



# ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUMS

## Presenting Orcas Voices Oral History Exhibit May 20 - September 30, 2017

Orcas Voices uses the recorded stories and photographs of local residents to preserve the history and culture of Orcas Island. More than a hundred interviews have been recorded, transcribed, digitized and shared with families, residents, and visitors. The multimedia exhibit includes new oral histories,



Betty Moran Burns

objects from our collection, text quotes, photos and an exciting new listening kiosk that enables visitors to hear a selection of audio interviews. The exhibit also traces how these oral histories have been collected over time and the variety of equipment used over the decades. *Presenting Orcas Voices* strives to inspire further exploration of the museum's collection and the stories that make up Orcas history.



Julia Nordstrom, 1947



Ellen Marie Madan

## Spring 2017

### Upcoming Events

Researching History Workshop	May 13
Members Exhibit Reception	May 19
Presenting Orcas Voices Exhibit	May 20
Cruise into History	May 21
Crow Valley School Opens	May 26
4th of July Celebration	July 1
Spooky Tales Start	July 5
Washington Army National Guard Band	July 6
Annual Auction	Sept 2
History Matinee Author Talk	Sept 24

### Hours:

Office  
Tues-Sat  
11-4

Pioneer Museum  
Tues-Sun 11-4

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

Tours by Appointment

### Members Opening Reception

Friday, May 19th 4:30—6:30 pm

RSVP: T: 360-376-4849 E: info@orcasmuseum.org

## From the Director...

Orcas Island Historical Museums are readying for the upcoming season and there are many opportunities for members, supporters, and visitors to interact with Orcas Island history. May is "History Lives Here" National Historical Preservation Month and there is much to experience. I personally am most excited about the upcoming **Presenting Orcas Voices** exhibit; many volunteers and community members have contributed to the Orcas Voices oral history project over the decades. There is a wealth of information and insight into our island history showcased in this exhibit. A member's reception for this opening is Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm – hope you can join!



On May 13<sup>th</sup> I hope anyone interested in history research will join us for the workshop **Researching our History** by the Writing our History Project on techniques and local resources. Also in May is the annual **Cruise into History** by Orcas Island Eclipse Charters on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

I hope you can stop by the museums in May. Our hours will be extended, Crow Valley School Museum is about to re-open and the hard work of our board, volunteers, and staff is reflected in our upcoming events and busy museum.

Happy spring and thank you for all your support of OIHM!

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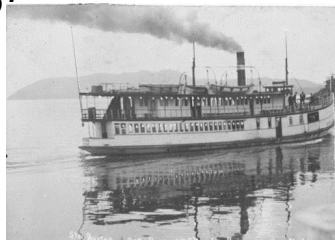
### May 21st, 12:00pm - 4:00pm Cruise into History: Sentinels of Orcas Island and Surrounding Waters

Orcas Island Eclipse Charters &  
Whale Watch Tours \$99/adult

The cruise will feature stories of the lighthouse keepers and their families, different markers, navigation aids, and light stations. Admission includes lunch from the Village Store, and one beer or wine beverage, if desired.

Tickets & further info:  
(360) 376-6566

Don't delay -  
this cruise always  
sells out!



Str. Burton Doe Bay, WA

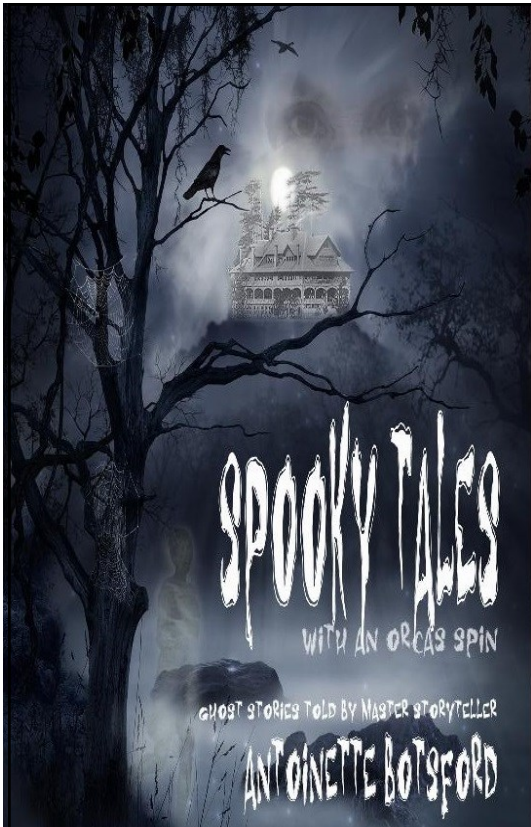
### Kudos to our Staff & Volunteers

*"Great Exhibit!" (comment from  
TripAdvisor)*

*"Very interesting exhibits on the  
history of the island and its  
settlers, along with  
pioneer life in general. The  
exhibits are well curated,  
charming, and immersive.  
I thought it might be a  
quick trip in and out, but I  
was entertained for an  
hour. I've been researching  
the islands, and still  
learned quite a bit. The  
amount of work put into  
the museum is impressive. Definitely  
worth the small admission fee."*



Kathleen Geoghegan  
c. 1916



**Antoinette Botsford** will once again weave tales of history and intrigue this summer at both the Pioneer Museum and the Crow Valley School. The presentations last year attracted many summer visitors. This year, we are hoping that more of you will come and hear new stories on Orcas history. And perhaps you could share a haunting or two with Antoinette. She loves that!

### **July & August**

**Wednesdays at the Pioneer Museum - 8pm**

**Fridays at the Crow Valley School Museum - 5pm**

Adults \$10

Children \$5

*Members get a \$2 discount!*

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at [orcasmuseums.org](http://orcasmuseums.org)

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### **Artha Kass Joins Staff**

From the East Coast to the West Coast, Artha Kass has lived a life of service and leadership. Born and raised in New York, she graduated from Queen's College and married a playwright which fit well with her passion for the arts. Artha and her then husband moved to Los Angeles in 1969. For the next 25 years, Artha worked in several arenas: as an associate producer for film and TV, an arts administrator, and Executive Director of 3 major non-profit organizations. Artha fell in love with Orcas and moved here 21 years ago. She was well-qualified and happy to spend 12 years at Orcas Center. Artha has 2 children, a daughter in Seattle and a son in Hollywood. She lives with her cat, Taji, and now enjoys working at the museum learning the "roots" of Orcas Island.



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### **Calling All Pie Bakers:**

Start thinking about those pies you will bake for the July 1st pie booth. Many pies are needed to help this annual museum fundraiser!

### **Gift Shop Sales Increase**

Under the leadership of Linda Peth, the Museum Gift Shop is growing and setting sale records. New inventory includes scenic magnets, keychains, luggage tags, shirts and books. To quote Linda, "Heck! Locals would like this stuff, too!"



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### OIHM Membership

Become a member - or renew your membership - to experience the museum in a whole new way. Join others who are passionate about our unique island history. Get the inside scoop on our collections and exhibitions, invites to events and more. Your membership supports OIHM's preservation and exhibits.

### Basic Member Benefits

*Free Admission to Orcas, Lopez & San Juan  
Historical Museums  
Subscription to our Newsletter  
Gift Store Discount at  
Orcas Island Historical Museums  
Invitation & Discounts to Museum Events  
National Benefits & Discounts to over 300+ muse-  
ums, sites & societies throughout the US <sup>NEW!</sup>*



Wes Langell taking a wagon load  
(of Board Trustees) up  
Mt Constitution

### Board of Trustees

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