



AHS Newsletter

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Notes from the Executive

Volunteering is a rewarding, frustrating, time consuming, and wonderful experience. I have been with the AHS in various capacities for many years. It has been very rewarding and I am still looking forward to more years working in the Archives. But, for now, it is time to step back and let others take on the tasks of managing the assets of the Atlin Historical Society. This is my last year so opportunity awaits and I look forward to working with a new executive. If you have wondered how you can be involved with the AHS here are a few ideas, it can be as large or as small a commitment as you are comfortable with:

1. **Board Member:** Although extremely interesting and rewarding, this is a large commitment and tasks vary widely. Right now we have vacancies on the board for President, and Directors. I encourage anyone who is vaguely curious to have a conversation with a current board member to understand all that is involved.
2. **Facilities maintenance.** For those with technical skills (electrical, carpentry, boiler systems, grounds keeping) and you have anywhere from a couple of hours to a few

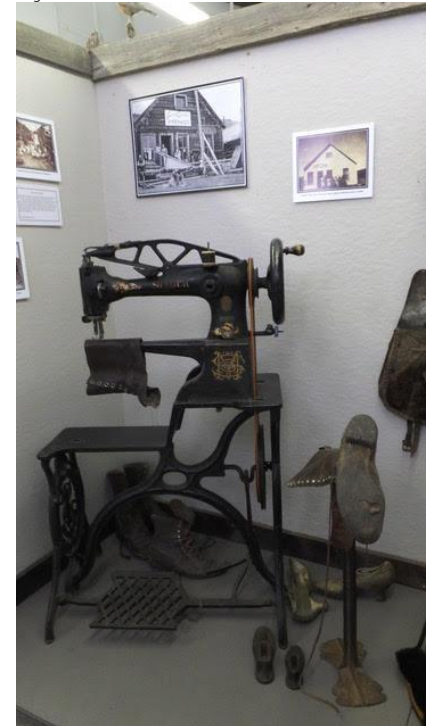
weeks of time to devote. We have a number of small projects that need doing and could use your help!

3. **Summer Museum and Visitor Centre.** The AHS understands the importance of keeping the museum open 7 days a week during our busy summer season. There are inside and outside tasks to do, and many visitors to greet. We have a paid part time manager for 4 days a week but cannot afford to pay someone for the remaining 3 days. So, we would like to try to staff using volunteers. Time slots and other logistics will depend on the volunteers. Please contact a board member if you wish to discuss.
4. **Programming and fund raising –** There are lots of ideas out there to help people enjoy the wonderful Atlin artifacts and the many stories they symbolize, we just need the volunteers to take the lead to make them reality. If you have an idea, and can make it happen, we want to hear from you!

Again we thank you for your support and look forward to a new and exciting year ahead, with many plans and possibilities!

Regards, Edith Sidler

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**AGM - Monday June 4,
7:30 Courthouse**

Around Town

Globe Theatre – Work has continued over the winter and we are progressing slowly towards having all systems restored at the Globe so that Heather Keny can assume a lease to take on programming for the theatre. Many thanks to Heather for persevering and to other Atlin Volunteer heroes, Joe Beudoin for his continued work on the heating system, Gary Thoma for his help and advice regarding the heating and water systems, Martin Blakesley and Carrie Knickerbocker for taking the time to hang out at the Globe and help clean up years of stuff! And finally many thanks to Kate Fisher for making and donating the new sign and interpretive panels!

Meanwhile, keep watching for new and interesting movies and programming at the Globe and partake of an evening in the beautiful old theatre.

Tarahne – Mysterious power outage – It appears that frost heaves are the cause of the power outage at the Tarahne. The story is that the force of the heave pulled the wires away from the meter on the pole, ruining the wiring and sending the meter flying. Thanks to Craig, LDM, and BC Hydro for helping to solve the mystery. And many thanks to Lloyd Brown, John Reed, and LDM, and for donating their time, materials and efforts to put it back together.

The Tea will be held on June 30 with the usual 2 sittings. Tickets will be on sale at the Food Basket and the Trading Post. Thanks to all those who have stepped forward to help carry on the tea tradition!

There are a few maintenance items we need for the boat and we will be asking for community support in the near future:

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waterproofing her top deck, upgrading fire suppressant system, and new flooring are all top of our list.

Atlinto - There is some concern that people are attempting to climb on and enter the boat. Signs will be posted and we will try and block the hold. It is dangerous to climb in or on the old boats!

Courthouse – Thanks to the Rural Dividend for the funding to hire Robin Urquhart to help us plan a new future for the old Courthouse. Included in this newsletter is a survey for our members to weigh in on how you want to see the old Courthouse used. Right now the only tenants are the Library and in the summer the art gallery. Court is no longer being held there due to a few problems with the building. Robin is currently documenting all of the issues from an energy and construction standpoint. Then with your input (survey results), and all other information at hand, he will present us with options for a retrofit. Once we have those options, we can decide on one, gather more details and the process begins to raise funds to make it a reality.



Archives/Museum – We are super-excited about two new museum displays created by

Susie Kuelbs, and Linda Reed. Inspired by the donation of Norah Smith's nursing cape (Thanks to the Smith family), the nursing display celebrates the variety of nursing care in Atlin as well as our wonderful nurses. The new Gairns display (completed last summer) was visited by the family with much delight at seeing their family's mark on Atlin's life preserved in such a memorable way.



Other changes are planned so do drop by and have a visit this summer! And, maybe you would like to be a museum volunteer?

The new issue of the Atlin Claim is out!! Well done Edith and Manu it looks fantastic!!

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