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Downtown Hudson's Bay Store Colonnade
7 Avenue and 1 Street SW, looking north to south.



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Historic Calgary Week 2013 July 26-August 5



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St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
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HISTORIC CALGARY WEEK

WALKING THROUGH HISTORY

JULY 26 - AUGUST 5, 2013

Chinook Country Historical Society proudly presents the 23rd annual Historic Calgary Week from July 26 to August 5, 2013.

Celebrate with us as we "walk through history" with over 70 events. Come to talks, walks, concerts, family events, museum and community visits and noon hour talks at Central United Church. Complete the historical crossword puzzle found in the *Calgary Herald*. Watch for the Century Homes banners in some communities.

All events are open to the public and, with few exceptions, are free of charge but donations are appreciated. Some require pre-registration due to limited space. For walking tours, please dress for the weather, wear good walking shoes and bring water if it is hot.

For more information about Historic Calgary Week or Chinook Country Historical Society please visit www.chinookcountry.org. CCHS is the local chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta which was formed in 1907 by an act of the Alberta Legislature.

HISTORICAL CROSSWORD

Look for the giant crossword puzzle by Jennifer Prest in the *Calgary Herald* on Friday, July 26, 2013. Send in your completed copy for a chance to win a variety of prizes. See the *Calgary Herald* for details. The crossword will also be available as a pdf on the Chinook Country Historical Society website at www.chinookcountry.org.

CENTURY HOMES CALGARY IS BACK! JULY 26 TO AUGUST 5

Back by popular demand, this year's city-wide celebration features hundreds of homes and buildings from the early days of Calgary through to the thirties and includes nonresidential buildings such as churches, schools and businesses. Experience the story of Calgary as told by Calgarians. For a map of participating sites and other activities go to www.centuryhomes.org.

Friday, July 26

9:45 am-3:00 pm Early Settlers to the Present

The **Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants** welcome you to the historic log building in Parkhill dedicated to those who arrived in southern Alberta prior to 1891.

Meet: *Southern Alberta Pioneers Memorial Building, 3625 - 4 Street SW*

9:45 am Historic Calgary Week Opening Ceremonies

Hosted by **Joan Davis** and **David Ballard**,
Southern Alberta Pioneers

10:00 am Sam Livingston and Jane (Howse) Livingston

Kathy Babiuk and **Maureen Peckham** tell the story of their great-grandparents, Sam Livingston and Jane (Howse) Livingston. A remarkable story of western settlement and early Calgary.

11:00 am The First Alberta Highway

Bill Dunn, foothills historian, describes the Old Macleod Trail Marker project. Since 2002, he has been restoring and installing markers. The Trail was used by bull teams and stagecoaches connecting Canada's North West with the world before the railway arrived in 1883.

12:00 noon Bring your picnic lunch and a chair and enjoy the view from the Southern Alberta Pioneers' patio and garden.

1:00 pm Calgary Jewish Academy

Harry Sanders, Calgary Heritage Authority 2012 Historian Laureate, presents a short talk on the **Calgary Jewish Academy**, which recognized its centennial this year through its precursor, the Calgary Hebrew School. Shaie Jaffe was the long-time president of the school's board. Harry will take us on a side-trip to the early bookstore, *Jaffe's Books*.

2:00 pm JS and Grace Mackie

Moyra Mackie Ferguson shares stories about her grandparents' early days in Calgary. Find out about JS and Grace Mackie's "Palliser Years".

10:00 am-4:00 pm Western Ranching & Livestock Industry Open House

The **Stockmen's Memorial Foundation's Bert Sheppard Library and Archives** holds community histories, periodicals, brand books, stud books, etc. View bronzes, paintings, saddles, branding irons, barbed wire, cowboy hats and a western art display.

Meet: *Cochrane RancheHouse, 101 RancheHouse Road, Cochrane. Turn north from 1A Highway onto Highway 22; drive 0.7 km to RancheHouse Road on the right*

10:00 am-4:00 pm A Sculpting Experience

At **Studio West Bronze Foundry and Art Gallery**, see the intricate stages of the Lost-wax process of casting bronze sculptures. View works in progress, miniature to monumental, and clay models for many of Canada's best known statues. **Don and Shirley Begg** have created monumental scale bronze statues including the Colonel Macleod equestrian statue at Fort Calgary and the Peacekeepers Memorial.

Meet: *205 - 2 Avenue SE (corner of Bow Street and 2 Avenue SE), Industrial Park, Cochrane*

7:00-9:00 pm Rouleauville: Pour tout le monde

Guided by Councillor **Brian Pincott**

On this bilingual tour discover the neighbourhood of Rouleauville, the original French quarter in Calgary. Calgary's history has very deep francophone roots, from Rouleauville in the Mission area to the Father Lacombe Home in Midnapore. City Council recently supported calling on the federal government to recognize the establishment of Rouleauville as an event of National Historic Significance. Find out why.

