

# Time Lines

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## MHS Multicultural Dinner

The Manitoba Historical Society invites you to its annual Multicultural Dinner Tuesday, 24 April.

This year the dinner will feature Manitoba's Ethiopian community. The event will be held at the Ethiopian Society of Winnipeg, 215 Selkirk Avenue, near the northwest corner of Main Street. Parking is available on Selkirk Avenue and side streets, as well as on Main Street after 5:30 pm. The building is not wheel-chair accessible; it has a short flight of stairs.

Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 with a cash bar featuring traditional Ethiopian beer. Wine will also be available. During cocktail hour, there will also be a traditional coffee ceremony, as Ethiopia is the "birthplace" of coffee! The buffet dinner follows at 7:00 pm. After dinner there will be a performance by Ethiopian dancers. The guest speaker is Dr. Taye Zegeye, former president of the Ethiopian Society of Winnipeg, speaking on the history of the Ethiopian community in Winnipeg.

Enjoy authentic Ethiopian dishes including injera (flatbread), various wats (stews) and dishes featuring berbere (mixed spices), beef, red lentils, chick peas, curry, rice with vegetables, dessert and, of course, coffee. Cost per person is \$24 for MHS members and \$26 for non-members (including taxes).

## Volunteers Wanted

The Society is seeking a number of volunteers to provide support and assistance for museum and general operations with a variety of tasks including providing guided tours, assisting with programming, special events, venue rentals, gift shop operations, and reception and clerical assistance. Please call 204-943-2835 or 204-947-0559 or email [info@mhs.mb.ca](mailto:info@mhs.mb.ca) or [dalnavert@mhs.mb.ca](mailto:dalnavert@mhs.mb.ca)

Make your reservation by calling the MHS office at 204-047-0559 between 1 and 18 April. Payment must be made at time of booking, by Visa, Mastercard, cheque or in person at the MHS Visitor Services, 61 Carlton Street. Tickets are not available at the door. The office is open Wednesday to Friday, 11 am to 4 pm, Saturday 11 am to 6 pm and Sunday 12 pm to 4 pm.

Call Carl James at 204-631-5971 for more information.



MHS President  
Dr. Annabelle Mays

## President's Message

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone has been enjoying our mild winter. As you can readily see, this edition of *Time Lines* is brief. As such, it represents some changes in the delivery of the newsletter that are being implemented. In order to reduce the mailing costs associated with the mail-out of *Time Lines* the following

changes have the support of both the Executive and the Council. Beginning in the upcoming budget year, *Time Lines* will be mailed out three times per year with *Manitoba History*, resulting in substantial postage savings.

The reduction in the number of editions of the newsletter does, however, raise the issue of timeliness. There are activities that may be planned for dates that are not announced in one of the three full editions of the newsletter. The upcoming Multicultural Dinner scheduled for this April is just such an example. Important, time-sensitive events and activities such as this dinner will be announced in a one or two page mail-out, such as this one. The mailing cost of two or three of these one-pagers is considerably less than the cost of mailing out three editions of the regular newsletter.

### Stay up to date!

Please check your mailing label on the envelope for this issue of *Time Lines*. It includes the expiry date for your MHS membership. If your has lapsed, please contact the MHS office (204-947-0559 or info@mhs.mb.ca) to renew it. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

The regular editions of the newsletter will continue to have similar content to what it has presented in the past. However, there will be more frequent posting of news items on the MHS website (www.mhs.mb.ca/news) to compensate for the reduced frequency of the printed newsletter. The newsletter editor and webmaster will work closely together to ensure that the news is reported in a timely way. Further, the Publications Committee is working toward a more regular schedule for publication of the journal.

### Dalnavert Museum

#### Spring Break - Treasure Hunt!

Come out, come out and play! Pop by Dalnavert this Spring Break and wander through the museum, looking for treasures. Find all the treasures and you win a prize! After hunting for treasure, head up to Dalnavert's attic and make a Victorian-era toy to take home. This family drop-in program is suitable for ages 5 and up. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult.

*This program does not require registration.* Please allow approximately one hour to complete the tour and craft. For more information, please contact Jennifer Bisch, Chief Program Officer and Curator at dalnavert@mhs.mb.ca or 204-943-2835. Price: \$5.00 per person (all ages) Time: Spring Break – Wednesday, 28 March to Saturday, 31 March during regular operating hours (Wednesday to Friday: 11 am - 4pm, Saturday 11 am - 6 pm)

### Other Events

**30 March: noon – 1:30 pm Heritage Winnipeg Spring Fundraising Luncheon: "Winnipeg Modern- A Part of Our Heritage", speaker: Architecture Prof. Herbert Enns** at Fort Garry Hotel, Provencher room, Tickets - \$65 for HW members and \$70.00 for non-members -- are available at Heritage Winnipeg 509-63 Albert Street Winnipeg MB R3B 1G4. Phone 204-942-2663. A tax deductible receipt is provided.

### Welcome New Members

Marianne Farag  
Emma Hughes  
Evan Janssen  
Vanessa Warne

### Donations & Contributions

#### Thank You!

#### General Operations

Paula Achetemichuk  
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#### Centennial Farms

David & Linda McDowell

#### In Memory of Alice Brown

Anonymous

14 April, 11:30 am, University Women's Club & Friends of Ralph Connor House Signature Spring Luncheon at St. Charles Country Club: "Breaking News and Breaking Ground", speaker: Winnipeg Free Press editor Margo Goodhand Tickets \$75.00. Please contact 204-954-7880 or uwc@mymts.net

### MHS Book Club Schedule

Unless noted, meetings are on Mondays 7–9 pm at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre. Please confirm attendance with Judy at 204-475-6666. Note: L= Leader, WPL = Winnipeg Public Library.

19 March 2012

Farley Mowat, *No Man's River* (2004, WPL 15 copies)  
L Marg Kentner

16 April 2012

Alison Marshall, *The Way of the Bachelor: Early Chinese Settlement in Manitoba*, (2011, WPL 2 copies) L Joe Upton

14 May 2012

6 pm: choose books for next year