

Time Lines

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Film Night: Seton's Manitoba

14 November 7:30 pm
Pauline Boutal Theatre
Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre
340 Provencher Blvd., Winnipeg

The MHS and Nature Manitoba will feature a 1974 CBC Winnipeg film *Seton's Manitoba*. It looks at the time naturalist and writer Ernest Thompson Seton spent in the Carberry hills—a time he referred to as his “golden days”.

As a young man, Seton would leave his brother's homestead and wander for days through the sandhills, woodlands and sloughs with his sketch pad. A keen observer, he learned to identify and record all he saw—the first crocus, a soaring hawk, the ritual “dance” of the prairie chicken. His research resulted in the publication of his first scientific article in 1883 and provided material for his later books.

The film is being shown with the permission of CBC Winnipeg. Admission at the door is \$2 for MHS and Nature Manitoba members and \$3 for non-members. Call Carl James at 204-631-5971 for more information.

McLuhan Centenary

21 July 2011 marked the centenary of the birth of communications giant Marshall McLuhan. As part of worldwide celebrations of this centenary, the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections has gathered articles written by McLuhan between 1930 and 1934 in *The Manitoban*, during his time there as a student. These articles are now the basis for a dedicated website. The articles have also been published as a special issue of *The Manitoban*.

Richard Osicki, part of The Marshall McLuhan Initiative, has stated “virtually everything for which Marshall McLuhan became internationally renowned was already evident in his public writings as a young man living in Winnipeg and studying at the University of Manitoba.” They have been posted on the Archives' website at www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/digital/mcluhan.html.

Copies of the special issue of *The Manitoban* are available at the newspaper office, the Elizabeth Dafoe Library, and Archives & Special Collections. For those outside of Winnipeg, call 204-474-8293 and they will mail you a copy.

Newsletter Mailings

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

President's Message



MHS President
Dr. Annabelle Mays

It is hard to believe that another summer has come and gone, marked this year by hot and humid weather and a significant reduction in the mosquito population. Although the weather and the mosquito population typically dominate the news, so too do our many cultural events, such as the Fringe Festival, the Folk Festival, and Folklorama, which

characterize our Winnipeg summers. Further, festivals and musical events abound all across the province. One of the most important days in our summer calendar is July 1, Canada Day, which is celebrated widely throughout the province with a variety of activities. Both Dalnavert and Ross House were participants in these celebrations and I took the opportunity to visit both museums.

July 1 began as a cloudy and rainy day, which did not bode well for outdoor activities such as those planned for the museums. Fortunately, by noon hour the sky had cleared and the afternoon was gloriously sunny and warm. I began my personal Canada Day celebrations at Ross House where a community gathering was underway. When I arrived families and neighbours were sitting on the lawn, chatting and enjoying the barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers. Local politicians were also in attendance, mixing and mingling with everyone. Shortly after I arrived I was asked to cut the Canada Day cake, appropriately iced as a Canadian flag. A portion of my visit was spent enjoying a guided tour of Ross House. I had not been to the museum before and I learned a great deal from the knowledgeable guide who was clearly very enthusiastic about her responsibility. She gave me a wealth of information in the short period of time I had available. If any of you have not been to Ross House, then I strongly recommend a visit there. Also, it would be a good place to take any visitors who come to town during the summer months.

I left Ross House and went on to Dalnavert to join in the celebrations well underway there. It was a hive of

activity. Outside people strolled around the garden enjoying both the sights and the scents produced by the many plants of the Victorian garden. Experienced players and neophytes were obviously enjoying lively games of croquet on the lawn while other visitors watched from their restful spots on the veranda. The activities were not confined solely to the garden. Tours of the museum were ongoing, throughout the afternoon. Many of those who took in the tour also opted to participate in a novel craft activity. Building on the interest generated by the wedding of William and Kate, participants in the craft workshop were provided with the materials and instructions necessary for them to create their own "fascinator" for their hair. This craft generated a great deal of interest and some very creative "fascinator" were seen around Dalnavert throughout the afternoon. Although I don't have the numbers yet to support it, my impression is that the attendance was very good for the Dalnavert celebration due, I suspect, to optimal weather, good programming, and the fact that Dalnavert lies on the walking route between Osborne Village and the Forks, two other spots favoured by Canada Day celebrants. Dalnavert was a good place for thirsty walkers to stop off since, in



W. Fraser

MHS President Annabelle Mays celebrates Canada Day at Ross House Museum.

addition to fun activities, we also provided lemonade and lovely chocolate and vanilla cake balls. All in all the Canada Day celebrations were a great success at both Ross House and Dalnavert. Congratulations to all involved in the organization of these events.

