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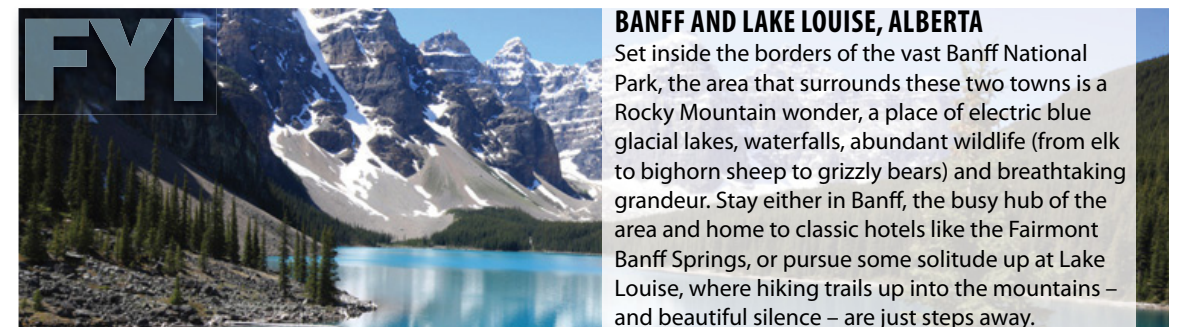
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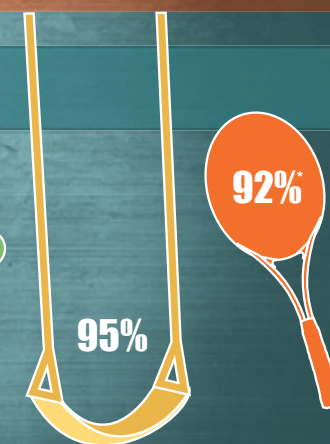
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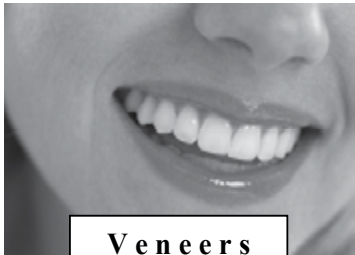
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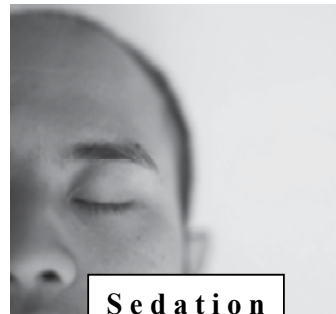
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### Quilting

Our dedicated Q Bee Quilting group is a wonderful group of ladies who welcome anyone joining them with whatever project you have on hand; valuable suggestions and help also available. They assemble every Wednesday at 9:30 am. Contact Ruth Olson at 403-938-2241

### DCA Member Benefits

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The policeman on the beat moved up the avenue impressively. The impressiveness was habitual and not for show, for spectators were few. The time was barely 10 o'clock at night, but chilly gusts of wind with a taste of rain in them had well nigh depeopled the streets.

Trying doors as he went, twirling his club with many intricate and artful movements, turning now and then to cast his watchful eye adown the pacific thoroughfare, the officer, with his stalwart form and slight swagger, made a fine picture of a guardian of the peace. The vicinity was one that kept early hours. Now and then you might see the lights of a cigar store or of an all-night lunch counter; but the majority of the doors belonged to business places that had long since been closed.

When about midway of a certain block the policeman suddenly slowed his walk. In the doorway of a darkened hardware store a man leaned, with an unlighted cigar in his mouth. As the policeman walked up to him the man spoke up quickly.

"It's all right, officer," he said, reassuringly. "I'm just waiting for a friend. It's an appointment made twenty years ago. Sounds a little funny to you, doesn't it? Well, I'll explain if you'd like to make certain it's all straight. About that long ago there used to be a restaurant where this store stands--'Big Joe' Brady's restaurant."

"Until five years ago," said the policeman. "It was torn down then."

The man in the doorway struck a match and lit his cigar. The light showed a pale, square-jawed face with keen eyes, and a little white scar near his right eyebrow. His scarfpin was a large diamond, oddly set.

"Twenty years ago to-night," said the man, "I dined here at 'Big Joe' Brady's with Jimmy Wells, my best

chum, and the finest chap in the world. He and I were raised here in New York, just like two brothers, together. I was eighteen and Jimmy was twenty. The next morning I was to start for the West to make my fortune. You couldn't have dragged Jimmy out of New York; he thought it was the only place on earth. Well, we agreed that night that we would meet here again exactly twenty years from that date and time, no matter what our conditions might be or from what distance we might have to come. We figured that in twenty years each of us ought to have our destiny worked out and our fortunes made, whatever they were going to be."

