



Charleswood Historical Society

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Newsletter October 2025



Caron Park this Week

To our Members and Supporters Our Beautiful Autumn Arrives!

Caron House Tour for River West Park Residents



The CHS wanted to share Caron House with the River West Park neighbourhood. We did so on September 7, when we hosted an open house at the Caron House. We also invited all the members of the Charleswood Historical Society.

We delivered 500 invitations to the River West neighbourhood. We were pleased to have the following help organizing the event: Kathleen Land, Cathy O'Donnell, Eileen MacDonald, Janet Adam, Bob Adam, Jeff Delaney, Steven Harapiak, Myron Hutmacher, Brad Kinnear and Tom Newlove. Thanks to Cindi French for the designing the invitations and arranging for the printing of them, and to Cathy O'Donnell for gathering all the scripts and preparing updated scripts for each area of the house.

On the day of the event, we had 81 River West Park residents attend ... thanks so much to all for your interest! Once again thanks to our volunteers: Eileen MacDonald, Blair Morden, Myron Hutmacher, Cathy O'Donnell, Kathleen Land, Pam McKenzie, Richard Howes, Deanne Coombs, Joan Curle, Janet Adam, Steve and Paul. The day went very well, with positive feedback from our local community.

CHS Annual Pioneer Dinner

The Charleswood Historical Society's Annual Pioneer Dinner will be on Sunday, Oct. 19th at Breezy Bend. The dinner tickets are \$40.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members.

Tickets are available at the Charleswood Museum on Saturday October 11th, 1 – 4 pm.



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Charleswood Community Show and Tell

**4910 Roblin Blvd.
Saturday, November 1**

Join us for fascinating stories about Charleswood! We'll start with presentations about our storied past from 1-2 p.m. Then from 2-4 p.m. visit our artifacts display where community members will showcase their historic treasures. Presented in partnership with the Charleswood Historical Society.

Presentations:

The Tank Memorial Wall:

Tom Crew speaks on the people named on the wall and what motivated him to become involved.

Roblin Park, The Early Years: Cindi French presents on the settlement of veterans in Roblin Park from World War 2.

1-2 p.m. Free Event, Registration Required due to space restrictions.

Show & Tell:

Browse our **pop-up museum of artifacts** from local residents. Each piece has a story to tell, and many will be accompanied by residents to further speak to their fascinating story. The theme for this Show and Tell is objects that speak to war and peace.

2-4 p.m. Drop-In.

Charleswood Library
4910 Roblin Blvd.
Saturday, November 1

Interested in displaying your treasure? Go to www.charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca and scan the QR code ... sign up before October 20, 2025 to have your submission considered!



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Recent CHS Tours



Fort Garry Horse Museum Tour: A tour of the Fort Garry Horse Museum & Archives took place on August 21/25 at 7:30 pm. Gordon Crossley led this informative and interesting tour.

A Tour of **Charleswood's Heritage Square Mile** took place on August 13/25 at 6:30 pm at The Passage site. Dan Furlan led this and two other historically important and enjoyable tours of the Square Mile.

A tour of the **Manitoba Electrical Museum** took place on September 23/25 (Tuesday) at 1:30 pm. Pam McKenzie conducted the tour.

Charleswood Library War and Peace Event

On November 1, the CHS will be joining the Charleswood Library for a show and tell. The theme is War and Peace. The intention is people will bring in items that they would like to share with the community. For example, ration coupons etc. There will be room for about 24 exhibitors. They will also have two speakers - Tom Crew speaking about the Memory Wall and Cindi French talking about Roblin Park and VLA settlement.

Grey Cup Pool Tickets

If you wish to purchase Grey Cup Pool tickets, please stop by the Charleswood Museum, 5006 Roblin Blvd., Saturdays between 2- 4pm to see Ken Morrisette. Or contact Ken directly at (204) 260-0434. Hopefully we'll see Blue and Gold!

