



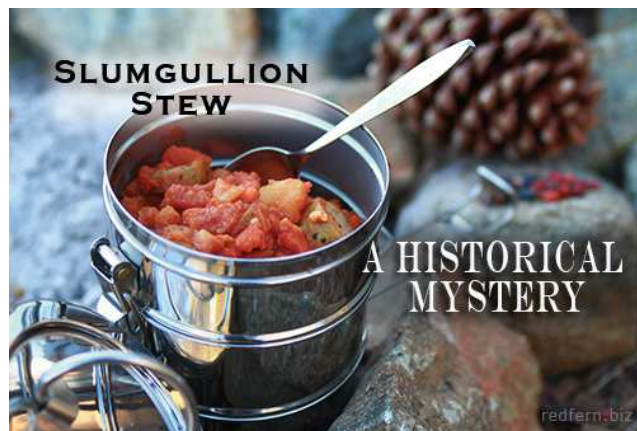
The Historical Society of  
Medicine Hat & District

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## ***Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District***

**General Meeting**  
Thursday, January 26, 2016  
Cutbanks Room

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME**  
**7:00 p.m.**



**Historical Society of Medicine Hat and District**  
401 First St. S.E., Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8W2  
Membership is \$10 per person.  
This includes 5 editions of  
*SMOKE SIGNALS*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

First off, we are indeed gratified to report that Larry Godin has accepted the Treasurer's position, which has been nominally held by your President for the past year. The Board is looking forward to working with Larry and will surely benefit from his vast experience in governance as past City Clerk.

For those who missed the last General Meeting, I should report that members' approval was given for the expenditure, from Casino funds, of \$10,000 for 10 Ranching Interviews under the Living History Project. You will see a bit more about this in the Living History Project Report elsewhere in this newsletter. A motion for the donation of \$5,000 donation to the Food Bank was not approved by the members, as it was felt that this was outside the mandate of our Society.

Finally, a friendly reminder that our January 26 meeting will be starting earlier at 7 pm, rather than the customary 7:30 pm. This change is to become permanent, in an effort to have our General Meetings end at a more commodious earlier hour. In that vein, we will be trying to limit the business portion of the meetings to 30 minutes, and the presentation portion to 40 minutes.

I look forward to seeing you all on January 26 at 7:00pm in the Cutbanks Room.

### **Living History Project Report**

Greetings all!

We are gratified to report that at the last General Meeting, approval was granted by the membership for the expenditure of \$10,000 from Casino Funds to conduct 10 interviews during January-August, 2017, with commercial videography being done by Pat Cook (formerly with Stream Media) and interviews being done by Laurel Schlaht. Work has begun on scheduling these interviews, which should begin sometime in the next month.

Pat Cook has also volunteered to be Chair of a new Technical Committee to manage the post-production of the videos, which includes several data archive disks and package DVDs for distribution and submission to the Esplanade Archives.

As we have several sources of material now – Shaw Cable, Pat Cook & Laurel Schlaht (Rural & Ranching Videos) and Earl & Judy Morris (our own equipment) – the Technical Committee's main role will be to ensure a consistent final product. The Committee consists of Pat Cook (Chair), Earl Morris, Frank Webber and David Gue.

Their first meeting was very productive with a workflow already developed by Pat Cook, and agreement on standards for the final products.

Also completed since last report is the production by Shaw Cable of the three Miywasin Project interviews that took place on November 4. These videos will now move to post-production with the Technical Committee.

As always, we are constantly looking for volunteers to help with the interviewing, as camera crew for Shaw, videographers or interviewers. This work is indeed a lot of fun and is quite rewarding as well. Please make your interest known if you can help us out in any way!

## **PROGRAMME NOTES**

### **Members Nite: Show-and-Tell**

Thursday, January 26, 2017

**Presenters:** Members of the Historical Society of Medicine Hat & District

What is it? What is it used for? Where did it come from? These are only a few of the questions that could arise on Thursday, January 26 at our next Historical Society meeting.

Yes, it is that time again. Search out an item or so that you would like to share with other Historical Society members and visitors: photos, documents, books, artifacts, antiques, artworks, tools, postcards, etc.

Be sure to take this opportunity to actively participate in a programme that everyone looks forward to!

Remember: Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the Esplanade. Share the experience!

