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**HERITAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GIVES ALBERTASOURCE.CA A NEW LOOK  
FOR INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY!!**

[www.AlbertaSource.ca](http://www.AlbertaSource.ca)

EDMONTON—To mark International Museum's Day on May 18th and to celebrate museums in Alberta, the Heritage Community Foundation has redesigned its gateway site to heritage—[www.AlbertaSource.ca](http://www.AlbertaSource.ca). Not only is the website more appealing to web surfers of all ages, it is more functional as well.

As the gateway to all of the websites developed by the Heritage Community Foundation, [www.AlbertaSource.ca](http://www.AlbertaSource.ca) has links to 20 live websites. These explore different aspects of the historical, natural, cultural, scientific and technological heritage. Using text, images, audio and video, the sites truly make heritage come alive. The Foundation is gearing up to officially launch five sites in the remainder of 2003 and is currently working on five more to be launched in 2004. Some of these websites are Edukits—online learning tools for teachers to use in the classroom and games, quizzes and webquests for students.

Adriana A. Davies, Ph.D., Executive Director, Heritage Community Foundation stated: "Alberta Source will eventually become the *Alberta Online Encyclopedia*, which the Foundation has positioned as the intellectual legacy project for Alberta's centenary in 2005. At that time, all of the sites will comprise one database and be fully searchable. Already, we are getting emails from all over the world and, according to search engines, Alberta, on the strength of our existing sites, has the most comprehensive web presence of any province. These sites thus complement the Government of Alberta's SuperNet initiative."

Morris Flewwelling, C.M., President of the Heritage Community Foundation remarked, "All of our websites are designed for the educational user and have an excellent fit with the Alberta curriculum. We have married education with new technology to create an unprecedented information source. As commentators, have said, an individual who is uninformed about his past, is doomed to repeat his mistakes. We believe that by creating these rich resources, we will be helping to train tomorrow's leaders and to build strong communities."

International Museums Day has been designated by UNESCO to acknowledge the importance that museums play in helping to preserve all of the objects that comprise our heritage. Adriana Davies noted: "We've seen the international concern about the destruction of artifacts that comprise the world heritage in Iraq. It's important to see the value of museums in our lives not just as warehouses of old stuff but as our intellectual heritage and birthright."

She encouraged everyone to visit the websites and to visit their local museum.

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