

The Bowness Beacon

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Membership fee in the Bowness Historical Society is \$10 per year. New members are welcomed. Send your name, address and fee to the address above. All members receive the Bowness Beacon newsletter. Your fees will support the activities of the Society in recording and celebrating the history of Bowness. **Please let us record your family history or photos so that nobody is forgotten.** For more information, please call (403) 288-1737 or 288-2055.

SPRING 2012 EDITION ANNOUNCING:

- Successful Book Launch for the Society's new book: "*Bowness: Past and Present 1911 - 2011*" on Saturday, February 18 at the Bowness Seniors Centre
- Reprint of the Society's first book ("*Bowness: Our Village in the Valley*"), also on sale now. Purchase either or both books using the Order Form at the end of this newsletter or contact us at the phone numbers provided below.

Scenes of the Successful Book Launch at the Bowness Seniors Centre



The Book Launch starts with the delivery of the books.

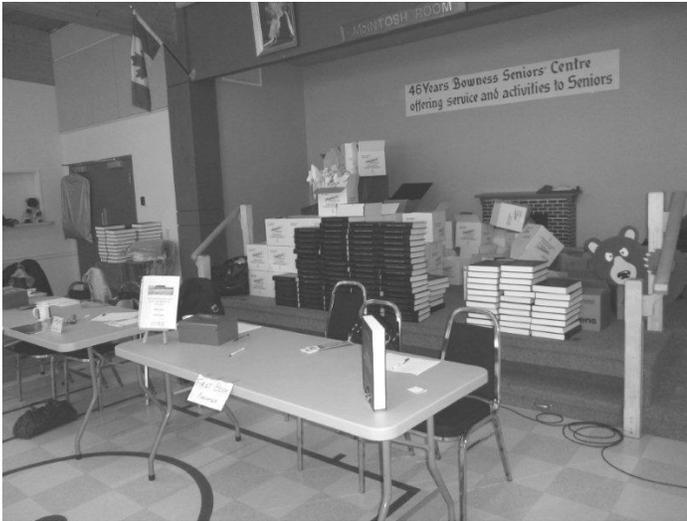


Thank you to the hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers who made the Book Launch a success.



Dignitaries Alana DeLong, MLA, and Dale Hodges, Alderperson, provided their support.

Volunteers pictured above are (in alphabetical order) Jo Ackerman, Ursula Craig, Julia Donoghue, Louise Forgues, Lorri Karchewski, Lisa Richardson, Betty Thompson, Gracie Watson, and Marg Weber. Thanks also to the muscle provided by Frank Martens and Hans Pollhaus.



The new books stacked and ready for sale



The Society thanks the Bowness Seniors Centre for the use of their facility for the Book Launch.



Carole Carpenter, President of the Bowness Historical Society, formally opened the Book Launch and welcomed the attendees. Carole linked the new book with the Bowness Centennial (1911 – 2011). She quoted from one of the many family histories in the book to start the proceedings. Carole thanked the many contributors and supporters of the new book.



About 260 of the new books were sold, with appreciative buyers spending time to page through the new book and compare stories.

The Society Directors received positive comments about the photographs in the book, many dating to 1911, which is the start of the Bowness Centennial. Also recognized was the chapter in the new book dealing with the Soldiers' Settlement.

Aldersperson Dale Hodges noted that Bowness is the only community in Calgary that produced its own history book – and has now topped that achievement with a second equally fascinating history book after 7 years of hard work.



Brandi Dickman, Editor of the Bowest'ner, covered the Book Launch.



Two Bowness show-biz types, Kjell Gjertsen, local musician, and Ronnie King of the Stampedeers, with Alana DeLong.



The Bowness Historical Society Board of Directors (above) thank you for your support. Pictured are Bonnie Laing, Inga Pollhaus, President Carole Carpenter, and Dr. Judith Barge, with book-ends Bernd Martens and Glen Bell. Director Anne Campbell was unable to attend, but provided much support to preparations for the Book Launch.

The new book (“*Bowness: Past and Present 1911 - 2011*”) celebrates the Bowness Centennial (1911-2011). The price of the book is \$60.

The new book has about 650 pages featuring photos of old Bowness, some dating to 1911 and published for the first time. The book covers the changing scenes over the past 100 years highlighting Bowness homes, Soldiers’ Settlement, businesses, institutions, transportation, sports, and family histories.

The third printing of “BOWNESS: OUR VILLAGE IN THE VALLEY”, the Society’s first book, is also on sale. Price is \$60 – the 2005 price! This book will be a valued companion to the new book.

