



Bothell Historical Museum

BOTHELL, WASHINGTON

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Spring Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 16th, 2016

11 am to 2 pm at the Lytle House

Come by to find out what is happening at your Bothell Museum! Renew your membership or join for the first time. Sign up to be a docent or for other volunteer opportunities. The museum buildings will be open in case you haven't visited in a while.

Lunch (pizza) will be provided.

Know someone that might be interested in joining the Museum?

Please bring them along.

Plus a program on the "Beckstrom Family In Bothell"

See Page 4 for details



Petals On The River

Museum Opens for 2016!

Sunday, April 3rd, 1 to 4 pm

WhatsUp Stand-Up Paddle and Surf

Steve Holmes, the operator of this local company that rents out water sports equipment near the Museum, has offered to do fund raising days at his business, giving us a portion of the day's proceeds. July 10th and 17th have been selected for these efforts. If you have the opportunity, stop by and rent something or just say hello.

Calendar for 2016

April 3rd, Sunday—Museum Buildings open Sundays April thru October, 1 to 4 pm

April 16th, Saturday—Membership Meeting, 11 am to 2 pm.

May 29th, Sunday— Petals on the river memorial event, 1 pm at the bridge.

July 4th, Monday—Museum Buildings open to celebrate Independence Day.

August 21st, Sunday—BHS Alumni Picnic, 11 am to 4 pm at Blyth Park

October 26th, Monday—General membership meeting at City Hall, 10 am.

November 28th, Monday— Decorate the museum for the holiday, 10 am.

December 4th, Sunday—Christmas Tea, 1 to 4 pm at the Hannan House.

December 11th, Sunday—Museum Buildings open 1 to 4 pm for Christmas

BOTHELL NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Papers 1908 to 1939 in a searchable database.

Read the news from Bothell's Past!

<http://bhm.stparchive.com>

Message from our Co-Presidents

Nancy & Don Sparling

Spring (wet) spring has sprung! We are looking forward to the Museum buildings opening on April 3rd, and the membership meeting April 16th. We hope to see you there!

The Board of Trustees has been working with the City of Bothell to apply for a grant from 4Cluture to make repairs to the front porch of the Hannan House. Deterioration of the structure has caused sagging. This is the reason for the yellow warning tape.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked at the Museum the past year!!

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MEMBER NEWS

Jeanette Backstrom Retires from Board of Trustees

By Sue Kienast

Jeanette Backstrom has retired from the Board of Trustees of the Bothell Museum. As a member for 40+ years and treasurer for most of those years, she has performed multiple duties during those times. As treasurer, she has kept the Museum in the “black” by keeping meticulous records down to the penny, making monthly and annual reports, providing information to obtain grants, paying bills, updating our insurance, distributing mail and maintaining our status as a 501(c)(3) corporation.

Her dedication, reliability and attention to details will be especially missed. She not only served as a docent, but she made all docents feel welcomed, plus filling in on numerous occasions; helped with organizing and doing our tours; provided great program ideas and lectures; worked on the accession committee for years with long-time member Betty Bendokas; helped maintain the Memorial Board and made sure the Museum acknowledged the donors; created wonderful window displays with Ellen Carnwath; updated our scrapbooks with Polly Roberts; and much, much more. As was stated at the last annual meeting, “Jeanette was more than a treasurer, but a true treasure”.

Her service as a volunteer, dedication and attention to details was more than expected, but done with a true desire to preserve the history of Bothell. Jeanette will still be around to add her insight and expertise on the future, but she will be missed on the front line.

Petals on the River

Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 29th, 1 pm at the Bridge

A Museum annual event to honor our members and friends. Bring flowers to throw off the bridge as the memorialized names are read.

Memorial Donations Received

January 2015- January 2016

“In Memory ”

Jane Boyd Poage	Roberta Carlyon	Bill Robinson
Doug Poage	Frank E Jackson Jr.	Boots Heebink
Doug & Dan Irby	Alan Backstrom	Gladys & Charles Kaysner
Peter Kienast	Kevin Counard	Jeanne Louise Pyle
Joyce Holmes	Eric Lindroth	Frank A Migliore
Bill Stain	Sue Rohrback	Doris Liston
Marshall Paris		

Spring Meeting Program—The Beckstrom Family in Bothell

April 16th, 11 am to 4 pm at the Lytle House

Special guests at our Spring Meeting will be descendants of the Beckstrom Family, early homesteaders in Bothell. They will share “stories” of their parents and grandparents, as well as photographs, documents and other memorabilia. Among these are naturalization papers and records of the homestead filing (161 acres). Required at the time was a listing of all the items owned, including all livestock.

