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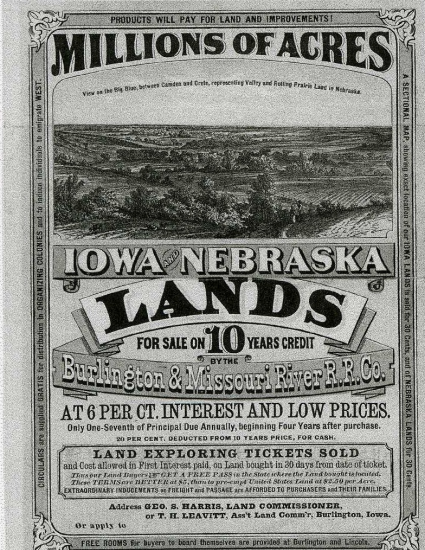
Newsletter of the Orcas Island Historical Society - Journey Stories 2010

"We educate, inspire, connect and involve our community and visitors as stewards of island history."



The Smithsonian's

JOURNEY  
Stories



...don't miss it!

at the **Orcas Island Historical Museum**  
**July 17-August 29, 2010** open 11-4 every day



The American story is a complex patchwork of many stories woven over time from the voyages – voluntary and involuntary – of people who traveled across the continent, from state-to-state and around the world to build new lives. How did we get here? The question is tackled in *Journey Stories*, a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition that explores the history of American travel from immigration to migration, the role of myriad transportation modes and the search for freedom.

**DESTINATION:  
Orcas Island**

*Destination: Orcas Island* is our local component of the exhibit, which includes amazing Orcas Journey Stories from both past and present. Add yours to the archive!

## **JOURNEY STORIES SPECIAL EVENTS ON ORCAS ISLAND:**

### **July 22-Presentation:**

#### **The Journey of Paul Satko's Ark -from Virginia to Juneau via the San Juans**

Michael Sullivan, WA Historical Museum  
7 pm, Orcas Senior Center

### **July 28- Childrens' Event:**

#### **Children's Tour of the Journey Stories Exhibit**

Conducted by the Orcas Island Library– call to register  
10 am, Orcas Island Historical Museum

### **July 30-Performance:**

#### **Musical Journey Stories -Woody Guthrie**

Carl Allen of The Wanderers,  
7:30 pm, Orcas Senior Center

### **August 2-30 -Exhibit:**

#### **The Art of the Journey**

Creative expressions about journeys of all kinds  
Art, Photography and Poetry  
open to all Orcas Islanders– register by 7/26 at  
376-4849 or [orcasmuseum@rockisland.com](mailto:orcasmuseum@rockisland.com)  
M-Th 9-4, Orcas Senior Center  
opening reception 8/7, 5 pm

### **August 7-Presentation:**

#### **Journeys that Shaped our Lives**

Live journey storytelling organized  
by the Eth-Noh-Tec Story Theater  
3-5pm, Orcas Senior Center

### **August 13-Presentation:**

#### **Ancient Peoples' San Juan Journeys**

Amanda Taylor (Burke Museum) &  
Stephanie Jolivet (U of W)  
7:30 pm, Orcas Senior Center

### **August 15-Presentation & Exhibit:**

#### **Four Winds Westward Ho– Childrens' Journeys to Orcas since 1927, 2 pm, Oddfellows Hall**

### **August 21-Presentation:**

#### **Captain Wilkes' San Juan Voyage of 1841**

Tom Welch, Orcas Historian  
7 pm, The Grange

### **August 27-Film:**

#### **Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip**

A documentary by Ken Burns  
6:30 pm, West Sound Community Hall

## **.... don't forget your passport!**

Each person attending the *Journey Stories* Exhibit will receive a special souvenir passport and a free entry in a Special Journey Drawing to be held at the end of August. The grand prize winner will receive two round-trip tickets between Eastsound and Boeing Field, courtesy of Kenmore Air.

In addition, passport holders should bring their passports to any or all of the above *Journey Stories*-related events. Your passport will be stamped and you will receive another entry in the drawing at each event you attend. The more events attended, the better the chances of winning!

