

the Canadian Heritage Rivers System," said Mr. McMillan. "In just over four years, it has become one of the most promising programs for conserving river heritage in North America. It is fitting that a province containing some of the finest tidal rivers in Canada is now part of this national co-operative program," he added.

"Flowing water has been the architect of Prince Edward Island's landscape," said Mr. MacInnis. "To many people, rivers are the most extraordinary part of our environment. The province's involvement in the heritage rivers system demonstrates our commitment to the sound management of our river heritage. The Canadian Heritage Rivers System is also an important nation, outdoor tourism initiative which fits into the province's overall tourism strategy."

Designated rivers remain under the jurisdiction of the government responsible, whether federal, provincial or territorial. The objective is to ensure their conservation through long-term management of their special heritage features while supporting the recreational opportunities they present.



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The December 6 meeting of the Natural History Society is one I'm especially looking forward to, since the guest speaker will be Martin R. Haase, secretary-treasurer of Friends of Nature. From his home in Chester, Nova Scotia, Mr. Haase has sent out countless newsletters, clippings, letters to editors and politicians in an effort to encourage conservation and protect our environment.

Mr. Haase will show a video on his friend, the late Richard St. Barbe Baker. St. Barbe Baker was Director of World Activities for the Men of the Trees, and was often referred to as the "Man of the Trees" for the work he did in reforestation worldwide and his tireless campaigning to protect and conserve our woodlands.

If time permits, Mr. Haase will show some slides on the South Moresby area of the Queen Charlotte Islands, which he circumnavigated in 1985 aboard the Darwin Sound II. He was also in Windy Bay this Spring, and I look forward to hearing about the trip first hand. Although I've been in communication with Mr. Haase through the mail since 1982, it will be my first chance to meet with him, so I'm doubly excited. See you there!

We extend our sympathy

We are sad to report the passing of Martha Shank of Point Prim, Belfast. She died on September 18th after a short illness. Members of the P.E.I. Natural History Society will miss Martha at the annual Christmas Bird Count. She was an avid birdwatcher and her birdfeeders were always full. She greeted birders with enthusiasm and a wonderful array of German Christmas cookies and German Christmas cards. We extend our sympathy to her family.

- Thelma Murchison and Liz Townsend