July was also noteworthy for several others events, including the much anticipated announcement of the Winnipeg Jets' new logo and team colours. Both of these decisions had been the discussion of much talk, debate and conjecture on the part of fans and the local media. Arguments presented both for and against the old logos and colours versus a new branding filled the papers, and were the subject of many radio and television sports talk shows. It was clear that these decisions engendered strong emotions in the fans whose opinions were strongly linked to values which they held dear. For reasons known to us all, the issue of branding the new team was of great importance to the owners as well. The decisions were not going to be taken lightly by them. It was also clear that not only was it incumbent upon them to produce logos and colours which met with the approval of fans but that the rationale that underpinned the decisions was understood as well.

When the announcement was made, I had no particular vested interest in the logos or team colours. Nor is it my intent to comment upon them at this time. Rather, my point in even raising this event is the related rationale surrounding the decisions, which I understood to be a very public way of acknowledging not only the importance of the Jets' history, but for history in general. One of the headlines of the 23, July 2011 edition of the *Winnipeg Free Press* proclaimed the logo to be "A salute to our past". Mark Chipman, a Jets governor was quoted as saying, "Our desire was to authenticate the name and make it as meaningful as we possibly could... The best way to do that was to draw a connection to the rich history that our city has enjoyed with the air force." In this same issue of the *Free Press*, Dale Hawerchuk, a former Jet and powerful voice in the hockey world, when commenting upon the issue of whether the official documentation of the Jets history should reside in Phoenix or Winnipeg,

Important Reminder

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acknowledged the importance of history and the act of remembering the past.

For someone such as myself, who has experienced the difficulty of convincing students and others of the value of history, it was a welcome surprise to see the rationale for the logo selection linked in this way to the importance of keeping alive our history. Furthermore, it was encouraging to see an appreciation of history articulated by influential people whose words were listened to and read widely.

I would like to close with a reminder to all members of our continuing need for a strong and growing membership and volunteers to support all of our activities. Consider inviting a friend to join the society. Consider volunteering.

Heritage News

The Winnipeg Free Press reports that Winnipeg's last remaining wooden streetcar requires a new home. **Streetcar 356** was built in 1909 and taken out of service in 1955. It has been stored at the Winnipeg Railway Museum, at the Via Rail Canada Union Station at Main Street at Broadway for several years waiting for restoration. Now the museum needs the space for new acquisitions and the streetcar must be moved as soon as possible. Ideally the new quarters should be large enough that the workers can proceed with the restoration. The restoration project has a \$35,000 provincial grant and some money from the Winnipeg Foundation.

On 16 July the entrance fee was waived at **Lower Fort Garry** and other Canadian national historic sites and parks to celebrate Parks Day. Visitors to Lower Fort Garry on Parks Day were able to enjoy performances by Simpson's Folly and the Whirlaway Western Square Dancers and were also able to participate in Parks Day Crafts as well as experience the Berry Social in which visitors could enjoy cake topped with the sweet taste of summer berries. Parks Canada also used this day to launch their "It's time to become an Explorer" program which encourages children to explore the fort while completing an activity book and at the end of their exploration journey they receive a certificate.

Heritage Winnipeg reports that the 315 Portage Avenue neo-classical banking hall used by the Canadian Bank of Commerce from 1919 to 1959 and by MitrcHELL-Copp Limited from 1969 to 1981 will be demolished. The site will be part of a large hotel/retail/office/parkade development across the street from the MTS Centre. The City of Winnipeg plans to spend \$660,000 to preserve the façade of the old bank building.

The Interlake Spectator reports that in June 2011 the Province of Manitoba at a ribbon cutting ceremony officially named the causeway connecting **Hecla Island** with the mainland after Captain Grimsi Grimolfson, the man who ferried people to the island from 1953 until the causeway opened in 1972. Gimli MLA Peter Bjornson and former Manitoba Premier and Governor-General Edward Schreyer were in attendance.

Barber House at 99 Euclid Avenue in north Point Douglas officially re-opened on 3 August at a ceremony attended by over 250 people. The house

will be used by the North Point Douglas Seniors Association and the Eagle Wing Early Education Centre. Photos and more information on the completion of Barber House appeared in the July/August 2011 issue of *Time Lines*.

