



# STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY MUSEUM NEWSLETTER



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Hours of operation: Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

For Pioneer Hall Rental call, Caretakers Austin & Shannon Myrick at (360) 435-7289

First, my apologies for the late notice of the Spring Potluck. I hope you were able to make it. As always, the food was delicious and the gathering was delightful. A couple of pictures for now and Lynn Waggoner was there so better pictures will be available soon. By the way, we are accumulating pictures of our events in the Library.

*Linda*



Lynn Waggoner,  
contributing wonderful  
pictures for us



New Volunteer  
Nadine Metcalf



New Volunteer  
Gary Benham



As always, plentiful &  
delicious food!

## FIRE TRUCK DONATION!

We have had a generous donation from Raymond Graham, which the Board of Directors has accepted. It is a 1936 International 500 gpm (gallons per minute) Pumper Fire Truck with an open cab. It was purchased by Arlington in 1936 and then eventually sold to Rogue (near Granite Falls). Ultimately, Mr. Graham purchased it and stored it for about 25-30 years. Denny Somerville persuaded him that it would be a great addition to the Museum. Mr. Graham concurred and is shown handing over this gem to President Roy Harris with Denny Somerville enjoying his success!



Annual Dues \$20.00; Lifetime Membership \$200.00

## SUMMER IN ARLINGTON!

### *Music at Legion Park*

#### Show & Shine Music

Friday, June 7, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Saturday, June 8, 10:30 AM

Saturday, June 8, Noon

#### Music in the Park

Saturdays, 6 – 7:30 PM

#### Art in Park Music

Saturday, August 24

10:00 AM – Noon & 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Sunday, August 25

10:00 AM – Noon & 2:00 – 4:00 PM

#### Street Fair Music

Friday – Sunday, July 12-14

#### Farmers Market

Saturdays, May 11 – September 7

*Tunes at Noon*

*For more information on any of the events noted above go to:*

[www.arlingtonwa.gov/events](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/events)



## ENGINE LIFT + MUSCLE MEN



Roy Harris, Austin Myrick, Ralph Knutson, Gary Benham and Rex Martin installing new concrete parking curbs that were donated to replace the worn-out split rail parking barrier.



## WHAT YEAR WERE YOU BORN?

How much did a postage stamp cost?

If you were born between 1885 and 1975, it was 10¢ or less.

From 1976 to 1994, up to 29¢ or less.

In January 2019, they increased to 50¢

Currently, first-class mail Forever stamps are 68¢. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, a first-class mail Forever stamp will increase to 73¢. Even so, I will continue to buy stamps for my snail-mail cards and letters to friends and family.



## A VERY LARGE TOUR GROUP!

We recently had a group from Zion Lutheran Church in Lake Stevens who filled up our museum foyer! With chaperones and teachers there were about 60 who toured the museum, outbuildings and park displays. Thank you to the volunteers who provided these curious and active 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students with our pioneer history!



## UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT ROY HARRIS

Hi everyone,

Things have been busy at the museum since our last newsletter. The Board has had a committee reviewing the Hall rental contract to update and implement any changes, as needed. If approved by the Board, the new version is to have language for personal use while adding language for business or commercial use. We have also reviewed comparable rental rates with similar venues and our current, no refund policy once the rent fee is paid, to see if it meets our current goals.

A committee has reviewed the state regulations for renting the hall and the conditions and limitations set by the state for tax exempt status. The board has authorized the committee to work out the next steps.

A committee is also reviewing our photo collection process for new incoming photographs, and our current catalog process for new items.

Planning is underway, on Mondays at 11:00 AM, for our 2024 Pioneer Day and we need your help. We will be having a lot of people missing this year that usually assist us. We are hoping more of our members will volunteer on July 20th for Pioneer Day.

The Board is developing goals for 2024 and plans on how to implement them. Here are some of the goals (in no particular order):

- a. How to recruit new volunteers.
- b. Should we address the need and expense for an elevator?
- c. Developing a plan and process for backing up our computers and keeping the backup in a safe place outside of the museum.
- d. Installing a fence along our property line with the homes adjacent to our property behind the museum. During a windstorm, the neighbors' fence blew over. They have replaced it with a temporary wooden pallet fence. To protect the museum and our visitors, we feel it's important to continue the chain link fence from the pond area up to the street between the museum and the homes.
- e. Closing in the lower storage area of the main museum building. The area would have an exit

door (person door), a garage door, lights and outlets. The new exterior wall would be extended out to the edge of the building overhang, which would increase the footprint by about four feet past the support logs. The existing upright support logs would be visible inside the room. There would be no windows installed in the addition.

