



THE ORCAS ISLANDER

Newsletter of the Orcas Island Historical Society – Summer 2013

"We educate, inspire, connect and involve our community and visitors as stewards of island history."

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COMING SOON: History Matinee

Historical Matinees are an ongoing series sponsored by the Museum presenting local old timers and stories of times gone by. Thank you to the Orcas Senior Center for partnering in this program.

Sunday, September 15th, we hope to feature Crow Valley School with a tour of the school and stories of School Daze at the School. If you attended or know someone who attended school, or have great information to share regarding the Crow Valley School, please contact the Orcas Museum at 376-4849.

MUSEUM PIE BOOTH – JULY 6TH

Help us reach our target of 70+ pies!

We are looking for booth volunteers and pie-makers (and other sweets!) for this year's Orcas Island's Community Celebration on Saturday July 6th on the Green. We need 70+ pies and a dozen volunteers for the booth (2-hour shifts between 9am and 3pm). To volunteer at the booth or to make pies, cookies, cinnamon rolls, or other sweets, please contact our co-chairs Velma Doty and Dixie Walmsley (376-5084 or Walmsley@centurytel.net), or call the office at 376-4849.

MUSEUM HOURS:

May 25 to Oct. 5
Wednesday – Sunday, 11am–4pm

Crow Valley School is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11am-4pm, throughout the summer



Lynn Richards, Docent, at our new front desk

Many thanks to the Cundy family for donating this beautiful roll-top desk to the Museum – originally used at the Orcas Hotel when the Cundys owned it.

EXECUTIVE CORNER

On behalf of the Orcas Island Historical Museum Board, we invite you to the Salish Bounty Friendship Feast at the Outlook Inn! This is our special fundraiser for the year.

The Salish-inspired buffet features steamed clams, mussels, grilled salmon with burre blanc and chicken with mushroom sauce, sea-salted red potatoes, mixed greens bread. and butter, and blackberry cobbler for dessert. There will be a special guest speaker and other activities for your education and entertainment.

The buffet is scheduled from 1-4pm in the ambiance of the backyard grounds of the Outlook Inn. Tickets are \$75 per person; please phone the museum to make your reservations (376-4849). The picnic affair is sponsored by the New Leaf Café at the Outlook Inn. All proceeds from the Salish Feast support the Museum this next year with operations, programs, events, and maintenance.

The Outlook Inn, established in 1887, has great historical significance in the community with the grounds, pond, and native land—truly Salish-inspired, says Judi Watson, Chair of the Salish Feast. We thank the Outlook Inn, especially Sara Cunningham-Farish, for their time, donations, and more. This promises to be the first of many feasts!

FEATURED EXHIBITS

- The 100th Anniversary of the Washington State Parks – located in the Museum Foyer
- "Every Picture Tells a Story" 1914 – 1941. This exhibit features the photography of James T. Geoghegan, local and famous artist. These photographs are from the Museum's collection and will be on display May 25-July 15. Thank you to the volunteer Exhibits' Committee who is responsible for the James T. Geoghegan Exhibit.
- Salish Bounty— an exhibit on Coast Salish food, presented in collaboration with the Burke Museum. See page 2 for more details.

James, Jim and Patti, Leadership Team

JULY 4th HISTORICAL DAYS

Eastsound, WA – Hooray for Historical Days! A day-long event filled with activities for families, tourists, and kids of all ages. Historical Days is organized and sponsored by the Orcas Island Historical Museum with the support and participation of the local community.

The Eastsound Green will be packed with games, activities, vendors, a beer garden and the Historical Museum's hot dog stand. Attendees can attend the Flag Ceremony, listen to live music, participate in our live auction and watch the Harvey Family's Old Fashioned Logging Show!

Schedule of Events:

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| 11:00am | Presentation of the Colors by the American Legion Color Guard. Flag Ceremony hosted by the Eagle Forum |
| 11:30am | Live music presented by the Orcas Horns |
| 12:30pm | The Museum's own Live Auction fundraiser begins, with special items and antiques donated from local families and businesses—including the Museum volunteers and members. Live auctioneer and high school teacher Mark Padbury will oversee the auction. Auction proceeds will support the Orcas Island Historical Museum. The event promises to be filled with fun and surprises! |
| 1:15-3:00pm | The Harvey Family Old-Fashioned Logging Show |

To donate your antiques, artworks, gift certificates and special somethings, please contact James Lobdell at 376-4287 or the Orcas Island Historical Museum at 376-4849.

The Orcas Island Historical Museum operates and sustains itself on memberships, donations, grants and a percentage of San Juan County lodging tax. Your generous contributions toward the July 4th auction and additional fundraisers this summer go a long way toward sustaining the Museum, allowing us to continue collecting, preserving and sharing the history of Orcas Island. Thank you for supporting our community museum!

