

# Bothell Museum Sentinel

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## This Has Been a Year Like No Other

This year has been a year like no other. We planned many events for the museum and our visitors, but COVID-19 changed our plans. The museum had to learn to adapt, communicate differently, and find new ways of bringing Bothell’s rich history to the community.

The Museum Board voted to remain closed for our Sunday tours for the entire year, but we felt we could make progress in some areas. We decided to feature the museum’s Collection by creating displays in the parlor windows for people to view. We completed and sent a directory to our members. We replaced the carpet on the stairs to be more historically appropriate. We fixed small problems, like caulking the leaky museum windows.

We added new features to our website, such as videos under the title, “How Did They Do That?” and a section featuring dresses we have in our Clothing Collection. We added Pay Pal to the website to help people donate to the museum.

We are looking forward to life

returning back to normal, but wonder if we will return to exactly what we enjoyed last year. Will we greet about 100 people each Sunday? Will everyone still be required to wear masks? We want to be a vital part of the Park at Bothell Landing and an asset to the community. Only time will tell.

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**BOTHELL MUSEUM**  
*Opening Doors To Bothell’s Past*

## President's Message



In the President's Message, you usually hear about all of the fun, rewarding events that occurred during the year. Not this year. Starting with the '20's Fashion Show and continuing on, COVID-19 had its way.

However, we have a Board that would not just stop because we were required to be closed. We made minor repairs in Hannan House. The directory was sent to our members. We plan to take down the wall in Beckstrom Cabin, so we can show what the Cabin actually looked like when people lived there. The website was expanded. The window displays were colorful and informative. The stair carpet was replaced.

Our goal is to be ready when the museum can be safely opened to welcome visitors. I hope that it is soon. We have been busy.

### 2020 Board Members and Committee Chairs

**President—Sharron Dimmitt**

**Vice President—Bob Gerrish**

**Secretary—Jill Keeney**

**Treasurer —Jim Turcott**

**At Large—Mary Anne Gibbons**

**At Large—Carol Haynes**

**At Large—Don Sparling**

**At Large—Mike Robison**

**At Large—Pat Pierce**

**Archives—Pat Pierce**

**Building Maintenance—Don Sparling**

**Collection—Pat Pierce**

**Display—Carol Haynes**

**Events—Jill Keeney**

**Technology—Bob Gerrish**

**Treasure Boxes—Mary Ann Gibbons**

**Lead Fashion, Textiles (FTC)—Nancy Velando**

**Lead Past Perfect—Jim Turcott**

**Lead Schoolhouse Docent—Mary Evans**

**Lead Van Program—Mary Evans**

**Lead Videographer—Nancy Velando**

**Phone Communicator—Jo Anne Hunt**

**Sentinel Editor—Gayle Dimmitt**

**Web Master—Ron Green**

### What it Costs to run the Museum

The Museum has regular expenses, but we do have other costs, especially when we need to keep the buildings in good condition. We need insurance, printing supplies and maintenance funds. Treasurer **Jim Turcott**, has indicated that we need about \$10,000 a year to keep our doors open. We have the support of the City, which owns the buildings and the **Parks Department**, and which maintains the Park beautifully, under the leadership of **Nik Stroup**. To help with our expenses we received an operating grant from **4Culture** of \$4,500 to help cover some expenses. We have also received some generous donations. Our goal is to spend our funds in the best, most cost effective way.

### How You Can Help the Museum

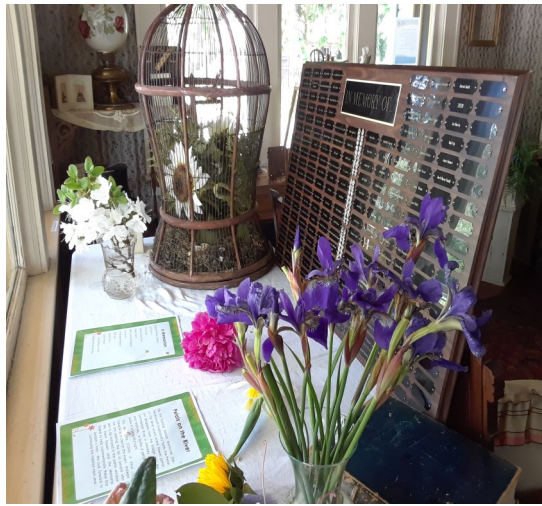
When we re-open, we will have many options for serving our city, community, and our museum. All of this requires people to help.

