



WINTER | SPRING 2012 | JAN-APR

Galt Archives, Museum Store & Discovery Hall now open 10am - 9pm on Thursdays

EXHIBITS



Toys & Games

Engage, entertain, educate

to Sun JAN 08, 2012

With toys and games from our Collections and from the community, we explore what was and is special and why. Visitors will have a chance to play with many toys and to tell us which is their favourite as they investigate the exhibit... fun for the whole family!



Earth's Climate in the Balance

*Climate through Geologic Time,
4.6 Billion Years of Change... What's Next?*

JAN 21 - APR 22, 2012

This travelling exhibit provides an informative and approachable treatment of some of our most pressing and current concerns about how our climate is changing: What is the scientific basis of global warming? How certain is it? What causes climate change? Might humans cause the sixth greatest extinction on Earth? Interactive activities include a box store to choose environmentally-friendly products, a recycling activity and more!

Developed & circulated by Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

MUSEUM COMMUNITY DAY

Sun JAN 22 | 1:00 - 4:30 pm | free admission

Exhibit Opening: Earth's Climate in the Balance

Grand Opening 1:15 pm

Join CTV Lethbridge's Dory Rossiter and the Helen Schuler Nature Centre as they help us celebrate the opening of our new exhibit *Earth's Climate in the Balance*. Discover more about your ecological footprint through hands-on games and activities, and learn how much "nature" you need to live your lifestyle.

SCHOOLS

Earth's Climate in the Balance exhibit-related school programs are available for the duration of the exhibit. Contact **Belinda** for more information:
403.320-4248 | belinda.crowson@galtmuseum.com

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS

until JAN 04 *Main Level Hallway*

Childhood in the 30s

Local artist Helen Flaig created her *Childhood in the 30s* series in the 1990s as a way of remembering childhood activities such as making kites, having a water fight, shelling peas, and riding to school in a horse drawn cutter. Flaig's spontaneous and whimsical paintings reflect games, play and work she shared with her siblings.

JAN 14 - APR 22 *Main Level Hallway*

Natures Past: Archival Evidence of Environmental and Climate Change

Our human relationship to the natural world has a past that is also preserved on the land. It can be seen in the cairns and cliff at Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo-Jump, or where farmers' fields have replaced former grasslands. It is even apparent in the slag heaps remaining at the sites of old mining communities. This shared past is also preserved in archival diaries, letters, reports, ledgers, photographs and films. In this exhibit, these kinds of evidence demonstrate how we can explore natures past by using materials preserved in the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

until JAN 30 *Main Level Meeting Rooms*

Archives Exposed... A.E. Cross

Photographs are a wonderful record of the people and places in our community; the professional quality and the remarkable quantity of those from the A.E. Cross Studio enhances our community memory.

Alfred Ernest Cross emigrated from England as a young man and within a few years opened a photography studio in Lethbridge in 1924. Over many decades, Cross captured individual portraits, images of businesses and the changing landscape of the city. His son Reginald managed the studio from 1948 to the mid 70s. Current owner Peter Etches bought the business in 2005.

FEB 04 - MAY 20 *Main Level Meeting Rooms*

Archives Exposed... New People, New Opportunities

Many opportunities for a new life opened in southern Alberta in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Immigrants from around the world came to farm or ranch, work in the coal mines or logging camps, and establish businesses in the developing towns. Their early years were captured in photographs, some featured in this exhibit. Years later their descendents remember their heritage with celebrations of traditional dress, food and music.

until FEB 26 *Lower Level Gallery*

The Grand Old 76

The **76 Ranch**, located in southern Alberta, was founded by Sir John Lister Kaye in 1888. On huge plots of land along the Canadian Pacific Railway line, Kaye established 10 model farms on which he built houses and barns, planted hay and introduced horses, cattle and sheep. This exhibit of photos and documents was developed by the Esplanade Museum & Archives in Medicine Hat with the assistance of museums, archives and individuals across southern Saskatchewan and Alberta.

