

# Glenbow Museum

WHERE THE WORLD MEETS THE WEST

## Media Release

### *Do-si-do down to Glenbow during Stampede*

**(Monday, July 9, 2007) Calgary, AB** – Don't know a "trot 'em home" from a "circle four" or a "Dive for the Oyster," from a "Four Leaf Clover?" Well, don't despair, you're in luck! Glenbow Museum archivists have just finished compiling the most comprehensive collection of Calgary's square dance memorabilia in time for Stampede.

Between 1949 and 1951 many square dance clubs were formed in our city. Now, Glenbow has documented their history by assembling square dance music, newsletters, scrapbooks, training manuals and costumes – including sequin ties, crinoline skirts, fancy boots and big belt buckles.

"A lot of people don't know the history of square dancing in Canada – and that it all started right here in Calgary," says Jennifer Hamblin, Glenbow's Reference Librarian who helped compile the collection. "We're preserving this important part of our social history at Glenbow because it's a big part of our western heritage."

While the collection isn't on permanent display, interested visitors can book appointments to see the items. Media is invited down to have a behind-the-scenes look at all the goodies in our storage area on Wednesday, July 11.

So come give our new collection a whirl – allemande over to Glenbow and check it out!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 11, 2007  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Glenbow Museum  
Library and Archives, sixth floor

**WHAT:** Sneak-a-peek at our square dancing collection

**INTERVIEWS:** Lorain Lounsberry, Glenbow's Senior Curator, Cultural History  
Jennifer Hamblin, Glenbow's Reference Librarian, Glenbow Library  
Ray Woodard, Former Calgary Square Dancer who donated collection (available by telephone or in person at his home in southwest Calgary)

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Glenbow Museum is one of Canada's largest and most entrepreneurial museums generating nearly 70% of its revenue from fundraising, sponsorships and admissions. Thanks to this support, Glenbow is able to showcase a variety of dynamic exhibitions and programs and a broad collection of artifacts, art, and historical documents.

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