



North Shuswap Historical Society

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dear Members of the North Shuswap Historical Society,

As 2018 is coming to a close, I look back on a successful and busy year in the North Shuswap Historical Society. For a small society with only a few very active members we have accomplished a lot. The support in membership from people who live far away but have roots in the North Shuswap is greatly appreciated. We have members from as far away as Texas, Utah, Alberta, Vancouver Island, and various other places in British Columbia.

January began with our election of officers, passing of our budget and last years financial statements. We also had to update our Constitution before the end of November to conform with the B.C. Societies Act. This has been accomplished.

As mentioned in last years newsletter we received a grant for the museum. We installed security in the cabins as well as adding display cabinets on the inside as well as two on the outside of the cabins in the breezeway.



This is one of the display cabinets that we purchased.

Estelle Noakes gave an excellent talk on the History of the Noakes family in the North Shuswap. Estelle's detailed history and ability to tell stories made it very interesting.

Our March meeting had members of our society reminiscing about their school experiences in the North Shuswap. That was good for a few laughs. We also held our annual Photographic Show – open to everyone at the hall. It was well received and we gained new members also. Our membership is healthy but it would be nice to have a few new younger members as well as a few more active members.



A photo taken at our Photoshow – people looking through many of the books available.

Isobel (Riley) Lamarche shared her beautiful photographs at our April meeting.

Gary Christopherson gave a very interesting presentation on The Steamship D.A. Thomas, a steam boat built and operated in northern Alberta for May's program.

Also in May, Don & Sheila Riley, Frank & Melanie Riley and myself attended the British Columbia Historical Conference in Nakusp. It was a great Conference with interesting speakers and a wonderful tour. Each year the Conference is held in a different place in B.C. and each place shares their special history.



Frank, Melanie, Loretta & Don on ferry



Melanie on Field Trip to Sandon at Conference

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 of thirty people enjoyed a wonderful day visiting the Enderby Museum, the Okanagan Spirits Craft Distillery in Vernon, the O'Keefe Ranch and an asparagus farm. We ended our trip with a lovely dinner in Blind Bay. It has been told to me that people have enjoyed returning to the Distillery now that it has been discovered.



Picnic snack in Enderby



Enjoying the tasting



An interesting talk on the process



Three eager listeners to the guide

Members of the society helped to open up T & L Reflections- A Little Museum in the spring and it was open June, July and August three days each week. Although it wasn't all that busy we had a couple of hundred people enjoy the history of our area.

In July we successfully managed to get Shuswap Chronicle Volume #11 published. Although we check and double check for errors – we wouldn't be human if the minute it is published, we don't spot one or two errors. The Chronicle has received very positive comments from a number of people who have contacted me. Of course, the members just about fell over when in October I mentioned that it wasn't too early to start thinking of Volume #12. Any stories you have about the North Shuswap would be kindly accepted.



Shuswap Chronicle Volume #11

During the year we again produced a 2019 Calendar entitled "Memories of the Past". We still have a few on hand if you are interested. They are \$10.00 each plus postage.

Our first meeting back after the summer had Tom & Peg Zinck with the help of Don Riley telling stories about the management of Shuswap Lake Park. They shared some funny incidents as well as some interesting history. This topic would be wonderful to be researched for an article in the next Chronicle.

Larry and Christine Speed told about their life in the North Shuswap at our October meeting. Larry could tell us all about the many people who lived up Meadow Creek. We need to get that history on paper before it gets lost. A number of members help close up the museum for the winter. Many hands made light work. Thank you!

At our November meeting we Honored the Veterans of W.W.I and W.W. II who left the North Shuswap to go to war. The Photo Show contained roughly 100 photos of veterans from this area.

December will see us enjoy our Christmas Pot Luck dinner at my place as well as decorating and participating in the annual Christmas parade which takes place on Dec. 7th at 5:00 p.m. in Scotch Creek.

We received a grant of \$2500.00 from the Shuswap Community Foundation to increase our Self-Guided Driving Tour signs to include Seymour Arm. This project is still a work in progress.

Throughout the year kind people continue to donate artefacts for the museum and articles for the archives. The artefacts and the information are greatly appreciated. These artefacts are routinely displayed in the three cabins of the museum. Not everything can be in the museum all the time.

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. This fall we have been focusing on getting the photographs in proper envelopes and making sure they are all scanned. A huge job will be trying to get all the photographs into a searchable data base by subject and names. Our archives now contain, over 10,000 photographs.

We also updated our website www.northshuswaphistory.ca I am still trying to learn how to manipulate around the website to add and change pages easily. One of these days I hope to pass this off onto someone else.

We have also added a couple of new geo-caches in the North Shuswap. Each geo-cache gives a bit of history of the area. The geo-caches are checked each year to make sure they are in good condition. We now have roughly ten geo-caches. Next spring we will add a couple more. They are well received.

I have started a Loretta Zinck Greenough Endowment Fund through the Shuswap Community Foundation. Once the Foundation reaches \$10,000.00 the interest will be available to the North Shuswap Historical Society to help keep the Society running. To date the Loretta Zinck Greenough Endowment Fund has \$2650.00. Thank you to the members who have so kindly contributed. The Shuswap Community Foundation will send anyone that contributes a tax receipt.

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. Cheques should be made out to North Shuswap Historical Society.

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 2019.

Yours truly,
Loretta Greenough
President

