



# The Breeze

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## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

### *Metis Research*

Robin "Peepeecheew" Kirk is Metis, a mix of French, Ukrainian, and Scottish blood. However, with blonde hair and blue eyes she obviously has predominately Ukrainian DNA. While her siblings got their status cards without any problems, Robin's case was denied. She set out to prove she was "Metis". Because of this research she became quite good at what she did. Her passion now is to help others prove their Metis heritage.

Robin has a BA in History and for 13 years she apprenticed with Geoff Burtonshaw at the Glenbow Museum. After his death she was hired by the Glenbow to copy all of his documents. As part of that agreement she was able to make copies for herself. Robin will be bringing her collection of primary and secondary sources for Metis research with her to the presentation.

## Historic Calgary Week

### *Where will all your family records go? Succession proofing your family history*

AFHS presentation July 28, 10 – 11:30

Room B (basement), Calgary Public Library (downtown),

## SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> PROGRAM

### *All about the AFHS*

We'll have some long time members explain what the AFHS has and does so you can brag about our society to your friends, family, and acquaintances who want research.

AFHS Office and Library: 712 - 16 Avenue NW, Calgary, Alberta T2M 0J8

Telephone: 403-214-1447. Website: [www.afhs.ab.ca](http://www.afhs.ab.ca).

Meeting address: 1st Monday each month (except holidays) at 7:00 pm at River Park Church,  
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To see *The Breeze* in colour and use the links go to <http://afhs.ab.ca/publications/breeze.shtml>

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWS

All SIGs meet at the AFHS Library  
712 - 16 Avenue NW, Calgary, Alberta

**CELTIC SIG (Ireland & Scotland):** The next meeting will be in October at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions contact [celticsig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:celticsig@afhs.ab.ca).

**COMPUTER GROUP:** will meet on Saturday, June 11, starting at 9:30 am at the AFHS Library, weather permitting. The Basic Session starts at 9:30 a.m. where we discuss issues with members' computers and software. The library has acquired a new research and archiving tool for scanning books, photographs and documents for us. Please bring along any family scrap book, photo album, certificate or large photograph to scan. Also bring along your own USB memory stick to take home your results. We will also discuss how to get media loaded into your TNG study, such as images and family group shots.

**DNA SIG:** will meet on Tuesday June 21 at 7:00 pm at the AFHS library. This is a week later than usual since Linda and Lorna will be recovering from the Ontario Genealogical Society conference in Toronto. There will be lots of new genetic genealogy news and information to share! Ask about our new best friend, Israel Pickholtz, author of *Endogamy: One Family, One People*. [dnasig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:dnasig@afhs.ab.ca).

**ENGLISH/WELSH SIG:** The English/Welsh SIG will in September. In the meantime if anyone has questions or suggestions for future topics, I'd love to hear from you, Ann Williams [english/welshsig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:english/welshsig@afhs.ab.ca)

**ONTARIO SIG:** The next meeting will be Monday, September 26th at 7 p.m. Bring stories of your summer family search both the happy and the sad/frustrating. We will also decide which topics to pursue in the following months. May you all have a great summer. Contacts: Helen Backhouse and Lynn Brown [ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca)

**FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP:** Meets on the first Saturday morning of the month. Contact: Ken Bell [kenrbell@telusplanet.net](mailto:kenrbell@telusplanet.net)

**FRENCH ROOTS IN NORTH AMERICA:** Xenia Stanford has started a closed Facebook group to share information, ask and answer questions and find connections. Request to join the group at [www.facebook.com/groups/1497289907230791/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1497289907230791/)

**EASTERN EUROPEAN ROOTS:** Xenia Stanford has started a closed Facebook group to share information, ask and answer questions and find connections. Request to join the group at [www.facebook.com/groups/1229238490426654/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1229238490426654/)

## CALL FOR ARTICLES

Have you written about your family? Let the world know about it. We are looking for member contributions for the Chinook Journal. Articles can be any length or topic. Talk to Michelle if you think you would like to write something for the Chinook. She can be reached at [editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca)

### *Horse Power to Iron Horses* (deadline EXTENDED June 10, 2016)

In the past people used different methods to get where they wanted to go. Do you have a story of an ancestor who rode for hours on horse-back to get supplies or help for a family member? Or maybe you have a tale of a young lad riding his pony to school. Perhaps your family boarded a ship enduring months of hardship to reach a new land or took a train to their homestead on the prairies. Tell us your “moving” stories!