"It sounds pretty interesting," said the policeman. "Rather a long time between meets, though, it seems to me. Haven't you heard from your friend since you left?"

"Well, yes, for a time we corresponded," said the other. "But after a year or two we lost track of each other. You see, the West is a pretty big proposition, and I kept hustling around over it pretty lively. But I know Jimmy will meet me here if he's alive, for he always was the truest, stanchest old chap in the world. He'll never forget. I came a thousand miles to stand in this door to-night, and it's worth it if my old partner turns up."

The waiting man pulled out a handsome watch, the lids of it set with small diamonds.

"Three minutes to ten," he announced. "It was exactly ten o'clock when we parted here at the restaurant door."

"Did pretty well out West, didn't you?" asked the policeman.

"You bet! I hope Jimmy has done half as well. He was a kind of plodder, though, good fellow as he was. I've

had to compete with some of the sharpest wits going to get my pile. A man gets in a groove in New York. It takes the West to put a razor-edge on him."

The policeman twirled his club and took a step or two.

"I'll be on my way. Hope your friend comes around all right. Going to call time on him sharp?"

"I should say not!" said the other. "I'll give him half an hour at least. If Jimmy is alive on earth he'll be here by that time. So long, officer."

"Good-night, sir," said the policeman, passing on along his beat, trying doors as he went.

There was now a fine, cold drizzle falling, and the wind had risen from its uncertain puffs into a steady blow. The few foot passengers astir in that quarter hurried dismally and silently along with coat collars turned high and pocketed hands. And in the door of the hardware store the man who had come a thousand miles to fill an appointment, uncertain almost to absurdity, with the friend of his youth, smoked his cigar and waited.

About twenty minutes he waited, and then a tall man in a long overcoat, with collar turned up to his ears, hurried across from the opposite side of the street. He went directly to the waiting man.

"Is that you, Bob?" he asked, doubtfully.

"Is that you, Jimmy Wells?" cried the man in the door.

"Bless my heart!" exclaimed the new arrival, grasping both the other's hands with his own. "It's Bob, sure as fate. I was certain I'd find you here if you were still in existence. Well, well, well! --twenty years is a long time. The old gone, Bob; I wish it had lasted, so we could have had another dinner there. How has the West treated you, old man?"

"Bully; it has given me everything I asked it for. You've changed lots, Jimmy. I never thought you were so tall by two or three inches."

"Oh, I grew a bit after I was twenty."

"Doing well in New York, Jimmy?"

"Moderately. I have a position in one of the city departments. Come on, Bob; we'll go around to a place I know of, and have a good long talk about old times."

The two men started up the street, arm in arm. The man from the West, his egotism enlarged by success, was beginning to outline the history of his career. The other, submerged in his overcoat, listened with interest.

At the corner stood a drug store, brilliant with electric lights. When they came into this glare each of them turned simultaneously to gaze upon the other's face.

The man from the West stopped suddenly and released his arm.

"You're not Jimmy Wells," he snapped. "Twenty years is a long time, but not long enough to change a man's nose from a Roman to a pug."

"It sometimes changes a good man into a bad one, said the tall man. "You've been under arrest for ten minutes, 'Silky' Bob. Chicago thinks you may have dropped over our way and wires us she wants to have a chat with you. Going quietly, are you? That's sensible. Now, before we go on to the station here's a note I was asked to hand you. You may read it here at the window. It's from Patrolman Wells."

The man from the West unfolded the little piece of paper handed him. His hand was steady when he began to read, but it trembled a little by the time he had finished. The note was rather short.

"Bob: I was at the appointed place on time. When you struck the match to light your cigar I saw it was the face of the man wanted in Chicago. Somehow I couldn't do it myself, so I went around and got a plain clothes man to do the job.

JIMMY."



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### Know the signs of a heart attack

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- Chest pain described as crushing, squeezing, pressure or chest heaviness;
- Pain that moves beyond the chest such as shoulder, arm, neck or jaw pain;
- Shortness of breath, sweating or nausea and vomiting.

### What to do when seconds count

- Call 9-1-1 immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and make the difference of life and death.
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG).
- Paramedics can also administer important medications in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage.
- During transport, EMS will also share information with the hospital so definitive treatment can begin immediately on arrival.
- Take a CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy, inexpensive, and only takes a few hours.

### Reduce your risk

- Heart attack risk factors include:
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- 24 • **March 21 – Colin James:** Colin James will embark on his first cross Canada tour since 2012. 7:30 pm at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. [www.colinjames.com](http://www.colinjames.com)
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- 26 • **March 22 – Calgary Hitmen & Kootenay Ice** face off at 1:00 pm at the Saddledome.
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- 29 • **March 25 – Calgary Flames & Dallas Stars** face off at 8:00 pm at the Saddledome.
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## INVESTING 404

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Investing 404 looks into alternatives after the foundation of your investments has been established. With extra money one can buy a bigger house, purchase a vacation property, invest in works of art or look at other things to collect that should increase in value or at least keep up with inflation.

