

Mr. Bancroft has promised to return in the future.

At the Dec. 6 meeting, Eleanor Lamont, a director of the CNF, filled members in on what the federation is doing. The CNF is pushing for a full panel review of the proposed bridge and will endorse the Society's position regarding the proposed development on Boughton Island. She also said the CNF is looking forward to their convention here in June. A committee was set up to look at potential Environment Week projects for the NHS, and Susan Stephenson is representing us on the Environment Week Committee.

Boughton Island continues to take up a lot of the Society's time, and raffle tickets for a Robert Bateman print, sponsors for the bird counts, and donations helped to offset some of the costs of bringing in expert witnesses and preparing our case.

Martin Rudy Haase, of Friends of Nature, showed a film and spoke about the life of his friend Richard St. Barbe Baker, a very inspired talk about an inspiring man. Mr. Haase also showed some wonderful slides from his recent trip around South Moresby in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

There were lots of new faces at the Jan. 3 meeting, and Susan Stephenson reviewed the busy year for everyone. Margaret Mallett gave a financial report, and in turn, was presented (surprise!) with a painting of a Rose-breasted Grosbeak on a stone, done by Nova Scotia artist Robbie Buckland-Nicks. Margeret has worked so hard for the Society since its reincarnation in 1969 that she deserves something special.

Susan Stephenson and Patrick Wootton talked about their presentations before the Land Use Commission in St. Peters, supporting the Island Nature Trust's position against the Greenwich development.

There are now changes in the Society's constitution, approved at the meeting, and the new constitution will be available at the February 7 meeting. Most were just housekeeping changes, but the two most important ones were the change in executive to include a Secretary and a Treasurer (instead of a Secretary-Treasurer and Recording Secretary), and the new meeting time of 7:30 p.m. (instead of 8 p.m.). This means that people who have a long drive to the meetings will be able to get home earlier.

The nominating committee of Diane Griffin, John Ferguson and Gary Schneider put forth its recommendations for the 1989 executive and they were accepted unanimously. Susan stays on as President; Patrick Wootton takes on the Vice-President position; the new Secretary is Gerald MacDonald; Dan McAskill moves to Treasurer; Ruth Richman stays on as one Director and Jean Ouellette is the newest Director.

Bob Thompson, leader of the Watershed Management Project on the Montague River, gave members a tour of what they've accomplished and hope to do in the future. Many members are familiar with the area and that added a lot to an interesting talk and slide show.

RECOMMENDED READING

The following books are available from the Confederation Centre Library in Charlottetown and were suggested by NHS member Peter Dutton as good reading for anyone interested in natural history and conservation: Down To Earth, by the Duke of Edinburgh - a collection of his speeches and writing on conservation issues over the last 20 years; Virunga, by Farley Mowatt - an account of the life of Dian Fossey and an attempt to understand this very complicated woman.