



HISTORIC CALGARY WEEK 2025

Welcome to Historic Calgary Week 2025, our 35th annual history festival. Calgary and Southern Alberta have grown significantly over our history, and we want to explore the essential elements of that growth. The recent crisis with our domestic water supply has illustrated the importance of the essentials of life that we often take for granted. Maintaining the flow of water is essential but there were other “flows” that were critical in our history. Natural gas was available early in southern Alberta shortly after the arrival of the railway. The “flow” of commerce depends on an efficient transportation system. Discovery of oil in Turner Valley and the essential role this played in World War II and beyond. The “flow” of immigrants to the Prairies. The “flow” of ideas was important throughout our history and will continue in the future. Join us in exploring our history!

Historic Calgary Week is a program of Chinook Country Historical Society, a Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta. CCHS is dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of Canadian and Alberta history for people of all ages. Organized in 1958 and incorporated in 1993, CCHS covers the region from Olds to Nanton and from the BC border to the Saskatchewan border. For more information on our societies, please visit the following websites:

Chinook Country Historical Society: www.chinookhistory.ca

Historical Society of Alberta: www.albertahistory.org

This year, in addition to 81 presentations, walks and community visits throughout Chinook Country, we are mounting a **photo exhibition at cSPACE from July 21 through August 10**. This [exhibit](#) comprises archival quality, modern photographs of iconic sights in and around Calgary. All the photos are for sale and all proceeds will be used by Chinook Country Historical Society to support its programs. *Note: A reception to view the photo exhibit will be held from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, prior to the cSPACE event on Thursday, July 31. Photographers will be in attendance and cookies and drinks will be served.*

An interactive map is available to view the events of HCW 2025. [Click here](#) to access it.

During Historic Calgary Week in the spirit of respect, reciprocity, and truth, we honour and acknowledge Moh’kinsstis, and the traditional Treaty 7 territory and oral practices of the Blackfoot confederacy: Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, as well as the Îyârhe Nakoda and Tsuut’ina nations. We acknowledge that this territory is home to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta Districts 5 and 6. Finally, we acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work, and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.

Important Information:

Registration:

- Many programs, especially walking tours require registration.
- If meeting location is included in the description, registration is not required.
- “Register” link at the end of description will take you to appropriate spot.
- Many of our presenting partners will handle their own registrations through their preferred system. Other registrations will be handled through an HCW Committee organized system.
- To access the HCW Committee system you will have to create an account. Full instructions on next page.
- Once you access the HCW Committee system, you may register for any of the events in that system.
- Maximum number for a registered event will generally be 40 but some events as low as 6 due to individual circumstances.
- Meeting locations will be emailed to registrants shortly before the event.
- If registered but cannot attend, please cancel your reservation so that people on the waitlist can attend.

Walking Tours:

- Please dress for the weather, wear good walking shoes, and bring water.
- Some walking tours may not be suitable for everyone due to distance or to challenging terrain.
- Neighbourhood walks are often on narrow sidewalks that may be uneven. Please use caution and be aware of traffic.

Crossword Puzzle:

- Look for the giant crossword puzzle in the Calgary Herald or on our website on Friday, July 25.
- Send in your completed copy for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

Photo Exhibit – cSPACE Marda Loop:

- From July 21 through August 10, on the 4th floor at cSPACE Marda Loop.
- **Jay Maudsley** and **Walt DeBoni**, as part of HCW 2025, are exhibiting 34 modern photographs of sights of historic interest. Link [Exhibition Catalogue](#).
- Plan on visiting the exhibit and the other exhibitions at this arts incubator.
- All photos are available for purchase. Check out the Exhibition Catalogue.
- On July 31 at 7 pm, attend the HCW event at cSPACE to hear the history of this arts incubator and learn of the exciting new plans for Fire Hall # 1 and the North-West Travellers Building. Come early for a reception at 6 pm to view the exhibit and talk with the photographers.

Donations:

- All events are open to the public and most are free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.
- Your support for HCW Forever Fund, donations we receive during the year, and the generosity of our Sponsors enables us to pay for the cost of HCW without taking any other donations during the week.
- Your continuing support for the programs of Chinook Country Historical Society and for Historic Calgary Week is much appreciated.
- Go to our website at <https://chinookhistory.ca/support> where we accept donations via etransfer, cheque or credit card.
- All donations \$20 and over will receive tax receipts.

Registration Instructions – HCW System

Many Historic Calgary Week (HCW) events have limited attendance and are noted in the event descriptions. Where HCW is handling the reservation, please follow this procedure:

1: When you click on a [Register](#), in the HCW 2025 Brochure, you may be directed to the website hcw.pickleplanner.com. If so, proceed to number 3, below. (If not, you are accessing one of our partners' registration systems.)

2: Alternately, you can type into your web browser: hcw.pickleplanner.com

3: The first time you access the reservation system you must select "Create Account" on the welcome page.

3a: Enter your email and choose a Password. *{When creating your account, the system will email you a verification code to be entered on the display. It may take a few minutes to receive the code and check your junk and spam folders if you do not see it. You can then return to the log-in page and re-enter your email and password}.*

After you have logged in, please bookmark the page so you have easy future access.

4: Thereafter select "Log-in" on the welcome page and enter your email and password.

5: Scroll down the greeting page; it lists all the events for which HCW is handling the reservations and you may register for any of these events. You will see which events have space and those for which you can join the waitlist. Click on "Join" to register (or wait-listed) for that event. You will receive a confirming email for each event you register for.

6: Confirmations and all communication emails will be identified "Historic Calgary Week"
automated@pickleplanner.com

7: If you are on the waitlist, the system will automatically email the top name on the waitlist if someone cancels.

8: If you register for an event and you cannot attend, PLEASE log in to the system and delete your reservation (pick the trash-can icon by your name).

9: The event organizer will email you with more details about the event **including meeting location** prior to the event date.

10: If you have any questions regarding the registration website, please contact
mailto:reserve.HCW@gmail.com

HCW 2025 Program

Friday, July 25

9:30 – 10:00 am – Historic Calgary Week 2025 Opening Ceremonies

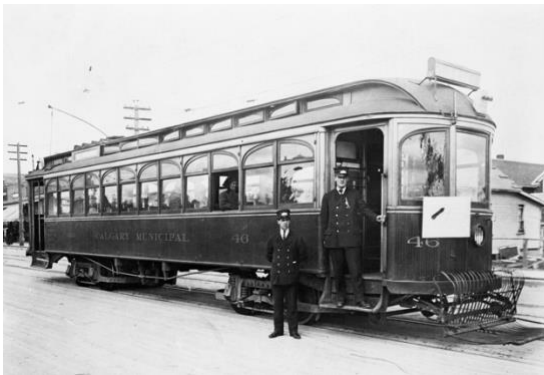
Hosted by **Walt DeBoni**, Co-Chair HCW 2025, Blessing from **First Nations Elder**, Mayor **Jyoti Gondek** invited, Councillor **Terry Wong** presenting.

Musical presentation by **Carolyn Harley**.

Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 – 3 Street SE



Calgary's Story, 4th Floor, Central Library.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Streetcar 46, William Cairns, left, and George Adie, right, ca. 1913-1919. (CU1113309)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

10:00 – 11:00 am — It's Water Under the (CTrain) Bridge

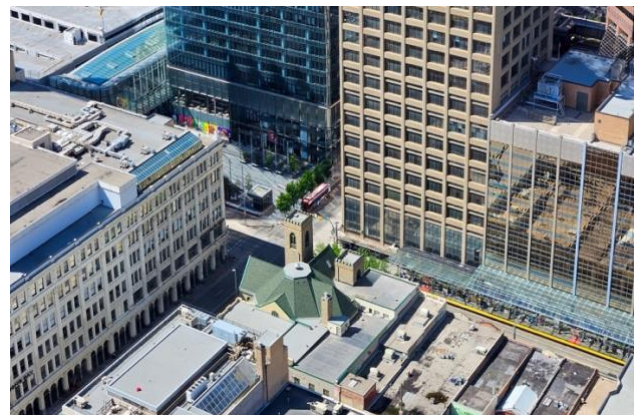
In Calgary's history, "grow with the flow" applies nowhere better than in the ever-expanding flow of clean water and of traffic (with a focus on public transportation). To boot, this year marks the quasiquicentennial (125th anniversary) of the city's public water utility, which began in 1900. Join **Harry Sanders**, the author of *Watermarks: One Hundred Years of Calgary Waterworks* (2000) and *Calgary Transit: A Centennial History* (2009) for the history of the City of Calgary Water Services and Calgary Transit.

Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE

11:00 am – Noon — Our First "Big City" Intersection: The Ups and Downs of 7th Avenue and 1st Street West

We're all concerned about the future of the irreplaceable Hudson's Bay building, but it occupies only one corner of an intersection that was once the pride of Calgarians. From prairie grass to the C-Train, **Doug Coats** shares the amazing story of this intersection: winning Calgary's skyscraper wars, hosting our tallest building (twice), our first traffic light, two church fires, parades, a 15,000-person outdoor prayer meeting, gargoyles, Greyhounds and much more.

Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE



An aerial view of 7th Avenue & 1st Street SW.
Courtesy Doug Coats



150 years of transition in Calgary.
Courtesy Don Smith; Blending of photos by Walt DeBoni

1:30 – 3:00 pm — Highlights from Calgary’s First 150 Years

History is continually being reinterpreted, conditioned by the assumptions of the time and the place where it is written. New facts are uncovered, new questions are asked, and new interpretations are advanced. **Don Smith, Shaun Hunter, Stacey Kaufeld, Peter Jull** and **Kathleen Rogers** look at Calgary in four different time periods around 1875, 1925, 1950 and 1975-- with a glance at 2025—their examination reveals changing images of, and perspectives on, our city’s past and select influencers.

Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE

3:00 – 4:00 pm — A Face in the Crowd

Born into the legendary Hart wrestling family, **Diana Hart** grew up surrounded by larger-than-life personalities, both in and out of the ring. As the eleventh of twelve children, she experienced a home filled with love, athleticism, and an unbreakable bond forged through wrestling. The Harts embodied grit, toughness, and respect, navigating triumphs and tragedies with unwavering dignity to leave one of the most colourful and influential legacies in wrestling history.

Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE



The Hart Family, Diana Hart in the red circle.
Courtesy Diana Hart



Aerial artist Jack Dallas launching the Strobel dirigible at the Calgary Exhibition, 1908. (CU1117790)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

6:30 – 8:00 pm — Mapping Calgary’s Hidden History of Transportation

Calgarians have been moving in a hurry for a long time. It’s easy to forget their city’s earliest cow trails, boardwalks, rope ferries, train stations, balloon launch sites, biplane airstrips, early airfields, and airports. Join **Richard de Boer** and **Carol Kehoe** as they recount Calgary’s hidden transportation history as revealed in their upcoming map for the Calgary Institute for the Humanities’ Calgary Atlas project.

Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE

Saturday, July 26

9:30 – 11:30 am — Following the Flows of Fish Creek

Fish Creek has been the main feature of the area both before and after it was established as a Provincial Park over 50 years ago. Former Park Planner **Wayne Meikle** leads a walk along the creek, discussing how its flows have influenced the uses of the creek and its valley over the years and the subsequent development of the park. We'll also learn how the creek has been impacted by floods and increasing urbanism. [Register](#)

A walking tour in Fish Creek Provincial Park.
Courtesy Tom Byttynen



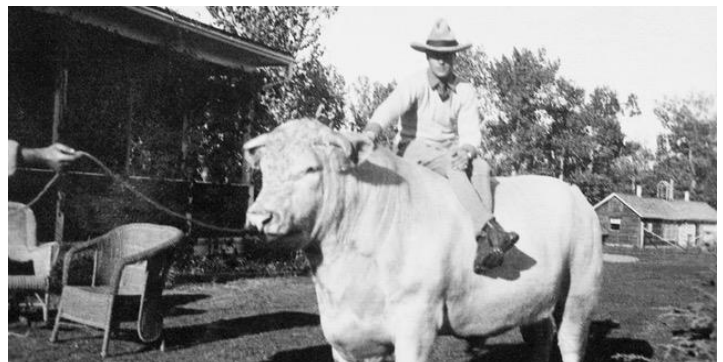
Downtown Calgary towers from the north bank of the Bow.
Courtesy Craig Lewington

9:30 – 11:30 am – City Architecture Tour

Calgary has a dense downtown core packed into a small area between the Bow River and 9th Avenue filled with skyscrapers that have evolved and continued to reach upward as the city itself has grown. Join **Craig Lewington**, an amateur skyscraper and history enthusiast, to discover some of these buildings towering over our central urban landscape and how they have reflected the ambitions and the challenges facing the city over the last half century. [Register](#)

10:00 am – Noon — Restoration and Stewardship of E.P. Ranch (after the 2013 Historic Flood)

In 1919 Edward, Prince of Wales, purchased the 1880s ranch south of Longview, believed to be the only land ever privately owned by a royal family member. The ranch was devastated by the 2013 Pekisko Creek flood; the tour chronicles the repair, conservation, and restoration of the site and buildings. The restored Prince of Wales Ranch House, Manager's House, and 1883 Log Cabin are again integral parts of this historic working ranch. [Register](#)



Prince of Wales sitting on a bull, E.P. ranch, 1923. (CU1143083)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



A visit to the Sam Centre.
Courtesy Sam Centre

10:00 am – 4:00 pm — Sam Centre: Calgary Stampede Free Day

Drive, bike, walk, or catch a bus and go with the flow at the [Trico Free Day - Sam Centre](#) on Saturday, July 26 for Historic Calgary Week. Explore how the Stampede formed with the flow of newcomers, how it's gone with the flow to operate for over 100 years and transforms the City year-round and every July. Visit <https://samcentre.calgarystampede.com/> to check hours and to plan your visit.

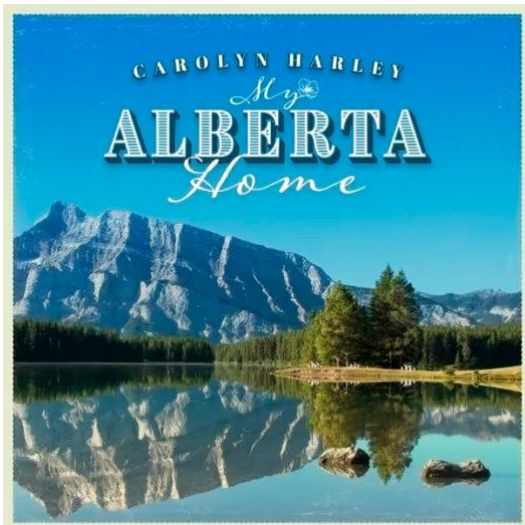
11:00 am – 12:30 pm – “Those Who Are Here Far From Home”

In 1941, Elementary Flight Training School #5 arrived in High River to train Commonwealth pilots for overseas service. Instructors, students, ground crews, and civilians transformed High River into a bustling wartime community bursting at the seams. Join the Museum of the Highwood's Curator, **Olivia Cotton Cornwall**, to explore the impact the EFTS #5 had on High River and how citizens and newcomers embraced the tides of change to “do their bit.”