The **St. Malo Museum** at the gateway to St. Malo Provincial Park opened its doors this summer after being closed for eight years. The *Carillon* reports that a new seven-person committee applied for various grants and received four funding allowances and obtained a consultant to help catalogue its artefacts. The museum is housed in a building that "was once hitched to the Dufrost Rail Station." The interior is comfortably furnished and it "conjures up images of a quaint home from an earlier time" To continue to make improvements the main priority will be on fundraising.

Jim Blanchard's award-winning book *Winnipeg 1912* has been short-listed for the 2011–2012 edition of the *On the Same Page* book club. A project of The Winnipeg Foundation and Winnipeg Public Library, *On the Same Page* "encourages all Manitobans to read, and talk about, the same book at the same time." A reading featuring Blanchard and the other OTSP nominees was held on 7 September at McNally Robinson Booksellers. Readers can vote for *Winnipeg 1912*, either online <http://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/onthesamepage.asp> or via a ballot box at Winnipeg Public Library branches, until 10 September. Jim Blanchard is the Head of Reference Services at Elizabeth Dafoe Library at the University of Manitoba. He is a former MHS President and was the Editor of *A Thousand Miles of Prairie: The Manitoba Historical Society and the History of Western Canada*. Both *Winnipeg 1912* and Blanchard's latest University of Manitoba Press title, *Winnipeg's Great War: A City Comes of Age*, won the MHS's Margaret McWilliams Award for Popular History.

The **Manitoba Genealogical Society** will hold its Fall Seminar and 35th Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg at Silver Heights United Church (199 Garrioch Avenue) on Friday, 30 September and Saturday, 1 October. The seminar will feature genealogist and speaker Dave Obee (Victoria, BC) along with local speakers including author and historian Jim Blanchard, librarian Louis-Philip Bujold, geographer Howard Mathieson, technologist Mark Nelson, genealogists Colin and Elizabeth Briggs, lawyer Daniel Watts, and archivist Idelle Talbot. The registration fee is \$125 per person, which

includes lunch on Saturday. For more information about the seminar program and other weekend events, visit their web site www.mbgenealogy.com.

The **Winnipegosis Historical Society** has taken possession of a house that once belonged to physician Dr. A. E. Medd and opened it as a community museum on 9 July, while funds are raised to restore the other museum in the Village of Winnipegosis' former railway station. The group also hopes to begin restoration of the *Myrtle M*, a 1920s-era wooden freighter. The Medd House Museum will be open for tours from June to September, Tuesday to Friday, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is closed from noon to 1:00 pm. Tours on Saturdays and Sundays are by appointment; call Jo at 204-546-4318 or Pauline at 204-656-4273 to arrange. Admission is \$4. Children under 12, when accompanied by an adult, are free.

Students, faculty and alumni of **Kelvin High School** will celebrate the school's Centenary on 25, 26 and 27 May 2012. An alumni open house on Friday, 25 May at the school will be followed by a Gala Centennial Concert at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Saturday, 26 May will see alumni open house school visits continuing during the day followed by a Gala Kelvin 100th Anniversary Reception and Dinner at the Convention Centre. Proceeds from the centennial celebrations will create a Kelvin High Centennial Legacy Fund to benefit the school and its students in the future. The 100th anniversary website (still being developed) is at Kelvin100.com, where alumni can join the alumni list and volunteer to assist in planning or organizing the events.

The friends of **St. James Cemetery** (Tylehurst and Portage Avenue, opposite Polo Park) are a group that have taken on the project of maintaining the cemetery grounds. Several weekends have been spent in caring for grounds and grave markers and they held Open Houses for Mothers Day and Fathers Day. The cemetery was part of Doors Open Winnipeg this year and received a "Hidden Gem" Award at the Doors Open Award Presentations. Services were held in the Old Church at the cemetery, starting at 10:00 am, until end of August. Summer concerts in the Old Church were held on Wednesdays. Those with stories about the Old Church and Cemetery are invited to submit to Hazel Birt at hgbirt@shaw.ca or 204-888-6743. Tax-receiptable donations for the maintenance of the cemetery are gratefully received. Contact St. James Cemetery, 195 Collegiate Street, Winnipeg MB R3J 1T9

The 582-foot-long **Souris Swinging Bridge**, constructed across the Souris River in 1904, and now the longest suspension bridge in Canada, has been cut loose on 3 July by flood-fighting crews at Souris. The bridge had been damaged during the ice breakup earlier this year and has been closed since mid-April. It had been previously damaged during the 1976 flood and had to be rebuilt at that time. The *Westman Journal* notes that Cables were cut on the east side of the bridge. The bridge is now lodged against one bank of the river as a precautionary measure because of concerns the water would sweep the bridge away.