Meet: *Rouleauville Square, 197 - 17 Avenue SW, in front of St. Mary's Cathedral*

7:00-8:30 pm St. Mary's Pioneer Cemetery

Mounties, cowboys and cooks, prohibitionists and politicians! Learn about the people, personalities and events that helped shape Calgary into the city it is today. A knowledgeable tour guide leads this unique tour for Historic Calgary Week.

Repeated: Saturday, August 3 at 7:00 pm.

Meet: *Pioneer Cemetery gates, just inside the St. Mary's Cemetery, Erlton Street and 31 Avenue SW*

Saturday, July 27

9:00 am-12:00 noon Glenbow Townsite Tour

Join an enthused researcher from the **Archaeological Society of Alberta (Calgary Centre)** to explore Glenbow Townsite's history. Although the town has long since disappeared the stories of the families who lived, worked and thrived there provide great insight into the conditions of quarry workers in the early 1900s and the challenges faced by Alberta's early residents. This area is protected under Ministerial Closure. The tour will allow participants special access on the day.

Pre-registration is required; no drop-ins.

Phone 403-398-3763 or visit www.grpf.ca. There is a \$20.00 fee per person for transportation to the townsite. Maximum 18 people.

Meet: *Location revealed at time of registration*

10:00 am-4:00 pm Ride Through Time

Visit **Lougheed House**, a National and Provincial Historic Site and Museum, as it presents "Ride Through Time" – an annual community festival and open house. Enjoy this free, fun for all ages, indoor/outdoor event with a free stampede-style breakfast, family activities, tours of the house, opportunities to connect with local history organizations, antique cars and more!

Meet: *Lougheed House, 707 – 13 Avenue SW*

12:00 noon-4:00 pm AFHS Open House: Bring Your Spirit and Celebrate Your Family

History helped shape who you are today. Share your stories and listen to ours. Learn how DNA progress affects researching our roots. Tour the **Alberta Family Histories Society Library** and view our resources - books, journals, cemetery transcriptions and more. Knowledgeable people will be on hand to answer questions.

Meet: *Alberta Family Histories Society,
712 - 16 Avenue NW*

1:00 pm & 3:00 pm Discover Alberta's First Oilfield at the Turner Valley Gas Plant

Thanks to **Alberta Culture** we invite you on a 1.5 hour site tour of the oldest gas plant in Western Canada and the Dingman No. 1 Discovery Well led by historian and author **David Finch**. Hear fascinating stories about this provincially and nationally designated area that, at its peak, produced more than 95 percent of all the oil in Canada. Sturdy footwear is required, no sandals!

Guided tours at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

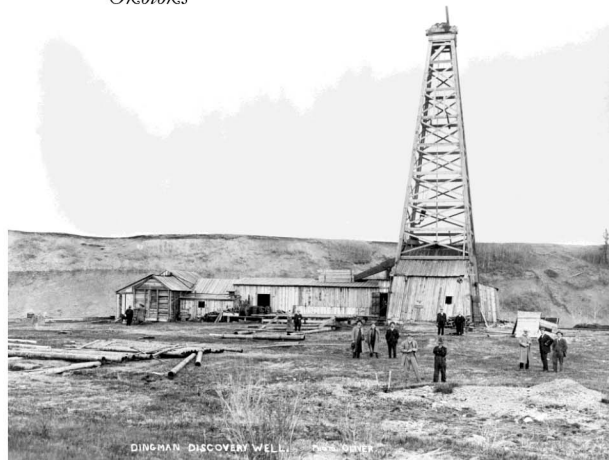
Meet: *At the Turner Valley Gas Plant*

Directions: *East at the four-way stop in Turner Valley, take first right on short connector street and first left on Sunset Boulevard*

2:00-3:30 pm Okotoks Cemetery Tour

Join **Karen Peters** of the **Okotoks and District Historical Society** for stories of courage, determination and hardships of the residents buried in the older section of the Okotoks Cemetery. Information: 403-938-8969.

Meet: *At the cemetery located on Big Rock Trail and Westland Road (west of Okotoks Ford Dealer), Okotoks*



*Visitors to Dingman #1 well, Turner Valley, 1914
Glenbow Archives NA-952-2*

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Saturday, July 27 (cont.)

3:30-5:00 pm **Bankview in Transition: From Cattle Ranch to Inner-City Residential Enclave in 125 Years**

What led to Bankview joining Calgary in 1907? Learn about the pioneer settler who ranched here and adapted to change. See evidence of the pre-World War I growth in a range of Century-Plus Homes. Be introduced to stories associated with the first Calgary building boom. Walk the hilly terrain catching surprise views with community member, **Terry MacKenzie**, who also represents the **Calgary Heritage Authority**.