The Orcas Island Historical Museum thanks its *Journey Stories* sponsors:

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## HEATHER WALLACE MOVING ON!

Sad news...our Administrator Heather will be leaving the Museum soon. I don't know how we would have kept the place open without her, in the dark days last year after we had to let our previous director go. She very capably stepped in and handled many of the day-to-day Museum activities, and kept the Board informed of actions they needed to take --- she will be sorely missed. Heather is not leaving the island, at least, and will be working at home for Green Builder Media. Before she goes out the door, she is putting the finishing touches on the Journey Stories video of eight island residents interviewed by Paul Evans' OIHS Digital Media class.

On the bright side, we were able to quickly bring on board a replacement, Irene Ekberg, a long-time island resident. Heather is getting Irene brought up to speed on the various office activities. Visitors to the office will find Irene to be a pleasant and capable addition. Welcome, Irene!

## The Sculpture Has Arrived !

On June 28th Todd Spalti's exquisitely impressive heron sculpture, entitled "Tribute", was erected to it's full 14 feet 3 inch height amid cheers from the 40 bystanders and photographers present. David Hall of Boom Truck Services skillfully lowered the sculpture onto it's concrete base, which had been constructed the week before by Al Minnis, Tex Beemer, John Willis and James Lobdell, with concrete donated by Rocky Arnt of Sea Island Sand and Gravel. Thanks to everyone involved in this all-volunteer effort. Thanks also to Dona Wuthnow of San Juan County Parks and the Parks Commission for working with the Museum to allow part of the sculpture base to extend partly onto the Village Green.

I won't try to duplicate here the informative article in last week's Sounder, but the Museum is very grateful to have been chosen as the site for this magnificent piece of art. Thanks to Todd for his year of hard work, and to the anonymous benefactor who made Todd's efforts possible. The Museum will do some landscaping and brickwork to better set off the sculpture, and a formal dedication and reception will take place in the near future.

I hardly have to invite everyone by to see it--you won't be able to miss it driving or walking along North Beach Road . But do stop by and take a close look at the beautifully carved human figures tumbling out of the rocks and leaves at the heron's back. It's an amazing addition to the Museum and downtown Eastsound, and will be a magnet for islanders and visitors alike.

*President Bill Buchan*



Above: Dave Hall of Boom Truck Services and sculptor Todd Spalti help ease the sculpture into place as bystanders watch.



Left: The sculpture "Tribute" at rest in it's new home in front of the Orcas Island Historical Museum on North Beach Road.

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### MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE HISTORICAL DAYS FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thanks to the efforts of many hands, Historical Days 2010 was quite successful! The weather turned pleasant just in time. The Pie Booth and Hot Dog stand each cleared close to \$1000. Serving out delicious pieces of pie to parade watchers were Gwyneth Burrill, Anne Hawkins, Ann Waltersdorph, Sharon Lee, Marta Nilsen, Lois Cornell and Andrea Cohen. Thanks also to the many ladies (and at least one man) who donated the pies. Hot doggers were Bill Buchan, Kathleen Schinkel, John Willis, Neil Hawkins, Elly Hogue and John Fleisher, with awesome cooking capacity provided by Jimmy Mudd's big, bad trailer-mounted barbeque. Tom Welsh, Mike and Lois Cornell and James Lobdell also assisted with setting up/tearing down the hot dog booth. Denise Wilk organized our parade entry, which consisted of Howard Wright's antique resort bus and Jim Hamilton's vintage Auburn car and tear-drop camping trailer. People close enough to the stage were treated to music by Karl Berger on guitar and Gene Nery accompanied by the Orcas Horns.

### *Journey Story of Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival*

How did a world-class Chamber Music Festival originate on Orcas Island? The fascinating history will be told on Sunday August 15th at Rosario Resort to tie in with the Smithsonian exhibit's Journey Stories. Artistic Director Aloysia Friedmann and Artistic Advisor Jon Kimura Parker (Jackie) will talk about how the Festival began 13 years ago, when the first concert was performed in the Music Room at Rosario. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 5pm, followed by the Festival Journey Story and special musical moments performed by Aloysia and Jackie. All donors to the 2010 Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival will receive special invitations to this event.