As part of the "All Nations Bless Israel" international conference held at **Winkler** from 28 to 31 July, a session was held on 29 July to commemorate the Jewish pioneers of the Morden and Winkler area. A special honouring service included guest speakers from the Jewish community as well as MP Candace Hoepfner bringing greetings on behalf of the Prime Minister of Canada. Conference organizers attempted to locate descendants of those pioneers to invite them to participate in this session. Pamela Funk, a director and founder of Sweet Spirit Ministries Canada, and one of the organizers of this session, has photographed the Jewish headstones in the Morden Cemetery. Those with Jewish roots in the Winkler and Morden areas include members of the Buchwald, Danzker, Gladstone, Goldberg, Greenblatt, Nitikman, Safeer, Silver, and Sirluck families.

In the summer of 1971, five students under the guidance of Walter Hlady located and mapped a lost historical trail in western Manitoba. Called the **Desjarlais Trail**, Turkey Trail, or Glass Trail (for the abundance of broken European china and glass along its route). The trail ran east-west from Lake Manitoba to the Rolling River Reserve near Erickson. Now, the fruits of that trail rediscovery project have been put online by Bill Dayholos, one of the five students. His seven topographic maps can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.thelamplight.ca/schematicoftime/desjarlais.htm>. Dayholos notes: "There is no way of knowing how old this trail dates but its popularity grew after Indian Reserve Treaty No 2 was signed on 21 August 1871. This was about the same time as European settlers using Red River carts settled the area. The trail provided a marked route to follow and a way around ponds, lakes, ravines, and hills."

It was announced that the Canadian federal government, the Province of Manitoba, and City of Winnipeg will collaborate in the restoration of the **Seven Oaks Monument** in north Winnipeg. The federal and provincial governments will each contribute \$35,000 and the city will improve streets around it. Winnipeg designer Heather Cram will assist with the project, which commemorates the 200th anniversary, in 2012, of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers at the site of Winnipeg. The Seven Oaks Monument commemorates the confrontation on 19 June 1816 between Robert Semple, Governor of the Red River Settlement, and about 26 men, and a brigade of North West Company men led by the young Métis clerk Cuthbert Grant. The monument, erected by the Manitoba Historical Society in 1891, is the oldest historic marker in Western Canada.

The Prairie Dog Central Railway celebrates the centennial of one of its coaches, Coach 107, a wooden car. The car was built in Quebec by the Canadian Pacific Railway and was sold to the Greater Winnipeg Water District Railway in 1956. It became the property of the Prairie Dog Central in 1970. The coach has mahogany and oak paneling and a pot-bellied coal stove. It is always the last coach on the train because it has a full width enclosed vestibule with windows looking back on the tracks. Prairie Dog Central has five vintage wooden coaches, four of them over 100 years old.

The Winkler Times reports that **The Winkler Heritage Museum** officially opened on 3 August in its temporary location in Winkler's Southland Mall under the auspices of the Winkler Heritage Society. Museum committee chair Arnie Neufeld said that he hoped that the museum would chronicle the pillars of the community's success—a strong faith community, an emphasis on education and a vibrant business community. A permanent location has not yet been determined. The museum is counting on support from the local community to continue to provide artefacts, photos, clippings and other documents or the collection. The Winkler Heritage Society will provide tax receipts for financial donations.

