

Time Lines

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Tracey Goncalves, Manitoba Government Photographer

Recipients of the inaugural Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Historical Preservation and Promotion received them at a ceremony at Government House on 17 May. Back row (L-R): Mary McCallum, Les Green, Rudy Friesen, Len Van Roon, Margaret Ashcroft. Front row (L-R): Harry Duckworth, Her Honour Anita K. Lee, His Honour Philip S. Lee, Gordon Goldsborough.

Lieutenant Governor Recognizes Manitobans for Historical Service

In a ceremony at Government House on 17 May, Lieutenant Governor Philip S. Lee presented awards to five Manitobans for their prolonged, meritorious service in the preservation and promotion of the province's rich history and heritage at Government House on Tuesday, 17 May:

Margaret Ashcroft (Birtle)
Rudy Friesen (St. François Xavier)
Les Green (Portage la Prairie)
Mary McCallum (Boissevain)
Len Van Roon (Winnipeg)

"I am very impressed by the contributions made by these hard-working Manitobans, which have included volunteering at local museums; organization of school essay contests; preparation of history books, displays, and newspaper columns; service on local heritage advisory committees; cataloguing of local

cemeteries and commemoration of historic sites; and development of historical walking tours," said Lee.

The Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion was established in 2010 and is presented annually in consultation with the MHS.

The MHS receives award nominations from the public and recommends up to five people to receive the Lieutenant Governor's awards each year. Nominations are welcome at any time. Those received by 31 March 2012 will be considered for presentation around Manitoba Day 2012. Further details of the award program, along with a nomination form, are available on the MHS web site and can also be accessed through the web site of the Lieutenant Governor.



Manitoba History is now available in a version for the Apple iPad and other tablet devices, as well as for desktop and notebook computers. This digital version is available to MHS members at no charge. It is fully text-searchable and most recent issues will be in colour.

www.mhs.mb.ca/members

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 or dalnavert@mhs.mb.ca

President's Message



MHS President
Dr. Annabelle Mays

This is my first message to *Time Lines* as President of the Manitoba Historical Society. I think it would be appropriate for me to introduce myself to the members, many of whom may not know much about me. Before doing that, however, I would like to express the Society's thanks to Dr. Harry Duckworth for his excellent service over the last several years, particularly

during his time as President. Fortunately, we will not be losing his expertise, which will be available to us in his new role as Past President.

My first association with the MHS began in the winter of 2008. I was asked to assume the role of Second Vice-President, a position which was vacant at the time. Subsequently, I was elected First Vice-President at the 2008 AGM, continuing in that position until I was elected President at the most recent AGM, June 2011. Elected with me to the Executive Committee were the following: James Kostuchuk, First Vice President; Samuel Matheson, Second Vice-President; Gwyneth Jones, Treasurer; Gordon Goldsborough, Secretary; Dennis Butcher, Member-at-Large; Joyce Wawrykow, Member-at-Large. They are an energetic group who will bring a variety of strengths and skills to the Executive Committee. Thank you to all of you for your willingness to volunteer for this task and I look forward to working with you.

I am currently retired and so have time to devote to the interests of the MHS. I did, however, have a long career as an educator. I began as a teacher in New Brunswick teaching science at the junior and senior high levels. My public school teaching career continued in Burlington, Ontario until I decided to return to the University of Toronto to complete graduate work in Educational Administration. I subsequently moved to Manitoba where I assumed responsibility for the pre-service teacher education program at the University of Winnipeg. I remained there for the rest of my career and now work with the university's teacher education students on a part-time basis.

I have had a variety of volunteer experiences over the years. They have ranged from door-to-door collecting for various charitable groups through to serving on numerous boards of charitable and non-profit organizations. I enjoy working in a volunteer capacity and appreciate the successes and challenges presented by that environment. Further, like the other members of the MHS I have a deep and abiding belief in the value of history and the lessons to be learned from it, the importance of knowing where we have come from and how that shapes and informs where we need to be going. These two factors together motivated me to accept a position on the Society's executive in 2008 and, more recently, encouraged me to assume the Presidency.

