If a sense of place is a fundamental aspect of our existence in the world, and if places are sources of security and identity, then it is important the means of experiencing, creating, and maintaining significant places are not lost. It will then be of no small importance to know what are the distinctive and essential features of place and of our experiences of places, for without such knowledge it will not be possible to create and preserve the places that are the significant contexts of our lives.

Edward Relph, *Place and Placelessness*, 1976

For registration or for more information, please contact:

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Sense of Place
September 23 through November 10, 2005
As a means of helping to mark the occasion of the Centennial of the Province of Alberta, a celebration of Sense of Place was conceived. It consists of an exhibition, a continuously running series of videos exploring place and placelessness, an evolving collection of photographs of special places (Be sure to bring in a picture of your favorite place with a brief explanation as to why it is meaningful and add it to our wall display), several excursions into the cultural landscapes of Alberta, speakers and panels, and a series of publications.

EVENTS:

**Museum for Lunch 12 to 1pm**
Dr. Brian Rusted October 23  
Dr. Richard Levy October 20 (5:30-6:30pm)  
Ainsley Davidson & James Sloane October 27  
Dr. Robert Stamp November 3  
Drs. Pamela Banting and Davida Monk November 10

**Evening Speakers 7 to 9pm**
Panel discussion September 29  
Matt Masters in concert October 6  
Loretta Todd October 27  
Bob Sandford November 10

**Other Related Events**
21st Century City + urban design strategies symposium  
October 13 - 15  
presented by the Calgary Civic Trust and  
The University of Calgary  
www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/faculties/EV/

Wild Words Centennial Literary Festival  
October 20, 21 & 22  
www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/conferences/WildWords2005/

All events are at The Nickle Arts Museum  
unless otherwise noted

**Publications**
Sense of Place: a catalogue of essays (A. Davis & B. A. Sandalack Eds.)  
Excursions into the cultural landscapes of Alberta (B. A. Sandalack & A. Davis Eds.)  
available at The Nickle Arts Museum shop

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**Excursions Into The Cultural Landscapes Of Alberta**

Explore the cultural and natural landscapes of Alberta with one of our day-long excursions.

Cost: $20 ea. includes transportation, registration and a snack. Meet at 8:45am in front of The Nickle Arts Museum. Bus departs at 9:00am and returns at 5:00pm. To register or for more information, please contact Robin Jaska at: (403) 220-7234 or rjaska@ucalgary.ca.

**Prairies - September 24 or 25**
Led by Dr. Bev Sandalack

The prairie is a region of both ethereal and ephemeral beauty, and the kind of landscape that usually evokes strong feelings, either positive or negative, in people. The excursion into this cultural landscape will probe the relationships of natural form and process with cultural form and process.

**Mountains - October 1 or 2**
Led by Bob Sandford

A place of timeless and monumental power is how the Rocky Mountain’s have been described. Spend the day with award-winning author and ecological historian Bob Sandford as he explores the transformational power of Alberta’s awe-inspiring mountain ranges.

**Foothills - October 22 or 23**
Led by Len Novak

The meeting of the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains is unique in Canada to Alberta. It is its own biosphere, a product of geology, terrain and a distinct climate formed in part by the Chinkook that nurtures, yet limits growth and life. Explore this area’s distinctive beauty, rich culture and human settlements that have defined what we know as “The West”.

**Blackfoot Crossing - October 29 or 30**

Enjoy a full day tour of Siksika’s new historical park. Also known as Si-oh-pi-qui, this timeless place has been inhabited by First Nations peoples for eons. Behind the scenes tours and personal explorations will fill you with the essence of history, space and spirituality that continues to attract people to this special place.

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**September**
23 4:30 to 6:30pm Opening of exhibition  
24 Prairies excursion  
25 Prairies excursion  
29 7:00pm to 9:00pm Panel discussion with  
Dr. Ann Davis (Chair), Dr. Bev Sandalack, Len Novak,  
Bob Sandford and Rev. Mervin Wolfleg

**October**
1 Mountains excursion  
2 Mountains excursion  
6 7:00pm to 9:00pm Matt Masters in concert  
12 7:00pm CAUSA Lecture – Dana Cuff  
13 12:00pm to 1:00pm Museum for Lunch  
– Dr. Brian Rusted  
21st Century City + urban design strategies symposium begins
20 1:00 to 2:00pm Wild Words Speaker  
– Myrna Kostash  
5:30 to 6:30pm Museum for Lunch  
– Dr. Richard Levy, presentation at CCIT  
7:00pm to 9:00pm Wild Words Readings  
21 7:00pm to 8:00pm Wild Words Speaker  
– Sharon Pollock  
8:00pm to 9:00pm Wild Words Readings  
22 Foothills excursion  
1:00 to 2:00pm Wild Words Speaker  
– Fred Stenson

**Foothills excursion**
27 12:00pm to 1:00pm Museum for Lunch  
– Ainsley Davidson and James Sloane  
7:00pm to 9:00pm Evening Speaker  
– Loretta Todd

**November**
3 12:00 to 1:00pm Museum for Lunch  
– Dr. Robert Stamp  
10 12:00pm to 1:00pm Museum for Lunch  
– Dr. Pamela Banting and Davida Monk  
7:00pm to 9:00pm Evening speaker  
– Bob Sandford