

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

Dec. 2016

Dear Members of the North Shuswap Historical Society

Many members of our society have been very active throughout 2016. Several ladies have continued to work on the archives – removing staples and photocopying old newspaper clippings and putting them into archival folders. Although the progress is slow we are enjoying the comradery and the many interesting facts that we are discovering in the Archives.

In March, we once again held our annual Photographic Show at the North Shuswap Community Hall. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the photos, the history, the company and the goodies.

Our regular clean up at the North Shuswap Cemetery was completed at the same time as the Community Hall Clean Up. Thanks to all the volunteers.

The wonderful B.C. Historical Federation Conference which was held in Revelstoke was attended by six of our members. We enjoyed the workshops and the interesting field trips.



**Revelstoke Dam** – l-r Loretta Greenough, Florence Harrison, Frank Riley,  
Sheila Riley, Don Riley, Melanie Riley      Photo: Loretta Greenough

June held both our Pot Luck Dinner meeting as well as our Mystery Trip. The Mystery Trip took us to Haney House Museum, the Tool Museum and through several back roads to Lavina Estate Winery. We ended our day with a lovely dinner at the Chinese Gardens Restaurant in Shuswap Lake Estates. An interesting day was enjoyed by all who managed to attend.



Mystery Tour at Tool Museum – photo by Doug Prigmore

Several members came to help open the museum. We now have three buildings filled with artefacts and photographs. They also helped to close the museum in September.



**Jackie McKinnon** – Giving talk on the Bischoff's during the Cemetery Tour

Photo: Loretta Greenough

Following a suggestion, we gave a Cemetery Tour in August. Several of our members stood by their family members' graves and gave a history of the family and their coming to the North Shuswap. It was well attended and it has been suggested we hold another tour next year.

Melanie organized a group excursion to Three Valley Gap. Many people who frequently drive past that location finally stopped for a visit and thoroughly enjoyed the numerous buildings filled with artefacts as well as the round house.



**North Shuswap Historical Members at Three Valley Gap Round House**

**Photo: Melanie Riley**

Members are working on writing more articles for the upcoming Shuswap Chronicle. Although we have several articles completed in draft form we are still requiring more. Please think about events, incidents or activities that you could write about. The strength of the Shuswap Chronicles is the variety of people who contribute as well as their personal thoughts and feelings.

Thank You to the Kicker who frequently publishes the articles we write to let people know about our activities.

We have our 2017 Calendar published. It has been selling quite nicely – in fact we only have a few left but hope to have them all sold at the December Craft Fair.

We will once again enter a Christmas Float in the parade on December 9<sup>th</sup> in Scotch Creek.

Thank you to all the active members and to those members who support us from afar. Your membership and suggestions are greatly appreciated. Younger members are being encouraged to join to ensure the Society remains active.

Just a reminder if you haven't already renewed your membership for 2017, please send a cheque for \$15.00 per person made out to N.S. Historical Society and mail to:

North Shuswap Historical Society,

5505 Squilax-Anglemont Hwy.,

Celista, B.C.

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Throughout the year our regular business meetings usually are followed by a variety of programs. We have enjoyed photographs by Janice Smith, and Joanne Prigmore. We have had talks by Jack Lewis, Genealogy of the Prigmore's and Gray's by Doug and Joanne, stories by Ralph Bischoff, Photographs of the History of Transportation in the North Shuswap, Talk by Jim Cooperman, and a DVD from B.C. Hydro on the Journey of the Rev 5 Runner for the dam from Brazil to Revelstoke.

If anyone is interested in being on the board for 2017 please let me know as our election will be held in January.

2017 is looking like it will be another busy year. It is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Historical Society has decided to hold an additional Photographic Show in July at the North Shuswap Community Hall as well as an Open House with a variety of activities at T & L Reflections – A Little Museum with the Lions Club running the barbeque.

We look forward to continued membership and ideas as well as support in our many endeavours. Here's to a Happy and Healthy 2017.

Yours truly,

Loretta Greenough

President N.S. Historical Society