The length of my term is a year and it will go by very quickly. I have set goals for this year, some of which are more readily attained than others. I am very much aware of the extent to which volunteers are one of the major mainstays of the Society's activities and constitute its strength. One of my goals is to increase the Society's volunteer capacity and I look forward to working with current volunteers and other society members to achieve that end.

Related to this goal is my intention to attend at least one meeting of the various committees and groups, which define the Society so that I can more fully understand their operation. This will also help me to achieve a related goal, which is to come to know as many of the volunteers as possible, all of whom contribute so much to the day-to-day operation of the Society. It is my intention to list the membership of our various committees in future editions of *Timelines* so that all of our hard working members will be recognized.

I have already had one very pleasant evening attending a meeting with the Program Committee. They are clearly a committed group dedicated to providing the Society's membership with a range of activities spread across fall and winter of each year. Their program for the upcoming year is well in hand. At least one of the planned activities, in addition to the annual multicultural dinner, is a joint venture with another Winnipeg group. Partnering with other groups and organizations in the delivery of some programs is an approach, which I think, strengthens our society. Among other things, it allows for a broader range of activities to be undertaken and has the potential for extending the base of our membership. Announcements of these activities will

be forthcoming in future editions of *Time Lines*. Be sure and look for them and, wherever possible, come out and join in.

I have also had the opportunity to watch the Dalnavert Garden Committee in action. They are doing a wonderful job implementing their vision of a Victorian garden. It is clear that many long hours of work have gone into the garden this year. It should be noted that the Garden Committee has been aided in its efforts by donations of flowers from Bill's Nursery and, most recently, a \$500 donation from Friends of Gardens, Manitoba. Jennifer Bisch, our Chief Program Officer and Curator, Dalnavert, and I attended a recent meeting of this group where the donation was presented. Jennifer accepted on our behalf and in her gracious thank you speech outlined the vision for the garden. This donation will certainly enable the gardeners to continue to bring this vision to fruition.

Another goal I have for this year is to continue to extend the society's outreach to the school divisions. This has already begun on a number of fronts. We will be attending again the annual Special Area Group (SAG) professional development day held for the province's public school teachers in the fall, specifically the session for social studies. It is my intention to be there throughout the day providing handouts and answering whatever questions may arise from the conference attendees with respect to the MHS and Dalnavert. Further, both James Kostuchuk and Gordon Goldsborough will be giving sessions highlighting aspects of the MHS.

Jennifer Bisch has been very busy this past year designing a school field trip that builds on the resources of Dalnavert. This first curriculum package has been piloted and adjustments are already underway. Jennifer has been aided in her efforts by a curriculum committee she established which brings together society members and teachers from the field. It is evident that more volunteers will be needed to offer these programs and once it is clear what type of specific help is needed I will be letting the membership know and asking for your help.

I have only mentioned some of my goals. I am sure that others will unfold as the year progresses. Experience has shown me that new ideas and opportunities continually present themselves to groups. I am confident that with the strong Executive Committee and Council established at the AGM we will be able

to build on these ideas and opportunities, adapting to new challenges while building on the existing strengths of the MHS.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the support that I have already received from Jackie Friesen in beginning the process of understanding more fully the day-to-day operation of the society.

In closing, I just want to say that I am looking forward to the next year and to working with the many talented and committed people associated with the MHS.

Annabelle Mays

Welcome New Members

Department of Indian and Northern Affairs
Gilles Landry
Morden Historical Society
Lynne Mustard
Pamela Shaw
Donn Short
Peggi Talbot

Donations & Contributions

Thank You!
Garry Brickman
Robert McIntyre
Irene Peters
Carol Scott

Newsletter Mailings

Members are reminded that *Time Lines* is available on our website www.mhs.mb.ca/info/pubs/timelines. Members have the option of opting out of receiving the mailed copy of our newsletter or reading it online.

If members wish to place their name on our "Do Not Mail Newsletter" list, please contact us by calling 204-947-0559 or emailing us at info@mhs.mb.ca

Our journal *Manitoba History* is also available online to MHS members in good standing, by going to www.mhs.mb.ca/members.