For the past 64 years the **Calgary Numismatic Society (CNS)** has quietly been providing a forum where investors in coins, paper money, tokens or other forms of money can meet, discuss, debate and decide on the value of a great many items relating to all forms of money. In the 1960s coin collecting became a craze with all manner of people getting into the hobby with absurd profits being made. The silver crash of 1970 brought this to an abrupt end and many were left with large losses.

Since then the value of coins and other quality numismatic items have kept pace with inflation. Those who do the research, do not expect to get rich overnight and invest in quality items have found both an enjoyable hobby and a way to build alternative assets in their investment portfolio.

The **CNS** welcomes new members who want to further their knowledge about this investment alternative. The club meets ten times a year (except July and August) on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the following southwest Calgary location:

**Woodcreek Community Centre**  
1991 Woodview Dr. SW, Calgary  
[www.calgarynumismaticssociety.org](http://www.calgarynumismaticssociety.org)





## What did your dog's ancestors do?

As a veterinarian, I was always fascinated by the ancestral roots of many of our purebred dogs. In medieval England, every cottage had a turnspit and usually at least two short-legged long-bodied dogs trained to turn a wheel they walked in to keep the meat cooking evenly. These dogs were known as vernepators or turnspit dogs. Queen Victoria kept retired turnspit dogs as pets. The breed became extinct after the invention of the spinning jenny.

The Canadian Kennel Club divides dogs into seven groups often based on the history of what these dogs once did. Group One contains the sporting breeds. This includes the pointers, retrievers, spaniels and setters. Those breeds of dogs meant to find, flush out and retrieve birds. Because hunting means a partnership between dog and man, these breeds tend to form very strong human-animal bonds. The golden retriever and labrador retriever have been among the top pet breeds in the world.

Group Two are the hounds. The sight hounds or gaze-hounds, include greyhounds and afghan hounds. They are tall and lean and hunt by seeing their prey. The other type of hounds are the scent hounds and include the bloodhounds, norwegian elkhounds and coonhounds. They lead with their noses, of course.

Group Three comprises the working breeds. These are dogs that pull our sleds and carts. Dogs that guard our homes, businesses, and were bred for military purposes going back centuries. The rottweiler's ancestors guarded and herded the cattle that fed the Roman legions. The newfoundland dog was bred as a lifeguard and draught animal from dogs that came to North America with the Vikings.

The terriers are in Group Four. Terra is Latin for earth. These dogs "go to earth" after vermin and other small game. West highland white terriers or westies and aire-dale terriers are two popular breeds.

Then there is the fifth group, the Toys. A few of these breeds are meant to catch rodents, but mostly these are our little lapdogs. The papillon has been sitting on the laps of European aristocracy in court paintings since the fourteenth century, doing nothing but being beautiful. Many of these breeds come with massive personalities despite their diminutive sizes. My eight pound papillon keeps my 80 pound labrador firmly in check. The cavalier king charles spaniel, italian greyhound and yorkshire terrier all belong to this group despite their names.

Group Six, the non-sporting breeds, is a catch-all group. It includes the bull breeds, such as the english bulldog, and three varieties of the poodle. Some might argue the standard poodle, or german pudelhund, should be in the sporting group as its origin was as a hunting breed and it is currently being admitted to some hunt tests in North America.

The last group recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club is Group Seven, the herding breeds, breeds once used somewhere in the world to control livestock. These include the shetland sheepdogs, welsh corgis and german shepherd dogs. Many who have owned some of these breeds would equate their need to herd with their need for oxygen it is so "bred to the bone".

With the passage of time many of the groups are no longer true to their intention and some groups designations vary between countries and continents. Even if you have a mixed breed, it is fun to try to figure out what our pets ancestors may have been like. Unfortunately, my experience with the DNA testing promised by some companies to find out distant parentage of pets has not been very positive.

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.



HOME GARDENING WITH BARBARA

## MAKE A FISH BOX PLANTER

by Barbara Shorrock

Our guest writer this month is **Kate Murphy**, a member of the Queensland Garden Club with creativity galore! This is a fine project to prepare for spring, which will be here eventually.

Needs: fish box, wire brush/hacksaw blades, apple corer, heat gun, paint, and pieces of mesh.

Light weight polystyrene boxes are used to pack fruit and flowers. These are not strong enough to be used as planters or troughs as they are made of a more expanded form of polystyrene and cannot take the weight of a fish box full of soil mixed with gravel. A fishmonger or supermarket is a good source for **strong fish boxes**.

