

# 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 (please no cash by mail) 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.

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## FALL 2012 EDITION FEATURING:

- Annual General Meeting – Summary of Minutes
- Society’s new book: “*100 Years of Bowness: Past and Present*”. Order now for Christmas.
- Reprint of first book (“*Bowness: Our Village in the Valley*”) – On sale also for Christmas.
- Photographs of “Old Bowness”
- 2013 Calendar, featuring the “*Historic Homes of Bowness*”, now on sale in time for Christmas
- “Passed this Way” – Salute to Bowness pioneers who have passed on



Newly discovered photograph of the Bowness Streetcar No. 43 (Calgary Municipal Railway) on return run to East Calgary, c. 1948. Note the open expanse of Bowness with view in left background toward the slopes near modern-day Bowfort Road.

## BOWNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society held its AGM on September 29 at the Bowness Seniors Centre. The Meeting was well attended. Members are advised to contact Carole Carpenter (403-288-1737) for a copy of the Meeting Minutes and financial statement. Highlights:

- Society President Carole Carpenter reported that sales of the Society’s new book and the third reprint of the first book have been a resounding success. The proceeds will fund the Society’s projects. The City of Calgary has requested more information on the proposed Entrance Sign. The website is being updated.
- Board Member Anne Campbell reported progress on the Society’s proposal to the City to name the green space next to Hextall Bridge as “John Hextall Park.”
- Board Member Bernd Martens thanked the membership for feedback to the Beacon newsletter and requested members to search for family photos for the Society’s archives and future publications
- Nicholas Tan was announced as winner of this year’s High School Scholarship.
- Carole Carpenter announced new projects including the posting of plaques on historical homes in Bowness, adding signs with former street names, and providing interpretive signage in Baker Park (historically the site of the Baker Sanatorium).
- The Membership encouraged the Society to establish a plaque to recognize Bowness Pioneers. Names brought forward included John Hextall, Harold Farrin, Tony Schmaltz, John Mackintosh, Art Anderson, Cliff Thorogood, Dave Tuininga, Odd Gottselig, Dorothy Nielsen, Reg Baldwin, and Isabel and Tom Kenny.



**Left:** Painting the fence at Wood’s Christian Home, Hillside Avenue (now 33rd Avnue), 1940s (Courtesy Vern Collins)



**Above:** present-day View of 33rd Avenue near Wood’s Home Entrance

## **NEW BOOK: “100 Years of Bowness: Past and Present” – Purchase Now For Christmas**

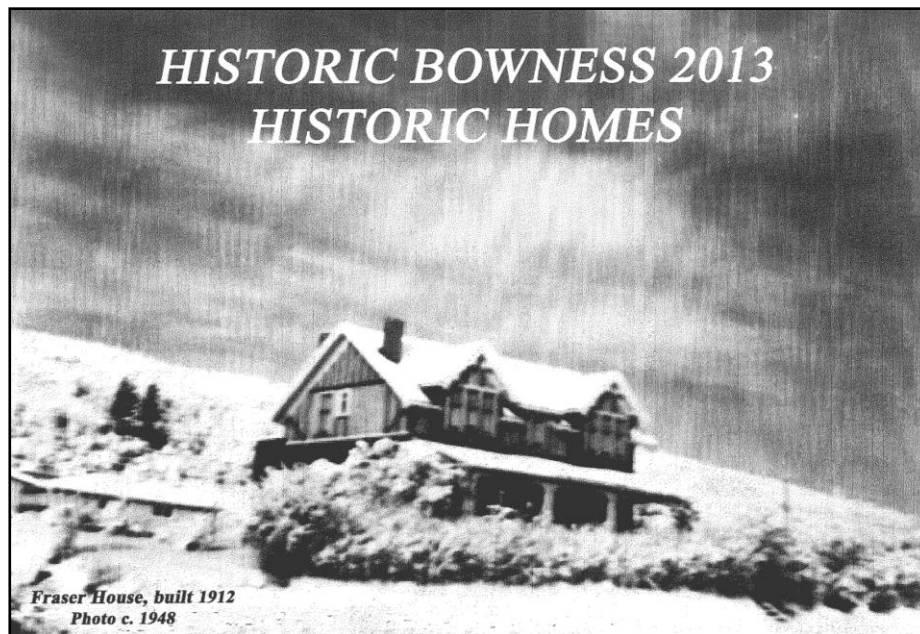
The book celebrates the theme of the Bowness Centennial (1911-2011). Price is \$60. See order form below or contact Carole at 288-1737 or Inga at 288-2055.