MAR 03 - APR 22 *Lower Level Gallery*

Artists Legacy

A group of local artists founded the Lethbridge Sketch Club (now the Lethbridge Artists Club) on October 7, 1936 and it flourished through the energy and talents of such artists as Annabelle MacKenzie, P.J. Collins, Mike Pisko, E.E. Riethman, E.F. Hagell and P.H. Henson. Early stimulus for a growing art community came from artist and art teacher, Edith F. Kirk who lived in Lethbridge from 1918 until her death in 1953. The organization continues to foster art and artists in southern Alberta, providing classes, retreats, sales and exhibitions. Some of their work is included in this exhibit.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Café Galt

7:00 pm | admission rates apply, includes exhibit access | free for annual pass holders | registration not required | the Discovery Hall and Museum Store are open on Thursdays until 9:00 pm

Explore and discuss current exhibits and ideas through film screenings, lectures and other unique experiences.

Thu JAN 26 **Alberta's Great Oil Discovery: The Turner Valley Story** Before 1914 Alberta was the poorest of the prairie provinces. Then drillers found oil at Turner Valley and everything changed. David Finch will tell stories from Alberta's first commercial oilfield and explain how, for better and for worse, petroleum has been part of the Alberta story for a century. Turner Valley made Alberta what it is today: a province of unlimited potential with challenges every bit as big as its opportunities.

Thu FEB 02 **Climate Change Reality - a Hot Topic** in partnership with SACPA Robin and Marian White from the Climate Reality Project present right-up-to-date pictures, video, charts, tables, text, and narrative to walk the audience through the reality and science of climate change, the behaviour of the "denial industry", key concerns, the carbon dioxide reduction targets needed, government performance, and where we go from here.

Thu MAR 01 **Aboriginal Women During the Great Depression** Carol Williams from the University of Lethbridge uses oral histories and photographs to document and tell the story of Indigenous women's waged work on the Great Plains during the Depression. Dr. Williams' research acknowledges the material realities of their lives, and attempts to rectify the fact that their significant contributions have been underestimated, even marginalized, and are often absent from national economic development schemes.

Thu APR 05 **CSI Quilt** Did you know that quilt appraisers are the CSIs (Crooked Seam Investigators) of the quilt world? Join Dawn Hunt as she unravels the mysteries of quilt history, care and value. Whatever happened to fugitive purple and what is so "hot" about pink? During this information-packed lecture and trunk show learn about the intrigue of the quilt world - the myths, the incorrect hunches and how one quilter's Drunkard's Path became another's Vine of Friendship.

Thu APR 26 **Vanishing global wildlife: Patterns in developed and developing countries** There has been an alarming loss of wildlife species across the planet. According to a recent estimate, 25% of the global mammal species are threatened with extinction! There are several factors contributing towards this loss of global fauna, and a distinct pattern has been identified. Saikat Basu from the U of L Department of Biological Sciences will inspect these pressing issues from the perspectives of developed and developing countries.

Galt Agricultural Innovation & Business Speakers Series

7:30-9:30 pm | 7:30 networking | 8:00 presentation, Q & A | wine & cheese
tickets at the door: \$20/person/session, incl. 1 refreshment ticket | Discovery Hall and Museum Store open to 9:00 | A fundraiser presented by the Friends of the Galt in support of the Galt Museum's education initiatives.

Local agricultural entrepreneurs are noted for the innovations they are creating. The Friends of the Galt have selected an engaging line-up of speakers for its new fundraiser series supporting Galt Museum educational initiatives.

Thu JAN 19 | **Coal Banks to Cow Manure: Is this Full Circle?** with Thane Hurlburt, President ECB Enviro North America Inc, a bio-based co-generation facility being built in North Lethbridge, who will focus on the conversion of manure and other biological by-products of agriculture into energy [electricity and hot water].

Thu FEB 16 | **Current and Future Status of Biofuels** with Jim Thacker, Director Kyoto Fuels Corp.

Thu MAR 15 | **Thebaine Poppy Innovation** with Glen Metzler, President, API Labs Inc.

Galt Workshops

Program 7:00 - 9:00 pm | *admission rates apply, includes exhibit access | free for annual pass holders | registration not required | the Discovery Hall and Museum Store are open on Thursdays until 9:00 pm*

A hands-on history programs for adults.

Thu MAR 08 **Back-to-Basics Food** Come join Lethbridge Personal Chefs for a back-to-basics soup and bread cooking class. Vegetarian option available.

Thu MAR 22 **Handmade Paper** *in partnership with the Textile Surface Design Guild* Susan Kristoferson presents a lively slide lecture of amazing, sophisticated paper arts and brings unique paper samples she has collected over 25 years. Then get your hands into pulp to make your own! You will create multi-layer papers, and "pulp paint" to create images in your sheets of paper.