See one of the best preserved Mennonite villages less than an hour south of Winnipeg. Drive south on Highway 75 and west on PR 421 to **Neubergthal**. A single village street is lined by cottonwood and maple trees. Narrow farmsteads, often with a house and barn attached face the street. The Friesen housebarn has an interpretive centre and coffee and

dessert are served on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 pm and Thursday from 6 to 9 pm during the summer. For more information phone 204-319-9050 or visit www.neubergthal.ca

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 which are autographed, will be on display to the public on the main floor of the Elizabeth Dafoe Library at the Fort Garry Campus from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Winnipeg Jets played in both the World Hockey Association (WHA) and the National Hockey League (NHL) from 1972 to 1996. Due to mounting financial troubles, in 1996 the franchise moved to Phoenix, Arizona, and became the current Phoenix Coyotes of the NHL. This extensive run of programs offers a historical record of the players, including those of WHA teams, such as: Bobby Hull, Anders Hedberg and Ulf Nilsson, and later NHL stars including Thomas Steen, Dale Hawerchuk, Randy Carlyle and Teemu Selanne; and individual hockey games and the management of the team. In addition, the display includes photographs of Winnipeg Jets players and action shots that are part of the *Winnipeg Tribune* collection held in the University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections Department. Many of these materials have been scanned and are available online at: <http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/digital/4646.html>

Culture, Tourism and Heritage Minister Flor Marcelino announced that a provincial commitment of up to \$100,000 will help to build a statue at the Selo Ukraina Site in Dauphin, home to Canada's National Ukrainian Festival (CNUF), that will honour the accomplishments of **Ukrainian-Canadian women**, "This statue will be built in a place for all to see and enjoy," said Marcelino. "Our government is proud to show support for this very important and symbolic initiative." "As a Ukrainian-Canadian woman, it's with great pride I support this announcement today, on behalf of all honourable members of our government," said Finance Minister Rosann Wowchuk said today. "The Selo Ukraina site is the perfect location for this monument, as it's a site focused on the preservation of Ukrainian heritage and culture." Wowchuk was speaking at the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden in Assiniboine Park

in Winnipeg today where she was joined by Dr. Ihor Ostash, ambassador of Ukraine to Canada. The minister noted that, earlier this year, the government introduced legislation that would designate the last Saturday in July as Manitoba Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day. Last summer, the province unveiled a painting by Orysia Sinitowich-Gorski commemorating the Holodomor years of 1932 to 1933. The art work was originally purchased by Manitoba for the provincial art collection in 2008 to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Ukrainian Holodomor-Holocaust. It is now permanently on display at the Legislative Building.

Summer at Dalnavert

The summer of 2011 has been a busy one for us at Dalnavert. We have been lucky to have four summer students join our team and they have been hard at work, making the Museum an inviting and fun place for all of our visitors. Caitlin Smith has been hard at work as our Programming Assistant and Interpreter since her first day on the job. She has been given great tasks to complete as a summer programmer and has risen to the occasion by organizing our summer programming and coming up with some excellent ideas for future programs. Ashleigh Parker was hired as a Marketing Assistant and Interpreter. Her work to promote our programming, liaise with the community, start our own Facebook page, and reach out to potential partners has been a great help and has brought new visitors through our doors. David Schmidt, our Interpretive Planning Assistant and Interpreter, has spent much of the summer with his nose in a book, doing historic research and writing that has contributed greatly to the production of an audio tour and future exhibit plans. Francisco Gonzalez joined us late in the season and has been hard at work in the garden and around the house, assisting our Gardening Committee and doing the maintenance and cleaning jobs that make Dalnavert an inviting place for everyone.

The summer is now coming to a close, and with it, the end of our summer students' terms at the museum. I am grateful for all of their hard work this summer and feel lucky to have worked with such fine folks. Thanks must also be given to our funders who have supported our staff employment and programming endeavours: Celebrate Canada, The Winnipeg Foundation, Young Canada Works, Canada Summer Jobs, and the Urban Green Team.

Now that we are on Facebook, please "like" us! <http://www.facebook.com/Dalnavert>

The following is a description of our summer programming activities:

Party Like Its 1895 - July 1

"Party Like Its 1895" featured family-friendly activities on the Dalnavert grounds from noon to four o'clock in the afternoon. The day featured an open house tour of Dalnavert's main floor, Master Milne's 3D Scanning Parlour, croquet on the lawn, steampunk and make-your-own moustache crafts, as well as refreshments, including iced tea, lemonade, and cakettes. Approximately 165 people paid Dalnavert a visit over the course of the day, which made our Canada Day extra special.

My Secret Garden - Thursdays in July and August

"My Secret Garden" is a new program that encourages students aged 6-12 to learn about the plants in Dalnavert's garden as well as the importance of flowers in the Victorian period. In support of this program, our Gardening Committee has expanded and developed the patch of garden on Dalnavert's south side and filled it with fun flowers and fragrant herbs. This hands-on program was well received by all who attended, so we have plans to develop it further in subsequent years.