Bill Fraser

Ross House museum staff for summer 2011: Victor Sawelo (Manager), Stacie Gagnon and Francisco Gonzalez.

Ross House Museum

Ross House Museum in Winnipeg's historic Point Douglas is open Wednesday to Sunday 10:30 am to 4:30 pm and closed Mondays and Tuesdays. There is no admission charge. The museum closes at the end of the summer season on 31 August. Ross House is owned by the City of Winnipeg and operated on its behalf by the MHS. Phone 204-943-3958 for more information.

MHS Elects New Council and Executive

At its Annual General Meeting, the MHS elected nine members to its governing council and selected a new Executive Committee under President Annabelle Mays.

Elected to the MHS Council for three-years terms were: Wayne Arseny, Francis Carroll, Tom Ford, Jim Ingebrigtsen, Carl James, James Kostuchuk, Samuel Matheson, Annabelle Mays, and Carol Scott. They join other elected councillors serving out the remainders of their respective terms. The names of members of the Elected to the MHS Executive Committee for one-year terms as mentioned in the president's message are the following:

- Dr. Annabelle Mays, *President*
- James Kostuchuk, *First Vice-President*
- Samuel Matheson, *Second Vice-President*
- Dr. Harry Duckworth, *Past-President*
- Dr. Gwyneth Jones, *Treasurer*
- Dr. Gordon Goldsborough, *Secretary*
- Dennis Butcher, *Member-At-Large*
- Joyce Wawrykow, *Member-At-Large*

Tour of Brookside Cemetery

MHS members and friends are invited to come for a guided tour of Brookside Cemetery on Saturday September 10 at 1:00 pm

It is one of the oldest cemeteries in Winnipeg, with the first interment having taken place in 1878. The Cemetery is the final resting place of people from all walks of life – hockey star Bill Mosienko, restaurateur Chrys Kelekis, 1919 strike activist Fred Dixon, Harry Colebourn whose bear cub became Winnie the Pooh, and the infamous "Bloody" Jack Krafchenko.

There is no charge for the tour but as space is limited, please contact Carl James at 204-631-5971 to confirm your attendance.



Bill Fraser

Brookside Cemetery is located at 3001 Notre Dame Avenue, west of Red River College.



Bill Fraser

Brookside's Field of Honour is the largest and oldest military interment site in Canada, with over 12,000 sites.

Heritage News

The **Manitoba Children's Museum** reopened on 4 June after a \$10 million makeover. Now there are twelve galleries that are multi-level open-ended cubes (based on children's building blocks). The diesel locomotive (No. 9161) is all that remains from the museum that opened at the Forks sixteen years ago. The Pullman coach car has been completely renovated and one side of the engine house was removed and replaced with Plexiglas. Later this summer a new 3,500 square foot structure in front of the museum building will be completed. It will house the Welcome Centre, comprising an admissions desk, museum shop and lunch room. For more information go to www.childrensmuseum.com.

The **Canadian Museum for Human Rights Perimeter Tours** are running from Thursday to Sunday during the summer. English tour times are at 9:15 am, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm The French tour is at 10:30 am. Tours are complimentary, with a maximum of 25 participants per tour time. Book ahead if possible. For more information visit the Explore Manitoba Information Centre at the Forks, phone 204-289-2016 or email tours@museumforhumanrights.ca

Friends of Upper Fort Garry's new brochure, *Creating Upper Fort Garry Heritage Park and Interpretive Centre* reports that demolition of the Grain Exchange Curling Rink begins this summer and a beautiful new green space for the heritage park will be created to complete phase one of the project. Visit www.upperfortgarry.com and click "watch it happen" for a live snapshot of the scene. In 2012 (phase two) the Heritage Wall will be constructed on the footprint of the original west wall of the fort. This will be an artistic interpretation of the original west bastion and wall. Visitors to the park will gain a sense of the size of the original walls and fort, while learning about its history and importance through the interpretive material displayed on the illuminated surface. Canadian Heritage will be providing \$500,000 for the construction of the Heritage Wall. In phase three, an interpretive centre is planned for the southwest portion of the property but more work is required to determine the specific space requirements. Friends of Upper Fort Garry will be launching a capital campaign to complete the funding for the interpretive centre. The strength of the board has been enhanced by the addition of two new members, Michel Lagacé and Dr. Gerry Friesen. To make a donation or for more information visit www.upperfortgarry.com or

mail to Friends of Upper Fort Garry, 300-250 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3C 0C3

