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## CAFÉ GALT TOPICS TO SHED LIGHT ON POW CAMP LIFE

WEDNESDAYS JUN 11 | SEP 10 | 7:00 PM

The Galt Museum & Archives continues its monthly Wednesday evening series **Café Galt** – exploring topics on exhibit-related themes – on Wednesday, **June 11 at 7:00 pm** when local historian Georgia Green Fooks will relate how **Prisoners Almost Outnumbered Citizens** by delving into life at Camp 133: the prisoner of war camp located in Lethbridge from 1942-1946. The program is presented in conjunction with “*For you the war is over. Second World War POW Experiences*” on until September 21.



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Camp 133, Lethbridge's Second World War prisoner of war camp, was a city unto itself. Designed to hold 12,500 prisoners, it at one time housed over 13,000 men! Considering the population of Lethbridge at the time was nearly 15,000, the camp had a profound effect during its four years of operation. **Georgia Green Fooks** will speak on the relationship of the camp to the people of southern Alberta.

***Georgia Green Fooks** is a native of Lethbridge and a daughter and granddaughter of southern Alberta pioneers. Fooks is a retired communications arts instructor from Lethbridge Community College where she taught from 1970-93. She has been researching and writing about southern Alberta history for many years and her works include seven histories of the region, including “Prairie Prisoners: POWs in Lethbridge during two world conflicts” published by the Lethbridge Historical Society. Since her retirement, she has presented more than 200 history and craft shows on community television. She has served as Chairman of the Fort Whoop-Up Interpretive Society, chaired the first autonomous board of the then Sir Alexander Galt Museum & Archives and served on the Friends Board of the same institution.*

The next Café Galt topic to be presented with the current exhibit is **The Canucks and Jerry: Behind Barbed Wire** with local student **Garrett Bishoff** on **Wednesday, September 10**. Admission rates for Café Galt include exhibit access and refreshments. Admission is free for annual pass holders. For more information, please call the information desk at 403.320-3954, or check [www.galtmuseum.com](http://www.galtmuseum.com).

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