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1. BEST WISHES TO OUR READERS FOR THE NEW YEAR – CANADA'S 150th

Hopefully our wishes to you all for a joyful, happy and safe Christmas holiday season were fulfilled. For those of you with friends or family in less favourable circumstances we wish for them your love and support.

Our best wishes for a happy, healthful and successful New Year can be repeated in this edition, and come to you from the full membership of our Society.

2. AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR MEMBERS

As announced in our October issue, we plan to introduce you to our current members, starting with the most recently appointed, Helen Sandy of the Williams Lake Indian Band.

As mentioned, Helen is a member of the Williams Lake Indian Band and lives on the Sugar Cane Reserve. She began her career as a waitress for the Ranch Cafe in Williams Lake, later becoming a Kindergarten Aide and Preschool Assistant for the Williams Lake Indian Band. Later still, Helen was employed as a receptionist for the Williams Lake Indian Band, Three Corners Health Services Society and Cariboo Tribal Council.

In preparation for her teaching positions, Helen attended the Native Indian Teacher Education Program at the William's Lake campus from 1974 to 1976, attended the Early Childhood Education Program at Cariboo College, Kamloops from 1986 to 1988, and in preparation for one of her favourite post-teaching activities, most recently attended the New York Institute of Photography from 2009 to 2010.



Currently, Helen volunteers at the health clinic at Sugar Cane, helping to prepare lunches for adults requiring a hot meal, at her Band's Recreation Department in its after school program, storytelling and teaching how to make pine needle jewelry and other crafts, and working in the community garden which provides families, on and off reserve, with fresh vegetables. As if that were not enough, Helen also volunteers as a photographer at many social, educational and private functions such as weddings, using the skills she learned during her time in New York.

Helen very modestly describes herself as an aspiring artist, currently working with ponderosa pine needle to create unique pieces of jewelry.

The Society is delighted to welcome this unusually gifted person into membership.

NOTES TO THE READER

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