Andrew and Augusta Beckstrom arrived in Bothell in 1883 with 2 children. They lived in an abandoned cabin until they built the cabin that is now part of our Museum. Their next child, John, was the first recorded birth in Bothell. Eventually, 11 people lived in the cabin, including Andrew’s father, before they built a larger house.

We look forward to their visit and the opportunity to learn about the history of the family and the cabin to share with visitors to our Museum.

Membership Changes

You may have noticed the membership renewal form is now dated by year. We have changed to yearly memberships January to December. In the past, all members had different renewal dates, which was difficult to keep track of. If you renewed after June in 2015, you are good for this year.

Envelopes for your 2017 membership dues will be included with the Autumn newsletter.

Wooden Bowls made by Mike Hughes

Five Left!

When you come in the Hannan House, you will see wonderful bowls Mike made from repurposed wood from the oak trees cut down at Ricketts school. Mike donated them, and they are for sale to benefit the Museum.

Thanks to our Volunteers and Supporters

We are grateful for our volunteers who recorded over 2,000 hours in service to the museum.

Listed here are some of the projects they worked on:

- Docents in the museum buildings
- Renovation of the Hannan House
- Digitizing old pictures

- Care of Museum artifacts
- Outreach
- Writing Grants & Applications

100 Years Ago

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ROADS NO LONGER GUESS WORK.

Why will a driver go far out of way in order to strike a better road?

The question seems almost too simple to be dignified with an answer, yet it is done hundreds of times every day without the least thought being given to the reason for it.

The fact that it is done is the very argument in favor of efficient highways. This no one will deny and at once the question of just what an efficient highway squarely before the public for thoughtful consideration.

When road-building was in its infancy, this was purely a matter of convenience which had to be worked out according to the theories of those best qualified. Not so today. Formerly roads were built not after one man's idea, but after numerous plans and various specifications so that a study of them now goes to fight the fallacies under which they were constructed.

We no longer have to rely on theories. We have the cold facts before us and it is not difficult to determine what material and what method of construction proper in building roads that will not only prove efficient today but will also be efficient for the use of future generations.

Do you realize that the question of road-building is a problem that affects you as nearly as almost any interest you have? No matter in what line of endeavor you may be interested you cannot afford to overlook the question of efficient highway construction. It is one of the liveliest topics of the day and is being thoroughly studied by State, City and City officials as well as taxpayers throughout the United States.

The taxpayer is the man who has borne the burden of former mistakes and is the taxpayer, always the taxpayer, who will suffer from the faulty construction of roads being built today.

Today we have an opportunity, you and all of us, that the pioneer road-builders would have been glad to make and the question naturally arises: What are we going to do about it?

The human nature to learn only by personal experience, yet he who profits from the experience of others is more wise. We have tried temporary and slipshod pavements hundreds of times and always found them unsatisfactory.

a railroad by reason of the fact that the roadbed was not in a safe condition for travel at that time, the officials of the road are held accountable by the public.

Should we continue to pave highways with materials that are dangerous to life and limb in wet weather, simply because such materials are cheaper?

The railroads expend millions every year on their roadbeds to secure the maximum measure of safety. Should there not be some authority responsible when public highways are built without regard to the factor of safety—or will the public be contented to go on paying the additional price in life and limb exacted by the continued construction of slippery pavements?

School Board Meets.

At the last meeting of the school board, Mrs. R. H. Lyon was officially recognized as a member of the board and that lady accepted the position. The appointment had been made by Supt. M. E. Durham by unanimous request of the people of the district. At this meeting E. M. Chase shifted the burden of secretaryship upon Earl G. Rice who took his medicine gracefully and will endeavor to make as good an official as Mr. Chase. Of course he will have to go some.

And this year Chase will serve as presiding officer for pure glory. The secretary is the only salaried office and the only officer that must work. Mr. Chase figured that he had worked enough at home and as he did not need money, it came easy for him to surrender his place. For a long time this office has caused some lively scuffling—no-one wanted it, but now they have found a man who delights in hard work and he will have a job as long as he is on the board. In view of what we know about that office, we are in doubt as to which to extend—congratulations or sympathy.

