

In March 2020 MM was shut down, like so many public events, because of the COVID safety restrictions, especially as our theatre is in a hospital setting. A year and a half later it seems like it will still be a good while before people will be comfortable crowding into our theatre to watch a film together. Our board and I decided after a year to wind down the society. It's time. [Link to TC article 2020]

26 1/2 years, every Monday, has been a pretty good run. Simply (or not so simply) consistently, putting up a film once a week was the key. Getting folks out to an entertaining evening. Still offering the admission by donation and refreshments at really affordable prices. Those were at the core. All the other psycho-social rehab, education and guest presentations were just icing on the cake.

I've had great help along the way from family, especially my wife, Laurel, my sons, a Board that has been there since 2000 to facilitate and particularly an individual, Bruce Wallace, who in spite of his busy life helped me (or I helped him) to write the proposals for funding. He was instrumental in keeping the business end of having a society in order and he ferried me through some low patches. And volunteers who pitched in with great regularity to make the events fully like a movie experience. They've all enabled me.

I just can't help "prescribing" films that are worthwhile watching so have kept uploading on the MM site new suggestions every few weeks.

In 2019 we applied for funding Canada Council For The Arts as we had for 20 years. This was for their four year cycle and we were encouraged to raise our ask considerably to \$25,000 per year. We were awarded that amount, a commitment of \$100,000. Our proposal was second highest rated by the jurors. Unfortunately we couldn't use it beyond the first installment.