SALISH BOUNTY

Orcas Island Historical Museum
July 20th – September 20th

Eastsound, WA – The Orcas Island Historical Museum presents a new exhibit from the Burke Museum, *Salish Bounty: Traditional Native American Foods of Puget Sound*. Focusing on the revival of traditional Native foods, *Salish Bounty* is co-curated by Burke Museum archaeologists and Coast Salish advisors. The local component is curated by the Orcas Island Historical Museum and deals with the theme of cultural transition in Eastsound, with a focus on apparent changes in lifestyle when settlers began to populate the island. This includes the use of steel tools; changes in food preparation and preservation; fishing techniques; use of sewing machines and modes of entertainment.

Salish Bounty—comprised of historic images, map, and informative text—reminds us that food isn't solitary; cooking and eating are things we do with other people that expresses our cultural history and values. The exhibit also includes an audiovisual DVD, offering archaeological insight into Coast Salish food resources spanning thousands of years along the Duwamish River.

Knowledge of Coast Salish cuisine has been passed down from the elders and supplemented by archaeological and historical research. More than 280 kinds of plants and animals have been identified as ingredients in this cuisine. Coast Salish cooks incorporate both traditional and newly introduced ingredients, creating healthy alternatives for families and communities still struggling with loss of lands and waters, drastically changed lifestyles, and imposed industrial foods. *Salish Bounty* provides a local perspective on a myriad of 21st century food issues and how the revival of Coast Salish food traditions embodies the reestablishment of more healthful and sustainable practices that honor land and community.

SALISH FEAST

**DON'T MISS THE SALISH FEAST —
A BANQUET CELEBRATING COAST SALISH
FOOD**

**July 27th—1pm-4pm
At the beautiful Outlook Inn
Call 376-4849 for tickets (\$75)**



Visit the Crow Valley School Museum

The museum is open for the season May 25th-October 5th, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 11am – 4pm. We are still on the lookout for volunteer docents to spend a few hours a week at the museum.

If you are interested please let us know!

Ruth Peterson's 2013 class: Anwyn, Nya, Morgen and brother Robin using circa 1900 readers and slate pencils at the Crow Valley School Museum.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Natalie Baloy to the Museum team as an office administrator. Natalie has a wealth of work and academic experience, and is currently a PhD candidate at the University of British Columbia, specializing in cultural anthropology.



STUDENTS IN THE MUSEUM

The Orcas Island Historical Museum has proudly supported many students over this past year working on projects, from elementary age through high school and beyond.

Iris Parker Pavitt, a graduate from Orcas Island, has donated much of her time and talents to the local community. She is now in college, studying history. We are so pleased that Iris is back on Orcas and contributing her time and talent as an intern the Museum. She is learning all aspects of museum operations, publicity, marketing, exhibits and docent training, and is already enhancing the museum. She is a great asset to our team!

Kajetan Bullock, and a group of homeschool students researched the long-gone Orcas Island lime kiln town named Ocean, located near Turtlehead, which culminated in a Sunday afternoon Historical Matinee in May. The project was spearheaded by Ellen Winter, a home school teacher on the island. Kajetan and Ms. Winter worked with Museum volunteers and Curator Clark McAbee to find information about Ocean. During their Matinee presentation, they shared a slideshow and fascinating information of days gone by Ocean, a town in existence for only a short time—10 years.

Di Wang Mowrey, graduating from Orcas this year, spent many hours this spring at the Museum and on a large data entry project on the Museum Past Perfect database. He also helped out in many other areas of the museum, including an exhibit on Moran State Park, constructed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Washington State Parks.

Kudos and many thanks to Ana Ledgerwood, a Senior at Orcas Island High School. Ana spent her time with the Museum this past year working with Denise Wilk, Exhibits Chair, re-designing and preparing “Travelling Trunks,” a series of educational trunks set up by and for the Museum to travel to schools and classrooms, teaching about the Island’s history. After compiling the trunks’ contents, she prepared presentations for elementary school children, sharing local history and stories. Students were fascinated. Ana finished her Senior Project by presenting to the School and Administration and the Orcas Island Historical Museum. Denise Wilk says, “We are very proud, and appreciative of all that Ana did for the Museum – she prepared us for the Travelling Trunks project to move it forward to completion. It was exciting to see how well she taught the students during her presentations.”

We appreciate all of the students, parents and teachers who are interested in the Museum and learning about Island history. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support!

VOLUNTEERS

We are also pleased to announce that we have a number of first-time volunteers this year. Lawrence Jackson, Rose Ann Schreiber, Mike Leppala, Louise-Boone Lavendar and Patty Thompson join us as docents. **As always we are keen to have a broad base of volunteers from all walks of life, so do let us know if you would like to work with us. Thank you!**

MANY THANKS TO OUR BUSINESS SPONSORS

We now have businesses who are helping to sponsor the museum. Our first business sponsors are:

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commemorative walkway today.

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LOOSE CHANGE FOR LONG RANGE

Pick up a coin drive can in our museum gift shop to put in your store or home! Coins collected support our museum's operations and events. We encourage you to drop off change twice a year. Islanders Bank is now set up to accept your coin donations.

THE MUSEUM IS SEEKING VOLUNTEER BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We welcome your involvement and suggestions. Feel free to stop by the Museum or talk with a Board member at any time. The Museum is currently looking for Board members and committee members. The Museum really needs you!