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During the past three months a number of important SHS projects have taken shape. Our treasurer Mike Jenson and the Squamish Lions are spearheading the construction of the Wilkie House foundation at the West Coast railway Heritage Park with the assistance of local businesses and individuals: Rona donated \$300, Triton provided rebar, Doug Marlow arranged the digging, Gary Gratton delivered the gravel purchased from Coast Aggregates and Al McIntosh worked on the laser level measurement. The next step will be to move the building to the new foundation where it will become the permanent home for the SHS. Once all the external structural renovations have been completed we will upgrade the interior for a planned late spring 2011 opening. Assistance from the membership and other interested parties



would be greatly appreciated as we move towards completion of the project.

One of our longstanding goals has been to conspicuously display the Squamish log books.

These elegant wooden carvings were originally showcased at the Adventure Centre but are in storage at the moment. The log books depict the evolution of the natural environment in Squamish and the

forest industry from earliest times to the present.

We have been selected to receive \$1200 towards upgrades at the Wilkie House from the Squamish Community Foundation. An open invitation to attend a SCF wine and cheese reception on Oct. 1 has been extended to

our executive and membership.

This will be our second grant from the SCF and we offer our appreciation to the members of the board for selecting us. The \$2,000 received last year was for interior displays and equipment at the



"LOG BOOK PARK"

Carving by Glenn Greensides



A movable concrete pad with a Cedar Shake and timber roof is built to display each Log Book in the park.

Wilkie House. We also wish to thank John Thomas and Constance Wrigley, the proprietors of Essentient Association Management, in Burlington, Ontario who visited Squamish this summer and donated \$1000 towards the Wilkie House refurbishment.

We are grateful to Shaw Cable and Resort TV in Whistler for continuing to provide us with the opportunity to advertise on Cable 4 Community TV in Squamish and the Garibaldi Five cinemas.

In keeping with tradition, the SHS set up a booth at the Brackendale Fall Fair in early September which was well attended. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this annual event. This year, as is customary, we displayed Lefty Goldsmith's kitchen equipment and tools.

We also set up a TV monitor and DVD player to showcase "Brackendale Then and Now," one of our video productions.

This past spring the SHS became a member of the Squamish Arts Council and we are working together with SAC to advance the interests of the arts and historical inquiry in our community.

Our monthly meetings that take place the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm, except December, July and August, will now be held at the SAC building downtown on Cleveland Avenue.

Our next guest speaker will be Kristin Clausen who will be discussing the Britannia Mine Museum. Please join us for our upcoming meeting and share your ideas about keeping local history alive in Squamish.

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