



Morleyville Settlement News

Summer 2009

Hike and Tribute to Commemorate John Laurie

A hike part way up Yamnuska to *Raven's End* will take place on September 12th to commemorate John Laurie for whom the mountain was named. The next day the Fall Service will be a tribute to John Laurie. The tribute is being organized by Don Smith, recently retired from the Department of History at the University of Calgary. Details will follow in the fall newsletter, but mark your calendars now.

It has been fifty years since John Laurie's death and many Albertans do not know of him. It is commonly thought that John Laurie Blvd. is named after Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the seventh Prime Minister of Canada!



Photo: Glen Larson

John Laurie was a Calgary high school teacher who became an advocate for the Native people, particularly the Stoney. He is remembered for helping to form the Alberta Indian Association and was the secretary of the association from 1944 to 1956. Yamnuska was officially named Mount John Laurie at the request of the Stoney in 1961 and amended to Mount Laurie in 1984.

The hike on the 12th to the East Ridge starts at the Yamnuska parking lot. It is 3.5 kilometers to *Raven's End* where we will have lunch. The elevation gain is 515 metres. Contact Kate at 403 282-8753 if you are interested in joining the hike.

Plaque Unveiling

June 23, 2009



Photo: Kate Reeves

Deane Cooper, Reeve of the MD of Big Horn and wife Jean, Blake Richards, MP for Wild Rose, Devon Oakander, and Const. Christina Agboat at the unveiling of our plaques June 14, 2009.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful tribute on June 14th to my dear sister Laura. The effort that you and other volunteers put into the day was spectacular and so greatly appreciated by my family. The words spoken about my sis by Tim Melvin and Leonard McDougall surely helped ease our pain and will be long remembered. Many thanks also to all others who participated in this glorious day.

Sincerely,

Widening of the 1A Highway Unearths Sites/Sights

The Province will be widening 30 kilometers of the 1A Highway from Ghost Village through to the 1X Highway in 2011. The construction will not begin until archeological work currently underway has been completed. What have they discovered? Come and see for yourself! Bison Historical Services have ten digs and two of these site will be part of an “Open House” on **July 24th** and **August 14th** from 10:00am to 2:00pm hosted by Sean Goldsmith. The site open on the 24th of July will be different to the one open for visits on the 14th of August.

Although this is a child friendly tour, Sean asks that you keep children close as there will be open excavation sites. Also please ensure that you are dressed appropriately with proper footwear.

To find the sites, continue on Highway 1A past the Morley turn off and slow down when you see the orange “Men at Work” sign. There will be an *Open House Parking* sign posted where parking is permitted and safe. Visitors are asked to park only in the posted areas and not to pull off onto the soft shoulder.



Talk on The Sibbald Family featured during Historic Calgary Week



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A talk by Beryl and John Sibbald will be part of the opening day of Historic Calgary Week this year. The theme of the Festival is “History All Around Us” and the opening day is hosted by the Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendents. The patriarch of this family is Andrew Sibbald, the carpenter turned teacher who accom-

panied David McDougall on the trek west to Morleyville Settlement. The talk will take place at the Southern Alberta Pioneers Memorial Building at 3625 4 Street SW in Calgary on Friday, **July 24th** at 1:00pm. and is entitled “The Sibbald Family: Pioneers, Teachers, Mountain Guides, Park Wardens and Ranchers”. Everyone is most welcome.

Annual Cairn Picnic

Six docents and guest Eva Hunter were able to find the present location of the McDougall Cairn, albeit with some help. The Cairn is located in Panorama Hills and is at the “edge of town” The Group enjoyed a picnic before sharing the reading of Chapter 6 of *Elizabeth McDougall “Madonna of the Plains”* by Elise Newton. The chapter is entitled George’s Last Trail and describes the events leading up to Rev. George McDougall’s death in February of 1876. A minute of silence was observed.



Photo: Kate Reeves

Bev McIntosh, Eva Hunter, Joan and Clarence Davis,
Sarah Harvey and David Ballard.
Missing from the photo is Sheila Johnston.

Ralphine Locke Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

McDougall Stoney Mission Society Board member, Ralphine Locke, was recognized at a ceremony in June for her outstanding contributions to Banff's Heritage. Ralphine was given a Lifetime Achievement Award in Heritage Conservation by the Banff Heritage Corporation. The Ceremony took place at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies. Ralphine is a member of the Luxton Foundation and, among many other things, assisted with the exhibition *The Stuff of Legends: The Luxton Family in Banff and the Bow Valley* which is featured at the Whyte Museum until the end of October.