Remove any printing that may be on the box as this will show through the paint. Start by making the surface rough on all four sides of the box with the wire brush or hacksaw. Be bold and make some deep cuts. It is safe to cut to a depth of half the thickness of the walls. Continue to make cuts at the box's corners to suggest chips of stone that have broken off. Round off the top and corners with the hacksaw blade to suggest worn stone. With medium sandpaper, rub over the outside of the box paying particular attention to the top and corner edges aiming for a weathered stone look. Next turn the box upside down and make 4-6 drainage holes in the base by *gently* pushing the apple corer through its bottom.

Use a hot air gun in a well ventilated area to slightly "melt" the outside of the box. The surface will become hard with a glazed appearance as you pass the gun *quickly* over it. Do not hold the gun in any one place for long or the polystyrene will melt. The unheated areas will still be soft and crumbly. Heat all the carved surfaces including the drainage holes. Un-carved surfaces inside the box do not need this treatment. A final light rub with sandpaper finishes off the carving of the planter or trough. PVA glue can be used to mend any breaks that occur. A length of string will hold the bro-

ken pieces together until the glue dries, then proceed to the next stage.

Use three colours of exterior masonry paint or acrylic paint with smooth or textured finishes to paint the planter to look like stone. Apply the paint thickly in stripes and blobs to resemble army camouflage. Place the darkest colour on the deepest cuts and the other two colours at random. Blend the paint until it is a uniform colour but like real stone it is made up of several hues when viewed closely. Paint over the edges of the box and about three inches inside the box to the anticipated soil level. Any scrapes caused by contact with sharp objects will allow the polystyrene to show through but they can be touched up with paint.

Place small pieces of mesh over the drainage holes. Choose the planter's final resting spot before filling it with a mixture of 40% medium sized gravel/coarse sand *not* sandbox sand, 40% moist peat moss and 20% moist soil. Place small Alpine plants in the planter. If care is used planted boxes are strong enough to be moved. However, they should always be lifted evenly at the base. This will require two people for all but the smallest size. Do not slide a soil-filled planter by pulling it by its side as this will cause it to break. When sliding a planter in and out of a car, place it on a sheet of cardboard or light weight plywood and push it gently at its base.

## Insect Trivia

*When a queen bee lays the fertilized eggs that will develop into new queens, only one of the newly laid queens actually survives. The first new queen that emerges from her cell destroys all other queens in their cells and, thereafter, reigns alone.*



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## CALGARY WILDLIFE



# Short-eared Owl Fly by Night

Article By: Katie Fisher  
Picture By: Daniel Arndt

Owls provoke the thought of a wise creature, perched high in the trees, surveying over his kingdom below. Not all owl species fit this description, especially the Short-eared Owl. Aside from his skill and cunningness, he is in fact, quite the opposite of this notion.

He is medium sized, ranging from 13-17 inches in length and 7-17 ounces in weight. His feathers are brown, accented with tones of cream. They earn their name, "short-eared", from the small tufts of feathers on the sides of their head, resembling ears.

The Short-eared Owl chooses a life in the open country. He takes comfort soaring over the prairie meadows, across the marshes, to the open tundra and beyond. He is a popular owl species who spans all across the world, from the Hawaiian Islands, to the Northern-most tip of North America, the Southern-most tip of South America and throughout the Eurasia landmass.

When he settles and chooses a home for himself, he builds his nest in the grass on the ground, not in a tree like the owls we think of. The Short-eared Owl keeps his home hidden in the vegetation, lining it with weeds, grass and feathers. If a predator lingers too long, the owl will lure them away by hopping, appearing to have an injury. Once his home is no longer threatened, the Short-eared Owl will take off, leaving his foe behind.

When the Short-eared Owl does decide take off, he doesn't fly up to the tree tops like we would assume. Instead, he flies close to the ground with a choppy flight pattern, due to irregular wing beats.

His diet is quite different in comparison to the small songbirds that litter our backyards. Rather than feed-

ing on nuts and seed, he prefers to prey on small mammals, such as: mice, voles, bats, insects and small birds. He hunts mostly at night by flying low to the ground, listening carefully, trying to locate his next meal. Once located, he will bite the back of the skull to kill it, or swallow it whole.

If you come across an injured Short-eared Owl, please contact Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society wildlife hotline at 403-239-2488.

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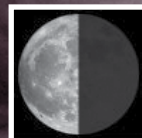


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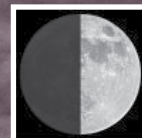
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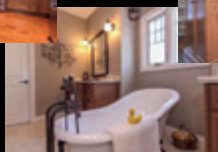
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