

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A momentous anniversary took place earlier this month. A hundred years ago the Armistice of WWI was signed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. This ended a hideous war, where more men died from disease and infection than from bullets and mortar shells.

I see a souvenir sheet to honor the end of WWI with a watercolor painting of a red poppy. It symbolizes "Remembrance" of those who sacrificed and paid the ultimate price. "In Flanders field the poppies grow between the crosses row on row...." We think of the sacrifices of those who served so many years ago. And now, as then, we honor those who serve today.

Thanksgiving is here. The weather has turned cold, with wind and snow. I watch the leaves turn red, orange, and gold, then fall to the ground. The flowers have all wilted. The squirrels are running everywhere hiding nuts for later. And yes, the Christmas decorations are up in all the stores.

We are thankful for our families and friends, who help us through the day, and make us better persons. We can also be thankful for our wonderful hobby. It helps us pass the time and learn about the world around us and meet new friends. For the Biology Unit, it helps us appreciate the Natural World, share knowledge and ideas. As we go through the holiday season, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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