- f. A project to enclose both ends of Pioneer Hall covered deck. The additions would have lights and outlets. The new walls would be outside of the poles, and the poles would be visible on the inside. Each would have a garage door and large viewing windows on two sides.
- g. A project to construct a new building to display up to three fire trucks or other large displays is being considered. The building would have three bays, a person door, three garage doors, metal roof and metal walls. There would be non-opening viewing windows on all sides, electricity and outlets. The committee was asked to do more research on the possible fire trucks, city building permit and set back requirements before any more planning could be continued.

The museum participated in Eagle Fest this year. The museum was open from 1:00 to 4:00 PM; the grounds and the visitor center were open all day.

The spring potluck was well attended. There was good food, good conversation and reminiscing, creating a fun time for all that attended. The museum was opened for attendees to stroll through and enjoy the Museum and check out changes the volunteers have been making while rearranging and cleaning displays.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their excellent work, not only on their weekly workdays, but also for all the extra grant work, festival help, and helping with the school tour groups.

Come in and see what's going to be happening for the next several months at the Museum.

Thank you!

*Roy*

## MEMORIALS

*In memory of:  
Ruth Munizza*

Given by:  
Loren & Pat Kraetz

*In memory of:  
Shirley Prouty*

Given by:  
Loren & Pat Kraetz  
Carol & Dale Duskin  
Sue Walde

*In memory of:  
Bette Van Ausdal*

Given by:  
Sue Walde

*In memory of:  
Karen Kazen*

Given by:  
Loren & Pat Kraetz



## Farewell to Bette

*By Sue Walde*

Bette Van Ausdal, a longtime museum volunteer, passed away on December 3, 2023, at 93.

Bette was born on September 10, 1930, in Sutter Creek, CA. She became part of the pioneering Nordby family when her mother, Vergie, married Magnus Nordby in 1938. Bette graduated AHS in 1948 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in California. She then worked for the State of California and from 1969 – 1994, she worked for the U.S. Foreign Service. She traveled extensively with her job and then moved back to NW Washington where she lived until her death. Take the time to read her full obituary at the link below. She led a fascinating life and was very active in retirement.

Bette indexed Shirley Prouty's book, *100 Years of Arlington, WA*, completing the indexes for the first three volumes and did the preliminary indexing for Volume 4.

Link to online obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/heraldnet/name/bette-vanausdal-obituary?id=54520129>

## DONATIONS

\$701  
Tour Groups  
Visitors  
Private  
and  
1936 Pumper Fire Truck  
Concrete Curbs



## MALSTROM AWARDS LUNCHEON

By Sue Walde

Get ready for the League of Snohomish County Historical Organization's (LOSCHO) Malstrom Awards Luncheon. Judges will announce the winner for two categories: a publication and a project.

When: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: Evergreen State Fairground – Longhouse

