

## President's Report to the GN AGM March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Another year of the Societies activities will be winding up at the end of this month. I hope you have enjoyed the year. It has been another very productive one. We have continued to keep you updated with more frequent general emails and through the Chronicle. We hope it is not too intrusive! Let us know if we need to change anything.

I will leave it to the Committee chairs and their dedicated members to update you on their activities over this past year. When you read the online Committee reports you will see you have been well served again this year. Thank you to all the Committee Chairs and their members.

We had the official reopening of the Nature Centre and opening of the Prairie Viewpoints to start off the spring and have enjoyed the new digs, theatre room and A/V equipment (once Dave helped us through the techie part).

And a big thanks to Corlaine and staff for your continued outstanding dedication towards the great programming of the MHIP! I repeat, Medicine Hat and area are the big winners of this program!

Our indoor speaker program has been very entertaining, and varied (Monarchs in the Sierra Madra's to Worms!) again this year. Linda has a line up already waiting for this coming season. Thank you for getting such interesting speakers.

Milt has graciously consented to continue as our editor of the Chronicle, so it is in his good hands for another year, at least!

I remind you again, the strength of a club is it's members and the ability to attract new members. We have a relatively stable membership and have added quite a few new members over the past four years, and I think we have been able to keep club events and happenings interesting for the membership. For once, I am not having to beg for members to step forward for various positions. As I write this, we have some very enthusiastic new members who have come forward and I hope it becomes viral through the membership! A big thanks to these ladies!

This will be my last Presidents message. Phil Horch has put his name forward to take over. Thank you so much Phil. The last four years have been both a pleasure and a privilege to have served you. Unfortunately, I am unable to be at the meeting, but will be back for the late spring and summer events.

Lastly, I want to thank my Board- who are all prepared to carry on in their capacities- for their hard work and dedication over the last four years. We always have had great and sometimes lively Board meetings, and some have gone overtime, but it's all the same goal and that is, the good of the Society and the environment. I will be back to make sure I don't miss all the great baking!

It has been an honour, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Armstrong, President