We have several areas that need a small amount of your time to help us grow even more.

In 2019, we had a record number of visitors. We will need at least four people every time we open to the public. We have docents who will welcome people and hand out flyers, with directions to take an independent tour. If you would like to help, please let us know. Meeting our visitors is fun and rewarding.

# Petals on the River

At the Petals on the River event, flower petals are dropped from the bridge into the Sammamish River in memory of friends and family for Memorial Day. This year, COVID-19 cancelled the event. Instead, we posted the names of people who were honored in the parlor window. We had flowers and the Memorial Board to help commemorate these people's lives.



## In Memoriam

- Roberta Worley Carlyon
- June DeVito
- Frank Doull
- Robert Doull
- Betty & Harold Keeney
- Jan Morrin
- Art & Mabel Pearson
- Bob Pyle
- William Stain
- Joyce Stewart
- Joe & Marco Vitulli
- Gladys Hannan Worley

# New Features on the Bothell Museum Website

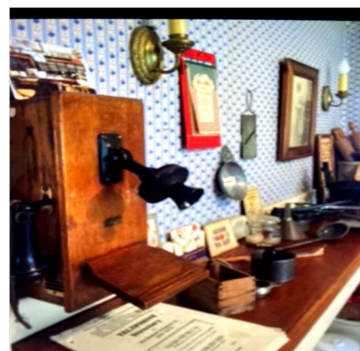
We have exciting news about features on our website. First, **Nancy Velando** is photographing many of the dresses in our Clothing Collection, which will be in the Fashion section. You will see the dress, an explanation about the style, fabric, sewing techniques, and accessories.

Second, we are adding videos entitled "How Did They Do That?" Museum members will show how something was done. **Jo Anne Hunt** will explain how to use the telephone including the four ring tones.

Third, we will expand our educational section with videos expanding our Treasure Box program. **Pippin Sardo** and **Nancy Velando** will read Christmas stories.

**Sue Kienast** will tour the schoolhouse. **Robert Beckstrom** will explain life in the Cabin.

Be sure to look at the Bothell website at [www.bothellhistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.bothellhistoricalmuseum.org).



## A New Way to Salute the 4th of July

Instead of marching in the Bothell 4th of July Parade, we had a colorful display in the parlor windows. Thanks to **Mike Robison** for lending us his many patriotic treasures and to **Carol Haynes** for coordinating the display. Mike loves the 4th of July and has many unique reminders of the holiday.



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## Current Bothell Museum Projects

The museum is responsible for maintaining the interior of the buildings and has plans for the following projects: insulating the crawl space and attic and re-caulking the windows, especially upstairs. One project that has been completed is replacing the stairs and upper hall carpet. **Mike Robison** found the more traditional design and **Larry Gibbons** installed it for us.



# Celebrating the 19th Amendment

Before Covid 19 caused our closure, the museum had huge plans for a grand celebration. **Mary Farley** and her committee planned a different event every Sunday in August. Sadly, those plans had to be abandoned. There would have been costumes, marches, discussions, maybe an address from **Patty Murray**, children’s games, and an ice cream social.



Sharon Ricketts

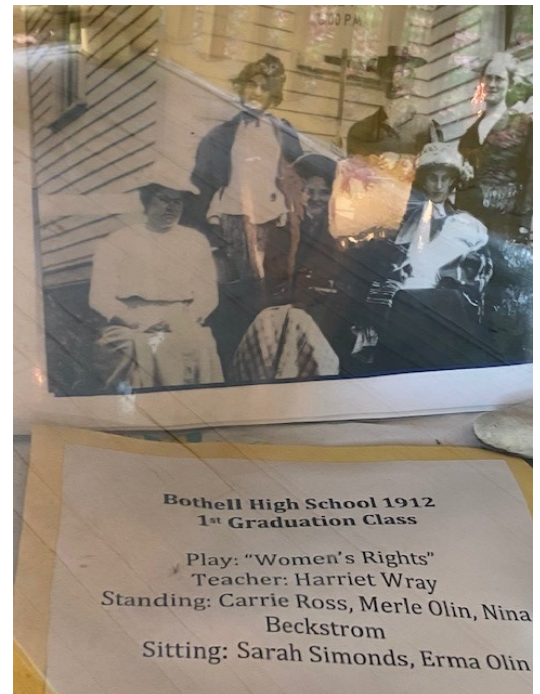
Pippin Sardo, Sharon Ricketts, Larry Gingrich, and Pamela McCrae celebrate the Centennial passage of the 19th Amendment.