CHS Website

Our new, revised Charleswood Historical Society website has been completed. Big thanks to Ric Coy who spearheaded the process, his daughter Sarah, Myron and Cindi French for their contributions as well. The new Charleswood Timeline page which is an exciting project featuring major events in the history of the Charleswood municipality.

We look forward to adding the many pictures assembled by the Van Roon family that could be added to the kiosk.



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CHS Heritage Series Lectures 2025/26

Here are the upcoming CHS Lectures and presenters booked for the 2025-2026:

DATE: Oct 6/25 (Monday). PRESENTER: Eileen MacDonald, Past President of the Charleswood Historical Society

TOPIC: **Charleswood Parks and Streets**

DATE: Nov. 3/25 (Monday). PRESENTER: Pam McKenzie, (past) head of library and archives of the Aviation Museum of Western Canada in Manitoba

TOPIC: **The Lewis Letters: The Exploits of a 20th Century Aviator and Adventurer**

DATE: Dec. 1/25 (Monday). PRESENTER: Speaker (Unknown) from Siloam Mission

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DATE: Jan. 5/26 (Monday). PRESENTER: Jackie Corrigan, Amateur genealogist and Blogger: As Canadian As Can Be

TOPIC: **Rooster Town**

DATE: Feb 2/26 (Monday)

PRESENTER: Ed Fread, Senior Project Archeologist

TOPIC: **Archeology** (topic TBA)

DATE: March 2/26 (Monday)

PRESENTER: Ric Coy

TOPIC: **Eric Coy**

DATE: April 6/26 (Monday)

PRESENTER: John Burchill, President of the Police Museum, Chief of Staff of the Winnipeg Police Service

TOPIC: Topic TBA

DATE: May 4/26 (Monday)

PRESENTER: Alan Parkin, President of The Intrepid Society

TOPIC: **Frank Pickersgill, Canadian Espionage Agent**



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CHS Heritage Series Lectures 2025/26 (cont'd)

All are welcome

All CHS lectures take place at the CHS meeting room, 5006 Roblin Blvd.

Wheelchair Accessible Facility

Parking available in front as well at the back of the building, enter off Harstone Road.

Refreshments will be served. Silver Collection

Please visit our website www.charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca for further information on our Heritage Lectures

CHS Museum Update



We continue our work cataloguing the museum artifacts. Our committee of Eileen, Janet, Cathy O'Donnell, Pam McKenzie, Kathleen Land, Richard Howes, Deanne Coombs, and Nancy Fluto. We have itemized and catalogued in excess of 500 pieces.

The Manitoba Historical Society has developed an app which includes interesting Charleswood history. This free app is now available through your App store.

The Charleswood Library cabinet display, through the summer months, was prepared by the St. Francis Xavier Historical Society. We will prepare a display using art from the Charleswood Museum. Carolynn Derkach will prepare a vintage doll display in the upcoming months.

Dan Furlan prepared a map of Charleswood west residences in 1930. He used as reference a map drawn by his uncle Cyril Flood.

CHS Community and Schools Program



On June 7, the Charleswood Collegiate Grad class of 1965 celebrated their 60th anniversary by attending the Museum. This was organized by Joan Curle. Fifteen people toured the museum and we were fortunate to have the additional school displays upstairs.



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CHS Social Media Links

We now have new social media accounts! Please feel free to follow us – your support helps us get the word out!

Youtube : <https://www.youtube.com/@CharleswoodHistoricalSociety>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/charleswoodhistoricalsociety/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/924366304343955>

CHS Books and Memorabilia

CHS Book Corner:

Norquay, Indigenous Premier, Canadian Statesman – a fascinating account of John Norquay, born in the Red River Settlement, he farmed, hunted, traded, and taught school before becoming a legislator, cabinet minister, and, from 1878 to 1887, premier of Manitoba.

<https://uofmpress.ca/books/the-honourable-john-norquay>

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 winter-time reading next to the fireplace! (Printing supported by Evan Duncan – thank you!)

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>