Register: 403-652-7156 or info@museumofthehighwood.com



Elementary Flight Training School #5, High River, 1941-44. (985,029,003)
Courtesy Museum of the Highwood



“My Alberta Home.”
Courtesy Carolyn Harley

11:00 am - Noon and 12:30 - 1:30 pm – My Alberta Home – Concert

Celebrate the 120th anniversary of Alberta provincehood with original songs by Calgary recording artist **Carolyn Harley** (carolynharley.com). Journey by song through mountains, prairies, river valleys and the Badlands. Meet some interesting historical characters. Sing along to Carolyn's love song to Alberta called My Alberta Home. Outdoors if weather permits; lots of parking; café open. Bonus: only a five-minute drive to Bow Valley Ranch in Fish Creek Park to visit the Artisan Gardens and Artwork!

Meet: *Cornerstone Music Café, 139 - 14919 Deer Ridge Drive SE.*
Bring a folding chair.

NB: Music Concert event is located a five-minute drive from Bow Valley Ranch in Fish Creek Park! You may wish to first take part in the walk in Fish Creek Park at 9:30 am, above.

Noon – 2:00 pm – Nose Hill Walk ‘N’ Drum

Bring a blanket or lawn chair, bring a drum or borrow one on site, and we will head up the east side of Nose Hill Park for a Sharing Circle led by **Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes**. We will be sharing Medicine Wheel Teachings next to the Blackfoot Confederacy Medicine Wheel, with the opportunity to make a tobacco offering at the end (tobacco provided). This walk is weather dependent. Children and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Challenging walk for those with limited physical mobility. [Register](#)



At the Medicine Wheel, Nose Hill Park.
Courtesy Albert Woo Photography



2:00 – 3:30 pm – Okotoks Cemetery Tour: The Flow of Immigration

Join **Karen Peters** of the Okotoks and District Historical Society for a tour of the Okotoks Cemetery where she will share stories about the lives and accomplishments of early immigrants and how they contributed to the growth of our community. No registration required.

Meet: Okotoks Cemetery, 30 Westland Street, Okotoks

Okotoks Cemetery.
Courtesy Okotoks and District Historical Society

5:00 – 6:00 pm - Archaeology and Architecture around Tomkins Park

Join the **Calgary Heritage Initiative** for a talk on the local history and archaeology around the Beltline's Tomkins Park. This event will explore the flow of habitation and development that has shaped the area over time. Discover the fascinating stories and archaeological findings that reveal the dynamic and ever-changing nature of this vibrant locale. [Register](#)



Tomkins Gardens looking east, ca. 1925. (CU183739)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



8th Avenue and Centre Street with the Hudson's Bay Store on the left. (CU1151218)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Hudson's Bay Company's Built Legacy

A single block of Stephen Avenue manifests the story of the Hudson's Bay Company in Calgary from 1884 to present. With the "Company of Adventurers" about to be consigned to history, join **Harry Sanders** for a walking tour of the HBC story in Calgary and see its three existing department store buildings (1890, 1891, and 1913) and the site of its 1884 building. [Register](#)

Sunday, July 27

9:30 – 11:30 am – Going with the Flow, Connecting Britannia to Marda Loop

Led by *Calgary's Best Walks* author, **Lori Beattie**. Calgary's Elbow River valley topography is celebrated on this walk that begins in Britannia with stunning views before we descend through saskatoon slopes to the river valley. Connector paths and hidden stairways lead us past homes into the urban wilds, through River Park and into Marda Loop. We walk past its new shops on 34th Avenue and into Altadore, where fairy gardens, little libraries and secret paths tell the regenerating story of the community. Books available for purchase. *NB: This walk is 6-7 km with diverse pathways and some challenging terrain.* [Register](#)



View on the Britannia to Marda Loop tour.
Courtesy Lori Beattie



Gertrude Vanderhoef's birthday picnic at Glenbow, 1915/16.
Courtesy of the Vanderhoef/Evans Family Archive

9:30 – 11:30 am – "Growing Up at Glenbow Ranch" Hiking Tour

Explore **Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park** and find out about its rich history. Park stewards **Alice Fedosoff** and **Shari Peyerl** will lead a 5 km hiking tour of Yodel Loop that has several steep elevation changes. During the hike and at scenic viewpoints, learn about the history of Glenbow quarry, town, school, and ranch, and the high society of Millionaire Hill. This tour features stories about some children from Glenbow's past. Please dress for changing weather and remember hiking shoes, walking poles, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. [Register](#)

10:00 – 11:30 am – Historic Chinatown Tour

Join **Tony Wong** on a tour that will take you back to the 1880s and walk through time to learn about the three Chinatowns. How was Chinatown formed? Learn about the reasons why Chinatown had to move and ended up next to the Bow River. Chinatown in the early 1900s was also known as Bachelor Town. What makes Chinatown unique and how does it differ from other communities? [Register](#)
Optional no-host lunch will follow (see below.)



Mural in Chinatown as seen from Centre Street bridge.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Noon – 1:00 pm – Dim Sum Lunch at U & Me Restaurant

Tony Wong will lead this no host lunch. Approximate cost \$25 per person. Please register separately for the lunch.
[Register](#)

Steamed dumplings.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

1:00 – 4:00 pm — McDougall Memorial Church

Please come and join us at **Historic Morleyville** to learn about this area near the Bow River that holds significant history, marked by the interaction of the Îyârhe Stoney people that had resided in the area for countless generations and the arrival of the early settlers in the 1880s. Once a thriving community and for a time the largest settlement in southern Alberta, Historic Morleyville grew around this strategically chosen site close to a natural ford in the Bow River, a traditional crossing point used by the Îyârhe Stoney. The river provided sustenance and resources to the community and served as a natural travel corridor and transportation route. Today, the Bow River remains significant for the Îyârhe Nakoda people, featuring in their history, culture, and as part of their traditional territory. They, along with many others, continue to advocate for its health and responsible management. **Site tour at 2 pm.**

Meet: Historic Morleyville, Highway 1A east of Mîni Thnî



View of the Bow River from Morleyville area.
Courtesy Jeff Cummings



2:00 – 3:30 pm – Calgary’s Civic Art Collection: The First 100 Years

Calgary’s Civic Art Collection began in 1924 and by 1957 there were 150 artworks including by Emily Carr, Suzor-Coté, Walter Phillips, Euphemia McNaught, Frederick Cross, Maxwell Bates, Roy Kiyooka, W. L. Stevenson, and by Calgary’s Illingworth Kerr, Marion Nicoll, Katie Ohe, Ron Spickett and Janet Mitchell. What happened to this Collection? Where is it now? Has its cultural memory been erased? Join **Nancy Townshend**, writer, art curator and educator, for this revealing presentation of an important civic treasure.
Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE

The cover of *Canadian Art*, March/April 1963, featuring William Leroy Stevenson’s 1957 *On Prince’s Island*.
Courtesy Nancy Townshend

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Inglewood - East of the Underpass

Join **Manfred Baum** for a walk through the eastern part of Inglewood. See and hear about some remaining working-class homes, including some century homes, and other survivors like Colonel Walker School, the Blackfoot Truck Stop and the second Fire Hall #3. There will also be stories and photos of the industrial buildings we’ve lost including Cushing Mills, Fire Hall #8, BA refinery, and East Calgary Bungalow School. (*Repeats on Monday, August 4.*) [Register](#)

Aerial View of British North American Oil Refinery, ca. 1950.
(CU1217646)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Monday, July 28



View from Scotsman’s Hill.
Courtesy Lori Beattie

9:30 – 11:30 am – R & R, Connecting Roxboro to Ramsay

Calgary’s Best Walks author, **Lori Beattie**, tours hidden stairways, urban wilds, and stunning views. Five historic communities showcase Calgary’s diversity in a 5 km radius. Visit Roxboro’s natural parks, explore Reader Rock Garden, discover Ramsay’s eclectic charm. Scotsman’s Hill’s breathtaking vistas lead to a scenic Elbow River stroll to vibrant Mission. Books available for purchase. *NB: This walk is 6-7 km with diverse pathways and some challenging terrain.*
[Register](#)

10:30 – Noon – Cochrane Then and Now

In 2024 Cochrane was named the fastest growing community in Alberta. But Cochrane nearly didn't become a town. Come and hear about its start, the stories of its first businesses, its ups and downs, and the factors that impacted its growth until its current population explosion. **Gordon Davies**, respected local historian, will offer an informative presentation, and then we encourage you to visit the museum's town room, viewing its photographic display of buildings from then and now.

