

Pam Jenkins



Long-time member, former Club president and BC Nature representative.

Pam Jenkins has had a long association in a number of capacities with the North Okanagan Naturalists. She came to Canada from London, England in 1964 to begin a teaching career in Kitimat, B.C. and remained there for four years. She came to Vernon in 1968, soon joined the Naturalists Club and became a director in 1976. Pam was also one of several people who started the Vernon Outdoors Club eventually serving as president of that organization.

With a strong interest in the outdoors, especially the flora and fauna of the region, Pam enjoyed a number of summer camps arranged by our club and fondly remembers one to Peters Lake in 1974.

Pam took a two-year teaching assignment in Nigeria with CUSO in 1988. Her return in 1990 again involved a move as Pam married Dennis Sims who was in the BC Mountaineering Club and she moved to the West Kootenay community of Christina Lake. While in the Kootenays Pam was active with the Boundary Naturalists while still maintaining her connection with the North Okanagan. She fondly remembers a club hike over the Chilkooot Pass Trail in 1997 as well as a summer camp at Waterton Lake in 1999.

When Pam returned to live in Vernon in 1999 she became actively involved in NONC. She attended the BC Nature AGM in Courtenay in 2006 and most AGMs and Fall GMs right up until 2018. Illness prevented her attendance at the AGM in Vancouver that year.

Pam has served on the NONC executive as a director, stepped forward to complete the term of former president Regine Pasquier in 2008 who re-located to another continent mid-term, then she served her own full term as president from 2009 to 2011. She has been the Club representative to BC Nature since 2006. One of the requirements of this position is to submit reports on club activities for publication in the BC Nature magazine. These have been done promptly and well during that time.

At various times Pam can be found with her camera on local trails, nature spots and Saturday morning walks taking pictures of birds and plants, skiing at Sovereign Lake, enjoying films at the 'Towne' and attending public meetings and lectures on all manner of topics.

As of this writing Pam remains a member of the executive of the North Okanagan Naturalists' Club.

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