The *Winkler Times* reports that **Winkler's Bethel Heritage Park**, which officially opened on 12 June after years of planning, fundraising and construction "is a crown jewel in the heart of the city." The park is located on the former Bethel Hospital site on Main Street. Commemorative cairns and storyboards along a winding pathway reveal the history of Winkler and its people. A veteran's cenotaph and a conscientious objectors' cairn show the diversity of its heritage. The pillared main entrance is reminiscent of Mennonite architecture in Ukraine. In the centre of the park is a replica of New York's Bethesda Fountain. A plaque recognizes the significance of the site and the importance of the former Bethel Hospital.

Heritage Villages bring history to life in Manitoba. Some of the largest are in Portage la Prairie, Steinbach and the Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin. Smaller heritage villages are evolving in many communities. Bill Redekop in the *Winnipeg Free Press* recently wrote about the heritage village at Arborg. The **Arborg Heritage Village** has six homes: three Icelandic, two Ukrainian and one Polish. In addition, there is St Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church used by Ukrainians and Icelanders from the village of Bjarmi, a Ukrainian parish hall, the former Poplar Heights School from Warren, a grist windmill, a 1921 CPR caboose and a tepee. Over the past decade 20 carpenters and several hundred other volunteers have worked on restoring buildings to the 1910 era: moving buildings, foundation work, chinking log buildings, stripping wall paper, installing windows, painting, roofing, collecting and repairing furniture, collecting and displaying photos, dishes and utensils, cleaning etc. The task list for volunteers setting up and expanding the heritage village in Arborg and in other communities is endless.

The ANAVETS Unit 303 Pipes and Drums Band began in 1918, as the Elmwood Legion Pipe Band, The self-published book *Through the Mists of Time* chronicles the band's history and its impact on the community. The author, Pipe Maj. Bill Ramsay of East Kildonan, who was a band member for 45 years wanted to share the history of the band with the general public. The band played during royal visits and the Pan Am Games and performed for Mother Teresa, the president of Iceland, and many veterans' groups. To purchase a copy of the book for \$35 call Bill Ramsay at 204-663-6395.



Gordon Goldsborough

Elders from Brandon's Chinese community unveiled a monument by noted Manitoba sculptor Peter Sawatzky in a ceremony at the Brandon municipal cemetery on 26 June.

A new monument in Brandon commemorates the Chinese Head Tax. A monument by noted Manitoba sculptor Peter Sawatzky, commemorating the Chinese Head Tax, was unveiled in a public ceremony at the Brandon Municipal Cemetery on 26 June. The monument was commissioned by the Westman Chinese Association with financial support from the Government of Canada, Province of Manitoba, City of Brandon, Rotary Club of Brandon, Whitehead Foundation and various private donors. For more information, visit www.westmanchinese.com/monument See also: "Early Chinese Settlers in Western Manitoba" by Alison R. Marshall in *Manitoba History*, Number 62, Winter 2009. From 1885 to 1923, the Canadian government severely restricted and then effectively eliminated the immigration of Chinese people to Canada. A "head tax" of \$50 for Chinese immigrants entering Canada was imposed effective 1 January 1886. The amount was increased to \$100 in 1900 and to \$500 in 1903. Between 1885 and 1924, 82,380 Chinese immigrants entering Canada paid \$22.5 million in head taxes. The tax made it nearly impossible for Chinese men to bring their wives, children or parents to Canada. On 1 July 1923, called "Humiliation Day" by Chinese Canadians, a new Chinese Immigrant Act virtually excluded Chinese immigration to Canada, and legalized the inferior status of Chinese people already in the country. Special permits were allowed, but qualifications were so stringent that only eight Chinese immigrants were admitted to Canada between 1924 and 1946. Although the Act

was repealed in May 1947, remaining restrictions on Chinese immigration were not removed completely until 1967. In June 2006, the Government of Canada apologized to Chinese Canadians for the head tax and exclusion legislation.