A poster of Seattle’s participation in the women’s voting movement.



The east window display showing the 19th Amendment posters



Bothell High School’s first graduating class involved with women’s rights.

## Treasure Boxes

The museum has available for loan to the public, schools, home school groups, children's and youth organizations, three bins containing historical items from the early 1900's for 'hands on' learning. Each box contains approximately 20 items, centered around a theme: Toys, Daily Life and Clothing. In addition is a resource section with background information about the items and the history of Bothell, plus suggestions for using them.

Some of the items included are a stereoscope, mechanical banks, early toy vehicles, wooden toys, handmade dolls, butter churns, and slate boards. Churning butter and writing on the slate boards are favorite activities today. Finding the prices of things in the reproduction 1900 Sears catalogue is also fun.

You can reserve the three Treasure Boxes for one week for \$10 by contacting the museum by email—[bothellmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:bothellmuseum@gmail.com).



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## Coach Pop Keeney

**Pop (Harold) Keeney** was a prominent figure and coach in Bothell's past.

He coached all sports from 1921 to 1925 and football, baseball, and basketball from 1931 to 1934. In the '30's, his football team was never defeated by more than one touchdown, except by Enumclaw in 1933. His final coaching season was in Bothell from 1945 to 1946.

Pop Keeney's coaching style and his fairness as a leader won him many accolades. He was nominated for the BHS Hall of Fame in 1933.

To honor him, the football field in Bothell was christened "Pop Keeney Field" in 1953.

Pop Keeney died in 1962, but his memory lives on in the field that carries his name.



## City's Plans for the Bothell Museum

The **City of Bothell** owns the three buildings that comprise the museum. They are responsible for the outside maintenance of the buildings and have plans for the upkeep and repair. We need to thank the **Parks Department** for their excellent care of the flowers, trees, and general condition of the Park. The City has plans for replacing the roof of both Hannan House and the **Beckstrom Cabin**. Also, the **Hannan House** is



scheduled for new paint in the next year. These improvements will ensure that the buildings remain in great shape. Thanks to the City of Bothell for their continued support.

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## More Funding Options

The Museum requires more funds to survive than our memberships and donations provide. The **4Culture** grants give us that boost. Jim **Turcott** took charge of writing the application grant for the year 2021

4Culture requires us to have three goals and evaluates them on their merit in order to be awarded the grant. A summary of our three goals are:

1. Improve our website by adding three additional features: Videos entitled "How Does That Work?", an historic fashion page featuring our classic clothing collection, and an educational section to support our Treasure Box program.
2. Remove the wall in the **Beckstrom Cabin** to return it to its original 1885 function.
3. Use the parlor windows for display until the museum can safely open.

We will soon hear if the grant has been awarded to us.



### DID YOU KNOW?

We have added **Paypal** to our website.

The great-great-granddaughter of the Bothells visited us from Florida.

There will be no Christmas tea, but the house will be decorated inside and out.

We have about 75 members and our goal is 100.

Our next window display will be Thanksgiving and then Christmas.

We will have a Christmas tree by the porch for people to bring decorations, such as popcorn strings.

We have a washing machine from 1857



Bothell Historical Museum membership fees are due for the year 2021. Your support makes it possible for us to care for the museum buildings, to showcase Bothell's rich history for the public, and to provide resources and research for our community.

Below is a membership form for 2021. Please return this membership letter to the Bothell Museum at PO box 313, Bothell, WA 98041. You are an important part of our mission.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (**ONLY if you use it!**): \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership levels (check one)**

Senior/Student - \$15.00 \_\_\_\_ Individual - \$25.00 \_\_\_\_ Family - \$40.00 \_\_\_\_ Business - \$100.00 \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I **would like** to have my contact information included in a Bothell Museum Directory to be shared with members only.

\_\_\_\_ I **would NOT** like to have my contact information included in a Bothell Museum Directory.

Other:

Donation (amount) \_\_\_\_\_ Note: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Donation (amount) \_\_\_\_\_ Note: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check out to BHM; Mail to: Bothell Historical Museum, PO Box 313, Bothell, WA 98041

We thank you for your support.

BHM Qualifies for tax exemption under 501(c) (3) and any additional donation is deductible to the extent allowed by law. BHM also qualifies for matching contributions by many employers.

