



# Time Lines

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## 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner

6:00 pm Cocktails (cash bar),  
7:00 Dinner

Saturday, 28 January 2012

Provencher Room,  
Fort Garry Hotel

### Special guest speaker Sylvia Kuzyk

The Macdonald Dinner is the most important annual fundraiser of the Society, so we hope that you will attend. Tickets are \$100 each for MHS members and \$110 each for non-members.

Guest speaker Sylvia Kuzyk spent most of her nearly 38-year career at CTV Winnipeg, formerly CKY. She is one of western Canada's first women in news broadcasting. For years she was CTV's weather specialist, endorsed by the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society. She was also host/

producer of several daily and weekly interview shows as well as the arts and entertainment segment "Spotlight".

Sylvia has received numerous public service awards most notably the YM/YWCA Women of Distinction Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Canadian Radio and Television News Directors Association.



Sylvia Kuzyk

In 2011, she was also honoured with a Hall of Fame Award for significant contribution to the broadcast industry. Sylvia was invested into the Order of Manitoba in 2009.

Born in Berlin (Germany), Sylvia came to Manitoba as a child. She is an ardent promoter of Manitoba, and promises to be an entertaining and informative speaker at this year's Macdonald Dinner.



The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner Tickets

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## President's Message



MHS President  
Dr. Annabelle Mays

One of the significant marker events of the fall, Thanksgiving, is over and many of our members have been working diligently to put their gardens to rest after a wonderful summer of abundant sunshine and no mosquitoes. Thank you again to the Gardening Committee who worked wonders this year. No matter what day I came by to visit Dalnavert, several of its

members could be found tending to the beds. However, as this newsletter attests, other committees as well as individual MHS members were busy tending to the business of Dalnavert and the Society. Thanks to all.

By the time you read this message we will be closing in on the December holiday season and the year will be drawing to a close. This fall many activities have taken place at Dalnavert. We participated in events organized by a range of groups such as the Downtown Biz and the province's teachers. We also mounted our own special events. These activities were designed to attract the broadest range of visitors to Dalnavert and to provide them with a fun experience that would encourage them to return for other activities and programs. All of these activities are outlined elsewhere in this issue of *Time Lines*. Check as well for upcoming Dalnavert and Society events and make plans to participate in as many as possible during the months of November and December.

The first Council meeting was held in September and much of the focus was on the need to increase the membership of the Society. Without a strong membership and volunteer base it will become increasingly difficult to manage the affairs of the Society and to fulfill our mandate within the province. A far ranging discussion was held and some excellent ideas for increasing the membership were put forward by the Council. At the end of the discussion Wayne Arseny volunteered to put together a report to be sent out to Council members prior to their next meeting. Each member was asked

to forward to Wayne three ideas for increasing Society membership. He will compile these suggestions and forward the report to Council members for discussion at November's meeting. In addition to this discussion each member of Council was asked to take at least one of the membership application forms made available at the meeting with the goal of every Council member signing up one new member. If every one of our members were to take on this task it would certainly be a huge step forward in solving membership concerns.

Last summer I took a tour through the wonderful province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Our tour guide bombarded us with information about the history of the province and its particular place in the development of Canada. This information was supplemented each day by visits to museums, historical sites, and interpretive centres, all of which highlighted the cultural, geological and biological features of the province. There were many things and places that stand out in my memory but it is not my intent to recount the whole trip. There was one moment, however, that I wish to mention. At the base of Signal Hill in St. John's there is an interpretive centre. Our tour was not scheduled to stop at that centre but I was sure that something I was in search of, a Manitoba connection, was located within the building. The tour guide kindly agreed to have the tour bus stop at the centre and accompanied me inside to look for it. What I was looking for was a plaque commemorating those who died in the crash of a small plane that occurred on 23 June 1978 at Torbay, just a few miles from the St. John's airport. On board the plane were four members of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board and two Parks Canada employees on their way to L'Anse Aux Meadows. All six were killed. One of the members of the Board on this flight was Dr. Robert Painchaud, a professor in the Department of History at the University of Winnipeg. Not only was his loss felt keenly by the department, it was also a deep loss for the Francophone community of St. Boniface with which Professor Painchaud was closely connected. I found the plaque located just inside one of the entrances to the centre. It was a special moment as I reflected upon this tragic link between our two provinces but I was very appreciative of the opportunity to connect with the past in this way.