*Meet: Cochrane Historical Museum,
94 Highway 1A*



Graphic, Cochrane Hotel.
Courtesy Cochrane Historical Museum



First Stampede Parade, 1912
Courtesy Calgary Stampede

10:30 – Noon – Stampede Through Time: 141 Years of Community, Culture and Transformation

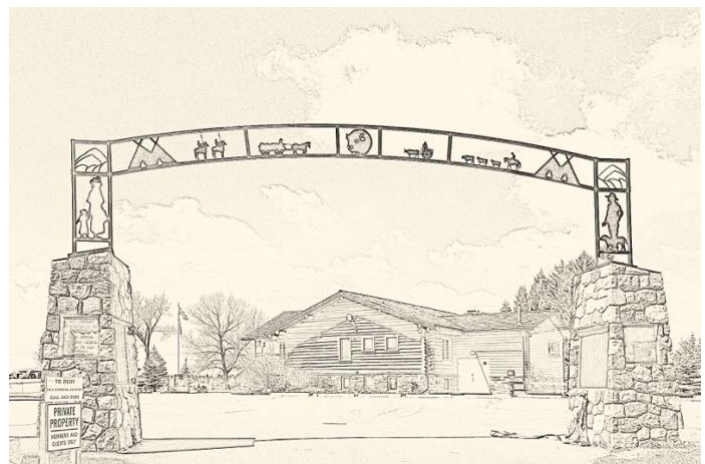
Calgary Stampede CEO **Joel Cowley** journeys through over a century of transformation. From a bold vision to a world-class gathering place, the evolution of the Stampede reflects the growth of Calgary itself. Through wars, floods, and pandemics, the Stampede has remained rooted in community, resilience, and shared spirit. Explore the vision, milestones, and challenges that have shaped and continue to shape *The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth*. [Register](#)

11:00 am – 2:30 pm – SAPD Photo Exhibit

Bring a picnic lunch (optional) to enjoy on the escarpment over Elbow Park and then go with the flow of 150 years of Calgary's history through a variety of media. (Indoors, and with air conditioning.)

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

SAP Memorial Building.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni





2:00 – 3:30 pm – From Lumber to Lattes

The Eau Claire and Bow River Lumber Company Building (1912), better known as the 1886 Cafe, is a modest structure that stands as the last vestige of Eau Claire’s industrial history. Barely altered from its original use as an office, it functioned as a cafe for 75 years. **Darryl Cariou**, former Senior Heritage Planner and now a private consultant, worked on its recent restoration as part of the Eau Claire Plaza renewal. Join Mr. Cariou to discover the building’s historical journey to its recent restoration and association with Peter Prince, who played a vital role in Calgary’s history. *Meet: Basement, Memorial Park Library, 1221 – 2 Street SW*

Group in a horse carriage outside Eau Claire and Bow River Lumber office, ca. 1890s. (CU1109695)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

3:00 – 5:00 pm – Mid-Century Modernism at the University of Calgary

The 1950s was a time of great change, seeing Calgary transform from a “wild-west” boomtown to a modern metropolis. The opening of a new state-of-the-art university campus marked an exciting milestone for the city, and no expense was spared when it came to aesthetic design. Join **Jay Maudsley** in exploring the city's richest collection of mid-century modern gems! 2.5 km, mostly indoors on flat terrain. Fully accessible with lots of places to sit and rest, and many opportunities for washroom breaks. *(Repeats on Saturday, August 2.)* [Register](#)



Science A building, University of Calgary.
Courtesy Red Sky Photography



Grand Trunk Pacific rail line.
Courtesy Alec Hamilton

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Walking the Remains of the Grand Trunk Pacific

If you frequent the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, you’ll see a run-down railway track next to it. Ever wondered what it’s doing there? **Alec Hamilton** brings forth the forgotten stories of the 25 rail lines that used to span Calgary. After a nice walk following a former rail line along the Bow River, you’ll know a lot more about “industrial spurs” - tracks that once connected all of Calgary’s businesses. *2 km plus 2 km back to your car; some rough terrain difficult for those with mobility issues.* [Register](#)



7:00 – 8:30 pm – Building Canada in the Beltline

The Beltline's diverse historic buildings reveal how Canada grew as a nation. **Shannon Murray**, Lougheed House Executive Director and **David Monteyne**, Professor at U of C's School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, explore the histories of Calgary's first immigration hall and the Dominion-Youth Provincial Training school at Lougheed House. One building purpose-built, one was adaptive reuse. Both housed domestic institutions essential to immigration, social service, and welfare programs from the 1890s to 1930s. [Register](#)

Cohort of Dominion-Youth Trainees, 1939.
Courtesy Lougheed House Collection 1997.1.1

Tuesday, July 29

9:00 – 10:30 am – Stop and Smell the Roses: Dorothy Harvie Gardens

Stop and smell the roses (and other flowers) as **Katharine Varzé**, Manager, Horticulture – Botanical and **Daniel Gregorash**, Zoo School Coordinator, guide you through the Dorothy Harvie Gardens. Learn about the garden's 40-year history and marvel in its beauty. After your tour, reflect through nature journaling activities. Take time to stop, notice, sketch and write, making meaningful connections with the zoo's plants and animals. When you're done, the rest of the zoo awaits. *Free admission but paid parking applies.* [Register](#)

Dorothy Harvie Gardens, Topiary display.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



10:00 – 11:00 am – Women of Inglewood: Euphemia, Ruth, and Mary Walker

Calgarians are familiar with Colonel James Walker, named in 1975 as Calgary's citizen of the century, but are not as familiar with his son Selby and are totally unfamiliar with their wives and daughter. **Alan Lynas** will tell us the stories of his mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, often in their own words, starting with Euphemia's marriage to James in 1876 and her life at Fort Battleford, the Cochrane Rancho and then Calgary, after moving here in 1881.

