

Signs of Spring!



Trivia Night Update

The winning team of Charleswood veterans with presenter Cathy O'Donnell



On February 5, 2026, 42 dedicated participants took part in our inaugural Trivia Night..

It was a super fun event with questions that challenged even the most veteran Charleswood residents. Two teams tied for first place. We had to use our Bonus Round questions to determine a winner – exciting!

A big Thank You to our organizing team: Janet, Cathy, Brad, Ric, Blair and Eileen. Special thanks to Blair for creating the very interesting PowerPoint presentation.

Bud Spud & Burger Dinner Update



On Thursday, April 30, our 2nd Bud n Spud Dinner was held at the Park West Inn. Thanks to sold out crowd and the tremendous support of our sponsors, we had a fun evening with good food, great prizes and camaraderie.

A big shout out to our organizing committee, whose tireless efforts resulted in such a successful fund raiser for much needed CHS projects. Headed up by Janet, Cathy, Eileen plus committee members Brad, Kathy, Susan, Myron and Pam who organized all the many details necessary to make our event such a success.

To our sponsors, thank you so much, your support means so much to the Charleswood Historical Society!



Website Update

Our website is currently up-to-date and includes a new Timeline with some additional dates and events. Thanks to Myron for heading this effort, and to Cindi French and Ric Coy for their dedicated work on this project. Well done!

Caron House Committee Update

The Charleswood Historical Society wishes to thank Lois Caron for her dedication, passion, and tireless efforts which have helped preserve a truly important piece of our community's history. Through her commitment, she has ensured that this cherished site continues to stand as a reminder of Charleswoods rich past. Lois, thank you for your remarkable stewardship of Caron House. It is people like you who ensure that our history is never forgotten.

Danielle Caron has agreed to chair the newly-formed Committee. Steve Vieweg will take on the treasurer position and Myron will lead projects.

Welcome, Danielle!

CHS Heritage Series Lectures 2025/26



Just a few of the many awards won by Eric Coy

On March 2, Ric Coy, Eric Coy's son, presented "A Look at the Life of Eric Coy, a longtime Charleswood Resident and International Athlete". Born in Nottingham, England, Eric moved with his family to Charleswood in 1919. The family moved into a log house on Charleswood Road, where they established a mink ranch.

From an early age Eric was an all-around athlete, strong, fast and competitive in many sports. He excelled at shot put, javelin and discus, winning his first Canadian championship in 1935 and added many podium appearances at top international events spanning three decades. Eric even met the future Queen Elizabeth at the 1948 at the British Empire Games!

This wonderful and heartwarming presentation ended with a lovely tribute to Eric's wife Helen, not only a wife and mother but Art Historian, Print Maker and Author.

Thank you, Ric!



John with Janet

Policing in the R M of Charleswood

On April 6 John Burchill, former Chief of Staff of the Winnipeg Police Service, presented "Policing in the RM of Charleswood". The lecture was not only a history of policing, but also a fascinating history of the early formation of the Municipality that eventually became Charleswood.

The County of Selkirk was established in 1813 when the Hudson's Bay Company sold 410,000 square kilometers of land to the Earl of Selkirk. Parishes then followed, followed by municipalities, all of which necessitated the need for policing. John presented a fascinating and sometimes humorous story of early policing and how crime moved from one area of the early municipalities to another to avoid detection.

The size of the police forces in the late 1800's was extremely small. Assiniboia, for example, was a very large area on both sides of the Assiniboine River, but had only two constables to maintain the peace. In 1913, Charleswood and Tuxedo municipalities were created. Prohibition, 1916 to 1923, added to the policing backlog.

The story ends in 1972 when the Winnipeg Police Service, under chief Norman Stewart took over the policing of Charleswood.

He spoke on how policing was conducted before amalgamation, and the backgrounds and duties of constables hired in the early years of our community.

John has been gathering information on the history of policing in Charleswood from residents of our community and museum records to use in the book he is presently writing. John has already published three books on policing.

Thanks to those who connected John with residents who could provide this information on how law and order evolved in Charleswoods early years!

Thank you John!



The First Trans-Canada Flight 1920

On May 4 Gordon Crossley told the fascinating story of the first Trans-Canada flight, a feat accomplished in 1920.

At the end of the First World War, the Canadian Air Force consisted of one airplane and three men. And the one airplane, sent across to Europe in a crate, never made it into the air.

At that time, "getting across Canada" by air was unheard of. But after the British government gave to Canada the "Imperial Gift", a collection of surplus WWI airplanes, the Canadian Air Board sponsored the flight to test the viability of aircraft for mail and passenger service. In all, there were 13 individual stops from Halifax to Victoria, using six different aircraft and five pilots, as well as all the materials and logistics required on the ground.

A flying boat flew the leg from Quebec to Winnipeg, landing on the Red River, near what is now South Osborne. But the feat was not big news ... the only known write up in Canadian newspapers was in the Brandon Sun!

Thank you Gordon for sharing this fascinating story!

CHS Display at Charleswood Library



The present Library Display features the art of Reinhold Zimmerman (1918-1997). The wood carvings are from the Charleswood Museum, Margaret Mills & Len Van Roon Sr. collection. Reinholds art can be viewed during Library hours every day of the week.

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Reinholds, who moved to Charleswood in 1909, was an original member of the Charleswood Historical Society
And thank you Gwen, for curating such a lovely display of Reinholds work.

Doors Open Winnipeg – May 30 & 31

We are pleased to announce that once again CHS will participate in Doors Open Winnipeg. The museum will be open on Saturday, May 30 12-4
Caron House, along with the Ferry Tour, will be open on Sunday, May 31st. 12-4.

CHS Social Media Links



Here are our social media links. Please feel free to follow us – your support helps us get the word out!

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>

Photos & Fragments of Charleswoods 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 You tube Videos

The Harte Trail – Great Outdoors in the City: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWH-TJ6wBk>

Charleswood Little Known Facts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0YKojEE4us>

For the Young Reader

Gord Crossley is a CHS member and volunteer. Gord also volunteers with The Fort Garry Horse Museum and Archives. Using information from their archives they have supported the writing of a new children's book, **Whitey's Journey**, telling the story of Whitey, a collie dog that was the mascot of the regiment during the Second World War.

The book is aimed at young readers 4-8 years of age and tells the story of a Winnipeg dog who joined The Fort Garry Horse and went overseas with the regiment during the Second World War.

He had a very successful launch of the book at the Armoury on 6 December. The book is available at McNally-Robinson, Indigo/Chapters and online via Amazon.

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