The Transcona Historical Museum has announced its summer slate of activities, starting with its 9th Annual KidsQuest beginning on 2 July. This self-led Scavenger Hunt interweaves history and fun and runs to 27 August. Booklets can be picked up from the Museum, Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The suggested donation for the activity is \$1. The museum is also introducing a free Drop-In program throughout July and August. The themed Drop-In intermingles crafts and stories every Wednesday and Saturday between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. Kids from five to twelve are encouraged to learn about their own community in a new and exciting way! In conjunction with the Transcona BIZ Market Garden, every Thursday beginning 7 July at 2:30 pm, the museum will lead a free Historical Walking Tour in downtown Transcona. The walk lasts about an hour and features archival photographs to highlight the development of the area. For more information, contact the Transcona Historical Museum, 141 Regent Avenue West Web: www.transconamuseum.mb.ca. Phone: 204-222-0423 email: communications@transconamuseum.mb.ca

A group at **Balmoral** is hosting a fundraiser for a cairn in commemoration of Greenridge School No. 211, which operated in the vicinity of Balmoral from 1884 to 1914. A dedication ceremony will be held at the school site later this year, where a cairn will be unveiled. The cairn will consist of a black granite bench with all student names inscribed on the back and a plaque on a large granite stone commemorating the site. The fundraiser will feature a roast beef dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by bluegrass and gospel music performed by the Harbour View Mountain Boys at 6:15 pm, then a live auction at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at \$15 per person, and must be reserved by Monday, 20 June. For tickets, call Merlin Shoemith at 204-222-4651 or 204-793-0247. For more information, including a list of students who attended Greenridge School through the years, and how you can donate to this project, visit www.greenridge-school-cairn.ca.

The University of Toronto Press has published a new book entitled *Re-Imagining Ukrainian-Canadians: History, Politics, and Identity* edited by Rhonda

Hinther and Jim Mochoruk. **Ukrainian immigrants to Canada** have often been portrayed in history as sturdy pioneer farmers cultivating the virgin land of the Canadian west. The essays in this collection challenge this stereotype by examining the varied experiences of Ukrainian-Canadians in their day-to-day roles as writers, intellectuals, national organizers, working-class wage earners and inhabitants of cities and towns. Collectively, the essays challenge the older, essentialist definition of what it means to be Ukrainian-Canadian. This volume features the work of Karen Gabert, Lindy A. Ledohowski, Peter Melnycky, Jars Balan, Orest T. Martynowych, Jaroslav Petryshyn, Serge Cipko, Rhonda L. Hinther, Jennifer Anderson, Jim Mochoruk, Andrij Makuch, S. Holyck Hunchuck and Stacey Zembrzycki.

In the 1880s, the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway constructed a line in the vicinity of Miami. In the course of railway construction, it made a cut over 200 feet wide and a quarter mile long through shale beds. Today, a researcher at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden has been doing excavations along this abandoned railway cut and has found them to contain impressive fossils. He is seeking information, including construction documents and written or oral accounts of railway construction workers. If fossils were found at this site during the 1880s, this would represent the first known discovery of vertebrate fossils in Manitoba and would add to a new chapter to the province's paleontological history. Anyone having information on the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway, specifically on its construction activities in southwestern Manitoba during the 1880s, is asked to contact: Joseph Hatcher, Assistant Curator, Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre email: collections@discoverfossils.com

The **Brandon General Museum and Archives** will receive one of its first exhibits, furniture used in 1892 by the City of Brandon Council, as a loan from Daly House Museum. The mission of the new museum in Brandon, which will open later this summer, is "to collect, conserve, study, exhibit and interpret historic and heritage materials relating to the City of Brandon and its place within the history of Southwestern Manitoba." In April of this year, the new museum has leased space in a building at 19 Ninth Street. Admission to the museum will be free. For more information about the Brandon General Museum and Archives, contact Leanne Petrin, Coordinator, Brandon General Museum and

Archive Inc. 410 – 9th Street Brandon, MB R7A 6A2, email: bgmainfo@brandon.ca Phone: 204-729-2254 Web: www.brandon.ca/bgma



Daly House Museum

New fence at Daly House Museum in Brandon.