### **REPRINT OF “BOWNESS: OUR VILLAGE IN THE VALLEY” Due to popular demand, the Society offers the third printing of this book**

Price is \$60 – the 2005 price! This book will be a welcome companion to the new book. See order form below or contact Carole at 288-1737 or Inga at 288-2055.

### **BOWNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2013 CALENDARS FEATURING HISTORIC HOMES - NOW ON SALE - \$15 EACH**

Contact Carole at 288-1737 or Inga at 288-2055



### **PASSED THIS WAY**

**Susan (nee Gilbert) Mills** (1946 – 2012). Susan is lovingly remembered by her husband Jerry, son Michael, daughter Linda (Gerry) Gobert, grandchildren Caelum and Aspen Gobert, sisters Joan (Steve) Roach and Bobbie (Terry) Burston, many nieces and nephews, and sister-in-law Barbara Decarie.

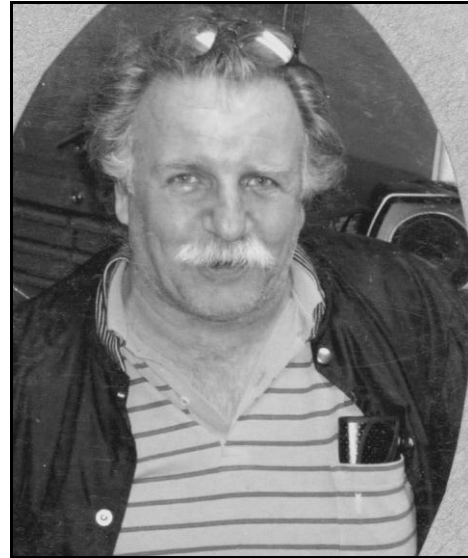
**Melvin Stauffer** (1930-2012). Melvin enjoyed a long career with the CBC as a broadcast engineer. Following his retirement in Montreal, Melvin moved to Calgary and taught broadcast engineering at SAIT for several years. When fully retired, Melvin donated his time as a volunteer for Heritage Park. Melvin is survived by his brother Raymond (Pat) Stauffer; cousins Donna (Ray) Pascal, Leanne Garrison, Larry

(Glenna) Clarke, Lorne (Ruth) Ordes, Richard (Karen) Ordes; nieces Lorraine (Kurt) Stauffer, Nancy (Troy) Sadler; nephews Brian Stauffer and Paul (Sara) Sadler; and members of the extended family.

**Steve “Toolie” Ryckman (1951-2012).**

**TRIBUTE**

The Bowness Historical Society is saddened by the passing of Steve (photo right), who was one of its early Board members. Steve was a true Bownesian and supporter of the book project. He was a self-employed contractor for most of his career. The Society offers sympathies to Steve’s partner, Linda Conlin, and family members.



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**MEMBERSHIP and BOOK ORDER FORM – CLIP AND MAIL**

**BOOK ORDERS:**

**I WISH TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR THE SOCIETY’S:**

- **NEW BOOK “100 YEARS OF BOWNESS: PAST AND PRESENT” and/or**
  - **REPRINT 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”**

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

**MEMBERSHIP (New or Renewal) – BOWNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

**I WISH TO OBTAIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY FOR 2013**

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail to:** Bowness Historical Society, 8907 – 33 Avenue N.W., Calgary, Alberta T3B 1M2.

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[www.bownesshistoricalsociety.com](http://www.bownesshistoricalsociety.com). Membership includes the quarterly Beacon newsletter.

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