

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dec. 1, 2013

Dear Members of the North Shuswap Historical Society,

Our small but very active group has once again had a busy year. Thank you to all the active members and to those members who support us from afar. Your membership and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in January. If anyone is interested in sitting on the board or taking a position on the executive please let me know.

In March we held our Annual Photo Presentation. It was well attended and enjoyed by all who managed to attend once I managed to get the computer working properly.

The Historical Society has sort of adopted the clean up of the North Shuswap Cemetery. In April a large group of our members as well as other people living in the North Shuswap came out to clean up the cemetery. We leveled headstones, spread soil into hollows, dug a drainage ditch, raked leaves and removed branches. Thank you to all who participated. There have been many positive comments on the improved looks of the cemetery.



Phyllis Mader



Pat Fraser



Frank Riley



Alison Elmes, Doug Prigmore

The month of May saw several of our members at the British Columbia Historical Federation Conference in Kamloops, as both Phyllis and I were on the steering committee

for this Conference. It was enjoyed by all who attended. We were fortunate to have our Lieutenant Governor Judith Gueochon as a speaker.



Our Mystery Tour in June took us up to Adams Lake and on to Barriere via the Squam Bay Road. Fortunately, we had Frank (Inky) Fraser along as a tour guide talking about the Homestake Mine, Squam Bay School which is now the hall and St. Mary's Church. The Barriere Museum is very interesting and from there we travelled down to Kamloops and returned via the Shuswap Road on the North side of the South Thompson River. Some people had never travelled these roads previously.



We also held our June Pot Luck which is always well attended – food seems to be a drawing factor.

Since the final paper work had been completed to reconstruct the Riley cabin next to T & L Reflections – A Little Museum, work began in May to pour the concrete slab for the foundation and to begin deconstruction of the cabin. The window frames and door frames were carefully removed and numbered. The logs were carefully numbered and then the dismantling began. We have had a consistent number of knowledgeable and capable men diligently working on this project from May to Oct. A number of women have provided everyone with food and goodies. A huge thank you to all involved. Special thanks must go to Frank Riley for the use of his equipment as well as his time and energy. Also special thanks to Lou Etcheverry, who consistently set the next date and carefully learned how to make dove tailed corners. Ed Elmes, Fred Lewis, Doug Prigmore, Mel Campbell, Louie Trentin and Roger Zinck also consistently helped.



We have our 2014 Calendar published. It is available for \$10.00. They make wonderful Christmas Gifts. This year we featured Some Pioneers of Our Area.

The Society continues to add signs to our Driving Tours and keeps the brochures in the Tourist Bureaus. We added a sign at Frank (Inky) Frasers up at Adams Lake.



Frank (Inky) Fraser

Our Christmas Float is featuring Farming and will be in the Dec. 13th Christmas Parade.

Our webpage www.northshuswaphistory.ca does require some updating which will be done in January. However, it is nice to know that 11,862 people have viewed the site.

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 to:

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Here's to a happy and healthy 2014.

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

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