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

Third Walker home, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary.
Courtesy Doug Coats

11:00 am – 12:30 pm – Then and Now: Calgary's Evolving Newcomer Journey

A brief conversation reflecting on Calgary's changing immigration landscape highlights the shift from traditional refugee and skilled immigrant streams to a more diverse mix, including refugee claimants, international students, temporary foreign workers, undocumented individuals, and LGBTQ+ newcomers. The **Centre for Newcomers** is recognized as a leading organization helping this diverse population integrate through evolving services, responding to growing needs in housing, employment, legal support, and community connection. [Register](#)



Logo of the Centre for Newcomers.
Courtesy Centre for Newcomers



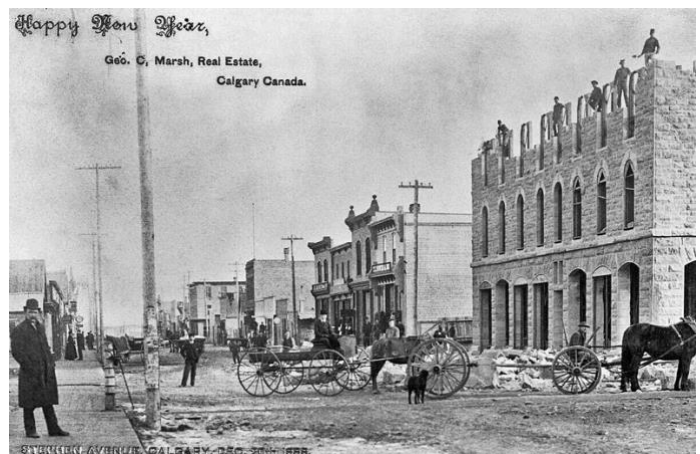
A tapestry of joy.
Courtesy Heather Knorr

1:00 – 2:30 pm – Grow with the Flow Garden Tea Party

Join the Calgary Horticultural Society for a tea party and conversation in Richmond Green Park on the grass by the Society's office. The Society's horticulturist **Kath Smyth** will engage the group to discuss how gardeners "Grow with Flow" of time, plant fashion, and the changing gardening environment. In keeping with tradition, be sure to wear a tea party hat. [Register](#)

1:30 – 3:00 pm - Stephen Avenue Comes Alive, 1883-1930

Experience the re-creation of the 100 Block of Stephen Avenue West, as **Marcel Hebert** uses 3-D models, stories, maps, and pictures to re-enact the chronological development of the most historic street in Calgary. *Meet: Southern Alberta Pioneers Memorial Building, 3625 - 4 Street SW*



Construction of Alberta Hotel, 1888-12-20. (CU178968)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Office and storage area, City of Calgary Archives, 1988.
(CalA 88-197-006)
Courtesy City of Calgary Archives

2:00 – 3:00 pm – City of Calgary Archives Show and Tell

Join the **Archivists** (both past and present) to discover some of their favorite treasures as well as the tales that go with them. They will share some of their most beautiful, unique, or just plain strange items that have made their way into the collections and explore how they made their way to the Archives. This “behind the scenes” tour will provide insight on the growth of the Archives program and how it has evolved over time to become the program that it is today.
(Repeats on Thursday, July 31.) [Register](#)

6:15 – 8:00 pm – Honouring the Gold Mountain Dreamers

It’s been more than 100 years since the passing of the Chinese Immigration Act — a federal law banning immigration from China to Canada from 1923 to 1947. Join Calgary-based writer **Jacqueline Louie** for the launch of her book examining the impact of the 1923 Chinese Immigration Act, and the contributions of some of the early Chinese immigrants to Canada. A panel discussion will be moderated by **Harry Sanders**. Light refreshments will be served, and books will be sold at the event.
Doors open 6:00 pm. [Register](#)

May (standing) and Bess, the youngest children in the only Chinese family in a small central Alberta town, ca. mid-1930s.
Courtesy Jacqueline Louie



6:30 – 8:00 pm – History Lives: 25 Years of Heritage Calgary

History lives on thanks to Heritage Calgary. Evaluating historic sites and promoting public awareness of our shared heritage has been the work of Heritage Calgary for 25 years. Proudly preserving the precious. Visionaries and wild personages that once inhabited Calgary's built heritage will come alive as Historian **David Finch** reveals untold tales of Heritage Calgary for its 25th Anniversary. [Register](#)

Heritage Calgary logo celebrating 25 years.
Courtesy Heritage Calgary

Wednesday, July 30

10:00 - 11:30 am – Historic Maps of Calgary

Join **Julia Guy** and **Renna Truong** for a showcase of some of our favourite Calgary area maps and photos from the Spatial and Numeric Data Services (SANDS) and Glenbow Map collections! Maps will be displayed throughout the room to explore. There will be a brief talk about the map collection and demonstration of a few online map resources. There will be plenty of time for casual discussion and questions. [Register](#)



Checking out a historic map.
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Oil and Water in Okotoks.
Courtesy Okotoks Museum and Archives

10:00 – 11:30 am – Water and Oil Do Mix

Some say water and oil don't mix, but on this guided tour **Kathy Coutts** of the Okotoks Museum and Archives will share how the flow of water and the flow of oil have both impacted the Town of Okotoks. No registration required.

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

10:30 – 11:30 am – From Cosmos to Culture: Calgary's Centennial Planetarium

Join Contemporary Calgary's CEO, **David Leinster**, and **Jonny Hehr**, Partner, GGA-Architecture to explore the past, present, and future of the Centennial Planetarium, now home to Contemporary Calgary, the city's largest non-collecting public art gallery. After exploring how the building has been modified, we'll preview the Planetarium Transformation Project, an extensive renovation and redevelopment that will restore the original architectural intent of the building, add dedicated spaces for the exhibition of art, and position the building for a sustainable future. View the galleries after the presentation. [Register](#)



Future vision for Contemporary Calgary.
Courtesy Contemporary Calgary



Beechcraft D18S.
Courtesy Hangar Flight Museum

1:00 – 2:30 pm – Air Currents: How Aviation Changed Alberta's Landscape

Since the first airplane flew in Alberta in 1911, aviation has been impacting the province and its political, economic, and societal landscape. Join **The Hangar Flight Museum** as we look at the planes and helicopters that helped Albertans discover the North, move people, ideas, and information, and helped the province grow into what it is today. [Register](#)

1:00 - 2:00 pm – Women's History Walk at The Confluence

Discover some of the hidden histories of iconic women who made an impact on the land and development of the city we now call Calgary. From First Nations and Métis women to new settlers on the prairies, learn about women like Jane Howse, Mary Macleod, Marion Moodie, and more. Your guide will share the stories of these diverse women and delve into why women are often overlooked in stories about our history. [Register](#)



Walking tour at The Confluence.
Courtesy Janis Isaman



2:30 – 3:30 pm – A Calgary's Story History of Stampede

Join **Beau Levitt**, Calgary's Story Librarian at the Central branch of the Calgary Public Library, for a gallop through the history of Stampede featuring a presentation of vintage programs, flyers, postcards, annual reports, and other collection items from the Calgary's Story local history department. *Meet: Room 3-16B, Central Library – 800 - 3 Street SE*

Artifacts from the Calgary's Story Collection.
Courtesy Calgary Public Library

6:30 – 8:00 pm - Policing a River City

Whether cooling off in the water or breaking up bridge drama, learn how the Calgary Police have been called to the water and have learned to *go with the flow* of policing a city with two major rivers meeting at its core. From search and rescue efforts to catastrophic floods, the Calgary Police have adapted to the needs of the community over the last century. The presentation will include the viewing of our 10-year anniversary Flood Documentary released in 2024. [Register](#)