I find that the days fly by and it doesn't take long for a year to come and go. So, in light of this observation, please remember to check the label on your *Time*

*Lines* envelope to see when your membership is due. If your MHS year is over, please remember to update your membership as soon as possible. Thanks. We need and appreciate your support.

Annabelle Mays

### Obituary

**Nina Sawelo**, née Hartmann, a MHS member, died in Winnipeg on 24 August. She was born in Czeszochowa, Poland to German/Russian Parents. She was trained in the fine art of decorating porcelain at a vocational school in Selb, Germany. As a young couple she and her husband, Wasily Sawelo a Ukrainian tradesman, moved to Canada and settled in Winnipeg in 1951. Nina's favourite pastimes were reading and writing poetry, taking photographs, painting landscapes, scrapbooking, and corresponding with relatives. She was devoted to her Orthodox religion and she had a passion for music and singing. Her interest in Manitoba history developed after she discovered that her house on St. Cross Street near St. John's Cathedral was located near the site of. Saint Cross House, a school for daughters of the Lord Selkirk settlers, from 1851 to 1859. A cairn, built by her son Victor in 1996, now marks the site. For several years she attended the annual Ross House Canada Day celebrations. Nina was recognized by the Governor-General's office with a Canada 125 Award in 1992 for co-hosting a celebration commemorating the centennial of St. John's Park. She will be fondly remembered by many as "the candy lady" for generously giving chocolates and toffees to people she met.

**Jean Phyllis Durham**, a former MHS member, died in Winnipeg on 6 October 2011. She was born in England in 1918 and moved to Winnipeg in 1945. She was active in her church and was a supporter of the Winnipeg Humane Society. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels for 25 years

**Alice Evelyn Brown** of the Treesbank District, teacher, librarian, and historian, and MHS past President, died at Wawanesa on 14 September 2011, just a week short of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her grandparents, Albert E. and Alice Hetherington (Turner), came from Milbrook, Ontario in 1881 and homesteaded in the Souris District along with other members of the Sowden party. Alice married Morley Brown in Souris in 1938 and moved to their farm at SE19-8-16 in the Treesbank district. In 1945 they moved to Winnipeg. She attended United College and the University of Mani-

toba where she attained her Honours BA in 1952 and BPED in 1955. In the early 1950's Alice began her first teaching job but continued her academic progress, which included Summer Sessions at Northwestern University, Harvard, and the University of Western Michigan where in 1968 she received a Master's



Alice Brown

degree in Library and Information. Alice had a long and successful career as an educator with the Winnipeg School Division. She taught a variety of grade levels at Balmoral Hall, Clifton School, Principal Sparling School and Gordon Bell School. She was Teacher/Librarian at Sisler School in 1964-65, Hugh John Macdonald in 1965-66 and Daniel McIntyre 1966-69. She became Library Supervisor for the St. James Assiniboine School District and in 1972 received the Encyclopædia Britannica School Library award in recognition of significant improvement of Elementary School Libraries. Throughout her life, History was Alice's passion and in this field she was a notable Historian and prolific author. She was particularly interested in the history of the Fur Trade in southwest Manitoba and in locating fur trading posts in that area; an interest shared by her husband Morley. Alice wrote many articles that are archived in the Manitoba Historical Society's Transactions and helped Margaret Macleod with research for her book "Cuthbert Grant of Grant Town". A MHS member from the 1940s, she was President of the Society in 1965-1967. Alice edited and wrote many articles for the *Manitoba Pageant*, a publication designed to encourage young people's interest in provincial history. In 1979, she was instrumental in launching a program to recognize farms that had survived 100 years and continued to be owned by the first family that claimed title. This Centennial Farms program continues. In 1970 she was awarded a Manitoba Centennial Medal by the Historical Society for her work in the cause of promoting Manitoba history. In 1982, after nearly forty years in Winnipeg, she retired and returned with Morley to the Treesbank area. Educator, Academic, Author, and Historian all describe Alice, but the role from which she gained the greatest satisfaction, was that of Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.



### Welcome New Members

Marianne Farag  
Emma Hughes  
Evan Janssen  
Vanessa Warne

### Donations & Contributions

#### Thank You!

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#### In Memory of Alice Brown

Anonymous

### Dalnavert News

Culture Days (30 September to 2 October) was a fun weekend at Dalnavert, bringing in nearly 200 people for three different events. On 30 September, we hosted a classroom of students for a TechnoGeeks tour, preceded by lunch on Dalnavert's veranda. On 1 October we participated in Nuit Blanche by offering a free outdoor scavenger hunt on Dalnavert's lawn from 8 pm to midnight. The weekend ended with an open house event, featuring tours of the first floor of the museum, croquet on the lawn, and crafts on the veranda. We were happy to participate in this national cultural event and look forward to next year's festivities!

