



ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUMS



You're Invited:

Annual Meeting & Potluck

ORCAS SENIOR CENTER

Saturday, January 20, 2018 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, 2017 Annual Report & more!

Make your reservation today:

Call the office at 376 4849

Email info@orcasmuseum.org or Stop by
the office at 181 North Beach Rd.

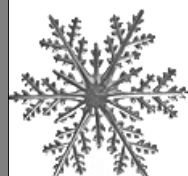
Winter 2017

Upcoming Events

OIHM is the Doe Bay Mic Night Beneficiary each Thursday in January *January 4, 11, 18, 25*

Annual Member Meeting *January 20*

History Matinee: "The Light on the Island" New Edition release *April 15*



Hours:

**OIHM is closed in
January**

Office
Mon- Fri
11-4

Pioneer Museum
Wed-Sat 12-3

Crow Valley School
By Appt Only

Tours by Appointment



The Story of Santa Clause, Christmas, 1919 by James T. Geoghegan. Jimmie is pointing up the chimney telling Richard the story of Santa Claus.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

In this season of reflection, I continue to be thankful for the community that has supported OIHM over the decades. I am thankful our Museum continues to connect visitors and islanders to our history. While it's the slower season on Orcas, the interest in history does not stop. This winter season our volunteer docents keep the museum open with regular hours Wednesday - Saturday and our volunteers also assist with many research inquiries each week. It's reassuring to know that in our rapidly changing world, history still matters.

Warm wishes this holiday season. We close for the month of January, but we look forward to seeing you when we reopen in 2018!



Dance at Dance Hall in Olga. c.1910's This dance was held at the dance hall in Olga. It may have been for Thanksgiving or Christmas as there is a Christmas tree near the stage at the center of the photo. The band, which consisted of a drummer, horn player, violinist, and pianist, is located on the stage at left. Many dancing couples filled the dance floor with some onlookers around the edges and looking over the balcony which had tables set for a dinner. Oil lamps are suspended from the center rafter on pulleys and other lamps provided light on the tables and stage. The woman in the lower left corner was Mrs. Moore, niece of Chief Seattle and daughter of Princess Evangeline. [Note: location and photo subjects identified by Jane Barfoot-Hodde.]



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. A big thank you to Rebecca Johnson, Vicki Johnson, Carol Kulminski and Edrie Vinson for their work decorating our tree.

A Message from the OIHM Board



It was another busy year for the Orcas Island Historical Society and Museums. As we reflect on 2017, we must thank all those who make our organization possible. From our warm docents at both the Museum and Crow Valley School, to the volunteers that help decorate for holidays or help on clean-up days, or spend hours researching people and events, to our members who support us financially, the Board realizes the importance of a committed community who care so much about preserving the unique history of Orcas Island. Good, healthy organizations experience change and continue to grow. We have said good-bye and continue to give our deepest thanks for years of hard work to Board member Jim Biddick and are very pleased to have Peter Fisher and Miguel Villareal join the Board of Trustees. Peter comes with a wealth of experience from previously working in several non-profit boards. Miguel brings much needed maintenance and construction skills and has already been working on our wonderful old historic buildings.

We thank you for being part of our OIHM family and look forward to seeing you at the Museums in 2018!

- The OIHM Board



Mountain Lake Caretaker's Cottage in Winter Snow, Moran State Park. c. 1930's. Photo by Buckner Bolton 1886-1966. When winter came to CCC Camp Moran, everything quieted and slowed down. Mountain Lake was manned by Buckner Bolton by himself, as his family had gone back to Seattle where the girls attended school.

EXHIBIT COMMITTEE

- Do you have an idea for an exhibit?
- Would you like to work on an exhibit?
- Would you like to sponsor an exhibit with a donation?

Here is your chance! Who better to ask than our members, many who know a great deal about Orcas history! Please contact the office with how you would like to help.

