

## Charleswood Historical Society Newsletter April 2024



The Chickadee

### To our Members and Supporters Happy Spring!

**Second Lecture in our 2024 Series: "A Century of Service, The Royal Canadian Air Force, 1924-2024"**

On Monday, April 8, CHS members were treated to a presentation by Gordon Crossley, curator of the Fort Garry Horse Museum and Heritage Officer for 17 Wing RCAF Winnipeg. Highlights of the presentation included pictures of some of the very first planes to fly in Canadian skies before WWI. What an amazing story of Canada's role in the development of aviation through the years, right up until the Avro Arrow and the latest and most modern fighter jets.

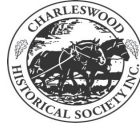
The role of early pilots in mapping Northern Manitoba and even the 1928 air photo maps of Winnipeg and Charleswood were mentioned. Did you know that when mapping northern Manitoba flight crews flew in open bi-planes and carried portable canoes so they could paddle out when they ended up stranded on remote lakes!

Gordon did an exceptional job of taking us right up to the Space Age and modern Air Command and even invited us to learn more aviation history about 17 Wing Air Command and the Royal Western Aviation Museum. It was an outstanding and informative presentation. Thank you Gordon!

**Upcoming Lectures in our 2024 Series: "The 150th Anniversary of the Winnipeg Police"**

The next Charleswood Historical Society Heritage Lecture Series takes place on **May 6, (Monday) at 7:00 PM** at the CHS meeting room, 5006 Roblin Blvd. The presenter is John Burchill, Chief of Staff for the Winnipeg Police Service, Vice-President of the Police Museum, Vice-Chair of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and teaches Policing at the University of Manitoba.

**Don't forget to mark it on your calendar!**



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### Caron House

Hooray ... with our renovations complete, we welcomed our new tenants to Caron House on April 1. Many thanks to Cheryl, Bonnie and Kathy for all their work on the interior of the house. To Steve, Paul, Eileen, Don and Lois, thanks for helping with garbage disposal to the dump and to Myron for arranging to dispose of the heavy objects.

Caron House will be open to the public during **Doors Open Winnipeg (see below) on Sunday, May 26**. Come and have a look – you will be impressed! <https://doorsopenwinnipeg.ca/indoorevents/>



Interesting corner design!



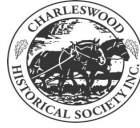
Beautiful wood interior

### Charleswood Legion 100 Tank Memorial Project

Charleswood Legion is selling 100 plaques, \$125 each, to create a maintenance fund of approximately \$10,000 for the conservation of the Sherman tank, the symbol of the Legion and a well-known community symbol.

The plaques on this Tank Memorial Wall will contain the names of veterans who served in the Canadian or Allied Armed Forces in two World Wars, the Korean conflict and numerous NATO & UN missions.

For more information or to purchase your plaques, please contact Tom Crew, 204 479-2907 or at [chairman@rclwinnipeg100.ca](mailto:chairman@rclwinnipeg100.ca)



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### Our Representatives Support CHS!

In March we welcomed MLA Kathleen Cook and her Office Manager, Jackie Maxted, when they visited our museum. They showed great interest and were very generous with their time. We look forward to ongoing communication with them.



LtoR: Lois Caron, Paul Brault, Kathleen Cook, Eileen MacDonald, Joan Curle

We were invited to be Kathleen's guests in the Gallery of the Manitoba Legislature. Kathleen generously made a Private Member's Statement about the Charleswood Historical Society which was officially recorded in Handsard. We greatly appreciate her support and acknowledgement of the work we do. Kathleen presented us with a parchment recognizing the day and a copy of the Private Member's statement, which we will display in our museum.

Although only a few of us were able to attend that day, we represented many others who have put in many volunteer hours over the years.

### CHS Local News

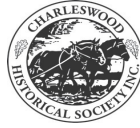
**Roblin Park Community Club** celebrated its Winter Carnival in January. We set up a historical display, had a great time, and met some of their terrific volunteers. Roblin Park still had the 2nd version of the locally made Zamboni prior to the 1980s, the original ran on skis. Gwen, Deanne, Richard and Eileen attended. Thanks to Len Jr., Heidi and Brad for rounding up photos for the event.



60's "Zamboni!"



60's Jacket & Skates



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### La Plas Taanshi kaa-Ishipamachihoyaahk / Red River Métis National Heritage Centre:

In March we were pleased to host Candace Hogue, Curator of the Centre, at our museum. We shared CHS Metis artifacts and some of the local Metis history, as well as learning of the Centre. Thanks to Ken, Gwen, Deanne and Eileen for hosting.



L-R: Ken Morrisette, Candace Hogue, Deanne Coombs, Gwen Jamieson

The **Charleswood Garden Club Plant Auction** takes place on May 23 at St. Mary's Anglican Church, 3830 Roblin Blvd. The auction begins at 7 PM with doors opening at 6:30.

<https://charleswoodgc.ca/PlantAuction.php>

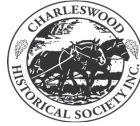
CHS is again hosting **Doors Open Winnipeg** at both the CHS Museum, May 25<sup>th</sup> and Caron House on May 26<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers, so if you can help, please contact Gwen Jamieson (204-888-2150, email: [bowhill@shaw.ca](mailto:bowhill@shaw.ca)) or Lois Caron (204-837-3155 email: [lmcaron@mymts.net](mailto:lmcaron@mymts.net))

### CHS Membership News

Thanks to our members who have purchased annual memberships to support our activities and programs. Throughout the year memberships can be purchased at the Museum on Saturdays, the June picnic, before the Pioneer Dinner, or at the society's programs and meetings. Single memberships are \$15 and family are \$20. Please contact Joan Curle ([jcurle11@hotmail.com](mailto:jcurle11@hotmail.com)) or for eTransfer Kathy Turner ([kathydelbarre@gmail.com](mailto:kathydelbarre@gmail.com)). The membership form is on the website below.

### CHS Memorabilia

**Books ...** Don't forget to pick up your copy of "**Photos & Fragments of Charleswood's History**", available at the Charleswood Museum for \$22.00. Perfect for summer-time reading in the back yard or lake! (Printing supported by Evan Duncan – thank you!)



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**Mugs ...** Available at the CHS Museum, pick up a unique and colourful CHS mug. Impress your friends and neighbours with the Charleswood images familiar to all. Each mug sells for \$14.99



For museum location and hours: <https://charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca/chs-upcoming-events/>

### Summary of CHS March 2024 Lecture: "The Way We Wore"

Margaret Mills, a CHS member, presented "The Way We Wore" was featured in our most recent Heritage Lecture series.

From lovely undergarments to top-hats, the collection from the Costume Museum of Canada was wonderful, some dating back 200 years. Margaret has a great sense of humour, so the presentation was very entertaining. We were thrilled with the quantity and quality of items she brought for us to look at, touch and in some cases try on.

**The Costume Museum of Canada** is presenting "Historic Fashion Review", Sunday, 28 April, 2 pm, at the Norwood Hotel. Tickets are available through [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca), \$20.00 (best to book in advance), or at the door.

### CHS Youtube Videos

A reminder to view a couple of fun and informative Youtube videos featuring Charleswood history:

- **The Harte Trail** – great outdoors in the city <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWH-TJ6wdBk>
- **Charleswood Little Known Facts** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0YKojEE4us>