Meet: *Buckmaster Park between 21 and 22 Avenues SW and a bit west of 15 Street. Enter from either avenue through the green metal arches.*

7:00-9:00 pm **Wings of Change - History of Aviation in Calgary**

Archival film footage in “Wings of Change” portrays adventurous Alberta pilots and events leading to the creation of Calgary’s various airports. **David Dover** and **Fred McCall, Jr.** are key individuals in this documentary. Authors **Shirlee Smith-Matheson** and **Patricia Meyers** provide insight. The film is a result of **Doug Wilson**’s desire to preserve Alberta history. Born on the Bow Valley Ranch, and now President of Bluegrass Communications, Doug Wilson’s name is connected to Alberta events including Miniature Horse Chuckwagon Racing in Cardston, Rum Runner Days in the Crowsnest Pass, and the Chuckwagon Chili Cook-off in Calgary’s Victoria Park. This remarkable man is pleased to share this aviation story.

Meet: *Fort Calgary Historic Park, Burnswest Theatre, 750 - 9 Avenue SE*



*Fuelling Stinson Detroiter, ca. 1928
Freddy McCall flew nitroglycerine in this plane.
Glenbow Archives NA-2097-62*

Sunday, July 28

10:00 am-12:00 noon Jewish Calgary Walking Tour

Calgary's Jewish community dates back to 1889. In the historic Downtown Commercial Core, Downtown East Village, and Beltline districts, many existing and vanished sites (as well as contemporary public art installations) have connections to Jews and Jewish organizations. Join **Harry Sanders** for a walk through Jewish Calgary, past and present.

Meet: *Famous Five "Women are Persons!" sculptures in Olympic Plaza, near 8 Avenue and 1 Street SE*

1:30-4:00 pm Knox United Church Celebrates 100!

This stunningly beautiful sandstone church, with unique architectural details, celebrates 100 years of activism and service. Step into history where Colonel James Walker, recognized in 1975 as Calgary's Citizen of the Century, was a founding member and Angus Robertson preached. We warmly welcome you to our open house. **Guided tours at 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm** include behind the scenes commentary, stained glass windows, rousing organ music selections. Conclude your tour with high tea in the parlour. Early 20th century antique cars will be on display outside!

Meet: *6th Avenue Entrance of Knox United Church (corner of 6 Avenue and 4 Street SW)*

2:00-3:30 pm Union Cemetery Tour

Travel back in time to meet people who shaped Calgary's history: ordinary folks who did extraordinary things. Tours are led by a knowledgeable volunteer tour guide, not wheelchair or stroller accessible, best suited for ages 9 and up. No pets.

Repeated on Sunday, August 4 at 2:00 pm.

Meet: *28 Avenue and Spiller Road SE at the Galloway House on the east side of Union Cemetery*



*Architect's sketch of Knox Presbyterian Church, ca. 1912 (now Knox United Church)
Glenbow Archives
PD-322-24d*

2:00-4:00 pm Chinatown Walking Tour and Museum Visit (English)

Tour Calgary's **Chinatown!** There's more to this vibrant community than dim sum and lion dancing. Discover the culture and personality hidden inside one of our city's oldest locales. After the tour, more surprises await you in the **Cultural Centre Museum**. Maximum 12 people per tour.

Pre-register at 403-262-5071.

Repeated Tuesday, July 30 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Tour in Cantonese and Mandarin on Wednesday, July 31 at 10:00 am.

Meet: *Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre, 197 – 1 Street SW*

3:30-5:30 pm St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Ukrainians played an important part in Calgary's heritage. Come tour the beautiful **St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church** with its Byzantine iconography. Visit the **Ukrainian Museum of Canada**, Calgary Collection. Watch a short film on the art of Ukrainian egg decoration.

Meet: *St. Vladimir's Church, 404 Meredith Road NE, Inside the church. Parking in front and rear of church. Watch out for one-way streets!*

7:00-8:30 pm The Art of The Auto Industry

The early automotive industry was cutting-edge and competitive, and this was reflected in the care and experimentation that went into the design of vehicles, gasoline pumps and signage. Join **Doug Coats** for a tour of **Gasoline Alley Museum's** Lower Showroom for a look at how form met function in a life-changing new industry.

Pre-register at 403-268-8500 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Maximum 25 people.

