

Atlin Historical Society 2016 Newsletter

The Atlin Historical Society enjoyed a successful year. The AHS has many amazing volunteers who make things happen year round behind the scenes. This includes everything from shovelling snow off entrances, opening up or winterizing buildings, running the annual Tarahne Tea, taking care of our historic benches around town, hosting movie nights at the Globe Theatre, to planting and watering the flowers that decorate our buildings. These are just a few of the tasks our volunteers tackle – a huge “**Thank You**” to all who help!! We are happy to say that the **Atlinto** project is thriving and a lot of work has been done since last spring. The boat was lifted and placed on a temporary cribbing. It’s original location was stabilized with gravel and a concrete base. The boat was scraped, sanded, and repainted on the temporary base. After a couple of months she was lifted and set in her new cradle, where she received new windows. Here the beautiful Atlinto was left for the winter. The work will go on this summer with repairs to the inside of the boat and the cover will be replaced. The Atlinto will get a new plaque regarding its history. The area surrounding the Atlinto and M.V. Tarahne has been landscaped. This lake shore spot will become an inviting place for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Many thanks to Insa, Project Leader, who created and published the book *ATLINTO Atlin Through the Eyes of Atlinites*. All proceeds from the sale of this book go towards the funding of the project. We wish to thank all who supported this project: with purchase of the book, words of encouragement to the workers, words of guidance and advice, individual donations of time, work and generous funds. **Thank you** to Pelly Construction, Sheldon Sands, Donald Shaw, All-West Glass, Bobby Smallwood, Lloyd Brown & Ann Campbell, Dave Carlick (TRT), Peter Sidler and Bob Wagner.

This past February the Museum Archive received an information request from William Dancey of the Northern Illinois Steam Power Club. The club had heard about the **Steam Shovels** in the Atlin Museum’s collection. Richard Stephens, a Historical Society member and the Project Leader on the rebuild of the steam shovel, was able to provide information on the project. After an exchange of emails and additional information regarding the two steam shovels on display, it was determined that the restored shovel under cover is indeed an **Erie Type A Steam Shovel**. There are only 6 of its kind left in existence and it is the only one of its kind in Canada today! The restored shovel, many will remember, was fired up and run on the Canada Day weekend, July 3, 2004. Additionally, it is only one of two working **Erie Type A Steam Shovels** in North America.

In the **Archives** we are busy updating our Data Bases, scanning photos, organizing and filing papers, etc. We also meet with people who are searching for information regarding relatives and friends who, at some time in their lives, lived in Atlin. For this reason we would like to update the Resident Files. If you have a minute, please fill in the *Write yourself into Atlin's History* form attached to this newsletter.

The Atlin Historical Society would like to thank the **Atlin Theater Group** for their generous donation of \$5555.29 especially earmarked for the heating system at the **Globe Theater**. This project is a priority for AHS and we are in the process of investigating the best solution for this problem.

Summer Events

Walking Tours with Patricia Kother, a local historian will be offered for Atlinites and visitors again this summer. If you want a fun-fact filled history event, please contact the museum for tour arrangements.

Saturday Movie Nights during June, July, and August. Deb Hiron will host **movies** at the Globe Theater 7pm, except during Festival weekend.

30th Annual Tea on the Tarahne is July 2nd 2016. Tickets can be purchased at the Museum, Trading Post and/or the Food Basket. The price is \$15.00 per person. The Tea is AHS’s largest fundraising event. The 2015 Tea raised \$3063.00. The Tea was a huge success thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and donations from the community.

Our annual **membership fee is \$20.00** per person. **All Members paid by June 25th will get their name placed in a hat for a draw for 2 tickets to the tea.** The winner of the last year's draw was Bobbie Whelan. AHS Membership allows for free admission to the Museum. In addition, members get one free search of a history-related item in the Archive per year. With funds we get from our supporters we continue to maintain and repair the **Courthouse, Globe Theatre, Museum, Museum Yard, Archives, Old Liquor Store, M.V. Tarahne and the Atlinto.**

The Society would like to thank you for your support – both morally and financially - and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Sincerely,

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