



ORCAS ISLAND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND MUSEUMS



You're Invited:
Annual Meeting & Potluck

ORCAS SENIOR CENTER

Saturday, January 26, 2019 3:30-6:30pm

\$15 for Salmon or Prime Rib + Beverage

Please bring a dish based on your last name:

A-G: Salad H-R: Side Dish S-Z: Dessert

Quilt Raffle Drawing, 2018 Annual Report & more!

Make your reservation today:

Call the office at 360-376-4849

**Email info@orcasmuseums.org or stop by
the office at 181 North Beach Rd.**

**Winter 2018
Upcoming
Events**

Rosario Festival of Trees *December*

Annual Member Meeting *January 26*



Winter Hours

Oct - May

Historical Museum

Wed - Sat 12-3pm

Closed January

Crow Valley School
Tours by Appointment



**Santa Ship to Patos Island Light
Station, Washington, c 1960-63
by Harold Faust**



Executive Director's Message...

This year, behind the scenes, our board completed a new strategic plan. We continue to strive to lead the Orcas community and our visitors forward to a better future through excellence in programming, exhibitions, events, historical, genealogical and archaeological research and activities that inspire and involve islanders and visitors.

I'm excited to report we saw a large increase in visitors, expanded our oral history collection, featured two new exhibits and creatively expanded our fundraising. All of this and more was thanks to our members, volunteers and supporters - THANK YOU!

I hope you'll join us in January at the Annual Meeting to celebrate, connect, and learn more about the Museum's 63rd year.

Happy 2019!

- Brittney Maruska



Bricks make for wonderful gifts!

Support OIHM and create a timeless, personalized message to recognize your loved ones, honor a memory or celebrate a special event. **Order this winter for 2019 installment in front of the museum.**

Brick Sizes & Prices:

4 x 8 (4 lines max) - \$96

8 x 8 (4 lines max) - \$146

8 x 8 (5 lines max) - \$166

8 x 8 (6 lines max) - \$186



Don't miss OIHM's tree in **Rosario's Annual Festival of Trees**. Purchase \$1 tickets and vote for our OIHM tree throughout December. All tickets will be entered into a raffle to win great prizes from Rosario.

Thank you to the volunteers that help with the decorations and our contributors that give over and above to support the historical museums.

A Message from the OIHM Board



"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything.

You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."

— Michael Crichton

Your Board of Directors is committed to preserving and presenting the unique history of Orcas to you and the myriad of visitors to our island. Community partnerships have expanded, programs are starting to include our rich Native American history, and successful fundraisers have resulted in stabilizing our finances. Your support as members and volunteers makes this possible. For our next fundraising event in May, you will be invited to a Wedding and Reception from the late 1800's-early 1900's. Look for more details and be thinking about your appropriate attire as you become the wedding guests at this fun historical re-enactment. Thank you for supporting us! Thank you for being the leaves on the Orcas Island Historical Museum tree!



**San Juan II at Patos Island Light Station, Washington, 1915
by Louis Borchers**

The San Juan II (1913-1929), built in Bellingham, was a mail boat delivering mail and sometimes supplies to Patos for a limited amount of time. Her mail contracts began in 1914 operating between Bellingham and Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, by the San Juan Transportation Company. She wrecked on Christmas Eve on Blakeley Island in 1929. The following year her engine was used by the Reed Brothers Shipyard in Decatur to replace her with the Osage.



COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

- Interested in research & artifacts?
- Passionate about preserving history?
- Enjoy organizing?

Join our collections committee and help us inventory and preserve museum artifacts. Contact the office today if you're available to help!



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PATOS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE *EXHIBIT*



OCTOBER 17, 2018 - MARCH 30, 2019*

**CLOSED JANUARY*

ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM



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THE PATOS
LIGHT



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