

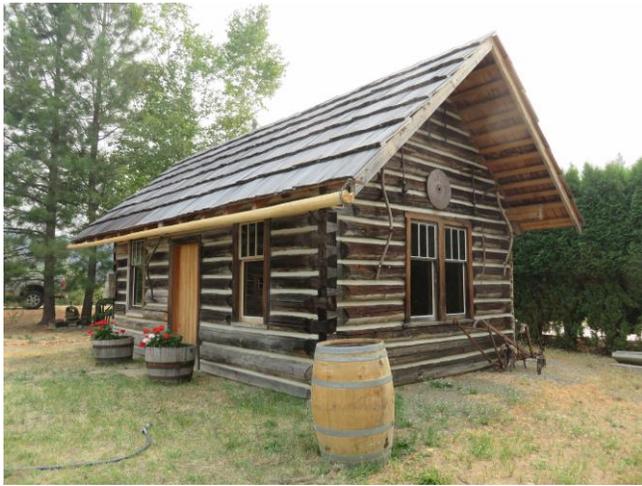


North Shuswap Historical Society

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dear Members of the North Shuswap Historical Society,

It is that time of the year again when I reminisce our year and inform all our members of what a busy fun year we have had. I look forward to 2018 as another active year with a great group of members.



Riley Cabin – part of museum



Roger, Frank, Terry & Lou – putting up log eaves trough

January began with our election of officers and the program was presented by Janice Smith, who is a well-known local photographer, showing a variety of her photographs. At our February meeting Phyllis Mader gave an informative talk entitled, “From Farm to Park” It was about her Ruckle relatives who live on Salt Spring Island. They farmed the land for many years but it has now been made into a park.

In March, at our regular meeting I showed my travels down the Nahanni River. Although it doesn't really relate to the history of our area, the history and the beauty of the Nahanni was well received. Our annual Photographic Show – open to everyone at the hall was well received. We gained new members as well.

April brought us a \$3800.00 grant from the Canada 150 Museums. This money is designated to go towards more shelves, winterizing the museum and covering some of the outside artefacts.

We also updated our website www.northshuswaphistory.ca I am still in the process of learning how to update and change items on the website. Please bear with me on this project.



Lou working on filling all the cracks in the cabin.



Roger & Lou chinking the cabin

In May, at our request we received three large maps of the North Shuswap from the CSRD. This was a suggestion from the March Photo show. People who don't know the area wanted some maps so that I could point to the locations of various photos so they would know the whereabouts of my talking points. Also at our meeting Doug Prigmore showed articles found in magazines pertaining to Donald Flather, Gordon Mackie and Francis Riley.

June was our usual Pot Luck – filled with good food and friendship. Thanks to Florence Harrison for hosting the party. June also was when we had our Mystery Tour. A large group enjoyed a wonderful day travelling to Ashcroft Museum and Hat Creek Ranch with historical comments and look outs along the way. We ended our trip with a lovely dinner in Chase.



Mystery Trip – Overlooking Kamloops Lake



Getting a ride around Hat Creek Ranch



Part of group listening to the history

In July we had two events. We had applied for a Canada 150 grant through the Shuswap Foundation. Thankfully we received the grant and on July 9th we held another Photo Show at the North Shuswap Community Hall, with the photographs depicting the history of the North Shuswap. Then the following week we held an Open House at T & L Reflections – A Little Museum. The N.S. Lions worked the B.B.Q. and various members ran a variety of stations depicting the methods of long ago. Melanie with the treadle sewing machine, Phyllis with the scrub board and hand operated old washing machine, Frank splitting shakes, Norma making butter, Trevor using a draw knife, myself using a cross-cut saw etc. We had old fashioned games and a Bingo Card to search for interesting artefacts in the museum. We also enjoyed the antique vehicles owned by Inky Fraser and Frank Riley. Our MP Mel Arnold and his wife Linda attended the event.



Inky's 1929 Hupmobile, Frank's 65 Pontiac GTO in bkgd



Mel & Linda Arnold, Rosemary & Frank Riley



Some of the many Flags of Canada



Phyllis testing the treadle sewing machine



Melanie & Frank

Sadly, a dear member Betty Ozanne passed away during the summer. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Our September meeting was cancelled as the executive was either busy working or travelling. October was a busy meeting. Several of our members have moved away during the summer. Bill McAlister & his wife moved to Alberta, Mel and Anne Campbell moved to Kamloops as did Fred and Rae Lewis. Although they have moved they are welcome back at any time. Our presenter was Doug Jones who gave a most interesting history of the Water Levels in Shuswap Lake from 1894 – 1917. His graphs showed the highs and the lows as well as the months.

During the year we again produced a 2018 Calendar. Each month displays a photo from each of the decades of settlement in the North Shuswap.

November was a snowy miserable day but still 12 members ventured forth. Also Jackie, Frank, Melanie and I helped the N.S. Lions during their fundraiser. In the process they will be donating some of the proceeds to the Historical Society.

December will see us enjoy our Christmas Pot Luck dinner as well as decorating and participating in the annual Christmas parade in Scotch Creek.

Throughout the year kind people continue to donate artefacts for the museum and articles for the archives. Just this spring we received a clinker-built boat. Although it requires repairs it was nice to get, especially once we found out it had belonged to Billy Jack Brown. It was named “Hoodoo” which Betty Lou Linville remembers using all the time as a child.

During the winter months several ladies continue to volunteer once a week to work in the archives – sorting materials, removing staples, putting the history in chronological order and file folders enabling people to find the material. Last winter we worked mainly on the Women’s Institute history, and this year we are organizing the history of the N.S. Community Association. Now a group on the Editorial Board is actively editing and proofing for Shuswap Chronicle Vol 11. Our goal is to have it to the printer in the spring.

Once again, I would like to thank our distant members who continue to support our endeavours even though you cannot enjoy our many activities. Your support helps keep the society running as well as helping whenever we ask for grants. To our local and active members – all your help whether large or small is greatly appreciated. Our fees remain at \$15.00 for the year and are due anytime now.

Finally, if you have any suggestions, ideas or comments for the Society, or if you have photographs taken in the North Shuswap or stories that you would like to share or have in the archives the North Shuswap Historical Society would be most appreciative. Please contact me at 250-955-6431 or email greenough@airspeedwireless.ca

All the very best in 2018.

Yours truly,
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