

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dec. 10, 2012

Dear Members of the North Shuswap Historical Society,

Two Thousand and Twelve has been a fairly busy year for the Society. A special thanks to all the members who are able to help out with all the activities and a special thanks to those of you who support us although you can't make it for one reason or another. I know many of our supporters live at great distances but support the NSHS because of their roots in the area.

January always begins with our Annual General Meeting. If anyone is interested in sitting on the board or taking an executive position please let me know.

We have been working on a Website. It still requires some tweaking, but please look at it and give us feedback on what else you would like to see on the site. The website address is www.northshuswaphistory.ca

We had our Annual Photo Presentation in March, which I believe from the comments was a great success. We are always trying to balance the presentation detailing history of the area for people who are seeing the presentation for the first time, with new photographs for the faithful who show up each year to see the presentation.

The Historical Society once again spent several hours cleaning up the N.S. Cemetery. This year the work bee consisted of erecting the bench that was purchased in Tom's memory with the donations that had been made to the historical society in his name. The clean up of the cemetery is a large group effort, is fun and the community really appreciates the improved looks of the cemetery.



Bench in Tom Greenough's memory

In June we added our fourth driving tour in the North Shuswap. We extended our signs to Magna Bay and Anglemont. The brochures are available at the Tourist Bureaus in Scotch Creek, Chase and Shuswap Lake Estates as well as T & L Reflections – A Little Museum in Scotch Creek. They can also be printed from our website.

We had a very successful Mystery Tour in June. Several cars filled with people visited historical sites on the South Shuswap and then on to Sicamous where we were treated to tea at their new museum. Gordon Mackie gave us a talk about the area and took us to the original home of Mr. Bruhn. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who could make the date.



Mystery Tour at Old Town Sicamous

We also held our annual June Pot Luck which was well attended. At this meeting it was decided to purchase insurance to cover the Chronicles which we have in storage. The meeting also decided to increase the membership to \$15.00 per person with the understanding that people who had paid in advance were grandfathered.

In October our 2013 Calendar was published and is presently on sale. It features various Celebrations in the North Shuswap over the years and includes faces of many old timers.

We held an early Christmas Pot Luck in November. Our guest speaker was Gordon Guthrath, who enthusiastically gave us a talk on the geology of the area – with a focus on the area around Adams Lake.

For the second year we entered a float into the Christmas Parade. Our theme this year featured old fashioned logging.



Christmas Float Preparations

Last year at one of our historical meetings I discussed the possibility of restoring an old cabin. Several people agreed to help with this project. I have now succeeded in jumping through all the hoops – ie. Getting an engineer, getting approval for a building permit etc. So next spring the historical society will be working on moving and restoring a lovely old cabin. We hope it will be like the old fashioned work bees. Work begins in the Spring.



Original Ed & Dorothy Riley cabin

We continue to work on the next Shuswap Chronicle. In particular we are searching for particular articles related to sports and entertainment activities. The photographic archive's continues to increase. Thank you to the many donors.

Just a reminder if you haven't already renewed your membership, please send a cheque for \$15.00 per person made out to the N. S. Historical Society and mail it to:

North Shuswap Historical Society
5505 Squilax – Anglemont Hwy.
Celista, B.C.
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If you are interested in the 2013 Calendar please email me with your mailing address. They are \$10.00 plus postage.

Once again thank you to all who support the North Shuswap Historical Society. Your membership is important to us. We welcome feedback and suggestions. If you have any program ideas for our meetings please let me know.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2013.

Yours truly,
Loretta Greenough
President N.S. Historical Society