Treasure Hunt - Saturdays from May to August

Every Saturday, families have been given the option to go on the Treasure Hunt tour instead of a regular guided tour. The Treasure Hunt encourages young visitors to hunt for items on an artefact list while learning about the historical importance of certain artefacts. The trip through the Museum ends with a Victorian craft in the attic for visitors to take home.

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

Upcoming Events at Dalnavert

Sir Hugh John Macdonald's Winnipeg:

A downtown walking tour with Ron Robinson

10 September & 1 October, 10 am & 2 pm each day

Take a walk with Sir Hugh from his home at Dalnavert to the Millennium Library. On route, Sir Hugh will introduce you to the many downtown sites that touched his life and continue to play a role in Winnipeg's urban setting. At the Millennium Library, the tour will wrap in the Local History Room where participants will learn how to find out more about the people, places, and history that surrounds us every day! Space is limited—register soon! Duration: 70 minutes. Free. Rain or Shine, so please prepare for inclement weather. Meet at Dalnavert, 61 Carlton Street, on the veranda. Call the Millennium Library at 204-986-6450 to register. About our tour guide, "Sir Hugh": Taller on radio, the former host of the Weekend Morning Show on CBC, Ron Robinson was a founding partner of McNally Robinson Booksellers. He has created and appeared in three one-man shows as Robert Service, Rudyard Kipling, and Timothy Eaton. When not mimicking old dead guys, he can be heard on CKUW FM 95.9, hosting Pages, Radio for readers, Thursdays 5-5:30 pm, and the Saturday Morning Show with Carol Mckibbin from 6-9 am

Ciclovía - 11 September, 12 – 8 pm

Dalnavert will be open on 11 September for the Downtown BIZ's Ciclovía event. Dalnavert's grounds will be hosting the end of the day's Tweed Ride—a bike ride from Assiniboine Park to the Broadway neighbourhood for enthusiasts of vintage clothing and bicycles. Join us on the lawn for croquet and bring along a picnic. For more details about other activities happening on the weekend, visit www.manyfest.ca

Culture Days - 30 September to 2 October

Dalnavert will again be participating in Culture Days this year. We have three events planned over the course of the weekend. For more information on Culture Days, visit www.culturedays.ca

TechnoGeeks - 30 September, 1-4 pm

Call 204-943-2835 to book a spot. Classes are invited to register for a one-hour slot of our fun and informative TechnoGeeks program at the Dalnavert Museum. Your class will explore the lives of people

in 1895 - a time when innovations such as the light bulb, central heating, the flush toilet, and cameras were considered modern conveniences. We will talk about artefacts in the house, as well as the science that makes them work. This program teaches students about simple machines, optics, sound, and the impact of 19th century inventors. Students will also learn about the similarities and differences between Victorian technology and the technology we use today. They will also be asked to consider how might use technology to communicate, travel, and entertain ourselves in the future. This program is ideal for the Grade 4 and Grade 8 Science curriculum; however, all classes from Grade 3 and up are welcome to attend.

Late Night Scavenger Hunt

1 October, 8 pm – 12 pm

Illuminate the shadowy history of Victorian-era Winnipeg while enjoying a fun-filled interactive night at the Dalnavert! Come to the Dalnavert Museum for a rare glimpse of the grounds at night. An intricately crafted scavenger hunt will lead visitors to discover the mysteries of the Dalnavert Museum and its history. Participants will trek through the illuminated grounds of the Museum, pick up clues and learn secrets about Dalnavert and Winnipeg's history. This activity is appropriate for ages 10 and up. Note to visitors: The Late Night Scavenger Hunt takes place exclusively outdoors, so please dress for the weather! Washrooms will not be available.

A Victorian Afternoon - 2 October, 12 – 4 pm

No need to dust off your old history books! The Dalnavert Museum staff and volunteers will bring the stories and artefacts of this amazing, fully restored Victorian home to life. During our open house visitors will learn about the family of Sir Hugh John Macdonald, an important figure in Winnipeg's history and son of Canada's first Prime Minister. Croquet will be available all afternoon and kids can make their very own Victorian crafts. Visitors are invited to bring a picnic lunch and grab a spot on the lawn. Take advantage of this opportunity to discover the beautiful house and grounds of Dalnavert, and have some good old fashioned fun!

