

Topic Title: *A Historian Goes West***Topic Description/Outline:**

1. Personal Background
2. Changes in Farming and Population in the Prairie Provinces
3. History and Social Changes in the Okanagan Valley of B.C.
4. The Cariboo Country
5. The Chilcotin Plateau: Past and Present
6. North on Highway 97
7. Chetwynd and the Peace River Dam(s)

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Christiana Epp Duschinsky studied History at the University of British Columbia, graduating in 1968. She also studied History at two German Universities, Hamburg University in 1965-6 and in 1971-72 at Philipps University, Marburg. In 1969-70, she was the principal researcher for the B.C. 1971 Centennial Committee, researching material on the ethnic groups of B.C. This material was the background for the book *Strangers Entertained* by John Norris, a history of the ethnic groups of British Columbia, published in Vancouver in 1971. After this, she took Family Time, as a stay-at-home mother to her three children, a period enlivened by overseas postings with Peter in Paris, Chicago and Cairo. In 1988, Chris acquired a teaching degree (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Ottawa. During Peter's Budapest posting, between 1990 and 1996, she taught history at the American International School of Budapest (AISB), introducing the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and shepherding the first post-communist graduating class through the school. Then, from 1997 until her retirement in 2011, Chris taught high school History, including honours IB courses, at Ashbury College, Ottawa.