

## FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday, February 23rd @ 7:30pm  
Old Timer's Cabin, 9430 - 99 Street, Edmonton

### The Beillevaire Letters (1879-1937)

*Dr. Juliette Champagne*

It is a mature 32-year-old priest who decides to answer Bishop Grandin's call for help for his Missions in the Canadian North-West in 1879. Already well set up in the Diocese of Nantes, it is with great generosity that this little giant of a man comes to work with the Indigenous people here, and finally chooses to work with the Métis who settled along the Battle River. His letters to his family in France, many of which were published in religious periodicals, tell of the opening of the territory, from the starvation of the natives, the Métis uprising in 1885, the coming of settlers and of the extraordinary hardships he had to surmount and of the great joys he had in his ministry and his life.

## MARCH 2021

Tuesday, March 23rd @ 7:30pm  
Old Timer's Cabin, 9430 - 99 Street, Edmonton

### Edmonton's Historian Laureate

*Amber Paquette*

Reflections on Amber's first term as Historian Laureate. More information to come in future EDHS communications.

## APRIL 2021

April 27th  
John Rowand Night and Dinner  
Faculty Club, University of Alberta  
11435 Saskatchewan Drive

*Details to be announced*



The Edmonton and District Historical Society (EDHS) is a charitable, non-profit, registered society. It is dedicated to promoting, preserving and celebrating the history of Edmonton and the surrounding districts. EDHS is one of five chapters of the Historical Society of Alberta.

### Membership

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## Edmonton and District Historical Society

Calendar of Events  
2020 - 2021



*The Edmonton and District  
Historical Society welcomes  
members and the general  
public to our speaker series  
and special events.*



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## EDHS SPEAKER SERIES 2020 - 2021

Fourth Tuesday at Old Timers Cabin, except for EDHS Christmas dinner and John Rowand Night. A maximum of 40 attendees will be permitted with ticketing via [www.historicedmonton.ca](http://www.historicedmonton.ca). This will allow for an additional ten people to attend including the speaker, their support people, and our board members. Refreshments will NOT be served. All COVID precautions are posted on the website.

### SEPTEMBER 2020

**Tuesday, September 22nd @ 7:30pm**  
**Old Timer's Cabin, 9430 - 99 Street, Edmonton**

#### **Edmonton House Journals Volume III – book launch**

*Ted Binnema & Gerhard Ens, editors*

The third (and final) volume in the Edmonton Post Journals series, covering the years 1826 to 1834, with a comprehensive introduction and appendixes covering all aspects of the history of the region, later encompassed by central and southern Alberta. As Edmonton House entered its fourth decade, its future as one of the most profitable Hudson's Bay Company posts seemed secure, but were its best days behind it? The Edmonton House Journals offer a fascinating glimpse at the day-to-day life at one of the HBC's most important trading centres.

### OCTOBER 2020

**Tuesday, October 27th @ 7:30pm**  
**Old Timer's Cabin, 9430 - 99 Street, Edmonton**

#### **A Mystery from Norway**

*Christine Prokop, Edmonton & District Historical*

In early 2019, a Norwegian gentleman named Victor sent EDHS an email with two photos and his grandmother's name. He wanted to know, did she come to Canada as a young woman, as family lore claimed? If so, what was she doing here? Who did she come with? Join EDHS board member Christine Prokop as she tells how she tracked down answers at the Provincial Archives, in history books, on websites and in road trips to small towns. What did she find out?

## NOVEMBER 2020

**Wednesday, November 25th**  
**EDHS Annual Christmas Dinner**  
**Gathering at 5:30 pm;**  
**Dinner at 6:00 pm (table service)**  
**Reservations required**  
**Faculty Club, University of Alberta**  
**11435 Saskatchewan Drive**

#### **The NWMP and the Distracted Prime Minister**

*Jim Higgs, Edmonton & District*

The Mounties' march west in the summer of 1874 is a little known but epic tale. We will be sharing the questionable leadership calls and misadventures that will make this a memorable experience for the audience. You will leave with a new appreciation for the brave and hardy men who made up Canada's Mounted Police Force.

## JANUARY 2021

**Tuesday, January 26th @ 7:30pm**  
**Old Timer's Cabin, 9430 - 99 Street, Edmonton**

#### **Settler Suffragists and the Edmonton Equal Franchise Campaign, 1905 - 1916**

*Dr. Carter – Henry Marshall Tory Chair in the  
Department of History and Classics; University of  
Alberta*

Highlighting the key Edmonton individuals and their organizations who worked for Alberta's 1916 Equal Suffrage Bill, this talk draws on a new book by Sarah Carter, *Ours by Every Law of Right and Justice: Women and the Vote in the Prairie Provinces* (2020). A surprising number of diverse and colourful characters emerged during the years of struggle to achieve this goal, though far from all Albertans could vote after 1916. "Equality" was for some only.