Meet: *Heritage Park, 1900 Heritage Drive SW, in the Engineered Air Plaza of Heritage Town Square outside the Gasoline Alley building entrance*

*Langevin Bridge, n.d.
Glenbow Archives
NA-4081-10*



Monday, July 29

9:00-10:00 am Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church

The Ukrainian Catholic congregation has worshipped here since 1959. The building is the second church for Calgary's Ukrainian Catholic congregation who first worshipped in what is now the Calgary Buddhist Temple. With its large central dome and four smaller domes this church, a Calgary landmark, is sometimes known as the "Jewel of Renfrew".

Meet: *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church, 704 - 6 Street NE*

10:15-11:15 am All Saints Russian Orthodox Church

The Russian Orthodox congregation has worshipped in Calgary since 1930. This 1962 building replaced the smaller church next door. The interior of the church is based on the simple Latin cross, also referred to as a cruciform plan. The domes are a familiar sight in the community.

Meet: *All Saints Russian Orthodox Church,
905 - 8 Avenue NE*

12:00 noon-1:00 pm Langevin and Bow Marsh Bridges

John Gilpin, historian and author, recounts the history of Calgary in the 1880s as revealed by the construction of the first two bridges across the Bow River in 1888. The construction of the Bow Marsh Bridge, located where the Louise bridge is today, and the first Langevin bridge were occasions for community cooperation, rivalry and celebration.

Meet: *Central United Church, 131 - 7 Avenue SW*

2:00-3:00 pm Bow Valley Lawn Bowling Club

Have you ever participated in lawn bowling? The sport has a long history in Calgary. The **Bow Valley Lawn Bowling Club** celebrated their 80th anniversary in 2012. During Historic Calgary Week's first visit to this historic club, learn about the club's history, their clubhouse, and about the rules and history of lawn bowling.

Meet: *Bow Valley Lawn Bowling Club, Hillhurst,
1738 Bonness Road NW*

2:00-3:30 pm Brentwood Community Walk: 50 Years of Construction, Destruction and Change

Come hear the stories that have special meaning for long-time Brentwood residents and for anyone who is curious about the history of this wonderful neighbourhood. As the **Brentwood Community Association** celebrates 50 years, join **Kelli Wreford**, a director of the association's board, to learn about the community's natural areas and buildings, including the 1974 fire at Dr. Coffin School.

Meet: *Dr. E.W. Coffin School, 5615 Barrett Drive NW*

7:00-8:30 pm Heritage Park Residents - Then and Now

The historic buildings in **Heritage Park** were once the homes and businesses of interesting characters who played an active role in the development of western Canada. Rumour has it a few of them still remain. Listen to true tales of residents then and learn of the interesting experiences Heritage Park staff, volunteers and guests have had with them in recent years. Maximum 25 people.

Pre-register at 403-268-8500 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Meet: *Heritage Park Historical Village,
1900 Heritage Drive SW outside the historic
Wainwright Hotel. Proceed through the Security Gate
and drive down to Gunn's Dairy Barn to park.*

7:00-8:30 pm Mid-Century Modern - West Downtown Walk

From brick to brute concrete and curtain walls, the west end of downtown recalls mid-century Calgary and our transition from small prairie city to a modern metropolis built on oil and gas wealth. Some of the significant stops along the way include the Barron Building, the Elveden Centre "superblock" and the concrete waterfall landscape of Century Gardens. Join **Cynthia Klaassen** and **Sarah Meilleur**, representing **Calgary Heritage Initiative** and **Calgary Heritage Authority**.

Meet: *In front of the Barron Building, 610 - 8 Avenue SW*

Tuesday, July 30

10:00-11:30 am The Land of Fort Calgary's Deane House

From Native encampment to Hudson Bay Trading Post, to a tent community. In 1929 there were two homes on the site when the Deane House was moved across the Elbow River and became the Gaspé Lodge. Nine apartments were in the Gaspé Lodge with nine more small houses on the present day Deane House site. Join storyteller, **Ruth Manning**, for tales of the Deane House land.

Meet: *New Fort Calgary Plaza behind the Fort Calgary Interpretive Centre, 750 - 9 Avenue SE*

10:00 am-12:00 noon Chinatown Walking Tour and Museum Visit (English)

Repeat of Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 pm.

Pre-register at 403-262-5071.

See page 10 for details.

12:00 noon-1:00 pm Development Derailed! Calgary and the CPR 1962-64

A proposed multimillion dollar development project on a piece of CPR reserve land in the heart of downtown Calgary was met with rapture by the political and business leaders of the day. What could have derailed the grand scheme to reroute or remove the railway tracks from downtown and reshape much of the urban core? A lively presentation by **Dr. Max Foran**, noted historian and author.