Victorian Garden under Construction at Brandon Museum

Daly House Museum in Brandon announces that the first phase of construction for its Victorian Garden began on 16 May, with the installation of 150 feet of wrought iron fence at the front of the property along 18th Street. On 6 June, top soil from the yard was removed and further construction will continue over the summer with the installation of pavers and stone pillars, light standards, and the basic outline of garden beds. Since 2009, when the project was initiated, museum volunteers have been raising funds and planning the construction schedule. They have raised \$30,000 so far, including \$17,000 from Neighborhoods Alive and \$5,000 from Brandon Neighborhood Renewal Corporation. These funds were used to purchase further fencing to be installed this summer.

Dalnavert Museum

Thanks to everyone for coming out to Dalnavert's Canada Day celebrations on 1 July.

The day featured cake and refreshments, croquet, crafts, and a performance of Master Milne's 3D Scanning Parlour. What a great way to kick off Dalnavert's summer season! This event was made possible through funding from the Celebrate Canada Program at Canadian Heritage/Patrimoine canadien.

Spots are open for a new Summer Garden Program at the Dalnavert Museum. The program will run every

Thursday from mid-July until the end of August and is designed for youth ages 6–12. If demand is high, we will add a second day every week to accommodate guests. Registration is open now – spots are limited, so book your spot soon! Contact bookings@mhs.mb.ca to register or to find out more about the program

Dalnavert's garden is in full bloom and has been turning heads. We would like to thank the Friends of Gardens Manitoba for recently making a generous financial contribution that will be used to further develop the Museum grounds. Guests are always welcome to visit the garden and smell the flowers, so please stop by this summer. We are also currently working on an interpretive plan that will help us to share with guests the wealth of history hidden in Dalnavert's beautiful garden.

Save the date! In September, Dalnavert will be participating in the Downtown BIZ's ManyFest (www.manyfest.ca/) and the national celebration of arts and culture, Culture Days (www.culturedays.ca/). Please visit our website for more information as plans develop!

Jennifer Bisch
Chief Program Officer and Curator



Bannatyne School

The old Bannatyne School building, built in St. James in 1911 and demolished in 1970.

Bannatyne School Centenary - Help Wanted

École Bannatyne School (363 Thompson Drive, Winnipeg) will celebrate its 100th anniversary in May 2012. The organizing committee is asking for school alumni to share stories, memorabilia, photographs of classes and events, newspaper clippings,

school clothing, sports jerseys and other historical information.

Stories can be emailed to bannatyne@sjsd.net. Those with class photos or pictures from school-related events should supply a scan or copy, not the original. Clothing and sports jerseys need to be clearly labelled with a name and contact information to ensure a safe return. Memorabilia can be dropped off at the school during regular hours, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm after Monday, 22 August 2011. Call the school at 204-888-1101. Information about the 100th anniversary and online registration will be posted soon to the school website: <http://bannatyne.sjsd.net>. A two-day celebration will occur on Friday, 4 May 2012 (adults only) and Sunday, 6 May 2012 (families).

Archivist Hired for University Program

The University of Manitoba has announced that Dr. Greg Bak, formerly Senior Digital Archivist at Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa, has been hired to a teaching position in its Archival Studies Program, effective 1 July 2011.

At LAC, Bak led major initiatives on digital preservation, metadata management and Web 2.0. He was business lead for the development of the government records component of LAC's Trusted Digital Repository and team leader of LAC's Core Archival Metadata Project, a project that created a core metadata set for the transfer of EDRMS-derived records to LAC. Bak has written on digital preservation in *Archival Science*, archival metadata in *Tabula*, and on archives and Web 2.0 on the LAC website. He has also published on search filter assessment in *Health Information and Libraries Journal*. He is a Canadian delegate to the International Organization for Standardization's (ISO) subcommittee on recordkeeping. Before joining LAC, Bak worked as a curator of rare books at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) Libraries and as an information specialist for the HIV/AIDS affiliate of the Canadian Health Network and the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health.