This year's PHANTASMAGORIA exhibit (5 October to 6 November) was an eerie and beautiful delight, featuring contemporary works of art situated in Dalnavert's late Victorian setting. Focused on themes of photography, memory, and haunting, the six works from Coral Maloney, Caroline Monnet, Clint Enns, Doreen Girard, Danishka Esterhazy & Wendy Sawatzky, and Andrew Milne were each captivating and expertly crafted and allowed visitors to explore Dalnavert in a way they might never have

before. Charlene Van Buekenhout again joined our Halloween programming by giving a magic lantern and ghost story performance, entitled *In the Attic*. I would like to thank all who came out to support this season's programming as well as this events supporters, the Province of Manitoba and Don's Photo.

### Upcoming Events at Dalnavert

Christmas at Dalnavert  
26 November to 23 December

Dalnavert is an excellent destination for people seeking a Victorian Christmas experience. In November, we will be decorating the house for the season and setting up the tree for our kick-off to Christmas on 26 November, which will coincide with the Embroiderer's Guild show and sale in the Visitors' Centre. In addition to tours during regular operating hours, visitors will be able to experience a Victorian Christmas through nine evening performances of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* by three Winnipeg performers: Ron Robinson, Ian Mozden, and Celeste Sansregret. Tickets are on sale now, so call soon to reserve your seats!

#### *A Christmas Carol*

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23 December, 2011 Doors open at 6 pm, performance at 7 pm. Call 204-943-2835 to pay ahead and reserve a spot. Maximum 70 persons, each night. \$20/Adults, \$10/under 18.

**7-9 December, Ron Robinson:** Taller on radio, the former host of CBC Radio's Weekend Morning Show can now be heard on CKUW FM, sharing his love of books on Pages - Radio for Readers, and sharing the microphone with his wife, Carol McKibbin on

### 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)

## Macdonald Dinner Tickets

Complete the order form on the front page and mail to the MHS office.

OR send e-mail to [info@mhs.mb.ca](mailto:info@mhs.mb.ca) with your ticket order. We will contact you to complete the financial details.

OR call the MHS office at 204-947-0559 and speak to Jacqueline Friesen. (If no answer, please leave a message and we will call back.) Please call before 21 January 2012.

the Saturday Morning Show. Having performed all of the staves at one time or another for CBC, Ron is delighted to share his affection for Dickens' timeless tale of redemption in the Victorian surroundings of Dalnavert. His 55-minute production offers the classic beloved scenes of ghosts and ghostly apparitions, linked by references to the Victorian period. This show is approximately 55 minutes in duration, appropriate for ages 8 and up.

**14–16 December, Ian Mozdzen:** Ian Mozdzen is a devised theatre artist. In addition to training in dance, physical theatre, clown, and butoh, he studied English Literature and Theatre at Simon Fraser University and The University of Winnipeg. As Co-Artistic Director of out of line theatre ([www.outoflinetheatre.com](http://www.outoflinetheatre.com)) and as a solo/collaborative artist, Ian has created and performed in a number of full-length, short, and exploratory works that tackle everything from peepshows to Egyptian mythology to serial killers to Igor Stravinsky to Hollywood celebrities. His work has toured across the country and into the United States. Recent devised performances include *Infinity Land* (solo), *The Rite* (alongside Tom Stroud and Natasha Torres-Garner), and out of line theatre's *Time 2B Fame Us*. At Dalnavert this holiday season, Ian plans to channel humour, darkness, and physicality into a lively and fanciful performance of this Dickens' holiday classic. This show is approximately 90 minutes in duration, appropriate for ages 10 and up.

**21–23 December, Celeste Sansregret:** Celeste is a writer, producer and performer working in theatre, film and television. She made her first stage appearance at age 3 and has appeared in over 25 stage

productions and several films including *Faces in the Crowd* and *Mother Knows Best* that shot in Winnipeg this past summer. Onstage she has worked with Native Earth Performing Arts, Rainbow Stage and the Manitoba Theatre Centre including the national tour of John Hirsch's famous production of *The Dybbuk*. She is delighted to share *A Christmas Carol* at Dalnavert this season as Ellen Terry OBE. Miss Terry was born in 1848, the third of eleven children in a family of actors. She began appearing onstage at age 8 and was famous for her beautiful elocution and the emotional depth of her work. This show is approximately 100 minutes in duration, appropriate for ages 15 and up.

