

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nov. 26, 2014

Dear Members of the North Shuswap Historical Society,

2014 has once again kept the members of the N. S. Historical Society very busy. Thank you to all the active members and to those members who support us from afar. Your membership and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

It is with great sadness that I report Vera Ellaschuk, a long time member and supporter of our society has passed away in November 2014. She was 96.

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 is open to the public and those who attend have been very receptive. The social which follows with coffee and goodies is enjoyed by all who make the effort to come.

The Historical Society has sort of adopted the clean up of the North Shuswap Cemetery. In April a large group of our members once again came to work on beautifying the cemetery. Frank Riley who designed and built the memory wall brought his equipment down to erect the wall and along with Lou Etcheverry placed the first five names. The wall is reserved for people who have lived (past & present) in the North Shuswap but are not buried in the cemetery.



Betty Ozanne



Terry Zinck, Ray O'Donnell, Mel Campbell, Lou Etcheverry, Ann O'Donnell



Lou Etcheverry, Frank Riley



Bk: Loretta Greenough, Ray O'Donnell, Betty Etcheverry, Doug Prigmore, Norma Bischoff
Anne Campbell, Mel Campbell, Betty Ozanne, Roger Zinck, June Speed
Fr: Frank Riley, Lou Etcheverry, Joanne Prigmore, Melanie Riley

The society applied to the CSRD for a \$5000.00 grant to go towards the reconstruction of the old Riley cabin. In May we gratefully received the grant. When completed the Riley cabin will be a great addition to the museum. (See photos later in newsletter!)

Our annual mystery tour took place on June 1st. This year we travelled up Chase Creek to Falkland visiting historical sites along the way. We had a lovely tour of the Falkland Museum (members were very impressed) then enjoyed our picnic lunch. We headed towards Westwold visiting original cabins, old halls, and churches before returned via Duck Range.



Doug Prigmore & Ed Elmes



Phyllis Mader & June Ruckle at Falkland Museum



Historical Society on Mystery Tour



Exploring original cabin in Westwold



Westwold Community Church & Cemetery

On June 8th, the society hosted Deanna Kawatski a local author. She did a reading about her grandmother – a pioneer in the North Shuswap.

Our June Pot Luck was well attended and enjoyed by all. The food is always excellent and such a variety.

The summer was filled with work. Weekly, several men came to work on the reconstruction of the old Riley cabin. Their experience and knowledge combined with their sense of humor made for a great summer. This year the gables were put on – the rafters, the shakes on the roof, the windows installed and a lot of the chinking completed. The final touches will be completed next summer.



Frank Riley & Doug Prigmore



Frank Riley & Lou Etcheverry



Stan Kulchyski, Frank Riley, Loretta Greenough
Lou Etcheverry, & Fred Lewis
(Shake roof finished!!)



Cabin with windows installed

We applied for and received a grant of \$2500 from the Shuswap Community Foundation for Archival Revitalization. We purchased a large flat file for maps and charts and other materials required to preserve the Archives. Several members have been volunteering to sort and file our history.



Our scanner/copier was too old to be repaired so we decided to lease a new one rather than purchase one. The new scanner/copier is working very well and has already come in very handy.

Our historical geo-caches continue to be very popular. We added a new site this summer. To date we have ten sites. In each geo-cache we place a short write up describing the significant history of this location. Thanks to Melanie Riley for all her effort in this project.

After many hours of writing, editing and rewriting the editorial board has finally completed Volume 10 of the Shuswap Chronicles. It is presently in at the printers – hopefully we will have it before Christmas. There are always lots of ideas put forth as to what should be included in the Chronicles – it is just getting someone to put the accurate information onto paper. I personally would like to thank all the contributors and the editorial board as well as some proofreaders who are not even members of the society.

We have our 2015 Calendar published. It is available for \$10.00. They make wonderful Christmas Gifts.

Our Christmas Float featuring crafts such as quilting and knitting will be in the Dec. 12th Christmas Parade.

Over the year, several people have contacted me thanks to our webpage.

Our webpage www.northshuswaphistory.ca As of today 24,687 people have viewed the page. The webpage will be updated once the new Chronicle is printed.

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 2015.

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