

# THE ISLAND HISTORIAN NEWS



The Orcas Island Historical Museums Newsletter

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

This has been a banner year for the Historical Museums. We celebrated our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pioneer Museum. Crow Valley School is resplendent in new paint and both Museums hosted a very successful run of Spooky Tales by Master Story Teller Antoinette Botsford. Our goal has been to increase usage of both Museums and Spooky Tales drew more than 300 visitors to our programming thanks to a team lead by board member Carol Kulminski.



We paid the mortgage off this year and installed heat for the cabins and main gallery which are huge milestones for us. This helps the long term conservation of the Pioneer Museum cabins and exhibits and allows us to be open more hours during the winter serving locals and visitors alike.

Attendance numbers at both Museums are higher than last year. Our Aviation History exhibit is bringing a number of folks from all over the Northwest and beyond. Hearing and Saving Orcas Voices projects have been successful in fundraising and recruiting new volunteers for transcription.

Enthusiastic kudos are in order for Edrie and Terri Vinson and board member Harold Lentzner as the driving forces behind this important and labor intensive project. Linda Peth has done an outstanding job in our museum store as well as recruiting and training new docents.

Pegi Groundwater and Madie Murray redesigned our increasingly popular website. Brittney Maruska has done an amazing job as our administrative assistant helping train docents, doing our deposits, processing memberships and coordinating the myriad of details that go with our events and fund raising efforts.

We have a number of new members to our happy museum family but we still mourn the loss of Virginia Jensen. I want to thank the president Jim Biddick and all the board of directors for their hard work and support over this past year and you, most importantly: our vital members, volunteers, donors and helpers, each an integral part our successful team.

Orcas Island History is fun, informative and educational. If you haven't already signed our Time Line banner, please come in and add your island arrival to 14,000 years of Orcas heritage.

## Pioneer Museum

Wed—Sat.  
11am – 4pm  
Sun. 12-3 pm

## Crow Valley School Museum

Closed; Tours by Ap-  
pointment

## Office Hours

Tues—Sat.  
10:30-4:30

## Board of Trustees

Jim Biddick, President

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Bruce Culver, Secretary

Tony Ayer

Pegi Groundwater

Carol Kulminski

Harold Lentzner

Linda Peth

## Orcas Voices Available for Adoption

An enthusiastic team of volunteers has been hard at work this year transcribing tapes for our oral history project, which we call Saving Orcas Voices.

However, we still have many recordings that need to be transcribed. So we're looking for some caring souls who are interested in island history and would like to adopt an island figure and help put their story into print. Volunteers listen to a recorded interview and type out the stories they hear onto a computer. The tapes are fun to listen to and while you're transcribing you learn a lot about what Orcas was like in the past.

Our museum team will give you all the guidance you need to get started. Please consider adopting one or more of these island figures:

Florence Coffelt	June Magnuson
Vern Coffelt	Don Meatte
Jim Corrie	Julia (Meg) Elliott Nordstrom
Ruth D'Innocenti	Irene O'Neill
Frank & Elsie Fowler	Margaret Reed
Dorothy Granger	Dave Richardson
Helen Harrison	Bus Sheehan
Aggie and Harry Hiller	Bus & Esther Sheehan
Loyal Hoffman	Sarah Sherman
Russ & Avis Hoffman	Irene Van Moorheim
Bill & Barbara Humes	Peter Vincent
Trudy Jackson	Jane Turner Walker
Hubert Kidder	Cecil Weyrich
Ruth Kidder	Dick Willis
Marge Burney Knudson	Lucile Willis
Carl Lange	Bill Worman
Phyllis Lehman	Brown, Schoen, Sheehan, Exton (group)

## SPOOKY HALLOWEEN

The Pioneer Museum will join other Eastsound merchants in celebrating Halloween again this year. We will have some spooky decorations and an old time spooky movie. Stop by in costume, bring the kids in their costumes and if you don't play any tricks, we will give you a treat!

## Do You Know What This Is?



A butterfly chrysalis? NO.

A pine cone? NO

It is a molar from a mammoth that roamed the Pacific Northwest between 50,000 and 100,000 years ago. It was donated to the Historical Museums by Nora Winkler and Jean Crow. The mammoth is the official state fossil of Washington state. To learn more, go to <http://www.statesymbolsusa.org/symbol/washington/state-dinosaur-or-fossil/columbian-mammoth>.

### OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

The Orcas Island Historical Society is looking for Board members. If you are inquisitive about history and want to help lead the Society into the future, give us a call at 376-4849 or via Email at: [info@orcasmuseum.org](mailto:info@orcasmuseum.org)

The requirements are simple:

- Attend 8 Board meetings a year
- Attend a one day planning retreat in Oct
- Support our two major fundraisers in July and September
- Serve on at least one committee
- Have some fun!!!!!!

## *Save The Dates*

September 24 Heritage Harvest Feast

October 31st Spooky Halloween

November 25<sup>th</sup> Fall Eastsound Artwalk

December 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> Rosario Giving Tree



## Thanks to All of our Auction Donors

We would like to thank the following persons and businesses for their generous donations of merchandise and services that helped to make our 2016 Live and Silent Auctions a big success.

A Massage by the Sea	Island Skillet	Orcas Island Touring
Alicia Miller	Island Thyme	Orcas Moon Alpacas
Audrey Wells	James Hardman Gallery	Orcas Online
Bill Hagen	Jen-Jay Diving	Outer Island Expeditions
Blue Heron B&B	Jillery	Outlook Inn + New Leaf Café
Body Boat Blade International	Jim Biddick	Patty Pirnick-Hamilton
Bruce Culver	Jim Dameron	Pawki's
Buck Bay Shellfish Farm	Kathryn Taylor Chocolates	Pegi Groundwater
Clark & Felecia McAbee	Kenmore Air	Peter C. Fisher Gallery
Café Olga	Leann Vinson Cardinell	Pizzeria Portofino
Catkin Café	Lewis & Stacey Dow	Rays
Chris White O.D.	Local Goods	Rob Thorner
Classic Day Sails	Lois Campbell	Rosario Resort
Clear View Tree Service	Madrona Bar & Grill	Roses Bakery & Café
Clever Cow Creamery	Magic Island Herbals	Sara Jane Johnson
Country Corner	Maple Rock Farm	Sea Island Sand & Gravel
Crow Valley Pottery	Monkey Puzzle	Sew N Sew Custom Embroidery
Darvill's Bookstore	Native Landscapes	Shaner Excavation & Tree Service
David Williams	Nest	Shinola Jewelry
Dean & Audrey Stupke	Olgas	Steven Bailey DMD
Deer Harbor Charters	Orcas Arts & Gifts	Suzie's Barbershop
Deer Harbor Marina	Orcas Athletics & Spa	Teezers
Doe Bay Resort & Retreat	Orcas Auto Tech	Terry Norsted
Doug & Joyce Pearson	Orcas Construction Co	The Woodsmen
Driftwood Flowers & Nursery	Orcas Excavators	Tom & Holly Larson
Edrie Vinson	Orcas Food Co-op	Tony & Nancy Ayer
Enzo's Italian Caffe	Orcas Island Adventures North Shore Fishing	Tres Fabu!
Evans Farm Nursery	Charters	Turtleback Farm Inn
Four Winds*Westward Ho	Orcas Island Concierge & Property	Warm Valley Orchard
Golden Tree Hostel	Services	West Beach Resort
Island Excavating	Orcas Island Eclipse Charters	West Sound Café
Island Hardware	Orcas Island Golf Club	Wildlife Cycle
Island Hoppin' Brewery	Orcas Island Pottery	Zulu Nyala
Island Market	Orcas Island Rental Cars & Vans	

## Off Season Hours Begin

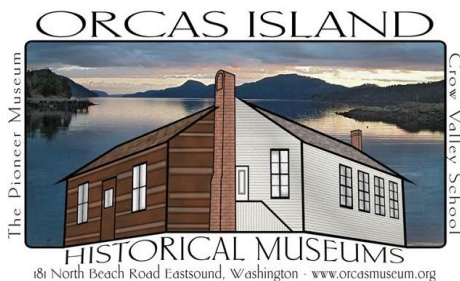
The days are getting shorter, the geese are heading South and the number of visitors wandering around the island is dropping. With the arrival of Fall, the Pioneer Museum switches to its Off Season Hours. Effective October 1, the Museum will be open 12:00pm to 3:00pm from Wednesday through Saturday. The Museum and Offices are closed for the month of January. Visits at other times can be arranged by contacting the office at 376-4849.

The transition to our off season hours also means that admission is by donation only. The quiet season is a good time to stop in and see what is happening. You will learn why we say that Orcas History Lives Here..

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