

The Peruvians that Heather met were shy, gentle, honest people. Many of them maintain their Incan heritage. The Incas built a remarkable civilization. They transported stones for miles to building projects. Some of their roads, walls and aqueducts were fitted together so precisely without mortar that they have survived for hundreds of years, including earthquakes.

Machu Picchu was built about 1450 AD and it was abandoned about 1572 during the Spanish conquest. It was uncovered in the jungle during the 20th century. A highlight for Heather was seeing the sun rise through the city's stone gate. Although Machu Picchu was crowded with tourists when Heather was there, other Incan sites on her tour were empty.

At Lake Titicaca, Heather stayed with natives who live on islands made of rushes. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout donated by Canada.

Dan Pearson introduced Heather and **David Judd** thanked her.



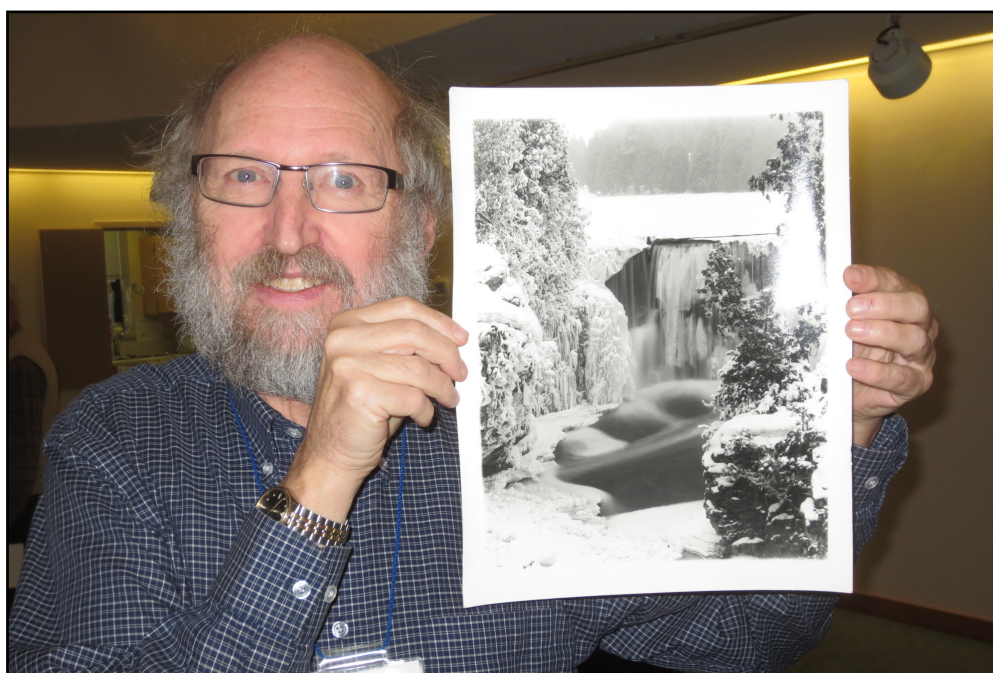
Heather Walters

Who Am I: Bernd Mueller

Bernd Mueller joined our PROBUS Club about a year ago. He was born in Germany and at age 12 in 1967 came to Canada with his family, settling in Kitchener-Waterloo. He worked for 30 years in the printing industry operating presses. He and his wife Sandy have been married for 14 years. They live in Vittoria.

Over the years, Bernd's hobbies have included astronomy, photography and canoe tripping. He belongs to three astronomy groups. In October 2018 he showed us several stunning photos as part of a presentation about astronomy with **Tim Philp**.

Thank you, Bernd. You are a valuable member of our club.



Bernd Mueller shows one of his winter photographs in large format black and white.