

The Claresholm Library and Museum Present Fall 2013 Ranchers Speaker Series!

Michael Gates

October 25 at 4:00pm

Four Legged Gold: Prairie Cattle Drives
to the Klondike



Michael Gates will describe the origins of the gold rush, and the longest, most challenging cattle drives that the west ever saw. With over 40 years of expertise in archeology, museum studies and heritage, Gates has published several historically rich novels. Drawing from his new book, Gates will describe the mad scramble of cattlemen trying to get their herds to this hungry northern market before freeze up on the Yukon River.

Doug Nelson and Ed & Tim Nelson

November 6 at 5:00pm

Ranching in God's Country

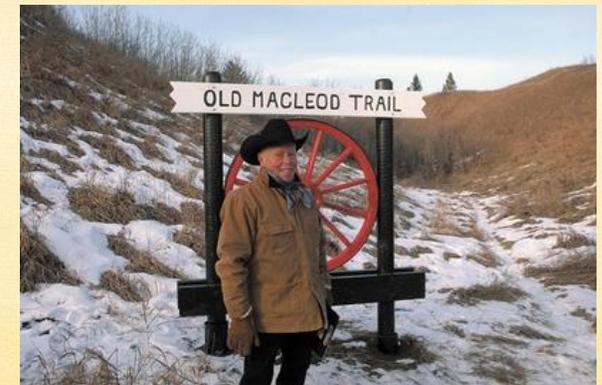


Doug Nelson is known for writing 3 books, several TV and documentary scripts and hundreds of articles and short stories, most dealing with western subjects. This experience combined with many years living and working on ranches and farms in southern Alberta made Doug an excellent choice to write about the Waldron Grazing Co-op along with Ed Nelson, a founding co-op member. Doug and Ed, joined by Ed's son Tim, chair of the board for the co-op, will tell the story of one of the greatest community pastures in Alberta.

Bill Dunn

November 20 at 5:00 pm

Marking the Old Macleod Trail



Bill Dunn has been involved in the Old Macleod Trail project for about a decade now after retiring from ranching Texas long horns north of Nanton. Carrying on the work started by others before him, Bill has restored about 12 wagon wheels that mark the old Macleod Trail. He works on the project himself and with volunteers when he gets the help. He repairs, paints and photographs all the markers he discovers. Bill will discuss the history of the trail and the work being done now to preserve that history.

All talks will be held at the
Claresholm Public Library
in the Bill Simpson Room.



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