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# ALBERTA



## ALBERTANS

are our dissenters, disruptors and our risk takers - sometimes inspired, sometimes reckless - prepared to bumper sticker their cars with "Let the eastern bastards freeze in the dark!"

Alberta is the unbranded calf that bolts from the herd; a province shaped by men and women looking to stake their claim and make their own rules. Oil patch millionaires; ranchers and cowboys; populists, both left and right; fierce feminists; settlers; and solitary mountain men. It's a place where animals and people live in mutual respect and where cowboy hats are never just a costume.

- 11 THOUGHT-PROVOKING PRESENTATIONS
- 1 ROUSING COWBOY POETRY AND SONG PARTY
- EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 1, 2020
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**Thursday, April 2 7:30 pm**

**VICTORIA HALL**

**A FAIR DEAL**

Preston Manning speaks about populism – the political soul of Alberta. Preston Manning is an iconoclastic modern maverick, son of a former Social Credit premier, founder of the Reform Party, and now member of Jason Kenney’s Fair Deal Panel, asked to recommend measures to secure a fairer deal for Alberta within Confederation.

**Friday, April 3 10 am**

**BUBBLING CRUDE**

Big Oil is what eco warriors love to hate about Alberta. But Alberta’s politics and culture are defined by it, and 150,000 people live by it. Richard Masson, now with the World Petroleum Council and former chair of Alberta’s Petroleum Marketing Commission, has been involved with the oil sands for the last 25 years. Can there be a balance between pipelines and the environment, Big Oil, and government regulation?

**Wednesday, April 8 10 am**

**THE GRASS IS GREENER**

Rachel Herbert, rancher and fifth generation Albertan speaks on swimming against the tide of her own province, abandoning the feed lots and the mainstream cattle industry, and running her own grass-fed cattle ranch.

**Thursday, April 9 7:30 pm**

**RANCHERS OF ALBERTA: LONG MAY SHE RIDE**

Cowboys and the ranchers opened up Alberta and managed ranches of thousands of acres. Then came the family ranches and ranch women. Rachel Herbert explores how families ran their ranches and women had more freedom than they had known in their previous lives.

**Thursday, April 16 7:30 pm**

**THE DYNASTY POLITICS OF SOCIAL CREDIT**

A populist party with its own brand of monetary policy and conservative Christian values, Alberta’s Social Credit party ruled Alberta for 36 years. Historian and author Doug Francis speaks on the perfect fit of Alberta, Social Credit and the conservatism that came next.

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**Friday, April 17 10 am**

**ENTICING THE IMMIGRANTS**

Alberta needed people. The push for immigrants in the early years of the 20th century traded on mythical images of the Canadian west: Stetsons, mountain lions, bucking broncos and more. As Doug Francis explains, that blend of romance and adventure and the pictures that went with it became one of Canada’s most successful immigration campaigns.

**Thursday, April 23 7:30 pm**

**MAVERICITY**

Novelist, teacher, and public intellectual Aritha Van Herk wrote the book and coined the phrase Alberta: The Maverick Province. She chose and celebrated 48 Alberta mavericks. Now she goes back to her own theory of the province and asks, “Has that ‘maverick’ label been exploited?”

**Friday, April 24 10 am**

**MYTHS AND MAYHEM**

As artist-in-residence at the Calgary Stampede, Aritha Van Herk had time to think about the enduring myths of Alberta. When did rugged individualism turn into commercial opportunism? When did ranches turn into “dude” ranches? She explores how geography feeds those myths.

**Thursday, April 30 7:30 pm**

**WHAT IS A NATIONAL PARK?**

Banff National Park was created when railway workers found Banff’s natural sulphur hot springs. Indigenous people were immediately shut out, and the park became a business. Kevin van Tighem, former superintendent of the park, says that today Banff National Park has turned into so many selfies on mountain peaks.

**Friday, May 1 10 am**

**THINKING LIKE A BEAR**

There are around 40,000 bears in Alberta; less than a thousand of them are grizzlies. People are scared. Kevin van Tighem, author of *Bears Without Fear*, on human egocentrism, how to learn from bears, and what it takes to learn to live with them.

**Thursday, May 7 7:30 pm**

**WHERE MUSTANGS ARE HORSES – NOT OLD CARS**

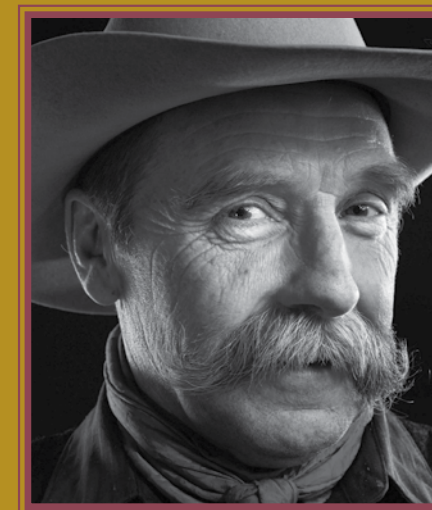
Who really opened the trails? Hauled the load up the mountains? Rounded up the cattle? It was Alberta’s horses. Why do horses never put a foot wrong, and teach so many lessons to their riders? BJ Smith is a horse trainer who knows the therapeutic value of horses. He’s a packer and a wilderness guide, but most of all he’s a cowboy.

**VICTORIA HALL**  
55 King Street West, Cobourg

**COLUMBUS COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
232 Spencer Street East, Cobourg

**PORT HOPE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**  
1 Elias Street, Port Hope  
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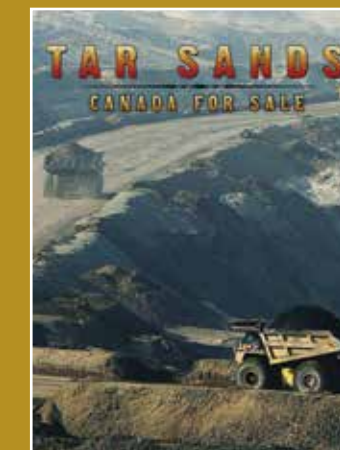


BJ SMITH

**Friday, May 8 7:30 pm**

**COBOURG LEGION COWBOY POETRY AND SONG**

Join us for a little poetry and a little song to celebrate the freedom of the wide-open spaces and the desire to stay rooted. The poetry of the round-up started centuries ago. Today, Cowboy Poetry, with its sagas and tall tales, flourishes in Alberta. Performances by BJ Smith – king of the cowboy poets – together with singer/songwriter and cattle rancher Charlie Ewing.



**THE LOFT PRESENTS TAR SANDS: THE SELLING OF ALBERTA** on April 14 at 7 PM. \$10 at the door (a 2nd Alberta film will screen on April 28). This 2008 made-for-TV documentary, describing the buccaneering spirit that built the excesses of Fort McMurray and fueled the Alberta economy, is as relevant now as it was a decade ago.

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