Seniors Practice Play

The seniors of the high school have at last satisfactorily arranged with the "higher-ups" the schedule of hours to rehearse their play, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Ranch."

The hours are as follows—Monday 3 p. m. to 4 p. m., Tuesday and Wednesday 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. Thursday 3 p. m. to 4 p. m. This arrangement will accommodate all members so that those living at a distance from school may practice two afternoons after school while those who cannot practice at that time may do so at the evening hours.

The seniors plan to stage this dramatic masterpiece some time about the early part of May.

Deplorable Outlook.

The News-Independent pictures "deplorable possibilities" in the following words which he credits to—anon. The lines fittingly express the grave possibilities of all the newspaper men for they are going the limit to persuade their subscribers to pay up. This is a fair sample of the aforesaid limit—"It is rumored that a certain young lady in this town kneads bread with her gloves on. This incident may be peculiar, but there are others. Now we NEED bread with our shoes on. We need bread with our shirt on. We need bread with our pants on, and unless we corral some of the outstanding accounts on our books, we will need bread without anything on, and this town will look like the Garden of Eden if collections don't improve soon.—Anon."

The Puget Sound Power and Light Co. has installed a new transformer on the hill in front of the school and made connections.

Light After Darkness

Mrs. C. A. Bowen, wife of Dr. Bowen of the University M. E. Church, spoke to a fair-sized audience in the Methodist church on Tuesday under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missionary society.

The subject was "China" and as the Bowen's were formerly stationed as missionaries in that country, Mrs. Bowen was able to give a very comprehensive and impressive talk.

Her word pictures of the life of China at its best, were well drawn and were so dark and despairing that one cannot imagine what the remote portions of that empire must be. Mrs. Bowen told this awfulness in such a cheerful way that her hearers might well have been pardoned for accusing her of lack of feeling over the pitiful condition of the Chinese people but these thots were dispelled when with the sunset of her speech came the dawn of hope, for her climax was glorious—the "Great wall" had been punctured and trains were running into the heart of the "walled city," the palace had been opened to the public, idols had started to crumble, temples opened for Christian worship, and churches erected with money raised in the pagan kingdom, and countless thousands were coming to the cross and in fact she closed with the thot that the way that lead thru darkness had come to light at last.

Miss Harriet Wray writes that she has been busy doing substitute teaching every week so far this year and as for weather, it has been much milder in Illinois than in Washington.

A boost for Poindexter is a blow at the "pork barrel system." With Roosevelt at the head of the ticket,



Fall Meeting at McMenamins



Guest speaker Patti Forte-Linna
McMenamins Artist



Schoolhouse Open



Hannan House Open



Flowers for "Petals on The River" Event



Petals On The River

Volunteer Opportunities

At our Spring membership meeting there will be sign-up sheets available for you to join our committees in working on Museum projects. Or you can join anytime you want by calling or leaving us an email. If you can think of any other activities to work on, please let us know.

Grant Writing—Help prepare grants for submittal to 4 Culture and other agencies.

Cleaning—Help with keeping our Museum buildings swept, vacuumed and dusted.

Computer Help—Enter collection information into the Past Perfect database and other computer projects.

Newsletter—Write articles, edit, proofread and otherwise prepare this newsletter for publication.

Christmas Decorating— After the Thanksgiving Holiday, help decorate the Museum buildings for Christmas. Bring greens for the exterior, put up the tree and decorate the interior of the Hannan House.

Christmas Tea—Help with planning the Tea and preparation for this event.
May include baking cookies.

Event Planning—Be on the committee that would be plan future meetings and find guest speakers.

Outreach—Help guide special tours of the Museum or take information to the schools and other organizations.

Publicity—Distribute information about upcoming Museum events to local papers and City agencies.

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2016 Membership Form

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Name _____ Date _____

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

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_____ I would like to learn more about volunteering

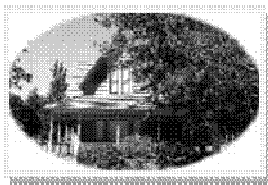
_____ I would like to make a donation \$ _____ _____ I have items to donate

_____ Memorial Fund Donation \$ _____ In Memory Of _____

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We Thank You For Your Support



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