Both books can be purchased by order form at the end of this newsletter (membership is not required), or contact Glen Bell at (403) 282-7200. **Out-of-town shipping costs are extra. Please check ahead.**

Testimonial from Nancy Valaas (a granddaughter of Leonard Kennerley, whose story is told in the new book): *“This is to let you know that the Bowness book arrived safely this afternoon. Thank you for your efforts to make sure we got a copy. I cannot tell you what a gift your research has been to me and my family. We have recovered a part of our history and can now more fully understand our story. You gave me the gift of understanding the courage, integrity and resilience of my grandmother in hard times.”*

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND BOOK SALE – at the Bowness Library on Saturday, May 26 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you missed the Book Launch, chat with the Bowness Historical Society Directors about the history and family stories of Bowness. Both books will be on sale.

HISTORIC HOMES WALKING TOUR – to be presented by Dr. Judith Barge, Director of the Bowness Historical Society. Date to be announced in the next newsletter.

The Bowness Historical Society plans to hold its second annual “History of Bowness Tea and Social”, which was a success during Bowness Centennial Year. This summertime event will be announced later.

Carolyn Ryder, Local History Librarian of the Calgary Public Library, is part of a Century Homes group that is spearheading a city wide celebration of homes constructed in Calgary’s first building boom. Two programs will be presented at the Central Library on how to research your house history in April and May. The group has a website that provides more information: <http://centuryhomes.org/>. The group is looking for community representatives for Bowness and Montgomery. If anyone wishes to become a community representative, please contact Carolyn Ryder, Librarian - Humanities, Community Heritage & Family History Department, Calgary Public Library Central - 4th floor, 616 Macleod Tr. S.E., Calgary, T2G 2M2, phone: 403-260-2650. Joan Mitsui, Branch Supervisor of the Bowness Library can also be contacted at 403-221-2023 or joan.mitsui@calgarypubliclibrary.com for more information.

The R.B. Bennett School team has updated the project website to include a summary of input and other related material from the community meeting hosted on January 25th in Bowness. Please go to <http://www.calgary.ca/rbbennett> for more information.



Winners of the 1964 Calgary Bonspiel, from top to bottom: Skip George, Third Lawrence, Second Lloyd, and Lead Ron.

FROM THE BOWNESS REVIEW – Wednesday, February 12, 1964.

Bowness Rink Wins Calgary Bonspiel

By: Norm Swainger

Bowness and district curling buffs can be justifiably proud of the fine showing in the recent Calgary Bonspiel of the Weis Brothers rink skipped by George Weis of 8827 – 33rd Avenue N.W.

After a week of highly competitive curling the Weis brothers emerged with an 11 and 1 record, and in so doing, won the Grand Aggregate, the first event and were third in the second event.

The rink with George as skip, Lawrence – 3rd, Lloyd – 2nd, and Ron, lead, have been playing together as a team for the last three years, and have been threatening to breakthrough big for some time.

In this age of highly competitive curling, it is gratifying to see a family rink come through in such fine style. So a tip of the Bowness Topper and we know we will be hearing more from the Brothers Four – Weis that is.

**Special Attendees at the Book Launch:
Morris Johanson of the Bowness Seniors and
sister Ina (representing the Beach Road Kids)**



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PASSED THIS WAY

Delores Marilyn Bischke (1946-2012). Delores is survived by her husband of 12 years, Dick Bischke; son Gordon McCaghren (Michelle); daughter Katherine McCaghren; stepdaughters Virginia Smith-Jones and Gerry (Walt) Norman; and many members of the extended family. She was predeceased by her first husband Mark McCaghren (Mayor of Cochrane, 1977-1980). Delores enjoyed camping with her family and friends.

REMINDER! Please renew your Annual Membership. We count on your support.

MEMBERSHIP and BOOK ORDER FORM – CLIP AND MAIL

BOOK ORDERS: Note: Please check with us to confirm shipping costs.

I WISH TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR THE SOCIETY'S:

- FIRST EDITION OF NEW BOOK "BOWNESS: PAST AND PRESENT (1911-2011)" and/or
 - THIRD EDITION OF THE FIRST BOOK "BOWNESS: OUR VILLAGE IN THE VALLEY"
- (MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED – BUT WELCOMED!)

Order for the New Book, "100 Years of Bowness: Past and Present" – \$60 per book

No. of Books Ordered: _____ @ \$60 per book = \$_____. Payment enclosed

Order for 3rd Edition of Society's first book, "Bowness: Our Village in the Valley" \$60 per book

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2012 MEMBERSHIP (New or Renewal) – BOWNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY: I WISH TO OBTAIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY FOR 2012

No. of Memberships: _____ each @ \$10.00 per year. Total payment enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Prov.: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone No./Email (optional): _____

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Inquiries or Information: Phone (403) 288-1737 or 288-2055, or check our website at www.bownesshistoricalsociety.com. Membership includes the quarterly Beacon newsletter.

More Testimonial on the new book from Paul Gerritsen: *I picked up my book on Saturday, and I just want to say Thank You! For the great job you and the other committee members did on this project! Please pass along my thanks to them as well. I realize the amount of work you put in must have been enormous; I have spent now a couple of days looking at the pictures and articles, and I loved all of it!*