## Ralph Connor House Designated a National Historic Site

At a ceremony on 13 October 2011, Ralph Connor House, the former Winnipeg residence of writer and cleric C. W. Gordon, now the home of the University Women's Club (UWC) of Winnipeg, was designated a National Historic Site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

A plaque commemorating the historic residence was unveiled by Joyce Bateman (Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South-Centre), Sylvia Marsh (President, UWC), Dr. John Lennox (University Professor Emeritus of English, York University), Robert Darling (Chair, Friends of Ralph Connor House), John Gordon (great-grandson of C. W. Gordon), and Dr. Robert O'Kell (Manitoba representative on the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada).



UWC members (L-R) Dianne Jackman, Diane DeGraves, Muriel Aboul-Atta, Sylvia Marsh, Irene Legg, and Lorraine Cook pose with the historic site plaque at Ralph Connor.

## Heritage News

A full slate of *Monday Night Genealogy* programming presented by the **Southeast and Winnipeg Branch of the Manitoba Genealogical Society (MGS)** continues throughout the fall and winter. *Research in Quebec* is planned for 14 November and will be followed by *Using Federated Search Engines* on 21 November and *Travelling for Genealogy* on November 28. Programs take place most Monday nights through to May at the MGS Resource Centre in the Brick Plaza at 1045 St. James Street. The cost is only \$5.00 for guests with no charge for Branch members. For more information and further program dates check out the Branch web pages at [www.mbgenealogy.com/index.php?page=southeast-and-winnipeg-branch](http://www.mbgenealogy.com/index.php?page=southeast-and-winnipeg-branch)

Support for the restoration of the domed Display Building No. 2 on the Keystone Centre grounds is growing. **Brandon** city council voted in favour of providing a financial commitment to the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba's Restoring The Glory capital campaign. The exhibition hopes to raise \$2 million for phase 2 of the \$7.5 million restoration of the building. The *Brandon Sun* in an editorial stated "It would be an absolute shame to lose this building to rot, decay and neglect. The Dome Building could be a true crown jewel in Brandon's tourism trade, and we are whole-heartedly behind the Provincial Exhibition's efforts to resurrect her."

On 7 November, the University of Manitoba Press launched a book at McNally Robertson Booksellers entitled *Community and Frontier: A Ukrainian Settlement in the Canadian Parkland* by University of Winnipeg geographer John C. Lehr. Established in 1896, the **Stuartburn colony** in southeastern Manitoba was one of the earliest Ukrainian settlements in western Canada. Based on an analysis of government records, pioneer memoirs, and the Ukrainian and English language press, *Community and Frontier* is a detailed examination of the challenges faced by this unique ethnic community. The price of the book is \$27.95.

Just in time to accompany new episodes of the television show *Glee*, the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections has launched an online exhibit of *Glee* memorabilia from the **University of Manitoba's Glee Club**, which was most active from the 1920s to the 1970s. You can view the exhibit at [www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/digital/glee.html](http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/digital/glee.html)

Copies of the local history book *Through Fields and Dreams: A History of Life in the RM of North Norfolk and MacGregor* are available for sale at \$45 plus shipping for a two-volume hardcover set. To purchase, contact the **North Norfolk - MacGregor Archives** at 204-466-2775 (Sandra) or 204-466-2708 (Doris) or [nnmarchives@hotmail.com](mailto:nnmarchives@hotmail.com)

**Heritage Winnipeg** is holding their annual Fall Fundraiser on 1 December, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. It will take place at the historic Moss/Kantor House, 218 Roslyn Road. The theme is "Putting on the Ritz." Explore the unique details of this exquisite, newly-restored 1901 historic home, with exceptional food, a cash bar, music in the ballroom and a house tour. Dress code is business casual. Tickets are \$100 and are available for purchase 3rd of November. Sorry, no credit cards.

A new book on the **historical land drainage in Manitoba** is now available. The Canadian prairies are often envisioned as dry, windswept fields. However, much of southern Manitoba is not arid plain but wet prairie, poorly drained land subject to frequent flooding. *Wet Prairie, People, Land and Water in Agricultural Manitoba* by former Manitoban Shannon Stunden Bower, brings to light the problems and complexities of surface water management in Manitoba, from early efforts to drain the landscape to late-twentieth-century attempts to establish watershed management. The book from UBC Press is priced at \$85.