*When Mother Nature Didn't Nurture* October 2016 (deadline August 22, 2016—please note the earlier than usual deadline.) Our ancestors endured hardships that we can only imagine today. The natural world was often the source of much misery, but also of heroic deeds and tales of survival. Stories of these events were frequently recorded in family and community records. Numerous weather-related events come to mind from wind and rain to drought and floods. Then there are natural disasters like earthquakes, volcanoes, avalanches, tsunamis and sink holes. Canadians (and Calgarians) are famous for their memorable weather stories. Write a story that will have us talking for the next 100 years!

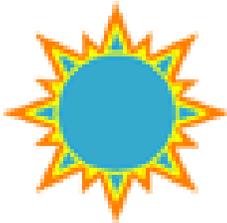
***Please email*** [editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca) *for more information, or to submit an article!*

## Calling all photographers

Have you taken photos of AFHS events - meetings, SIG events, the picnics or any gathering of AFHS folks? Now is the time to forward them to Marion Peterson, Society Archivist. Piper is keen to help us get them organized, so let's take advantage of the services of our summer intern to get this project done. Marion's email is [archives@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:archives@afhs.ab.ca)

## AFHS Library June Hours

Date	Time	Volunteers
Thursday June 9	10 - 2	Marion F. & David
Friday June 10	10 - 2	Cheryl & Sheila
Saturday June 11	12 - 4	Susan & Iola
Thursday June 16	10 - 2	Helen & Velma
Friday June 17	10 - 2	Lorna & Millie
Saturday June 18	12 - 4	Linda & Heather
Thursday June 23	10 - 2	Kay C. & Ishbel
Friday June 24	10 - 2	Marion P & Rosemary
Saturday June 25	12 - 4	Jacquie & Betty Ann
Thursday June 30	10 - 2	Helen



### Summer at the AFHS Library

July 5 – September 13, 2016

The library will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays – from 10:00 am to 2:00. It will be open a couple of Saturdays during the summer. Check the AFHS calendar on the website for dates and times. If you have visitors interested in seeing the library, please contact me and we can try to arrange a visit if the scheduled open times are not suitable. Hope to see you over the summer.

Linda Murray, Library Chair

(403) 279-1712 misunism@telus.net

### Family History Centre Hours (LDS)

2021 – 17 Avenue, SW., Calgary (near the old Children's Hospital)

Regular Hours:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 7- 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – noon, Closed Saturdays in July and August

## Upcoming Events

June 13, 2016: American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Location: Ascension Lutheran Church, 1432-19 St NE, meet from 2:00-7:00 p.m in library. Research assistance available. Phone [403-273-8178](tel:403-273-8178) or email [happydogs3@shaw.ca](mailto:happydogs3@shaw.ca)

July 29-31, 2016 *Pack Your Research Toolbox* The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE) is in Calgary. Follow this link for more information. [https://www.sggee.org/convention/convention\\_news.html](https://www.sggee.org/convention/convention_news.html)

September 23-25, 2016 Kelowna and District Genealogical Society presents *Harvesting Your Family Tree*; [www.kdgs.ca](http://www.kdgs.ca) (information will be on the website soon)



## ALBERTA FAMILY HISTORIES SOCIETY

Calendar June 6, 2016 to June 30, 2016

Meetings are at the AFHS library unless otherwise indicated

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	<b>June 6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	7 - 9 p.m. <b>General Meeting</b> River Park Church			10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN	9:30 a.m – Noon <b>Computer SIG</b>  Noon – 4 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
				10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN	Noon – 4 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
		7 – 9 p.m. <b>DNA SIG</b>		10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN	Noon – 4 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
				10 a.m. - 2 p.m. LIBRARY OPEN		LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS BEGIN JULY 5