Patrolling the Bow River?
Courtesy Calgary Police Service

6:45 – 8:00 pm – Chestermere Historical Walking Tour

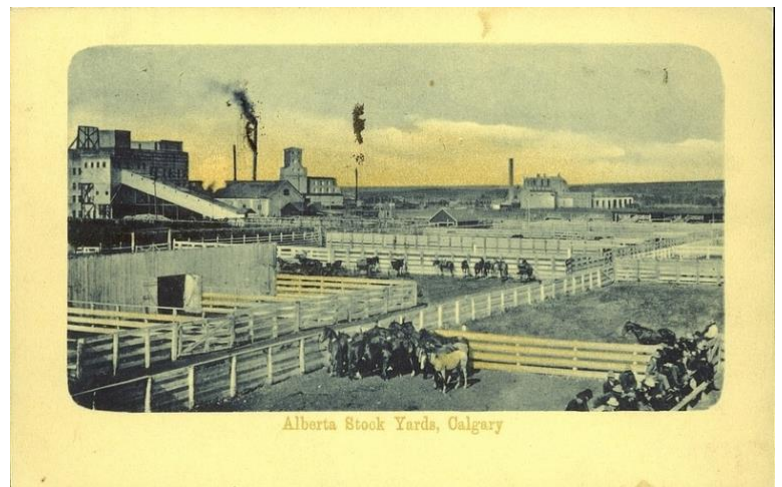
Do you know the origin of Chestermere Lake? Join **Chestermere Historical Foundation** on a walk where we'll answer this question and share highlights from the past. We will touch on topics relating to agriculture, irrigation, recreation and the development of the community through time. See public art pieces and view one of our recently installed historical information signs. There will be an opportunity to visit our display cabinets in the library. Consider having supper at a local eatery before joining the walk. [Register](#)



Eva Roberts at her cabin, ca. 1930.
Courtesy Chestermere Historical Foundation

7:00 – 8:30 pm – Harvey Adams and the Calgary Stockyards

What can our family history teach us about who we are today? **Lindsay Ford** explores how tracing her Calgary roots back to 1919 and the Calgary Stockyards uncovered the power of understanding how legacy can help to shape identity in a growing and modern Calgary. *Meet: Southern Alberta Pioneers Memorial Building, 3625 - 4 Street SW*



Alberta Stockyards (1913).
Courtesy Peel's Prairie Provinces

Thursday, July 31



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Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

9:30 – 11:00 am – Growing with the Flow: A Walking Tour of the University of Calgary

Join University Records Archivist **Curtis Frederick** for a tour that flows through the rich and ever-evolving story of the University of Calgary campus. Trace the university's growth from its modest beginnings—two small buildings nestled on the prairie—to its transformation into one of Canada's leading research institutions. Discover the people and moments that have shaped this dynamic landscape: visionaries, community builders, and changemakers who embraced growth and innovation. You are invited to see how the campus, like a river, has carved its path over time—expanding, adapting, and thriving. [Register](#)



View of Calgary from Nose Hill.
Courtesy Francisco Albaniz Uribe

10:00 – 11:30 am – The Making of Calgary: Nature and Human Design

The city we know today is shaped by both natural forces and human decisions. Moh-kins-tsis / Calgary's location—defined by Chinook winds, river systems, and distinctive topography—has long supported human settlement. Professor **Francisco Alaniz Uribe** explores key city-building decisions that shaped Calgary's layout, from great natural parks and public spaces to the challenges of sprawl and car dependence. We'll consider how past choices inform present-day planning and invite reflection on how we can draw from nature and history to guide Calgary toward a more sustainable, inclusive future.
Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE

10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - Archives Tours — United Farmers Historical Society

UFA began its partnership with Maple Leaf Petroleum in 1935 and later acquired the corporation in 1953, a visionary move that secured UFA's petroleum future. The United Farmers Historical Society preserves the historic records of this relationship including 1935 agreements, correspondence, and contracts from the 1950s sale, marketing materials, and photographs. This is an opportunity to tour the archives, talk with archivist **Erin Hoar** and view Maple Leaf and UFA Petroleum records and artifacts up close. *Register for your preferred time with Erin at archives@ufa.com. Each tour approximately 1 hour. Maximum six registrants per tour.*



Maple Leaf Gasoline Tanker at UFA Head Office, ca. 1940s.
Courtesy United Farmers Historical Society



Cecil Hotel tavern entrance.
Courtesy George Webber

11:30 am – 1:30 pm – Undercover at the Cecil

Unlike the King Eddy and the St Louis hotels where the exteriors remain in situ, the Cecil Hotel's storied past has been preserved only in the storytelling and art it inspired. Come to the King Eddy to hear **Frank Cattoni's** adventures as an undercover cop at the Cecil. **George Webber**, renowned Calgary photographer, will share his photos and stories of the denizens of these hotels.

Plan on purchasing your lunch.

Lunch & event reservations (required):

<https://kingeddy.ca/reservations/>



William Roland Reader.
Courtesy Reader Rock Garden Society

1:30 – 3:00 pm – William Roland Reader – Superintendent of Many Things

Between 1913 and 1942, William Roland Reader, Calgary's most influential and longest-serving Superintendent of Parks, Cemeteries and Recreation, significantly shaped the open public space system of this city. Although he is best known for the jewel in his crown, the Reader Rock Garden, a National Historic Site, his guidance extended far beyond that and continues to current times. Please join the ***Friends of Reader Rock Garden Society***, to learn more about this impactful pioneer and his role as a community builder.

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

2:00 – 3:00 pm – City of Calgary Archives Show and Tell

Join the **Archivists** (both past and present) to discover some of their favorite treasures as well as the tales that go with them. They will share some of their most beautiful, unique, or just plain strange items that have made their way into the collections and explore how they made their way to the Archives. This "behind the scenes" tour will provide insight on the growth of the Archives program and how it has evolved over time to become the program that it is today.

(Repeat of Tuesday, July 29.) [Register](#)



Office and storage area, City of Calgary Archives, 1988.
(CalA 88-197-006)
Courtesy City of Calgary Archives



7:00 - 8:30 pm – cSPACE Sparks fireWORKS: Creative Reuse in Historic Places

Join **Deeter Schurig**, President & CEO of cSPACE Projects, for a compelling exploration of how Calgary's heritage buildings are being reimagined as dynamic spaces for creativity and community. The talk will trace the transformation of King Edward School, offer an inspiring glimpse into the future of historic Fire Hall No.1 and the North-West Travellers Building, and reflect on how the flow of ideas, stories, and artistic energy over time breathes new life into historic places and shapes our city's creative future. [Register](#)

Note: Come early for a reception from 6:00 – 7:00 pm to view the photo exhibit below. Photographers will be in attendance and cookies and drinks will be served.

Ceiling in main entrance, cSPACE.
Courtesy cSPACE

July 21 – August 10 – Photo Exhibit and Sale at cSPACE

Drop by or come early for the cSPACE presentation above. On the 4th floor, **Jay Maudsley** and **Walt DeBoni** are exhibiting thirty modern photographs of historic sights and events in Calgary and region. All photos can be purchased, and all proceeds will support CCHS programs throughout the year. Link to [Exhibition Catalogue](#).

Visit: cSPACE, 4th floor, 1721 - 29 Avenue SW

Fire Hall #1.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni



Polar Aerated Water Works JHSSA#475.
Courtesy Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta

7:00 – 8:30 pm – More Than 7UP: Polar Aerated Water Works

Founded in 1912, Polar Aerated Water Works was an important carbonated beverages bottler in the Calgary area. Perhaps best known for manufacturing 7UP, for which it was amongst the first bottlers in Canada, the company also produced many other well-known national and local brands during its 62 years of operation. Join historian **Bruce Dawson** to learn more about the history of this business, owned by the local Pearlman family. Presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta.

Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE

Friday, August 1

10:00 am – Noon — Growing Up at Bow Valley Ranch in the 1950s and 1960s

As a fourth generation Calgarian and a direct descendant of the late Senator Patrick Burns, **Dennis Burns** will take you on a trip down memory lane. Taking up to two hours to complete, the tour will cover various exhibits inside the Visitor Centre, followed by a walk along the valley floor on paved or hard-packed trails to view and discuss different points of interest from Dennis' years at Bow Valley Ranch. [Register](#)

A tour at Bow Valley Ranch.
Courtesy Tom Byttnen



1899 Broadwood Piano in the NMC Collection.
Courtesy National Music Centre

10:00 – 11:00 am and 11:30 am – 12:30 pm – The Piano Turns 325

In celebration of Piano 325, a new exhibition at Studio Bell marking the 325th anniversary of the piano, you are invited to explore the remarkable evolution of one of music's most iconic instruments. Over three centuries, the piano has remained one of the most important and versatile instruments in music, influencing nearly every genre and artist from Beethoven to Elton John. **Alyssa Saval** will provide engaging insights into the piano's transformation, along with live demonstrations of historical instruments featuring music that defined each era. [Register](#)

10:00 – 11:30 am – More Than Meets the Eye: The Story of Midnapore

It's that place you speed through on your way out of town. But the first Calgary suburb built south of Fish Creek is also the oldest part of Calgary, home of Western Canada's first irrigation project, Alberta's first manufacturing industry, Calgary's oldest existing church, and a cast of colourful characters. From the "flow" of Fish Creek to "growing with the flow" of homesteaders and urban sprawl, join **Doug Coats** to hear the story of Midnapore unfold. *Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE*



Macleod Trail traffic flow at Midnapore.
Courtesy Doug Coats



Hugh Costello at Glenmore Dam.
Courtesy Hugh Costello

1:00 – 2:00 pm – Calgary Water: A Wee Bit of ‘Many’ Personal Histories

Imagine a glass of drinking water—each drop from our rivers, flowing through pipes, storage, and pumps—carefully managed by dedicated City staff. For 125 years, Calgary’s water system has evolved from untreated river draws to the engineered reliability of the Glenmore Dam. Built in the 1930s to address growing health and supply needs, it still serves that purpose today. **Hugh Costello**, P.Eng. blends historical insight and personal stories that reflect our city’s enduring relationship with water.

Meet: Memorial Park Library, 1221 - 2 Street SW

1:00 – 2:30 pm – World’s Tallest Man and More!

Alberta Family Histories Society volunteers, **Ron Gilmore** and **Jim Benedict** will review genealogical resources available in-person and online for worldwide family history research and will discuss some of the “residents” of our local cemeteries. These include heroes, business giants, villains, gunslingers and the World’s Tallest Man. Contact info@afhs.ab.ca or 403-214-1447 to register.



Alberta Family Histories Society Resource Centre.
Courtesy Marion Peterson



Clockwise from top left: Burwood Distillery, Wildrose Brewery, The Inn On Officers’ Garden and The Veranda.
Composite courtesy Walt DeBoni

1:00 – 3:00 pm – What’s Brewing in Currie?

Join us for a triple! Accompanied by Maj, Retired, **Lloyd Northcott**, experience a Walk, Talk, and Tour, of 3 military buildings - remembering their past lives and seeing how they have grown into their new roles today. **AF23 Supplies (Wildrose Brewery), The Stables (Burwood Distillery/Vacay Brewery, The Veranda) and The Inn On Officers’ Garden** all have history to show and tell; from ‘Defence to Development,’ ‘Horses to Hootch,’ and ‘Royal’ hospitality. We will experience a ‘micro’ presentation and taste at each. About 2.5 km walking (stairs, curbs, uneven ground, sidewalks.) [Register](#)



Main Street, Beiseker, ca. 1915. (CU1174801)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

1:30 – 3:00 pm – Walking Tour of Beiseker

Join tour guide **Shelly McElroy** to explore Beiseker's social customs, early families, and daily life in the village. Includes stops at the Meadowlark Trail and early local businesses. There will be time at the end of the tour to explore the Beiseker Station Museum, our host for this event.

Meet: Beiseker Station Museum, 700 - 1 Avenue, Beiseker

2:30 – 3:30 pm – Growth Spurts: Five Historic Moments That Shaped Calgary Public Library

Over the past 113 years, Calgary Public Library has become an international leader in library service and one of the largest systems in North America. Join **Sarah Meilleur**, CEO for Calgary Public Library, for a talk about five moments in the library's history which define its ongoing history of innovation, equity, and growth.
Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE



Composite of Memorial Park and Central Libraries.
Courtesy Calgary Public Library



6:30 – 8:00 pm – What's Under Calgary?

Join Earth Science educator and former Historian in Residence **C.W. Gross** for a journey through 4.5 billion years of Calgary's history, from the Ice Age, through the Age of Dinosaurs, the ancient oil-bearing coral reefs of the Palaeozoic, to the oldest rocks in all of Alberta!

Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE

Erratic on Nose Hill, Calgary.
Courtesy Cory Gross

6:30 – 8:00 pm – Digging into Edworthy Park History

The history of Edworthy Park extends back long before the City of Calgary existed, with archaeological sites in the park ranging from Precontact Indigenous stone circles (where a tipi once stood) to the vestiges of early industrial activity in the Calgary area, such as the Calgary Pressed Brick Company's brickyards (Brickburn). On this walking tour, **Dr. Lindsay Amundsen-Meyer** will visit some of these sites and highlight the rich Indigenous and settler history of the park and surrounding areas.

[Register](#)



Touring Edworthy Park.
Courtesy Lindsay Amundsen-Meyer

Saturday, August 2



9:30 – 11:00 am – Alberta: A Radical New Interpretation

Alberta's history has been dominated by those who argue that Alberta was a tough, unruly place. You made it if you worked hard or were a maverick. This new interpretation to be produced in seven videos argues that what really defined our past was **innovation**. Please join **Frits Pannekoek**, AOE, writer, public historian, and educator to be the first to hear about this exciting new direction.

Meet: Room 3-16B, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE

Shining a light on new ideas.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Mid-Century Modernism at the University of Calgary

The 1950s was a time of great change, seeing Calgary transform from a "wild-west" boomtown to a modern metropolis. The opening of a new state-of-the-art university campus marked an exciting milestone for the city, and no expense was spared when it came to aesthetic design. Join **Jay Maudsley** in exploring the city's richest collection of mid-century modern gems! 2.5 km, mostly indoors on flat terrain. Fully accessible with lots of places to sit and rest, and many opportunities for washroom breaks.

(Repeat of Monday, July 28.) [Register](#)



Science A building, University of Calgary.
Courtesy Red Sky Photography

PRAIRIE PLACE-ANCESTORS COLLECTIVE PRESENTS:
BLACK HISTORY IN THE PRAIRIES



11:30 am – 1:30 pm – Prairie Place-Ancestors Collective Presents: *Black History in the Prairies*

Prairie Place-Ancestors Collective, five dynamic artists from around the globe, brought together by Swallow-a-Bicycle Theatre, presents a **mini film festival** showcasing Black History in the Prairies. This event will highlight various artists focused on story sharing, artistic process, and reflections of the exploration of Black History in the Prairies.

Meet: Performance Hall, Central Library, 800 - 3 Street SE

Courtesy Prairie Place-Ancestors

2:00 – 3:30 pm – Lost Calgary: Lessons from the City's Forgotten Architecture

Is it possible to have beautiful neoclassical apartment buildings without cholera? An expansive streetcar network without child labour? **Frank Finley** will examine what the city's architectural and infrastructural history can teach us about city planning. From transportation to housing, the past may provide some unexpected clues as how to address present challenges and construct a better future.

Meet: Memorial Park Library, 1221 - 2 Street SW



Streetcar passing Marlborough Mansions,
12 Avenue SW. (CU170946)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Entrance to Reader Rock Garden.
Courtesy Walt DeBoni

6:30 – 8:30 pm – One Man's Vision – Still Growing!

