

ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUMS

STEAMER ROSALIE

SEATTLE-SAN JUAN ISLAND ROUTE

Port Townsend*

Richardson

Argyle

Friday Harbor Roche Harbor

Deer Harbor

West Sound

Orcas

East Sound‡

Rosario

Bellingham

Leaves Seattle for Bellingham via all San Juan Island points Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. ves East Sound, Orcas. Deer Harbor, Friday Harbor, Lopez d Richardson for Seattle direct, Tuesday, Thursday and Sat-

7:30 A. M. Lopez 8:15 A. M. Ar. Friday Harbor

+Seattle

Ar. 5:00 P. M.

11:00 A. M.

10:00 A. M.

9:20 A. M.

8:15 A. M.

7:00 A. M.

The Puget Sound

Navigation

Company schedule for the Steamer Rosalie.

Early 1900s

12:00 Midnight Lv.

9:00 A. M. Lv.

6:15 A. M. 7:00 A. M.

10:00 A. M.

10:45 A. M. 11:15 A. M.

11:45 A. M. 1:00 P. M.

1:30 P. M.

2:00 P. M.

Summer on Orcas Island



Beatrice Cook with two salmon; Cook was the founder of the Library Guild and author of several 'fishy' books. Two titles are "Til Fish Us Do Part" and 'Truth is Stranger than Fishin"



Photo by James T. Geoghegan, 1928. Nine unidentified people sit with fish at the Buckhorn Lodge on the north shore of Orcas Island

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See more photos from our collection online at: www.washingtonruralheritage.org/cdm/landingpage/ collection/orcas

Summer 2017

Upcoming Events

Annual Auction Sept 2

History Sept Matinee 24

Heritage Sept Harvest Feast 30

History Oct 22 Matinee

Boo-seum Oct 28



North Beach with Geoghegan Family 1921

Hours:

Office Tues-Sat 11-4

Pioneer Museum Tues-Sun 11-4

Crow Valley School Memorial Day - Labor Day Thurs-Sat 12-4

Tours by Appointment

From the Director...

Whether you are visiting the island this summer, hosting visitors or just enjoying all the island has to offer, summer is a time for long days, exploration and play. Around the Museums, we become quite busy - many vacationers choose to include a visit to our Museums in their getaway plans; they think the visit is an important part of appreciating the region they are visiting. We enjoy our roles as ambassadors and stewards of our unique



island history for guests who visit from Arizona, California, Australia, Germany, China, and South America. (And that is just in the past few months.) This summer, the Museum is sharing our 60 year old oral history project through the featured exhibit **Presenting Orcas Voices**. We've helped keep Orcas history alive by encouraging people to experience another time and wonder, what would I have done? What would my life have been like? We have also been fortunate to have conversations with descendants and families of Orcas "old timers" who have helped us to grow our stories, archives, and collections. While we are thankful for the chance to share our history and Museum during this busy season, we are most thankful for our year round supporters and members – I am so happy that you, our friend, have chosen to make the Historical Museums part of your life year round! Brittney Maruska, Director

Don't miss this summer's "Spooky Tales with an Orcas Spin"

Join master storyteller Antoinette as she shares stories of spirits, folklore and history, including the limekilns, as Spooky Tales continues through August.

Wednesdays at the Pioneer Museum - 8pm Fridays at the Crow Valley School Museum - 5pm

Adults \$10; Children \$5 Members get a \$2 discount!



New to the Collection

Three beautiful quilts and Mary's 1946

wedding dress were among the items recently acquired by the Museum. Robert & Mary Schoen honeymooned on Orcas Island and were longtime residents. In addition, we currently have two oral history interviews of Robert Schoen available to the public in our featured exhibit:

Presenting Orcas Voices.

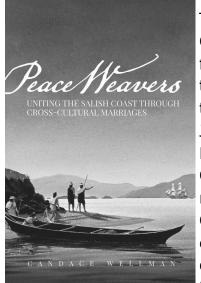


Robert & Mary Schoen at their 1946 wedding in Kirkland, WA

September History Matinee

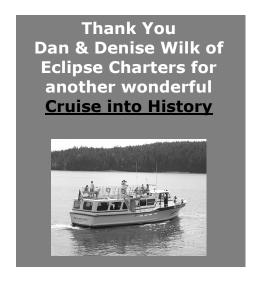
Candace Wellman speaks about Peace Weavers: Uniting the Salish Coast through Cross-Cultural Marriages

Sunday, September 24th at 3:00pm - Eastsound Fire Hall



The newest book from Washington State University Press, Candace Wellman's <u>Peace Weavers</u> narrates the lives of four indigenous women, their husbands, and the legacies they left behind. Two of the four women featured were actually on Orcas Island. One is Clara Tennant, the wife of John Tennant, who nearly met his maker on top of Mount Baker, and from then on served as a Methodist Minister. Clara, who adopted the religion, became his assistant and missionary, spreading the religion among many of the Coast Salish people. Here on Orcas the pair arrived in the early 1880s, just as the huge commotion about the rumors of a new saloon ripped the community apart. Charles Shattuck, who planned to build the saloon, ended up donating

the plot and the lumber he had bought, to the Methodists for their new church, thus appeasing the irate housewives. Another woman with Orcas connections was Mary Fitzhugh Lear Phillips, whose husband, George Phillips, worked at the Langdon lime works. In a drunken stupor, George was eventually going to be a threat to Mary's existence, and she did him in somewhere along the trail between Langdon and Eastsound. Mary paid the price, though many were sympathetic to her cause. Along with her two young children, she spent 2 years in the Territorial prison, south of Olympia. She returned to Orcas, lived out her life, and was buried at Madrona Point. Two of her eight children are also buried there. **Pick up your copy in the museum Gift Shop and don't miss the author talk on Sunday, September 24th at 3:00pm at the Eastsound Fire Hall.**





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1938 Picnic at Cascade Lake. Photo by Buckner Bolton

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