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News and Notes

This has been a very busy fall for the SHS. In early September Bianca Peters, Don Behrner Alex Bunbury and Betty Adamson showcased traditional SHS displays and posters at the Brackendale Fall Fair. This was our fourth year at the annual event and it was well received by all the visitors who passed by.

Two SHS film productions, *The First People of the Pacific Northwest* and *Squamish Nation: Stories from the Heart*, were shown at the Adventure Centre on Nov. 21. Alice Guss, a member of the Squamish Nation who assisted with the research and production of *Squamish Nation: Stories from the Heart*, was on hand to introduce the film. Both films were donated to the Adventure Centre for their permanent collection and will be available on request to be viewed in the Adventure Centre theatre. *Squamish Nation: Stories from the Heart* was also shown on Shaw Cable 4 in Squamish earlier in the fall. On a rainy evening in late November, Bianca Peters, Don Behrner and Lesley Keith were



on hand to take members of the Squamish Cub Scouts on a walk-about tour of buildings displaying historical plaques installed by the Business Improvement Association. It was an

exciting evening for the youngsters who were rewarded with a condensed history lesson and received their Canadian Heritage Badges.

The West Coast Railway Heritage Park has kindly donated space for a permanent SHS facility in the Wilkie House. The



Bianca Peters at the Brackendale Fall Fair

building will eventually become the central display area and a community hub for artefacts, photos, films and other materials related to the history of Squamish and area. Members of the Society toured the impressive new Roundhouse facility and the Wilkie

House building earlier this fall.

Once the foundation is completed, in the spring, the building will be renovated and upgraded to accommodate the resources and artefacts presently stored elsewhere by the Society.



The West Coast Railway Heritage Park

At our October executive board meeting Susan Steen from the WCRHP requested our support in acquiring the Log Books presently housed at the Adventure Centre. Susan is in the process of freeing up an outdoor area at the WCRHP in proximity to the Wilkie House suitable to display these unique wooden artefacts depicting our natural and forestry heritage from prehistoric times to the present. The logistics of the move have yet to be determined and a meeting with the District of Squamish is planned to lay the groundwork for the process. We are grateful for two recent financial donations awarded to the SHS. The Squamish Foundation has contributed \$2000 and the Senior Citizens Association Branch 70 has donated \$1000 to help start the Wilkie House upgrade. We are also in the process of applying for a grant from the



Squamish Cub Scouts viewing historical plaques

Squamish Credit Union Legacy Fund to help carry out our mandate to collect, preserve, document and showcase the history of the Squamish area and to purchase audio visual equipment and furnishings for the Wilkie building and produce historical posters and films. We also thank Shaw Cable and Resort TV in Whistler for providing the Society with free advertising. Bob Brant kindly showed ads related to our film presentations at Garibaldi Five cinemas and Jacob Gish aired our ads on Cable 4 in Squamish. We will continue to use this donated service for future SHS events and programs and are grateful for this generous assistance to help the SHS make the community more aware of our activities. We have been invited to

exhibit the history of Squamish via displays and selected films to be shown at the Brennan Park Rec Centre, a community hub which will become the Squamish Spirit Centre during the upcoming Olympics. On Dec. 4th the executive were given a tour of the facility and Tamsyn

Morote, co-ordinator of Games related activities at the BPRC, outlined how the Society could best use the display areas provided, including access to a large screen TV projector and wall space throughout the building.

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