment. Students and their projects for Central Alberta Heritage School Fairs, displayed and interpreted their projects at Red Deer Centre Mall. Central Alberta Heritage School Fairs is a collaboration of Red Deer and District Museum, CAHS, Museums Alberta, The Social Studies Council of the ATA and the Historical Foundation.

Mid-week the Red Deer Rotary hosted their Citizen of the year Gala and chose Don Hepburn, for this honour. CAHS is only one of many organizations who benefit from Don's work. The editor of the Red Deer Advocate said in part: "He is a retired educator who has immersed himself in the needs of his region." HSA is fortunate to have Don for the new President of the Board. On May 9 Canadian Heritage chose Red Deer as one of four cultural capitals of Canada. To complete this heady week for history,

the Red Deer Heritage preservation committee announced their 2003 Award recipients. They are: The Old Court House, CPR Station, Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Pine Lake and the Publications committee, Central Alberta Historical Society & Central Alberta Museums Network. The committee for Historic Red Deer Week included Wendy Martindale, Michael Dawe, Margaret Coutts, Ron Lebsack and Tara Senft-Lodewyk. Coordinated by Amanda Flikema it was chaired by Don Hepburn of CAHS.

On May 16, Lacombe had a ribbon cutting ceremony for their restored Flat Iron building, built in 1906. The building was renovated inside and out and features 3,000 photos and hundreds of artifacts from the beginning of the century. The local Maski-Pitoon Historical Society provided the data and photos for this new source of historic display for the town and district of Lacombe.



HSA Calendar of Events – 2003

Jul 25 to

Aug 4

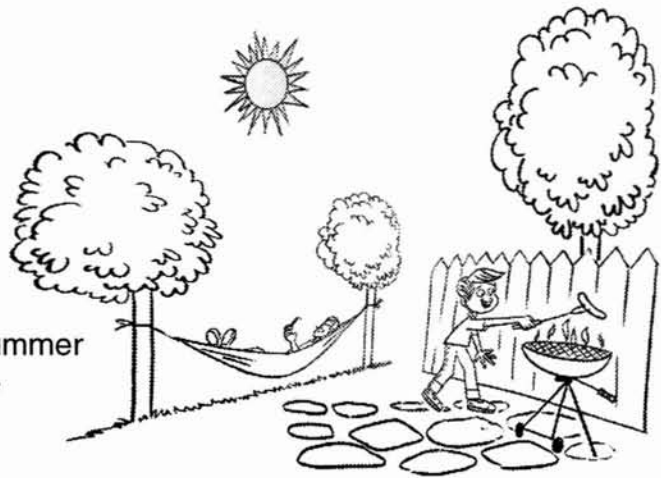
CCHS: Historic Calgary Week. Watch for information on the CCHS web site www.albertahistory.org/chinook.

Jul 27 to

Aug 2

EDHS: Historical Edmonton Week please call our information line 780-439-2797 or email Linda Collier at lmcollier@shaw.ca

Have a great summer
everyone



HSA Crossword

Answer to last newsletter crossword:

Across: 1. Castor, 4. Lampart, 8. pests, 9. regiments, 10. era, 11. Naval, 12. Sprat, 13. smoky, 15. travois, 18. neutral, 19. slave, 22. owing, 24. Getty, 26. Hun, 27. Milk River, 29. dudes, 30. nominal, 31. planks.

Down: 1. Cypress, 2. Saskatoon, 3. Olson, 4. Legal, 5. Mum, 6. Abner, 7. DeSoto, 9. riveter, 12. Scots, 14. Young, 16. allstar, 17. Smashed in, 20. Ernests, 21. Mormon, 23. islam, 24. gavel, 25. yodel, 28. Ron

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. Tragic event in Crowsnest, April 1903
8. Con game to deceive
9. Ethnic group that settled in Camrose
10. The Macdonald, Marquis or Palliser
11. Ambulance sound
12. Calgary Athlete
13. With 21 across, a founder of the Reform Party
15. Sound of a funeral bell
16. Forage crop grown in Alberta
19. Signal of distress
20. Likewise not
21. see 13 across
22. Corn
24. Earl, Lady Jane, Zane and hound
25. Alberta official fish emblem
26. Aerie
27. Laggan and Holt City were CPR stations to disembark to see this scenic spot

Down

1. Court punishments
2. Nearest city north of Calgary
3. Alberta's 12th premier
4. Hawaiian floral greeting
5. People from this country settled in and near Dickson
7. Salvation Army building which became an Edmonton theatre
8. Alberta tributary to the Missouri river
10. Dashes
12. Preston to Ernest
13. Feather toed grouse of the North
14. Innovation to the movies in the late 1920's
17. keepers, children's claim
18. High school math subject
19. Colour we Albertans see above us (usually)
20. Capital city of Kenya
22. *Fortis et liber* is Alberta's
23. Between in Quebec