Meet: *Central United Church, 131 - 7 Avenue SW*



*William Bruce Farm, 1894
Brentwood Shopping Centre was built here in 1963.
Glenbow Archives NA-1097-1*

2:00-3:00 pm Victory Outreach Foundation - Alyth Lodge (Ogden Hotel)

The Victory Outreach Centre began as a "street church" in 1992. In 2007 the Victory Outreach Centre and Victory Foundation moved to a new home in the historic Alyth Lodge (Ogden Hotel). The converted hotel, **Victory Manor**, currently houses 60 men, homeless or at risk of being homeless. There is much to learn as we tour this historic building.

Meet: *Victory Church, 7012 Ogden Road SE*

2:00-4:00 pm Chinatown Walking Tour and Museum Visit (English)

Repeat of Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 pm.

Pre-register at 403-262-5071.

See page 10 for details.

4:30-6:00 pm Concrete Centenarian

Join **Calgary Heritage Authority Chair Scott Jolliffe** for his entertaining and passionate account of the Canadian Government Elevator and the attempt to preserve its memory. One of Calgary's iconic structures, also affectionately known as "The Government", the Ogden Grain Elevator stood as a notable Calgary landmark for almost 100 years. Scott photographed the elevator inside and out and documented the 2011 demolition process. Learn about its impact on the local economy and the people who worked there.

Meet: *Kabanoff Conference Centre,
200, 105 - 12 Avenue SE*

7:00-8:30 pm 100 Awesome Things about Calgary's Past

Reminisce about 5¢ cones at Model Milk, comic books at Jaffe's and a rope swing over the Elbow River. Learn about the other 97 awesome things from Calgary's past with **Harry Sanders**, Calgary Heritage Authority 2012 Historian Laureate of Calgary.

Meet: *Memorial Park Library, 1221 - 2 Street SW*

*Grain elevator, Calgary, n.d.
Glenbow Archives
ND-8-303*



Wednesday, July 31

10:00 am-5:00 pm Nose Creek Valley Museum Open House, Airdrie

Nose Creek Valley lies north of Calgary and includes Airdrie, Balzac and Crossfield. The Museum represents over 100 years of local history, providing an interesting glimpse into the early way of life in this area. Displays include Native American stone tools and arrowheads, bison skulls, early pioneer artifacts, farmstead tools and machinery, wartime relics and more. Free admission.

Meet: 1701 Main Street South, Airdrie
Information: 403-948-6685

10:00-11:30 am Scoundrels, Scallywags and Scandals at City Hall

Scoundrels, scallywags and scandals have been with us since Calgary was incorporated as a Town in 1884. Learn more about the “dark side” of our municipal government’s early years through this exposé! Maximum 40 people.

Pre-register by July 29 at 403-268-8180.

Meet: *The City of Calgary, Corporate Records, Archives,
Main Floor, Administration Building,
313 - 7 Avenue SE*

10:00 am-12:00 noon Chinatown Walking Tour and Museum Visit Cantonese & Mandarin

Pre-register at 403-262-5071.
See page 10 for details.

12:00 noon-1:00 pm Unbuilt Calgary - The Shape of the City

What if we'd never had zoning? Further thoughts by **Stephanie White** on her book, *Unbuilt Calgary*, which surveys powerful projects that were never built. What might Calgary have looked like today if we had taken a different development path altogether - one where all the sandstone schools are still in place, hospitals never moved, and housing districts and corner stores still had their place in the downtown?

Meet: *Central United Church, 131 - 7 Avenue SW*

2:00-3:30 pm Sneak Preview of Historic Bowness Park Renewal

Hear the latest news about the redevelopment of one of Calgary’s oldest and most beloved parks. Conservation Landscape Architect, **Michelle Reid**, will be on site at **Bowness Park** to explain how its historic elements and history are being retained and celebrated. Please wear walking shoes. <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Construction/Bowness-Park-redevelopment-project.aspx>.

Meet: *Bowness Park, 8900 - 48 Avenue NW
(by the east end of the lagoon)*

2:30-4:30 pm Defending a Nation: Canada and the Korean War

Veterans Affairs Canada declared 2013 as the “year of the Korean War Veteran”. Our Senior Curator will present details of the Korean War and Canada’s participation in this United Nations mission. Accompanying the presentation will be a tour of this exhibit in the Founders' Gallery, hosted by veterans and the education department.

Meet: *The Military Museums, 4520 Crowchild Trail SW,
main doors near flags*

7:00-8:30 pm Calgary’s Historic Homes

Uncover the history of some of Calgary's historic homes through the Century Homes database and our Digital Library. We are pleased to have **Christine Hays** and **Carolyn Ryder** present this powerful visual tour of Calgary's built past.

Meet: *Memorial Park Library, 1221 2 Street SW*

7:00-8:30 pm Want to ‘Talk’ to Your Ancestors?