For more information please phone Allan Jensen at (403) 502-9006

An early submission for show and tell is on the front page of this month's Smoke Signals. You see the name and here is the story that Lorine Marshall sent along.

### ***SLUMGULLION, ANYONE?***

*Is it a comfort food with mouth-watering memories?*

While visiting recently with friends at our local Senior Centre, the woman sitting next to me made a reference to "slumgullion," and how wonderful it had tasted on a cold, wintery day. Apparently it was a word that her Dad had used whenever her Mom made a thick mixture of leftovers and served it warm. It was a family favorite in their home. I had never heard the word before and neither had the others at the table.

She thought it was one of her Dad's unique words, but as she talked, she quickly googled the word and much to her amazement, there it was!

Do any of our readers have similar memories about comfort food, and perhaps a memory they would like to share? Something that was special in your home?

*AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT...*

There is a huge Canada flag on the hill that leads to Redcliff. There was a huge Union Jack there or nearby. The Union Jack was created out of bricks and paint in 1953 in honour of the coronation of Elizabeth II. Here's a Medicine Hat News clip.

The lighting of the 27 by 50-foot Coronation Union Jack on Crescent Heights went ahead as scheduled, despite the rain, and will be kept lighted through the summer months.

It is a beautiful job, the work of the parks department boys under Supt. Al Baker. Some 5,000 bricks and 317 man-hours went into the making of this flag, which is of perfect proportions. The idea was advanced by the horticultural society in co-operation with Mr. Baker and is probably unique in Canada. It will remain a permanent memento of the Coronation in Medicine Hat.

**So our question to you is this: Who put up the Canada flag? We are giving a prize of \$1.00 to the first person to come up with the correct answer. As of today we do not know the correct answer, but don't try to con us. We have our sources and will sniff out deception, probably. I haven't run the prize money past the president yet, and may have to take it out of my own purse. BW**

## **MORE STIMULATING PROGRAMMES TO COME**

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Hope Johnson: Paleontologist & Nature Artist

Speaker: Darren Tanke, Royal Tyrrell Museum, Drumheller

Thursday, May 25, 2017

Annual General Meeting

Guest Speaker TBA

## **Arts & Heritage Advisory Board (A.H.A.B.) Report**

The meetings of A.H.A.B. I attended as the Medicine Hat & District Historical Society Representative were held Monday May 30, June 27, and September 26, 2016.

Following are some of the items considered:

- Special Cultural Events Assistance Grant applications from eight applicants were reviewed and discussed with recommendations made and forwarded to City Council and approved by Council June 6, 2016.
- Public Art Committee Recommendations reviewed – Public Art Policy revisions.
- 2016 Medicine Hat Culture Days – September 30 to October 2 Calendar of Events.
- Presentation by Civic Recognition Committee Representative to encourage nominations for the Civic Recognition Awards. Call for nominations will be made January 2017 for six categories. The categories are: Sports, Culture, Humanitarian, Environment, Community Involvement, and Community Service.
- Art Walk – September 30 (Part of Culture Days)



The City of Medicine Hat is asking for volunteers to sit on various Committees and Boards – four vacancies will exist for the Arts & Heritage Advisory Board and three vacancies for the Heritage Resources Committee. These are two of many which may be of interest to our membership. See the notices in the Saturday editions of the Medicine Hat News or go to the City website for more information.  
Next meeting to be held January 30, 2017.

A.J. "Tony" Giesinger

*Remember Annette Pinder's interesting article?  
We thought that Nellie McClung would be on a Canadian bill, but . . .*



Whoops! I made a mistake in the email address I gave you last month. I've corrected it and hope that no one used it, only to find that no such address existed.

If you have any interesting items to add to the newsletter, please email them to me, Barbara Watson - [barbara.watson78@yahoo.com](mailto:barbara.watson78@yahoo.com). Perhaps a few stories will be generated by the show and tell this month. BW

**The Historical Society of Medicine Hat & District** partners with the **Esplanade Archives** in *preserving* and *promoting* our rich *heritage*. The Archives are a valuable resource for family research and local historical information. To make an appointment, the Archives may be contacted at 403 502 8582 or at 401 First Street S.E. Medicine Hat, AB. T1A 8W2, also at [kimunr@medicinehat.ca](mailto:kimunr@medicinehat.ca)

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