The *Interlake Spectator* reports that the Maritime Museum in **Selkirk** held its twelfth annual Halloween frightfest on 21 to 23 October and 28 to 30 October. The event is the major fundraiser for the museum. About 3000 people attend the event over the ten evenings. The scariest ship is the *SS Keenora* which appears to be haunted by scary creatures "just as frightening as any haunted house" There are ghost stories from its colourful past. Young children prefer the *MS Lady Canadian* which is appropriately decorated without the frightening aspects. A third ship has activities such as games puzzles and crafts.

The Arlington Hotel at 254 Stephen Street in **Morden** is coming down. This three-storey brick structure, built in late 1898 in the Romanesque Revival style by entrepreneur and MLA John H. Kennedy, was described in an early *Morden Chronicle* as "the most up-to-date hotel west of Toronto." In the hotel, a large sitting room on the second floor was open to





Gordon Goldsborough

Arlington Hotel on Stephen Street in Morden, September 2011.

organizations to use for meetings and social events. A horse-drawn lorry provided transportation for guests to and from the CPR Railway Station located on North Railway Street. During the late 1920s and early 1930s, the hotel served as the town's bus depot. The building was vacant for some time in the 1990s and 2000s, and in 2011 the walls are crumbling. Recent structural damage led the Morden town council to issue a demolition permit. No new uses for the building have been identified and it is threatened with imminent demolition.

*Rivers Banner* reports that in preparation for its centennial in 2013, **Rivers** is preparing a publication on the history of Rivers and district. Rivers' history is rich because of its association with farming, Rivers Air Base, Oo-Za-We-Kwun Training Centre and the town and municipality. An organizing meeting was held on 6 October. If you are interested in helping with this project contact the Rivers Library at 204-328-7613.

*Rivers Banner* also reports that The **Rivers Train Station Restoration Project** is planning a history mural 10 by 20 feet. Images on the mural include Sir Charles Rivers Wilson (after whom the town is named), Buster Keaton (star of the Railroader movie partially filmed in Rivers), an old airplane (to recognize the air base), trains pulling into a roundhouse, a group of people deboarding a train, the trestle, the original station and wheat. The mural will be cut into 27 pieces that will be mounted on boards covering the windows of the train station. When the station is restored, hopefully in 2017, the station's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the pieces of the puzzle

will be removed from the windows and assembled as a mural that will look like a big bill board—the first puzzle mural in Manitoba.

The **Manitoba Women's Institute** has launched a new website: [www.mbwi.org](http://www.mbwi.org). See what this organization has achieved over the past 100 years and find out how to become a member. Phone 204-726-6260, 1129 Queen's Avenue, Brandon MB R7A 1L0 Email [mbwi@mts.net](mailto:mbwi@mts.net). All women over the age of 18 are welcome to join.

The **Springfield Legion** is looking for anything from Springfield residents or former residents that commemorates the First and Second World War or the Korean War - pictures, scrapbooks, medals etc. These items would go in a permanent display in the Springfield Public Library. All artefacts, which can be a permanent donation or temporary loan, will be kept in a locked glass case to prevent damage or theft. Phone Harry Harding at 204-866-2243 for more information or to donate an item. The grounds of the library are already the home of the Springfield Memorial Park which has an M113 personnel carrier from the Canadian military and a raised area with the words "Lest we forget" displayed in concrete stones. There are plans to add more items from the air force and navy to the outdoor display.

The historic railway station in **Carman** at 38 Centre Avenue West is the home of the Golden Prairie Arts Council and Gift Shop. Monthly gallery exhibits display local and Manitoba artists. In the back courtyard there are outdoor summer concerts and 16 "train-themed" murals produced by local

### Newsletter Mailings

Members are reminded that *Time Lines* is available on our website [www.mhs.mb.ca/info/pubs/timelines](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/members).

community artists. Throughout the year the arts council arranges arts and crafts classes, music and dance lessons, and concerts by local and national performers.

The *Red River Valley Echo* reports Fort Dufferin is slowly falling to ruin and that the Post Road Heritage Group is coming to its rescue. The heritage group in conjunction with the Town of **Emerson** has signed a 21-year lease with the Province of Manitoba enabling them to raise funds and receive grants mainly to finance the restoration of two existing buildings at Fort Dufferin. The larger was once a storehouse and the smaller served as an officers' mess hall. The total cost of the project has not yet been determined.