Come satisfy your curiosity and demystify the truths and tales that make up your Family. Learn how the **Alberta Family Histories Society** can help you discover yourself. Our interactive visual presentation will teach you the basic steps to start your family tree research. Browse our library and speak with our experienced researchers.

Meet: *Alberta Family Histories Society,
712 - 16 Avenue NW*

Thursday, August 1

9:30-11:00 am City Hall Tales

Did you know Calgary's town council first met in a saloon and City Hall used to have jail cells? Learn a few of the many tales as **Bob van Wegen** leads this tour of the 1911 sandstone building and the adjoining Municipal Building. See how City Hall has evolved to meet the needs of a growing city, from early struggles with overcrowding (and palm trees!) to the controversial "civic centre" schemes of the 1970s. Space is limited.

Pre-register by email to Loretta.Sequeira@calgary.ca or phone 403-268-2249.

Meet: *The City of Calgary, 800 Macleod Trail SE, Information Desk, Municipal Building Atrium*

9:30-11:00 am Walk on the Sunnyside of the Tracks

Join **David Peyto**, author of the Calgary LRT Walks books, for an exploration of Sunnyside. This heritage walk visits some unique locations in the community.

Meet: *Beside the Sunnyside LRT Station northbound platform at 3 Avenue and 9 Street NW*

12:00 noon-1:00 pm The Legendary Mosquito Aircraft - Calgary Has One?

Deservedly earning high praise during World War II, the Mosquito has often been referred to as the most versatile aircraft of that war. This amazing aircraft captured the respect of all. Hear stories that will make you shiver. Though almost 8000 were built, only 30 survive today. Did you know this legendary aircraft was put to work by enterprising Canadians after the war as a high altitude photo mapping aircraft? How did it make its way to Calgary? Now the centre of a five year campaign to prevent its sale overseas, **Richard de Boer** will update us on its long awaited restoration.

Meet: *Central United Church, 131 - 7 Avenue SW*



www.centuryhomes.org

2:00-3:00 pm Firefighters Museum of Calgary

Ignite! Discover! Explore! Activate! The **Firefighters Museum of Calgary** is home to the storied past of the Calgary Fire Department from 1885 to present day. Come listen to the voices of our legacy and learn what it's like to be a firefighter - both then and now. From fire trucks to fire hydrants, there is something for everyone on this tour whether you're an antique auto aficionado, avid historian or just want to learn about fire safety!

Meet: *Firefighters Museum of Calgary, 4124 - 11 Street SE*

4:00-5:30 pm Birding Around With Gus

Some 300 species of birds live in - or travel through - Calgary from all points of the world every year. See their stunning images taken by keen-eyed mostly local photographers and narrated by our knowledgeable and exuberant Calgary naturalist, **Gus Yaki**.

Meet: *Louise Riley Library, Programs Building, 1904 - 14 Avenue NW*

7:00-8:00 pm Lougheed House Garden Tour

Join Head Gardener **Marie Gattinger** for an inspiring tour of the historic gardens, focusing on the theme of Art and Architecture and the Mawson Plan.

Meet: *Lougheed House, 707 - 13 Avenue SW at the garden shed on the west side of the house*

7:00-8:00 pm The Exciting Life and Times of JB Barron and the Barron Building

In the 1920s and 30s, lawyer and theatre impresario JB Barron brought Sergei Rachmaninoff and other musical greats to Calgary infusing color and culture into a depressed city. In 1947, when oil was discovered at Leduc, JB observed that virtually no office space existed. He risked his life savings building the Barron Building and Uptown Theatre, his greatest contribution to the prairie city. Writer **Irena Karshenbaum** shares why this important site is so valuable to Calgary's history.

Meet: *Temple B'Nai Tikvah, 900 - 47 Avenue SW*

Friday, August 2

10:00-11:00 am 1913 Palestine Exhibition

Calgary's outgoing Historian Laureate, **Harry Sanders**, presents a talk about Calgary's Palestine Exhibition of 1913. This unique event saw models of ancient and modern Jerusalem displayed in Victoria Park. Let Harry's entertaining presentation take you back 100 years.

Meet: *Central Library, Basement Meeting Room #1,
616 Macleod Trail SE*

10:00-11:00 am Calgary's Musical Venues

Take a virtual tour of some local musical hot spots, past and present. Musical Storyteller **Bob Pearson** will regale you with tunes and tales from Calgary's rich musical heritage. A brief peek at some of the highlights from the **National Music Centre's** instrument collection will follow.

Repeated at 1:30 pm today.

