
THE SELTZER-CHAN POND INLET FOUNDATION



DEDICATING THE INUKSHUK

A Personal Journey

Gareth and I traveled to Pond Inlet this past July, bringing with us an engraved marble plaque to be placed by the inukshuk that is at the base of Mount Herodier overlooking Eclipse Sound. Friends of the foundation will recall that this



Inukshuk was built by community elders, comforters, other members of the local community, Rosemary Waterston, Phil King and ourselves in a spot overlooking the area where Mark and Marilyn were lost.

Our return this summer was an emotional visit –

hampered by ice that would not clear. Eventually we were flown to the site by helicopter, courtesy of the Polar Shelf Project that had participated in the search at the time of the accident. We are grateful for their support and assistance.



Bad weather – and likely the local animal community – had damaged the inukshuk, but Gareth and I were reassured by Lazarus and the local Inuit men that it would be repaired in a more permanent fashion. We took a quick flight over the sound where we

saw narwhals, beluga whales and seals swimming. It was a perfect ending to a challenging and rewarding visit. – D.S.

THE 2001 GRANTS

A Community Partnership

We were impressed by the strength of the applications received this year and appreciate the help of the local Pond Inlet Foundation Committee in selecting the recipients. The Foundation is proud to announce that a total of **\$6,200** was distributed to the following recipients in 2001:

- Nunavut Sivuniksavut Participants studying in Ottawa: **Mona Enuara; Janet Krimmerdjuar; Lee Takawgak**
- Nunavut Arctic College Students in Iqaluit: **Michael Peterloosie** (Business Management); **Deena Ootoovak** (pre-Nursing); **Asenath Idlout** (Nursing); **Sipporah Peterloosie** (Nursing)
- Algonquin College Students in Ottawa: **Bryan Simonee; Joni Kyak; Tracy Kyak**
- Mount Allison University Students in New Brunswick: **Adam Ferguson; Anisa Parks**
- **Alex Ootoowak** (contribution towards a GPS and survival suit for this young Pond Inlet hunter)
- **The Pond Inlet Search and Rescue Team** (contribution towards pamphlet on land skills in Inuktitut)

Our sincere thanks to Committee members Mike DeMaio, Lazarus Atreak, George Konoo, Philippa Ootoowak, David Parks and Karen Nutarak for their time and guidance. During the visit to Pond Inlet the Committee hosted a tea in the Community Centre, where we chatted with members of the Committee and met some winners of this year's awards.



The classroom and students at Wat Siamphone Temple School



Teachers at Wat Siamphone Temple School in Vientiane



A TRIP TO LAOS -

A highlight of 2001 for me was a personal visit to the school in Vientiane, Laos dedicated to Mark and Marilyn. This school was built with the support of Mark and Marilyn – and under the significant leadership of their friend Ken Jung. I had been unable to make any prior arrangements for our visit and so my friend, Duncan Jackman, and I arrived unannounced. We were welcomed by the monks and made especially comfortable by the Master Monk who quickly showed us a prominent picture of him with Mark and Marilyn that hangs in the school office. Perhaps it is the healthy diet but all of the monks had remarkable personal memories of Mark and Marilyn and through an interpreter, we quickly realized the profound impression they had made at the school. Having been so personally reminded of the importance of education and encouragement we left renewed in our commitment to further the reach of the Foundation in the Pond Inlet community.

G.S.

Thank you from Samson

"Thank you so very much for giving me the chance to return to the NASA Houghton-Mars Project on Devon Island this year.... Not only did I get a chance to learn much about my field of study (mechanical engineering) but it also gave me the chance to talk to the people already in the scientific field about how they got to where they are today." *Samson J. Ootoowak, 2000 award recipient*

Help us help other people like Samson!

A donation is not only a wonderful memorial to Mark and Marilyn but it also will allow the Foundation to continue to support education and Inuit culture in Pond Inlet.

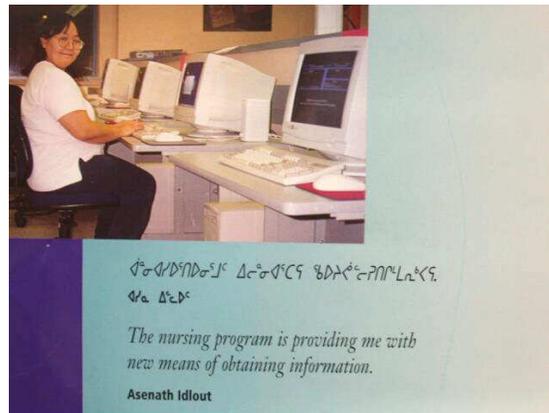
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Posted prominently around Baffin Island are posters advertising the nursing program at Arctic College. The posters feature Asenath Idlout, a recipient of two SCPIF grants to support her nursing studies. Also, while on our trip back to Iqaluit, we met a nurse who knew the foundation-supported nursing student, Sipporah Peterloosie. She assured us that Sipporah will be a talented nurse. This speaks to the dedication of Sipporah and the skill of the local Foundation Committee who help select worthy candidates.