Thu MAY 03 **Planting our Past, Preserving our Future pt 2: Growing Native Plants** Horticulturalist June Flanagan shares her knowledge on propagating and caring for plants native to this region. Using seeds saved from the Native Prairie Plant Garden at the Galt you'll take home your own plants to start your garden.

The Curator Presents... *Earth: The Operators' Manual*

Sun FEB 05 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

admission rates apply, includes exhibit access | free for annual pass holders

A screening and discussion related to our special exhibit.

In the documentary "*Earth: The Operators' Manual*" [2011, 53 min], host Richard Alley takes viewers on a tour of sites around the world where evidence of climate change is visible, and presents an objective, accessible assessment of the problems and possibilities that will leave you informed, energized and optimistic. From low-tech solutions to high-tech innovations - including those being explored by the US military, the state of Texas and China - there are a wide range of practical options available to meet Earth's growing need for energy. Dr. James Byrne, Professor and Chair of Geography, University of Lethbridge will introduce the documentary and then facilitate a discussion.

NEW! ARCHIVES PROGRAMS

7:00 pm | *free admission | registration not required | includes supplies*

Discover photographs, documents, maps and other records found at the Galt Archives and learn how to use them for your research. With Archivist Andrew Chernevych [or special guests where noted].

Thu JAN 12 **Archives 101** People know museums, people know libraries, but archives often remain a mystery. This is the chance to get introduced to the fantastic historical resources at the Galt Archives. Tour the archival facility, learn the rules and procedures, and find out how to search for records through our easy-to-use online database.

Thu FEB 09 **Interpreting the Past Using Photographs** Historians use photographs as primary sources, but how do professional historians actually "interpret" these photographs? This workshop with Carol Williams explores historical methods on the use and interpretation of photographs, and a discussion on the ethics of visual representation. We will use photographs from the Archives, and participants are invited to bring their own collection.

Thu MAR 22 **How to Research your House** Have you ever wondered about the history of your home? The Archives can help you discover interesting facts about your place and the neighbourhood around it. You can find out the date the building was built, the original owner, photographs of the property and even maps of the vicinity from 100 years ago!

Thu APR 19 **What's New at the Archives** Join us for this special tour of the Galt Archives to get updated on the progress we have made in the last five years. You will learn about the recent acquisitions of archival records, the new website interface with new features, and the recently revamped volunteer program.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Top 11 of 2011 Family Programs

JAN 02-07 Winter break | 1:00 - 4:00 pm (drop in anytime) | *family program [adults required to attend with children] | admission rates apply | free for annual pass holders | registration not required*

We've had so many fantastic Saturdays at 1 and summer programs in 2011, we thought we'd reprise the Top 11 during Winter Break! Here are the final 6 of 11:

JAN 02 **Soap Carving** Learn soap carving and make your own decoy.

- 03 **Shadow Puppetry** Experience shadow play, an ancient form of storytelling and entertainment. Use your personalized shadow puppet to act out your imaginative tales at home.
- 04 **Photo Magnets** Remember history through photography by creating personalized magnets. Bring a photo of someone special or choose one from Archives to create your masterpiece.
- 05 **Clown School** Try your hand at new tricks and skills by learning how to juggle and create balloon animals. School is always fun when it's taught by a clown!
- 06 **Felted Snake Bracelets** Learn the historic art of felting as you make a bendy snake, or bracelet.
- 07 **Creative Checkers** This classic board game to life by adding a touch of imagination. Use your creative skills to design your own board and play pieces.

Saturdays at 1:00

presented with Green Acres Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge

NOW YEAR-ROUND! | *adults required to attend with children | admission rates apply | free for annual pass holders | registration not required | includes exhibit access*

This interactive program animates our exhibits and collections for families with children of all ages and is now offered year-round thanks to our new partner, the Green Acres Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge.