Meet: *National Music Centre, located in the Customs House
134 - 11 Avenue SE
(formerly Cantos Music Foundation)*

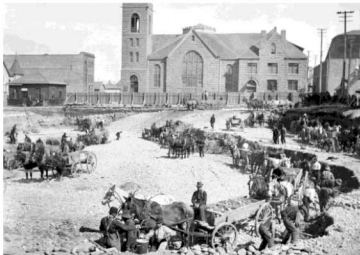
12:00 noon-1:00 pm The 7th Avenue Hudson's Bay Store - Celebrating 100 Years

Based on the business model of Harrods' Store in London, England, Calgary's granite "Palace" has stood the test of time. Learn from **Linda Gerhardt** what early services were offered. Many departments are now a distant memory. View historical photographs, the penned description of experiences of a 1916 clerk and her daughter's account as a teenager working in the 1940s.

Meet: *Central United Church, 131 - 7 Avenue SW*

1:30-2:30 pm Calgary's Musical Venues

Repeat of 10:00 am today.



*Excavation for
Hudson's Bay
Company store,
ca. 1911
Glenbow Archives
NA-2732-3*

2:00-3:00 pm The Germans from Russia

What does Catherine the Great have to do with Canada? Why did Germans go to Russia? What were conditions like there? Why did they leave? Where did they go? Get answers to these questions about one of Calgary's and Canada's many ethnic groups from **Anne Stang**, President of the **Calgary Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia**.

Meet: *Central Library, Basement Meeting Room #1,
616 Macleod Trail SE*

7:00-8:00 pm Calgary's Buddhist Temple

Tour the **Calgary Buddhist Temple** and learn about the congregation that has worshipped here since 1981. This is the first time Historic Calgary Week has visited this historic building. Constructed in 1912, the building has a very interesting history. In 1926 it was moved from Tuxedo to its present location. Ukrainian Catholic, Polish and Croatian congregations have also worshipped in the building.

Meet: *Calgary Buddhist Temple, 207 - 6 Street NE*



*Calgary
Buddhist
Temple
Photo by
David Peyto*



*Boyhood home of
Joe Clark,
High River
Glenbow Archives
NA-4397-1*

Saturday, August 3

A Day in the Country

**10:30 am-12:00 noon Pine Creek Cemetery,
De Winton**

Join members of the **Pine Creek Cemetery Society** associated with this picturesque cemetery, members of the **Alberta Family Histories Society** and host **David Ballard** at Pine Creek Cemetery south of Calgary. Early history of the cemetery and families of the Pine Creek, De Winton, and Red Deer Lake communities will be highlighted.

Directions: *South on Highway #2 Macleod Trail, left turn at 210 Avenue SE. Proceed eastbound; cemetery is on your right and marked with a wrought iron gate. Caution: road construction in the area. Rough grasses, uneven terrain. Good walking shoes required.*

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**Museums south along Macleod Trail at
Okotoks and High River are open
for a special day of history.**

9:30 am-4:30 pm Museum of the Highwood

406 First Street SW, High River

Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 am-4:30 pm & Sunday Noon-4:00 pm. Information: 403-652-7156. www.museumofthehighwood.com. Free admission.

10:00 am-5:00 pm Okotoks Museum & Archives

49 North Railway Street, Okotoks

Open Monday through Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm & Sunday Noon-5:00 pm. Information: 403-938-8969. www.okotoks.ca. Free admission.

Special Events Today in High River and Okotoks

High River's West End Heritage Walking Tour

10:30-11:30 am, repeated 2:00-3:00 pm

Explore the lovely streets of west end High River with **Museum of the Highwood** staff and discover the fascinating history of its buildings and people. Admire the former homes of Alberta notables such as author W.O. Mitchell and Prime Minister Joe Clark.

Meet: *Outside St. Benedict's Church on Macleod Trail at 3 Street SW in High River*

Saturday, August 3

2:00-3:30 pm Okotoks Heritage Walking Tour

Join **Karen Peters** of the **Okotoks and District Historical Society** on a fascinating walk of Olde Towne Okotoks and learn about the early residents and businesses that built the community.

Meet: *Okotoks Museum and Archives,
49 North Railway Street, Okotoks*

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Events in Calgary Today

2:00-3:30 pm Inglewood's East End Tour

Discover east end Inglewood with **Manfred Baum**. See what is still there: Firehall #3 and Colonel Walker School. Learn what was there: Terrill's Greenhouses, Pearce Estates, Cushing Mills.

Meet: *Colonel Walker School, 1921 - 9 Avenue SE
Watch out for detours on 9 Avenue SE due to
SUNFEST Celebrations.*

**2:00-3:00 pm A Paulo Happening: From the
Hysterical to the Historical**

Enjoy a lively, energetic concert with a wealth of songs and stories. This musical tribute to Calgary's Characters and Alberta's legends will leave us all with vivid memories. Calgary's talented **Paul Finkleman**, songwriter, author and entertainer has performed from Edmonton Folk Fest to South Country Fair.