Bak holds a PhD in cross-cultural history (on Anglo-Islamic relations 1575–1625) and a Master's of Library and Information Science, both from Dalhousie University. His research has been published in North American and European historical, library studies journals, and he has published a book based on his

doctoral dissertation titled *Barbary Pirate: The Life and Crimes of Captain John Ward* (Sutton 2006).

Among his primary duties in the Archival Studies program will be teaching and research in all aspects of digital archiving and records and information management, guiding the development of an Aboriginal archiving speciality, and exploring the archival dimensions of human rights work.

The University also announced that Dr. Terry Cook, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, will remain on the faculty of the program as Adjunct Professor. Cook taught part-time in the program between 1998 and 2010.

MHS Book Club Schedule, 2011–2012

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

19 September 2011

Guest: Jim Blanchard, *Winnipeg's Great War: A City Comes of Age* (2010, WPL 12 copies)

17 October 2011

W. J. Healy, *Women of Red River* (1967 reprint, WPL 17 copies) L Judy Valenzuela

21 November 2011

Shelley Emling, *The Fossil Hunter: Dinosaurs, Evolution and the Woman Whose Discoveries Changed the World* (2009, WPL 4 copies) L Céline Kear

16 January 2012

Charlotte Gray, *Mrs. King: The Life and Times of Isabel Mackenzie King* (1997, WPL 3 copies) L Cathy Phillipson

20 February 2012

Claire Campbell, *A Century of Parks, 1911–2011* (2011, WPL on order) L Shirlee Anne Smith

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

Important Reminders

- Renewal invoices are sent to members, and are payable on receipt. Members are encouraged to help us reduce costs by checking their labels and sending in renewals when due. Renewal can be done by mail or phone. Payments can also be made in person at the reception counter at the Dalnavert Visitors' Centre during regular operating hours, Wednesday to Sunday. Cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard are accepted.
- Your donations are needed to support ongoing work of the Manitoba Historical Society. Tax receipts are issued for donations over \$10.

Margaret McWilliams Awards Presented

At its Annual General Meeting, the MHS presented Margaret McWilliams Awards to the authors of award-winning books on Manitoba history published in 2010.

Barry Ferguson accepted an award for the book that he co-edited with Robert Wardhaugh entitled *Manitoba Premiers of the 19th and 20th Centuries*, published by the Canadian Plains Research Centre.



Gordon Goldsborough

Barry Ferguson and Harry Duckworth.

Catharina de Bakker, Managing Editor of Great Plains Publications, accepts an award for the book written by Russ Gourluck entitled *The Mosaic Village: An Illustrated History of Winnipeg's North End*.



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Centennial Awards Presented

At its Annual General Meeting, the MHS presented awards to two organizations that have operated continuously in Manitoba for over 100 years, along with one centennial business.

The Brandon Young Women's Christian Association opened in 1907, in a three-storey building on 14th Street. Two years later, the organization moved to a new site on 11th Street and the Brandon YWCA was formally incorporated by an Act of the Provincial Legislature. A building at 148–11th Street was unveiled in 1917, built in part with a \$10,000 bequest

from the estate of Brandon businessman Henry Meredith, who had arrived in Brandon in 1883 and made his fortune as an insurance agent and broker. In 2002, the building was named Meredith Place in recognition of this early support. Through the years, the Brandon YWCA has offered a variety of services to the community, including a Business Girls' Club; a New Canadians Club; wartime services; classes in English language, self-improvement, employment, and literacy; teen clubs, and a day care. Y's Choice Consignment Shop offered clothing and household goods between 1962 and 2002, and the Westman Women's Shelter opened on the third floor in 1978. In particular, the YWCA has been a safe refuge for rural women who moved into the city for job training and employment. Since the 1980s, Meredith Place with its 21 bedrooms has served women and men in need of housing. An MHS Centennial Organization Award was presented to Nickole Wlasichuk on behalf of the Brandon YWCA.