Ralphine's great-grandmother, Elizabeth McDougall Boyd, was the sister of Reverend George McDougall.



Photo: Kate Reeves


Ralphine Locke

It's a Small World . . .



Familytreemaker online photo

Harrison Stevens Young, Elizabeth "Libby" McDougall and their daughter, Elizabeth Helene "Birdie" Young who later married Dr. Philippe Roy.

 In 1898 the young doctor, Philippe Roy, was working in a railway construction job in the Rockies. Soon after completing that job, he met the famous western missionary, Father Lacombe, who advised him to "Go to Edmonton." Dr. Roy married Elizabeth Helen in Edmonton in 1899. In 1906 at the age of 38, Dr. Roy was appointed to the Canadian Senate. He was one of the youngest Canadians ever appointed to the upper chamber. In 1911, Dr. Roy embarked on his career in the Canadian diplomatic corps.

A Canadian Youth Hostel was located near Ghost Lake Village in the 1940s. It was just past the bend of Highway 1A in Morleyville Settlement, not far from the Mission church. The co-founders of the Canadian Hostelling movement were two Calgary sisters - Mary and Catherine Barclay. Catherine was a French teacher and in 1931 she had gone to Paris to study.

A major highlight of the trip for Catherine was when she was a dinner guest at Madame Roi's, [the wife of] the Canadian Ambassador to France whom she described as "A Scientist and very gracious and nice . . . She was born up in the Ghost River district of Alberta and is granddaughter of the famous Reverend George McDougall, missionary to the Crees and Blackfeet."

(from The Barclay Sisters by Betty Dahlie in "Citymakers: Calgarians After the Frontier" edited by Max Foran and Sheliagh Jameson)

This was indeed, Elizabeth Helene "Birdie" Young, who was born October 1, 1877 at Morley during a snow storm. In 1899 she married Dr. Philippe Roy who became the Canadian Ambassador to France. Her mother was Elizabeth "Libby" McDougall, who was born 1852, the fifth child of Rev. George McDougall and Elizabeth Chantler.

Hostelling International - Canada, as it is now called, recently celebrated its 75 year. The organization started in 1933 in Calgary and Bragg Creek.

The McDougall Stoney Mission Society

The Society is the steward of the remaining portion (43.9 acres) of Morleyville Settlement where the Mission was located. The site is 27 km west of Cochrane on the 1A Highway and is a provincial historic site.

The vision of the Society is to promote a greater understanding of the story of the Settlement and its place in the history of Alberta and Canada through the interpretation of the site to the public.

These are interesting times to be a part of the Society. Join us in this historical adventure! Membership is open to all those interested in our work.

We are in need of a Treasurer and a Secretary for the Board and a Handyman for the site. Docents and hosts for the site are also needed throughout the summer.

For more information, please contact Kate at (403) 282-8753 or kareeves@telus.net

Sunday, September 13, 2009, 3:00pm

The Fall Commemorative Service
at McDougall Stoney Mission Church

A Tribute to John Laurie

All are welcome.

Events of an HISTORICAL OR LOCAL NATURE

July 18th - Flower Festival & Strawberry Tea at Christ Church in Millarville

July 19th - Bow Valley Park Day from 10am - 3pm Willow Rick Campground, Bow Valley Provincial Park. There will be games and exhibits. Bring the kids to this free event.

July 24th - Consultant's Open House at the Highway 1A Stoney Nakota Excavation Project

July 24 to August 3rd - Historic Calgary Week including an Auto Tour in and around the Town of Cochrane on July 26th. Meet at the Rockyview Hotel, 304 1 St at 9:00a.m.

July 27th - Rundle's Mission Open House from 2-5pm. Tours, ice cream and lemonade. Highway 771, turn off at 616x and follow the signs. Contact 780 389-2422 for details.

August 3rd - Cochrane Heritage Festival at Cochrane Ranche Historic Site. Call 403-851-2535 for more information.

August 8/9th - Banff Culture Walk and Doors Open Banff (All the major churches in Banff will be part of Doors Open.)

August 14th - Consultant's Open House at the Highway 1A Stoney Nakota Excavation Project (This is a different site from the July 24th site.)

September 4-6th - Nakoda Nation Labour Day Classic Powwow & Rodeo Contact 403-881-3770 for more information.

September 12th - A Hike Part-Way-Up Yamnuska (Mt Laurie) to *Raven's End*. RSVP to 403 282-8753.

September 13th - Fall Commemorative Service at 3pm

Not a Member? We would appreciate your support!

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