William Roland Reader was a city maker! As superintendent of Calgary Parks Department from 1913 to 1942, he helped transform the landscape and the city. While newcomers flowed into Calgary, he was planting trees, developing parks, and collecting and testing plant varieties that thrived in Calgary's challenging climate. Sourcing his plants locally and worldwide he shared via seed exchanges, enriching gardens everywhere. Join us on a **tour of the garden**, a National Historic Site of Canada, as we showcase this man, his work, and his legacy! [Register](#)

Sunday, August 3

**10:00 – 11:30 am – Lumber Yard to Surf Park –
Archaeology Along the Bow River**

What does archaeology and surfing have in common? The flow of the Bow River. One hundred years after the death of Peter Prince join Calgary Parks Archaeologist, **Laureen Bryant**, for a walk around Prince's Island Park and along the waterfront ending at the Louise Bridge. During the tour she will reveal interesting archaeological finds that give us insight into the everyday activities of early Calgarians and will highlight how early logging infrastructure still influences how we use the landscape today. [Register](#)



Remnants of industrial activity on the Bow River shore.
Courtesy Laureen Bryant



**1:30 – 3:00 pm – From Cretaceous to Current: A River
Runs Through It**

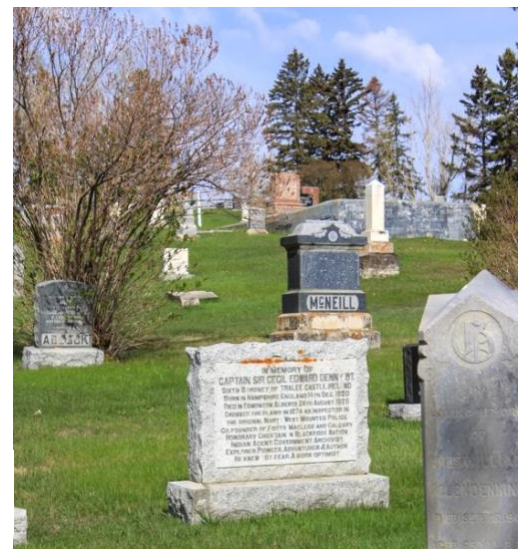
Please join us for a walking tour along White Avenue and the Elbow River. Learn about local geology and how the river has impacted and continues to influence the growth, development, and culture in **Bragg Creek**. Natural history, geology and the evolution of commerce, recreation and infrastructure will be highlighted. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable footwear. Refreshments will be served at the Post House after the tour. [Register](#)

Jack Elsdon installing a moveable foot bridge across the Elbow River,
ca. 1972.
Courtesy Barbara Teghtmeyer

2:00 – 3:30 pm – Union Cemetery Tour - Calgary 150 and the CPR

Calgary was passed over as the location of the province's first university and provincial capital. However, when the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived in 1883, Calgary's position as a key Alberta city was assured. Join historians **Amanda Borys** and **Shelly McElroy** for a tour focusing on personalities associated with this key milestone in a fledgling city. [Register](#)

Union Cemetery.
Courtesy Shelly McElroy





Imperial Oil Refinery, Ogden. (CI1555313)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

6:30 – 8:30 pm – Echoes of Industry: A Walk Through Imperial Oil's Former Refinery Land

The Imperial Oil refinery in Ogden operated from 1923 to 1976. The community of Lynnwood Ridge was developed on the site after its closure and subsequently it was discovered that refinery operations had contaminated the soil. The City of Calgary took over the site and remediated the area which continues to be monitored as future options are considered. Join **Laura Combden** to experience the history of this industrial site, including its relationship with Deerfoot Trail and Ralph Klein. [Register](#)

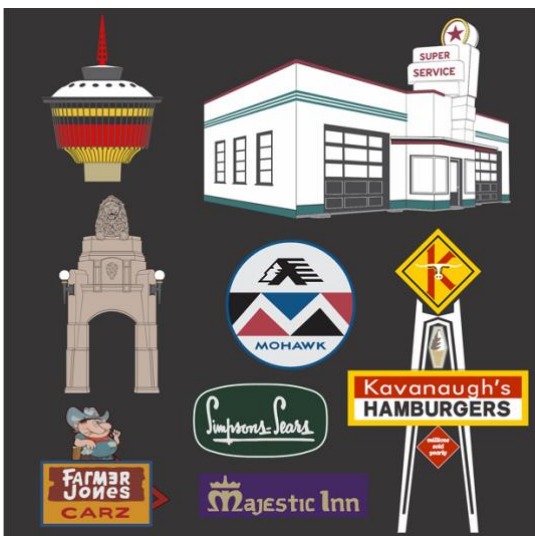
6:30 – 8:30 pm – Rideau - Roxboro Historic Walking Tour

Take a stroll back in history with local historian **Tracey J. Johnson** and discover what used to exist in the tucked away neighbourhood of Rideau Roxboro. From brickyards to TV stations to sandstone ruins, this community has lots of history and has gone through tremendous change. Please note that this fast-paced walk is over 3 km long and includes steep hills on uneven terrain. [Register](#)

Roxboro district, 1921. (CU182922)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



Monday, August 4



11:00 am – 12:30 pm – Memories in Miniature – Lost Signs of Southern Alberta

Rik Barry is a graphic artist based in Calgary. Noting the loss of vintage buildings and signs in his native Lethbridge, he began to amass images of those icons, then recreate them into black and white digital drawings, art posters and T-shirts. Rik now applies his skills for a local hobby shop, making tiny full color reproductions of old iconic signs from Calgary and area, helping modelers recreate their own memories while preserving our past in miniature. *Meet: Railway Orientation Centre, Heritage Park Plaza, 1900 Heritage Drive SW*

Lost signs.
Courtesy Rik Barry

1:30 – 3:30 pm – Inglewood - East of the Underpass

Join **Manfred Baum** for a walk through the eastern part of Inglewood. See and hear about some remaining working-class homes, including some century homes, and other survivors like Colonel Walker School, the Blackfoot Truck Stop and the second Fire Hall #3. There will also be stories and photos of the industrial buildings we've lost including Cushing Mills, Fire Hall #8, BA refinery, and East Calgary Bungalow School.

(Repeat of Sunday, July 27.) [Register](#)

Aerial View of British North American Oil Refinery, ca. 1950. (CU1217646)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary



View of Elbow Park, 1914. (CU196811)
Courtesy Digital Collections, University of Calgary

6:30 – 8:00 pm – A Walk Through Elbow Park's Hidden Heritage

Join local historian **Tracey J. Johnson**, as she explores the heritage buildings, prominent past residents, and community highlights of one of Calgary's oldest neighbourhoods. From colourful characters, to streetcars, to the old telephone building, this walk takes you back in time and paints a picture of what life was like in this unique and picturesque community. Please note that this fast-paced walk is over 3 km long, on busy sidewalks. [Register](#)

6:30 – 8:30 pm – When Collingwood Was New – A Kid's-Eye View

1958. Like all the other new suburbs, you could see forever when the dust wasn't blowing. Join **Doug Coats** for a walking tour of this little-known district at the base of Nose Hill. What was it like to grow up here as Collingwood grew too? How did geography affect layout and lifestyle? Who lived here and why? Why the nickname "Rabbit Hill"? Lots of stories – come and add your own! *2 km; two long steep hills, all on pavement.*

[Register](#)



Collingwood, 1958.
Courtesy John Coats

**Don't cry because it's over,
Smile because it happened**
Dr. Seuss

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