A new arrival has come to the historical Canadian Pacific Railway station in **Portage la Prairie**. A 25-ton diesel locomotive known as a "Snoopy" become part of the centre that is being renovated to become the Canadian Pacific Railway Heritage Park and Interpretive Centre. The locomotive was built in 1948 by General Electric. It was one of two that had been owned by Winnipeg Hydro and Manitoba Hydro. It was moved to Portage from Pointe du Bois. Snoopy joins an old caboose and a mail/baggage car that are now on display. A fire destroyed the interior of the station in 2002 and building restoration and installation of washrooms are now underway.

**St. Andrews-on-the-Red Memorial Project:** The quiet rural cemetery at St. Andrews Anglican Church in **St. Andrews** is the site of many graves belonging to Manitoba's historical figures. Sadly, there are also more than 2400 unmarked graves in both the old and new sections of the cemetery. As part of 160th anniversary celebrations in 2009, the church congregation held a special prayer service to remember those in these unmarked graves. As a continuing effort, they are now undertaking a project of erecting a permanent memorial for these unmarked graves. If anyone has relatives they believe may be in one of these graves, they are asking them to get in touch with Barbara Gessner at 204-338-7483. She will look through their records to ascertain if your relative is indeed in the cemetery. Donations for the project may be made by cheque payable to "Parish of St. Andrews", c/o Barbara Gessner, 5491 Highway 9, St. Andrews, Manitoba R1A 2W8. All donations over \$10 will receive an income tax receipt. It is hoped this memorial will be finished by Spring 2012, and everyone who donates will receive a notice about the special service which will be held to bless it.

On 30 October 2011, at a ceremony at the **Morden 55+ Activity Centre**, the Morden Historical Society launched their book *Life as They Knew It: Memories of the Great Depression and World War 2*. The book was the result of asking 14 Morden residents the question: "what was life like in Morden during the 1930s and 1940s?", and compiling their memories with articles from the *Morden Times* newspaper and other sources. For more information, contact: **Morden Historical Society**, Box 5017, Morden, Manitoba R6M 1Y9. Phone 204-822-3968. Email: julie@leadingchanges.ca

In the month of November, the **Daly House Museum in Brandon** is presenting a new original exhibit, *Every Citizen a Soldier*. This exhibit examines the home front experience for Brandon and prairie citizens during the First and Second World Wars. This exhibit is important as few people today realize how completely the Brandon community was transformed during wartime, and how every aspect of daily life on the prairies was affected by the war. The exhibit includes a section on the First World War including information about Red Cross Nurses, internment camps, and the statistical impact of the war on the local economy. Many Manitobans fought overseas in the war and even more contributed to the war effort at home. The First World War is very under-represented in Manitoba museums and through its exhibit the museum hopes to raise awareness of the incredible impact this full-scale international conflict had on Manitoba. Daly House also has an exhibit on the Second World War with the aim of providing a different perspective from other local military museums. This portion of the exhibit will focus on aspects of the home front experience including rations and war stamps, victory bonds and propaganda, and women and the wartime economy. *Every Citizen a Soldier* runs from 1 to 30 November 2011.

Prairie Public, a PBS affiliate based in Fargo, North Dakota, has created a 30-minute video documentary and companion website entitled *Steamboats on the Red: A Story of Buccaneers and Robber Barons*. They examine the **history of steamboat transportation on the Red River**, from 1859 to 1909, and the impact this important trade route had on development of the region. The documentary includes interviews with MHS members Ed Ledohowski, Gordon Goldsborough, and Wayne Arseny. The premiere broadcast of the *Steamboats on the Red* occurred on Tuesday, 8 November 2011 and was rebroadcast on Monday, 21 November 2011. Funding for the project



was provided by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, North Dakota Humanities Council, The Winnipeg Foundation, and the members of Prairie Public.

On Sunday, 16 October, a cairn was unveiled in commemoration of **Greenridge School** No. 211. Established in 1884, in the **Rural Municipality of Rockwood**, Miss Bessie Harcourt was the first teacher, for a class of 13 students. Some 240 students had attended by the time the school was disbanded in December 1914. The former school building was painted red and, for years, was used as a local landmark and bus stop. The cairn was unveiled by Ralph Eichler (MLA for Lakeside), Terry Hartle (ward councillor in the RM of Rockwood), Ross Metcalfe (Interlake School Division Superintendent), and Catherine Thexton. The cairn and a bench listing students who attended the school was prepared by Larsen's Memorials of Winnipeg. The ceremony was attended by over 65 people.