- JAN 14 **Hand Casting** Start the New Year by preserving a little bit of your children's history. Use our safe molding medium to create a mold and then a plaster cast of your child's hand.
- 21 **Tiny Terrarium** Make a tiny ecosystem in a glass jar to take home.
- 28 **Museum CSI** During this activity from the University of Lethbridge science camps, participants will be using forensic science to uncover fakes and forgeries. Be prepared to solve a crime!
- FEB 04 **Life Cycle of the T-shirt** Join the Helen Schuler Nature Centre to discover the impacts of a simple t-shirt on the environment from start to finish. Bring an old t-shirt, or use one of ours, to reinvent in a craft.
- 11 **Home-Made Granola Bars** Make delicious granola bars using some local ingredients. Vegan option available.
- 18 **Tea Party** Learn how table etiquette has changed over the years as you enjoy a tea party where you can practice your old-time manners.
- 25 **Sock Monkeys** Make an adorable sock monkey using brightly coloured children's socks. All supplies provided, no sewing experience required - we'll teach your children (and you) how! *Note: project may take longer than 1 hour to complete.*
- MAR 03 **Dissect an Owl Pellet** Learn about our ecosystem as you dissect a (sterilized) owl pellet and try to identify the bones.
- 10 **Bird Feeders** Make your own bird feeder using recycled materials.
- 17 **Who Turned Up The Temperature?** The University of Lethbridge's *Destination Exploration* youth science program will be visiting the Galt to deliver an interactive workshop about Climate Change. Learn more about this global phenomenon through fun and engaging hands-on activities that promote learning and problem solving.
- 24 **Paper Making** Have fun creating hand-made paper from recycled fibres as you make images of weather patterns or create paper cloud mobiles!
- 31 **Home Made Ice Cream** Make your own individual serving of ice cream using a modernization of an historic method.
- APR 07 **NO PROGRAM TODAY** Take in Eggstravaganza instead!

- 14 **Worm Composting** Get ready for Earth Day by creating your own worm compost bin. All supplies, including worms, provided.
- 21 **Paper Plane Races** Learn how to make paper airplanes built for speed, distance, and tricks and compete in races to win a prize.

Easter Coulees & Cultures

APR 10-14 | daily 8:30-4:30 | ages 6-10

\$100 per child for 4 days | min. 10, max. 15 participants | Register at SAAG: 403.327-8770

ext. 21 or email dfarstad@saag.ca

Discover Lethbridge's cultural, historical and natural treasures as you explore a new site each day, including: Southern Alberta Art Gallery, Helen Schuler Nature Centre, Galt Museum & Archives and New West Theatre.

SENIORS PROGRAMS

Wednesdays at the Galt

Year-round first & third Wednesdays monthly | 2:00 - 3:00 pm | *admission rates apply | free for annual pass holders | registration not required | includes exhibit access*

From hands-on learning to lectures by special guests, behind-the-scenes tours and tutorials, historical anecdotes to contemporary conundrums for ages 55+.

- JAN 04 **Museum Behind-The-Scenes** Join Collections Manager Kevin MacLean and Archivist Andrew Chernevych on a behind-the-scenes tour of the artifact and archives collections to discover how, why, and what we collect.
- 18 **The Lands, Brands, and Hands of the 76 Ranch** Learn about the history of one of Canada's largest ranches, the 76 Ranch, from 1870 to today. Focusing on the heyday of the ranch, 1870-1915, Dave Spencer shares stories of how the owners and operators worked under very difficult conditions to make a lasting contribution to our country.
- FEB 01 **History of Irrigation** Learn about the past present and future of irrigation with Dr. Edith Olsen.
- 15 **Greener Alberta Where No One is Left Behind** with Shannon Philips, economic policy analyst for the Alberta Federation of Labour. What does a plan for the environment and the economy really look like? Shannon will explore a practical plan for building a greener economy, keeping jobs in Alberta, and stabilizing Alberta's revenues to continue to deliver high-quality public services like health care, education, and children's services.
- MAR 07 **Archives of the Ancient Past: Landscape and Drought History in Alberta** Dr. Alwynne Beaudoin from the Royal Alberta Museum shows how scientists derive drought history from landscape archives, including evidence preserved in lake mud and tree rings. Find out what intriguing new research reveals about recent droughts compared to those of the ancient past.
- 21 **Archival Evidence of Environmental & Climate Change** Explore the kinds and value of archival evidence available for interpreting past environmental and climate change.
- APR 04 **Quilting Through the Ages** Dawn Hunt will answer the 5 W's of quilt making through the centuries. You'll be surprised at where it began and just how long quilting has been practiced. A PowerPoint presentation and quilts from Dawn's collection will augment the lecture. All participants will receive a comprehensive list of locations and websites where historic quilt collections can be viewed.
- 18 **Coastal Geology and Climate Change** How is coastal geology and the west coast of North America informing us about the climate change story? Join Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh from Lethbridge College to learn about his research.

SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Tue JAN 24 | 7:30 pm

One Big Hapa Family [2010, 58 min]

Presented with Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area | screening, Q + A, reception | free admission

And you thought your family was mixed up! After a realization at a family reunion, filmmaker Jeff Chiba Stearns embarks on a journey of self-discovery to find out why everyone in his Japanese-Canadian family after his grandparents' generation married interracially. The resulting feature documentary explores why almost 100% of all Japanese-Canadians, the highest out of any other ethnicity in Canada, are marrying interracially and how their mixed children perceive their unique multiracial identities. Stories from four generations of a Japanese-Canadian family come to life through the use of innovative animation techniques created by some of Canada's brightest independent animators. *One Big Hapa Family* challenges our perceptions of purity and makes us question if mixing is the end of multiculturalism as we know it.

Jeff Chiba Stearns is a multi award-winning independent documentary and animation filmmaker from Kelowna and now Vancouver, B.C., of Japanese and European heritage. A graduate of the Film Animation program at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, he founded Meditating Bunny Studio Inc., specializing in animation and documentary films along with broadcast and viral commercials for such clients as 3M, Sharpie, and Generali. His films have screened at hundreds of film festivals around the world, garnered 32 awards including the Prix du Public at the prestigious Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival, and broadcast internationally. In 2010, he was awarded the Emily Award from the Emily Carr University of Art and Design for outstanding achievements of an alumnus. Chiba Stearns was awarded the Cultural Pioneer Award by Harvard University in 2011 for his continued exploration of multiethnic identity in his work. He has also instructed college animation, written articles for national publications and lectured around the world on topics of multiracial identity, cultural awareness, filmmaking, short film distribution, and animation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Scotch & Burns

Sat JAN 21 | Scotch Tasting starts at 6:30 pm | All Ages Program 7:00 pm

Tickets/person at the door: \$3 public | \$1 Annual Pass Holders | free for children 6 and under

Join us for our annual celebration of the birthday of Scottish poet Robbie Burns. Starting at 7:00 join in piping in of the haggis, odes to the bard, and enjoy performances by dancers, and singers too. Scotch Tasting [*tickets at the event*] with Kyle Bains from **Andrew Hilton Wine & Spirits** lasts until the Scotch runs dry. Oh, and try haggis too! You don't have to be Scottish to attend!

Valentine's High Tea

Sun FEB 12 | 2:30 - 4:00 pm | The View at Lethbridge | 110 Scenic Dr N. | *Tickets: \$25/person available at Galt Museum & Archives JAN 12 | 403.320-3954*

Enjoy petit-fours and sandwiches traditional to a high tea prepared by The View's Calgary Chef - served in style by Friends and Galt Museum Board members - with overtures of romance provided by The Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra. Children are welcome!

In addition to parking at The View, a motorcoach will be available to take you to there from at the Galt Museum & Archives at 2:00 pm.

A fundraiser presented by the Friends of the Galt in partnership with The View at Lethbridge in support of the Galt Museum's education initiatives such as the bussing program.

ArtiFACT or FICTION?

Wed FEB 29 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm | Viewing Gallery | by invitation

A fabulous Galt Donor VIP Appreciation Party featuring the popular (Arti)Fact or Fiction - can YOU tell which Galt staff/volunteers are telling the truth about our artifacts? - exhibit tours, complimentary beverages, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.

Earth Hour 2012

Sat MAR 31 | 8:30 pm

Celebrate your action for the planet with the people of the world by switching off your lights for an hour, then go beyond the hour. The Galt will be switching off its lights too: check updates online.

Eggstravaganza

Sat APR 07 | 10:00 - 2:00 | \$4 [\$3*]/child age 1+; adults free | * annual pass holder rate

Our annual Easter event includes admission to the Discovery Hall, and activities galore! The Easter Bunny will also be there. Fun for kids of all ages! *Please note: this event does NOT include an Easter egg hunt.*

Earth Day 2012

Sun APR 22 | 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Check our website for updates!