

"More of the Best of the Valley"

Shelton Historical Society 'Travels' to Alaska at Annual Meeting

By Patricia Villers

Feb. 4, 2016

SHELTON - Members and friends of the Shelton Historical Society "traveled" to Alaska Sunday courtesy of member Carolyn Ivanoff.

The historical society held its annual meeting at Huntington Congregational Church hall.

More than 60 people were treated to a lively presentation by Ivanoff, a Shelton Intermediate School administrator and the organization's second vice president.

They saw moose, bear, foxes, and lots of spectacular scenery. Ivanoff said her photos do not do justice to the glaciers, rivers, and majestic mountains.



Storm damage update

Society Executive Director Tracey Tate offered an update on recovering collections after an Oct. 28 flood damaged the nonprofit's historic Brownson House at 70 Ripton Road, part of the Shelton History Center complex.

Work was being done on the roof but a tarp covering the work failed during a strong rainstorm. Water went through the attic, two floors of the house and down into the basement where the main collection storeroom is located.

The majority of the collection was fine but the boxes were destroyed. "It has been an enlightening experience and in a weird way a good experience," Tate said. Curators and other historical society staffers from around the state arrived and helped recover collections.

Among other things the Society learned how loyal its regular volunteers are.

"They came every day (to help) come hell or high water," Tate said. The Society also learned who in the community values what they do.

For more information or to join, email executive director Tracey Tate, shcdirector@gmail.com