**Money Talks: Tales from Bankers' Row** Monday, 5 December from 12:10 to 1:00 pm at the Millennium Library, Carol Shields Auditorium. Join Greg Agnew, a Heritage Winnipeg member, for a visual presentation of Winnipeg's "Bankers' Row." By the turn of the century, between City Hall and Portage and Main there existed over 20 banks and financial institutions. Dressed in period costume, Greg will entertain and inform with tales of Bankers' Row. Free event.

### **Celebrating 100 years of Parental Involvement in Manitoba's Education System**

In 2012, the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) will be celebrating 100 years of parental involvement in Manitoba's education system. To do this, they are collecting 100 stories from parents of children attending (or who have attended) school in Manitoba—representing the history and diversity of parents throughout the province. They are looking for stories about parents who brought about change to their school communities; parents who witnessed history being made in Manitoba schools; parents and parent groups celebrating the successes, failures and lessons learned, joys and heartbreaks, surprising, comical and outrageous moments of working and volunteering in a school environment; and others.

If you or someone you know has a story to share which represents parental involvement in a school

community in Manitoba, you can make a difference to the success of this project. Contact MAPC to register as a contributor (include your name, address, phone, and email address) before **16 December 2011**. Submit your story of 250 to 500 words about the role you—or someone you know—played in the growth of parental involvement in Manitoba schools no later than **31 March 2012**. All submissions will be considered the property of MAPC and will not be returned to the submitting body. Photos may be included with your submission for consideration of inclusion and will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. MAPC reserves the right to edit for spelling and grammatical errors, and will refuse any submissions which may be personally harmful or disrespectful in tone.

MAPC is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting, promoting, and enhancing meaningful involvement and participation of parents in order to improve the education and well being of children in Manitoba. Currently, they represent over 300 school-based parent groups throughout Manitoba. For more information contact **Manitoba Association of Parent Councils**, 1005 - 401 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0P8 Phone: 204-956-1770 or 877-290-4702 (toll-free) Fax: 204-956-7780 Email: [info@mapc.mb.ca](mailto:info@mapc.mb.ca) Facebook: [facebook.com/mapcmb](https://www.facebook.com/mapcmb) Twitter: [twitter.com/mapcmb](https://twitter.com/mapcmb)

### **Save Winnipeg Airport Terminal from Demolition**

Heritage Winnipeg and the Manitoba Historical Society join concerned heritage advocates from across Canada in calling on the Winnipeg Airport Authority (WAA) to preserve the old airport terminal after the new Winnipeg Airport Terminal opened on October 30. Considered one of the finest examples of mid-century Modernist architecture in Canada, the WAA has refused to meet with heritage representatives to discuss possible alternative uses for the building.

A creative re-use of the building could follow the lead, for example, of the Silent Wings Museum at Lubbock International Airport in Texas where a 1950s airport terminal was developed into a museum documenting the history of gliders in warfare. Otherwise, the stately Winnipeg Airport Terminal may share the fate of Aeroquay One, built at Toronto's Pearson International Airport in 1964, and demolished in 2004.

### 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.

Heritage Winnipeg and the Manitoba Historical Society believe strongly that the building is too important to conclude that it cannot be redeveloped. It is not too late to contact your local Member of Parliament 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."

### 2012 Bicentenary Commemorating the Founding of the Red River Selkirk Settlement

#### Prepare Your Students To Participate!

Manitoba's teachers and others with an interest in our province's history will be excited by this important commemoration and the possibilities it presents for heritage projects and expanded social sciences studies. The Selkirk Settlement was the first permanent agricultural settlement in British North America and the foundation of the city of Winnipeg. As such, the Red River Selkirk Settlement's Bicentenary is a significant anniversary for Manitobans.

The Bicentenary has relevance for students from across Manitoba's cultural mosaic. The Selkirk Settlers shared many of the experiences of more recent immigrants to Manitoba. They left their homeland in adverse conditions, met both help and hostility from those who were here before them and faced numerous challenges as they set out to build a new life, including Manitoba's harsh climate and terrible floods that rivaled recent ones. Their contributions to Manitoba's heritage are reflected in icons that are familiar to most students including street and community names, historical monuments and plaques, the music of bagpipes, fiddles, and Celtic rock, and foods such as porridge, shortbread, and meat pies.