Meet: *Louise Riley Library, Programs Building,
1904 - 14 Avenue NW*

7:00-8:30 pm St. Mary's Pioneer Cemetery

Second opportunity!

Please see page 5, July 26, for complete details.



*Red Cross Crippled
Children's Hospital
Spring Tea at
Terrill's Greenhouses
March 1954*

Glenbow Archives NA-5600-7612b

Sunday, August 4

10:00-11:00 am Bears paw Historic School Buildings

Tour the **Bears paw Historical Society's** historic school buildings including a 1920 one room school, a teacherage, and near replica of the horse barn - a good example of how adaptive reuse has transformed once derelict buildings into assets for the community. The Society's *Four Schools Oral History Project* documented the history of the historic Bears paw, Glenbow, Glendale, and Westminster schools through recollections of former students, teachers, and trustees. Light refreshments available.

Meet: *Historic Bears paw School Complex, 253253 Bears paw Road. Information: 403-208-2599*

Directions: *Signs to the "Bears paw Historic School" are on the 1A in both directions before Bears paw Road. At the junction of Highway 1A and Bears paw Road turn south, proceed about 0.4 km to the historic school.*

10:30 am-12:30 pm Heritage Walking Tour of Hextall Homes in Bowness

The Hextall Estate Homes in Bowness were developed in the early 1900s by John Hextall, a British lawyer and real estate developer. Tour guide **Dr. Judith Barge** will help you gain an appreciation of the history and heritage of Hextall's homes. Brochures with photos and descriptions of the homes will be available from the **Bowness Historical Society**.

Meet: *8331 - 48 Avenue NW*

1:30-3:30 pm McDougall Memorial Church

The **McDougall Memorial Church**, the first Methodist church in southern Alberta, was built by the McDougall missionary family and the Stoneys who had welcomed them. This Provincial Historic Resource was once the centre of the Morleyville Settlement. Learn how the McDougall Stoney Mission came to be and follow the trail to the remains of the Mission house. Volunteers will lead interpretive walks between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

Meet: *McDougall Memorial Church, 26 km west of Cochrane on the 1A Highway*

2:00-3:30 pm Memories of the 1988 Olympics and Calgary's Sporting History

Canada Olympic Park grew out of Calgary's little ski hill - Paskapoo - to become a meeting place for thousands of Calgarians and visitors during the 1988 Winter Olympic Games. From the 90 metre ski jump tower to the bobsleigh track, memories of the 88 Games continue to live on, including in the new home for **Canada's Sports Hall of Fame**. Enjoy a presentation on the history of sport in Calgary and have a fun and interactive visit at the museum. Attendees may stay until closing time.

Meet: *Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, Canada Olympic Park, 169 Canada Olympic Road SW*

2:00-3:30 pm Union Cemetery Tour

Repeat of Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 pm. See page 9 for details.



90 metre ski jump tower - courtesy WinSport



Canada's Sports Hall of Fame - courtesy Canada's Sports Hall of Fame

Monday, August 5

Heritage Day

Heritage Day at Heritage Park

**11:00 am-12:00 noon Calgary Loves the Car,
1900-1960**

Calgarians with money and a sense of adventure embraced the new-fangled automobile with open arms, and by 1912 it was reported that we had the highest number of cars per capita of any city on the continent. But driving was not without its misadventures until the 1950s brought paved roads and reliable cars. Grab your duster and your goggles and sit down with **Heritage Park** interpreter **Doug Coats** for an entertaining PowerPoint excursion into early Calgary motoring.

This program is free; afterwards make a day of the experience and enter Heritage Park Historical Village (paid admission applies) to visit our world-class Gasoline Alley Museum and enjoy special Heritage Day programming.

Meet: *Heritage Park Orientation Centre in the sandstone CPR Station near the front entrance, 1900 Heritage Drive SW*

Heritage Day at Fort Calgary

**11:00 am-4:00 pm Fort Calgary -
Heritage Day Events**

Free full day of family fun: interpretive tours, craft contest, cartoons, face painting, crafts and games, and much more. Check www.fortcalgary.com for details.

Meet: *Fort Calgary Historic Park, 750 - 9 Avenue SE*

**1:00-5:00 pm Bomber Command Museum of
Canada Open House, Nanton**

The **Bomber Command Museum of Canada** welcomes you to an open house with museum tours, gun turret demonstrations and our famous engine runs. Today's engine runs will feature the Avro Lancaster along with our new Bristol Hercules. Afternoon engine runs begin at 2:00 pm. Admission, as always, is by donation. Information: 403-646-2270.

Meet: *Bomber Command Museum of Canada,
Highway 2 southbound, 1729 - 21 Avenue, Nanton*