What: Bring a potluck dish to share

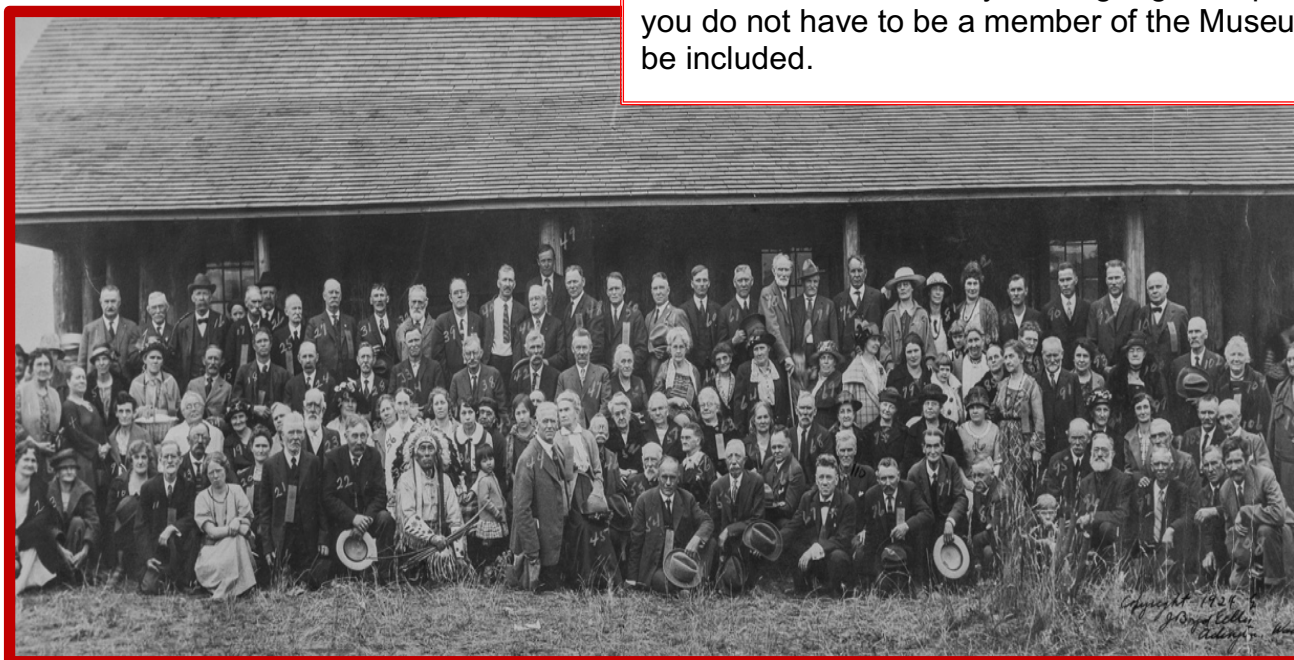
Stillaguamish Valley Museum has submitted three nominations for 2023 in the project's category:

- Pioneer Day – 2023 which includes the creation of 12 historical 2x3-foot, vinyl posters displayed at the event.
- Pioneer Hall 100-Year Celebration which includes a 17-minute professional video, "Timber! The Development of Arlington 1850-1920."
- SVM Digitization Project of 666 high-quality historic photos and pictures.

Please come to show support for our three amazing projects and find out what other historical organizations have done.



1924 photo by J. Boyd Ellis



## CZUR Scanner Training

By Sue Walde

On behalf of the League of Snohomish County Historical Organizations (LOSCHO), Fred Cruger provided excellent training for our new CZUR scanner.



On March 24, 2024, our team visited the Granite Falls Historical Museum for training. Those receiving the training were Roy Harris, Greg Husted, Sally Shinstrom, and Sue Walde.

Fred's faithful side-kick, Duffy, was always close to his side.



One of the many, newly digitized photos, is shown below; a gathering of the community in front of Pioneer Hall in 1924.

**LET'S RE-CREATE THIS PHOTO IN 2024!**

On August 18, 2024 at our Pioneer Picnic and Annual Meeting – we'd like each and every one of you to come so we can give our descendants a picture of us! Invite friends, family, neighbors, the Mayor and City Council Members, and others within the Stillaguamish Valley community, so we share with each other the Museum's 116 year history of helping and reaching out to each other. This will be a community coming together picture; you do not have to be a member of the Museum to be included.

**2023 – 2024 OFFICERS**

President: Roy Harris  
Vice President: Greg Husted  
Secretary: Sally Shinstrom  
Pioneer Treasurer: Sharron Knutson  
Museum Treasurer: Myrtle Rausch  
Past President: Sue Walde

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

- 1: Loren Kraetz 2025
- 2: Linda Anderson 2025
- 3: Rex Martin 2025
- 4: Michele Heiderer 2024
- 5: Terry Legare 2024
- 6: Ralph Knutson 2024

**CALENDAR**

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
1:30 p.m.  
Museum Library

**Pioneer Day**  
July 20, 2024

**Pioneer Picnic & Annual Meeting**  
August 18, 2024

**One more time...**

On August 18, 2024 please plan to come with your friends, family and neighbors to help re-create the 1924 community picture, by J. Boyd Ellis, in front of Pioneer Hall as shown on the previous page.

**MORE INFO IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS BUT MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

**COMMITTEES:**

- Advisory Program Committee
- Advisory Governance Committee
- Advisory Acquisition Committee
- Advisory Financial Committee

*Stilly Stitchers*

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday ~10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Pioneer Hall ~ Coffee & Tea provided  
Bring your project, your lunch and invite a friend.



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