2012 will be a year of celebration with many special events planned. A visit to Winnipeg in early September by the current Lord Selkirk, a costumed interpretation of the 'Seisin of the Land' in which Governor Miles Macdonell presided over the transfer of Hudson's Bay Company land to the fledgling settlement, and cultural events, including a Selkirk Settlers' parade and a Ceilidh at the Forks are a few to which the public will be invited.

The website [www.redriver200.ca](http://www.redriver200.ca) established by the Bicentenary Committee is a valuable resource that provides up-to-date information on activities that will take place during the Bicentenary, as well as historical information and educational resources. As well, a blog and journal invite students and educators to submit articles to this website.

Of special interest to teachers in grades 4-6 is an on-line resource that integrates a cross curricular study of the Selkirk Settlers with a Phys Ed unit on Scottish country dancing. Interactive and multimedia activities are planned as well as links to other on-line resources. It will be accessible at the RedRiver200 website by mid October 2011 and will be presented at the 2011 Social Sciences and Phys Ed SAG workshops. Workshops of a set of historically rooted Scottish country dances suitable for children and taught by certified dance teachers, will also be available for booking.

A recently published book, *A Visit with the People of the Red River - a Young Person's Guide and Resource Book* by C. Barry and Judy McPherson is another significant resource for middle years teachers. Beautifully illustrated and with many suggested teaching activities, it will appeal to teachers and

others interested in sharing the story of the Red River Selkirk Settlers. A book review and ordering information for this and two other very useful books by the McPhersons can be found on the RedRiver200 website. These books and the resources of the Manitoba Living History Society will be presented at the 2011 Social Sciences and Human Ecology SAG workshops.

Other activities to highlight the Bicentenary that teachers will find useful include a special exhibit at the Museum of Man and Nature planned for mid May through late September 2012. High School teachers may be interested in a symposium on the Red River Settlement to be organized by the Manitoba Historical Society. Information on these and other resources will be available on the RedRiver200 website.

### 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

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



### Did you know?

The first Junior High School in Canada was established at Winnipeg's Earl Grey School, in 1919.

[www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/earlgreyschool.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/earlgreyschool.shtml)

### Centennial Farms

**Deloraine:** Tiernan Farm: Sharon Bartsch  
SW 10-4-23 WPM 1904

Valorie Schoonbaert  
NW 3-4-23 WPM 1898

**Inglis:** Marilyn Parmentier Liske & Larry Liske  
NW 4-23-28 WPM 1911

**Miniota:** Gerald & Dorothy Gow  
NW 32-14-26 WPM 1890

**Oak River:** David & Patricia Greenway  
E 4-14-21 WPM 1909

**Riverton:** Stephanie Stetz, Joanne (Stetz) & Don Stoyanowski  
SW 22-23-3 EPM 1911

### Centennial 125 Farms

**Foxwarren:** Dianne (Ellis) & Donald Falloon  
NW 28-17-28 WPM 1881

**Macgregor:** Lawrence & Linda Heselwood  
SE 7-13-10 WPM 1873

**Miniota:** Gerald & Dorothy Gow  
E 32-14-26 WPM 1881

**Morden (Kaliendo):** George & Mavis Dyck, Gaylene Dyck & Marlen Dyck  
NSW 16-2-5 WPM 1877

George Jacob Dyck  
SSW 16-2-5 WPM 1877

**Nesbitt:** Rex & Faye Martin  
SE 12-7-19 WPM 1882

**Portage la Prairie:** Bruce & Carole Bugg  
NE 4-11-6 WPM 1883

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## Calendar of Events

For updates and more information, see [www.mhs.mb.ca/news/events.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/news/events.shtml)

26 November Heritage Needle Arts Sale  
 26 November Christmas at Dalnavert  
 – 23 December  
 7-9, December Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*  
 14-16, 21-23 presentations at Dalnavert  
 16 January 2012 Book Club: Charlotte Gray, *Mrs. King: The Life and Times of Isabel Mackenzie King*

28 January Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner, Guest Speaker: Sylvia Kuzyk  
 20 February Book Club: Claire Campbell, *A Century of Parks, 1911-2011*  
 19 March Book Club: Farley Mowat, *No Man's River*

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