

City of Brooks
What's happening for
Black History Month 2025

February 1-28, 2025
Events and information



Local Legend John Ware

John Ware was a Black cowboy who built a successful ranching career despite rough frontier conditions, racism, and having been enslaved. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Ware first herded and managed thousands of cattle and horses for extensive outfits and then developed his own ranch, realizing success in a white-dominated industry overshadowed by well-financed corporations. Ware's remarkable skill and experience as a cowboy and rancher earned him an enduring reputation and a prominent place in the mythology of the Canadian West.

Local Events

February 11 - African Cooking Class
1pm-3pm at SPEC
Register by emailing:
linksnewcommerservices@spec.ca

February 15 - Movie showing of "Harriet"
at 3pm at the Griffin Park Theater.
Ages 13 & under require parent
supervision

[Register through Eventbrite](#)
[by clicking here](#)

February 26 - Lunch and Learn
featuring Ricardo Morales
12pm-1pm at BCIS

Weekly Happenings
Check out Global Village Podcast
weekly for updated podcasts about
Black History.

[Access the Podcast by clicking here.](#)

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[Facebook Page](#) to learn more about
local black individuals excelling in
their careers

Check out these Documentaries

Learn More about Black History in Canada
with these Documentaries

John Ware Reclaimed

Directed by Cheryl Foggo. National Film Board of Canada. (Canada, 2020), 71 minutes.

Twenty Days in Brooks

Directed by Dana Inkster. (Canada, 2007), 42 minutes.
[Watch on the National Film Board of Canada site](#)

We Are the Roots: Black Settlers and their Experiences of **Discrimination on the Canadian Prairies**

Produced and directed by Dr. Jenna Bailey, in collaboration with Dr. David Este and Deborah Dobbins. Bailey and Soda Films, 67 minutes
[Watch on Vimeo](#)

Secret Calgary: Kicking Up A Fuss: The Charles Daniels Story

Directed by Cheryl Foggo. Telus Original (February 4, 2020)
[Watch on YouTube](#)

Secret Alberta: The Former Life of Amber Valley

Directed by Neil Grahn. Telus Original (February 2017)
[Watch on YouTube](#)

Long Road to Justice - The Viola Desmond Story

Canada, 2017. 45 minutes.
[Watch on YouTube](#)

"Hate,
it has caused
a lot of problems
in this world,
but it has
not solved
one yet."

-Maya
Angelou