Phantasmagoria - 5 October to 6 November

Plans are currently underway for another year of PHANTASMAGORIA at Dalnavert. The exhibit will feature contemporary art inspired by Victorian

photographic and cinematic technology as well as history and memory. We will also be joined again by Charlene van Buekenhout, who will be haunting Dalnavert's attic with a performance of ghost stories.

Follow us on Facebook and our website to find more details as they come available!

Winnipeg Airport Terminal to be Demolished

We will soon have a brand new terminal opening at James Armstrong Richardson International Airport. But with this good news comes bad: the 1964 terminal which so many of us have grown to love is slated for demolition. Heritage Winnipeg (HW) has been working with the MHS to prevent the wasteful and unnecessary destruction of a classic of modernist architecture and an important piece of our history.

The terminal was built between 1961 and 1964 at a cost of \$18 million. Architects Green, Blankstein, Russell and Associates were graduates of the School of Architecture at the University of Manitoba. The building was commissioned as part of an iconic group of art-filled, architecturally significant air terminals. It is one of the purest examples of the International Style in Canada, inspired by Mies van der Rohe and the architecture schools in Toronto and Manitoba. It is a minimalist, rectilinear, 400,000 square foot steel-and-glass structure featuring highly sophisticated detailing. In 2008, the Heritage Canada Foundation put the terminal on their list of the ten most endangered buildings in Canada. It is one of only two terminals of its era remaining intact and it is a key element of Canada's aviation and architectural history.

Harold Kalman PhD, architectural historian and Canada's first heritage consultant, believes it provides an excellent opportunity for rehabilitation and re-use. The 1964 terminal is, he says, "a stellar half-century-old building that is an asset and not a liability. All it takes is the will and creativity to find the best new use for the structure."

Unfortunately, the Winnipeg Airports Authority (WAA) say they will demolish this outstanding building. Shelter Canadian and Huntingdon Real Estate were working on a plan for re-development with the Western Canada Aviation Museum (WCAM). Yet in June 2007 it was rejected by a letter indicating it was not what the WAA were looking for. No viable expressions of interest in reusing the



Henry Kalen fonds, University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collection 219, A05-100, Box 4, Folder 28, Item 3

Interior of the 1964 Winnipeg airport terminal, one of the last intact specimens of its kind in Canada.

building have materialized, says Christine Alongi of the WAA in the *Metro* (30 August 2011). They intend to demolish when the new terminal opens and the WCAM plans to build on the site.

HW and the MHS believe strongly that the building is too important to conclude that it cannot be redeveloped. Contact your local MP if you wish to express your support for re-use of the historic terminal. It is now time for Winnipeggers, Manitobans, and Canadians to appreciate the value and contribution of modernist architecture. Harold Kalman, PhD, architectural historian and Canada's first heritage consultant, believes it provides an excellent opportunity for rehabilitation and re-use. The 1964 terminal is, he says, "a stellar half-century-old building that is an asset and not a liability. All it takes is the will and creativity to find the best new use for the structure."

Obituary

Jean Isabell Armstrong, a long-time MHS member, died on 13 July 2011 in Winnipeg. She was born on the family homestead near Sinclair, in southwestern Manitoba, on 21 April 1915. She attended nearby Crescent School, received teacher training at Normal School and returned to teach at Crescent School for several years before moving to Winnipeg. Starting in the 1940s, she was employed for over four decades with the Government of Canada, many of them as an employment counsellor. An avid golfer, she was a member of the Winnipeg Canoe Club. She also enjoyed 5-pin bowling and curling. After her retirement, she completed her BA in Geography at the University of Winnipeg and travelled widely.



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

Reminiscences from the Days of Steam Trains in Canada

Since the first trans-continental passenger train, the Pacific Express, headed west in 1886 the railway has been part of many people's lives. For some the railway was their life. One only needs to mention The Moonlight Special, The CNR, The E&N, The CPR, The Blueberry Special, The Milk Run, or The H&SW ('ellish Slow and Wobbly) for memories to come flooding back.

The new book *Through the Window of a Train: A Canadian Railway Anthology* edited by Barbara Lange contains hilarious, historical, and often poignant memoirs and short stories from Canadian railway workers, their families, and train travellers across Canada. Set largely in the bygone era of steam, the book offers insight into the hearts and minds of Canadians as they went about their lives in the shadow of the railway with courage, determination, and humour.

