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**HERITAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND THE CENTRAL ALBERTA REGIONAL MUSEUMS**  
**NETWORK LAUNCH WEBSITE ON THE WOMEN OF CENTRAL ALBERTA**

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EDMONTON—The Heritage Community Foundation and the Central Alberta Regional Museums Network (CARMN) will be launching a new educational website on the women of central Alberta on June 17, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. at the Red Deer Public Library.

Red Deer City Councillor Morris Flewwelling, C.M., who is also President/Chair of the Heritage Community Foundation, said that he hopes *Women of Aspenland: Images from Central Alberta* will raise the historical profile of women in central Alberta: He commented: “Few Albertans realize the contributions these women have made, really molding Alberta into the province it is today. Their history is often untold, even though their presence is felt by all. This website makes the stories of over 180 women available to Albertans and Canadians, so we can all learn from their example.”

Adriana A. Davies, Ph.D., Executive Director, Heritage Community Foundation, noted: “This has been another wonderful opportunity to collaborate with the *Virtual Museum of Canada*, through the Department of Canadian Heritage. Fifteen project staff worked on this website over one year, and the result is a fantastic information resource with a customized learning resource for teachers and students. This site will be used in classrooms across the province, and the general public will enjoy it as well.”

The *Women of Aspenland* website contains over 1,100 pages of text and 14,000 historic photographs, a searchable database that contains hundreds of images of artifacts from the region’s museums, 14 streaming video features, 50 streaming audio features, interactive river-rafting Flash game, and a Women of Aspenland Heritage Edukit. Divided into three sections, *The Women*, *Social Landscape*, and *The Region*, this site provides a comprehensive look at central Alberta and the lives of the women who have made that area what it is today.

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