

Busy year ahead for NP Historical Society

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The usual activities of the Historical Society and Museum have resumed after the Christmas holidays.

The organization is geared up for a very active year, not to mention the forthcoming celebrations in 1992 of the 50th anniversary of the Alaska Highway, the 1993 bicentenary of Alexander Mackenzie's trip down the Peace and, of course, Fort St. John's own 200th birthday in 1994.

Although these events seem distant, preparations have to start far in advance, as time passes all too quickly.

The annual Heritage Week preparations are already under way. February 19-24 has been designated as Heritage Week.

The museum staff is arranging something for each day; gold-panning, rope making and soap making demonstrations are planned.

Along with these activities is the annual sale of homemade breads.

If you have not tasted of this yummy stuff, then take this opportunity, as the ladies are very adept at bread making. FOR ARTS FILES

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For further information on this, contact Rose or Donna at the museum (787-0430).

The annual general meeting of the North Peace Historical Society will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 24, during Heritage Week. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Hall.

One of the features of the dinner will be local buffalo meat. A social hour will take place before the dinner, at which there will be things to view such as buffalo trophies, a gun collection as well as some items from the gift shoppe.

The guest speaker will be a well-known pioneer and former resident of Fort St. John, Hale Parker.

An election of directors will also take place at this meeting.

If there is anyone interested in being a director, please notify one of the nominating committee members: Richard Dutka (785-5704), Mel Clark (785-6966) or Winnis Baker (785-7820).

The book *The Peacemakers of the North Peace* is now in plentiful supply at the museum.

This is a very entertaining and informative book of pioneer history and is a worthwhile investment.