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Hello Members & Friends,

It seems a little early for my Fall newsletter but I decided to write to you as so much has been happening and I'd like to keep you all up to date.

Report # 17 is selling very well – to date we've sold about 120 copies. I have been kept busy mailing them out and actually selling them out of my trunk or backseat!! I feel a little furtive about that but it works.

We had a very successful booth at the Grand Forks and District Fall Fair. Cher Wyers, our Vice President, managed the booth with help from members of the Ham Radio Club. Big thanks to our President, Joan Heart, for appealing to her fellow Ham Radio Club members and their terrific response. Two of them have become members of the Historical Society and Mel Carroll wore three "hats" that weekend, helping with our booth, both as a BHS and a Ham Radio Club member and flipping pancakes at the Elk's Pancake Breakfast. Thanks go out to Mel, Brian Norwood, Ken Fehr and Judith Hamm for helping us.

I sent out invitations to the Phoenix Memorial Kiosk Dedication to the woodcarvers who had worked on the name rails as well as to our members. David Bevan gave me the addresses including a helper from Ontario. The Boundary Woodworkers' Guild cemented in the posts for the kiosk in August and a date of September 11<sup>th</sup> was set for completion and dedication. We lucked out on the weather – a small crowd assembled and we were



graced with a tune by piper Gordie Jones. Cher Wyers, Al Donnelly, a Past President, and David Bevan, Boundary Woodworkers' Guild, all spoke to the work that preceded the Dedication. We finished with another song from Gordie. Woodcarvers and Woodworkers were in attendance along with Historical Society Members and Alex Allen from "Grand Forks Now". The Kiosk is amazing - a piece of art. Many of those present were overwhelmed with the significance of it and the history it represents. David Bevan "linked" relatives and friends in a touching tribute to their lives. I hope many of you will find time at some date to travel to the Pioneer Phoenix Cemetery to view the kiosk. I have included some pictures. Les Johnson videoed the ceremony – you can check it out on our website – [boundaryhistory.com](http://boundaryhistory.com)

I took up lunch for the Woodworkers and we enjoyed a picnic before the ceremony. Our maintenance man, Klaus Bialon, attended the dedication. He has been busy with



maintenance and will be using larger tools to clear the brush. Fire had been a concern but with the rain and cooler temperatures he will feel easier about using brush trimmers. It is a pleasure to open the gate now that he has adjusted it.

Jo Ann and I managed to get 4 fences painted before the Dedication. Weather has slowed us down and I expect we may have to wait until late next spring. It is interesting that we have had offers of help from people who are not members and we intend to take them up on their offer!

I've visited the Grand Forks, Greenwood, and Midway Libraries and brought their collections of Boundary Historical Society Reports up to date - mailed a copy to the Beaverdell Community Library. Visited the Boundary Museum, Greenwood Museum and the Grand Forks Art Gallery and they are carrying some or all of our Reports. I visited with Paul and Gloria Lautard, gave them a complimentary copy and had a nice visit. Also visited with Gladys Floyd at Phoenix Manor. Rose Gobeil has been doing a fine job of selling our books at Silver Kettle.



On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, we held a Reading at the Grand Forks Public Library. A small group was assembled to hear Laura Lodder read her story from Report #17 about her neighbour, Nels Berquist. We enjoyed chatting with the attendees (one of whom was visiting from Australia!). Gladys Floyd was in attendance in her old stomping ground and autographed books as did Laura.

We will be holding our AGM in Greenwood this year in the Kettle River Art Club next to McArthur Centre. The date will be Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> beginning with a social hour from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. We are hoping to see lots of our members and will be presenting Lifetime Awards to a couple of members. I will send out an invitation closer to the date.

Our Membership currently stands at 79 plus 5 Lifetime Members. I will be emailing and mailing notes to those who need to renew their memberships.

Historically yours,

Doreen Sorensen  
Secretary

