



# North Shuswap Historical Society

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dear Members of the North Shuswap Historical Society,

**Covid -19 ... Everything changed!**

That basically could cover the North Shuswap Historical Society for 2020.

However, I do want to keep in touch with everyone and tell you what we succeeded in doing. We held our annually Christmas Pot Luck in December. This is always a good visit with excellent food. January was our annual General Meeting where our new board was elected. Elected is the formal for it – usually it is begging for members to sit on the board. Also we held a moment of Silence in memory of Phyllis Mader, our long time secretary who suddenly passed away in December. She is greatly missed by all.

Our guest speaker for January was Brian Campbell of North American Log Crafters. He gave us a wonderful overview of the history of the Campbell family and log building in the North Shuswap. He also agreed to do an article for the upcoming Shuswap Chronicle.

At February's meeting we had Marg Acton from Captain Village Marina give a bit of history. She also kindly gave us a booklet outlining the history of the marina.

In March, Deborah Chapman gave a talk and a slide show and history of McGuire Lake in Salmon Arm. It was extremely interesting to see how the lake has changed over the years.

The annual Photo show of the history of the North Shuswap was ready to go but we had to cancel it because of the Provincial Health Guidelines. The rest of our Spring meetings were also cancelled along with our Mystery Trip and our June Pot Luck. Unfortunately, the T & L Reflections – A Little Museum also remained closed for the summer. Opening it up would involve people gathering and too much clean up after each visitor.

Unfortunately, during the summer we also lost a long time member and supporter of our society Helen (Stankiewicz) Samerow.

In September we braved an outdoor meeting under the shelter at the Community Hall. We had our 2021 Calendars ready for sale. We decided to purchase a Sea Can to store the many artefacts that do not fit into the museum buildings. They were being stored in my basement. My lawyer, for the benefit of my executor suggested I separate what belongs to me and what belongs to the society. Also a new member of our society Bill, Meekel gave an interesting talk about the Underwater Archaeological Society of which he is a member. He also talked about the Submerged Cultural Heritage in Shuswap Lake with the desire to preserve it naturally.

The Sea Can arrived and it looks very clean and good for storage. Thanks to Terry Zinck for levelling it out for us.



**Sea Can levelled and partially filled.**

Sorting out the artefacts and getting them moved to the Sea Can took several days. Thanks for the many hands who helped move the boxes.

In October, we had a small meeting in the hall – keeping six feet apart. Much discussion was had while members tried to answer a number of historical questions about the history of the North Shuswap. We also dreamed of what type of building will be required in the distant future.

At our November meeting business was quickly covered, followed by a Photo Show honouring our North Shuswap Veterans. Unfortunately, Covid -19 exploded in B.C. and we once again had to cancel all further meetings. We continue to work on Shuswap Chronicle Volume #12. I hope to have it to the Publisher in the Spring.

Melanie and I continue to monitor our Geo-caches which continue to be found by explorers. Several receive their favourite status. Many comment that they like the history included in the cache.

The Loretta (Zinck) Greenough Endowment – in the Shuswap Community Foundation is now up to \$8557.00. The interest from the endowment is to support the North Shuswap Historical Society in the future. If anyone wishes to have a tax receipt and make a donation to the Shuswap Community Foundation, placing it towards the Greenough Zinck Endowment, it would be greatly appreciated.

Also at this time I am giving a gentle reminder that membership is due in January. It is \$15.00 for the year. I know many of you live a long way away but your continued support is greatly appreciated by the society. You can either mail a cheque or use e-transfer. If in doubt as to whether you have paid your 2021 membership, email me and I will let you know.

Hope everyone is staying safe. All the very best in 2021!

Cheers

Loretta Greenough  
President North Shuswap Historical Society