Copies are available from McNally-Robinson Booksellers in Winnipeg or toll-free from Borealis Press in Ottawa (877-696-2585). The retail price is \$19.95.

Important Reminder

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.

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 = Wpg 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

Centennial Farms

The MHS has expanded its Centennial Farm program to include ones in continuous family ownership for over 125 years. Two have been recognized to date:

Carman Russell "Rusty" & Karen Graham
SW30-5-4 WPM 1878

Kenton Cameron Dodds & Beatrice
SW 10-11-23 WPM 1881

Centennial Awards were presented to:

Arborg Mark & Natalie Klym
NW 10-23-2 EPM 1911

Ashern Antoinette Geisler & Family
SE 6-25-7 WPM 1910

Carman Larry & Darlene Funke
SW 19-7-5 WPM 1911
Russell "Rusty" & Karen Graham
SW30-5-4 WPM 1878

Clanwilliam	Steven & Marie Smith SW & WNW 17-16-17 WPM 1911
Elkhorn	Hugh & Myrna Drake, Darwin Drake, Dwayne & Kim Drake SE 34-12-28 WPM 1904
Elphinstone	Brian & Patricia Dziver SE 30-18-21 WPM 1902
Ericksdale	Lorne & Linda Tegelberg SE 7-22-5 WPM 1908
Erinview	William & Jessie Ogilvie NE 16-16-1 WPM 1911
Fisher Branch	Denis & Rose-Marie Dandeneau NE 36-24-2 WPM 1911
Inglis	Marilyn Parmentier Liske NW 4-23-28 WPM 1911
Kenton	Cameron Dodds & Beatrice SW 10-11-23 WPM 1881 N 10-11-23 WPM 1898
Killarney	Donald & Linda Chatham SW 32-2-16 WPM 1907
Miami	Judy (Leatherdale) Elliott & Martin Elliott Pt. SW 7-5-5 WPM 1911 Blaine & Shannon Rutter S 24-5-6 WPM 1911
Minto	Donald & Cheryl Tufts E & NW 8-5-20 WPM 1911
St. Jean Baptiste	Gilbert & Kathy Sabourin NW 22-3-1 EPM 1911
Rathwell	Vernon & Eva Marie Henderson, Dale Henderson SW 33-8-8 WPM 1910 Lorraine Henderson, David Henderson N 34-8-8 WPM 1910



David McDowell

A farm-specific cake was a feature of the Centennial Farm celebrations by Larry and Darlene Funke at Carman.

	James & Eva Henderson S 34-8-8 WPM 1910
Riverton	John Morris Vigfusson NW 19-24-5 EPM 1891
Souris	Gladys Lovatt, Rhonda (Lovatt) Simon & Brian Simon N 11-8-20 WPM 1900

Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame

Two inductees to the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame were announced on 6 April 2011:

Vernon McIntyre, born in Neepawa in 1919, farmed near Elphinstone and was an active member of his community for many years. He served on the board of the Manitoba Seed Growers Association and Canadian Seed Growers Association. He worked closely with the Federal and Provincial departments of Agriculture, universities and plant breeders in the propagation of early varieties of rapeseed and canola.

Keith Smith began his 33 year career with Manitoba Department of Agriculture in 1955 – beginning as the agricultural representative at Holland, and then moving to Brandon as a communications specialist. He finished his distinguished career as the Principal of the Agricultural Extension Centre in Brandon. Encouraging farmers to adopt modern production technology, he was recognized by both colleagues and farmers as an outstanding extension communicator. Beyond Canada his interests in communicating extended to the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Bank and African nations such as Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Nigeria.



Ryan Graham

MHS member Corinne Tellier presents a Centennial Farm Plaque and a 125 Years Farm Plaque to the Graham family of Carman.

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- 10 September Tour of Brookside Cemetery
- 10 September & 1 October Downtown walking tour with Ron Robinson
- 11 September Ciclovía at Dalnavert
- 19 September Book Club: Jim Blanchard, *Winnipeg's Great War: A city comes of Age*
- 30 September TechnoGeeks at Dalnavert
- 1 October Late Night Scavenger at Dalnavert
- 2 October A Victorian Afternoon at Dalnavert

- 5 October - 6 November Phantasmagoria at Dalnavert
- 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*
- 26 November Heritage Needle Arts Sale
- 16 January 2012 Book Club: Charlotte Gray, *Mrs. King: The life and times of Isabel Mackenzie King*

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