Designed by Winnipeg school architect J. B. Mitchell and named for the British military general Frederick Roberts (1832-1914), Lord Roberts School was built in 1910 at the intersection of John Street (now Daly Street South) and Beresford Avenue, at a cost of about \$90,000. Its 16 classrooms were designed to accommodate up to 700 students. The school opened in January 1911. A second building was added along Beresford Avenue, with eight more classrooms, in April 1920. It featured an auditorium complete with stage. The longest wing ran along Beresford. A smaller north wing with three classrooms and washroom facilities ran behind Building 1, with playground space between the two schools. A proposal in the late 1960s to renovate both buildings at a cost of \$500,000 was rejected and, instead, in 1969 they were replaced by the present one-storey structure. The two buildings were demolished in the spring of 1970. The stone name plaque from above the main entrance of the original building sits in front of the school. An MHS Centennial Organization Award was presented to Lord Roberts School, represented by Bobbi Jo Panciera.

Leaving his family in England, 19-year-old Alec Quinton arrived in Winnipeg in 1911 and started a company called Quinton Dye Works. The firm specialized in dyeing wool—which had previously existed only in white, beige or brown, into most any colour, thereby addressing the demands of the fashion industry for a wider range of colours for wool clothing. The firm began operations at the corner

Barber House Restored

After years of setbacks Barber House at 99 Euclid Avenue in North Point Douglas has been restored to be close to its original external appearance. Often referred to as the oldest house in Winnipeg, Barber House was built in 1865. It was almost destroyed by fire on 8 June 2010 shortly after ownership of the house and lot had been transferred from the City of Winnipeg to SISTARS (Sisters Initiating Steps Toward A Renewed Society) This group planned to renovate and transform the house into a seniors' drop-in centre and to construct a child care centre

behind it. Fortunately most of the fire damage was confined to the roof and second floor. There were already plans to remove the floor on the second storey so that the interior of the house would be one large room suitable for a seniors' centre with a high ceiling. Renovations to the house and the construction of the Eagle Wing Day Care on the same property were completed by June 2011. Bridgman Collaborative Architecture designed and directed the project. The day care is now in operation and the senior's centre will open soon.



Exterior of Barber House.

Bill Fraser



Interior of Barber House.

Victor Sawelo

of Jessie Avenue and Daly Street in the Fort Rouge area, where they would remain for the next 57 years. Brother Sidney Quinton, who joined the company in 1918, assumed full ownership in 1922. Joined by his eldest son Paul, he oversaw Quintons Cleaners, a successful business which, at its peak in the 1950s and '60s, was the largest dry-cleaning operation in Western Canada, with a fleet of 26 delivery vehicles making home pick-ups and deliveries twice daily. In the late 1960s, the company diversified into the industrial uniform rental business. A new name, Quintex Services Limited, was adopted in 1987 and, in 2002, the dry cleaning operations were sold. Today, Quintex employs over 130 Manitobans and serves the private, public, and governments sectors in a variety of areas, including industrial laundry, uniform rentals, mats and dust control products, linen rentals, mops and towels, hygiene products, and first aid supplies and training. Not only is the company still going strong after 100 years, it is still a

family-run business, with the third generation of the Quintons in charge under President David Quinton. An MHS Centennial Business Award was presented to Quintex Services Limited, represented by David Quinton.

Winnipeg Jets Memorabilia at University of Manitoba Archives

In recognition of the recent return of the Winnipeg Jets hockey team, a remarkable collection of Winnipeg Jets memorabilia has been unveiled to the public at the University of Manitoba. A donor has presented to the University a collection of 741 Jets hockey programs which almost exclusively chronicle the home games of the team for the period December 1975 to April 1996. A selection of these programs, many of them autographed, will be on display on the main floor of the Elizabeth Dafoe Library at the Fort Garry Campus from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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- 19 September Book Club: Jim Blanchard, *Winnipeg's Great War: A city comes of Age*
- 17 October Book Club: W. J. Healy, *Women of Red River*
- 14 November MHS Film Night

- 21 November Book Club: Shelley Emling, *The Fossil Hunter: dinosaurs, evolution and the woman whose discoveries changed the world*
- 16 January 2012 Book Club: Charlotte Gray, *Mrs. King: The life and times of Isabel Mackenzie King*

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