



STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

August 2023



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

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110th Annual Pioneer Picnic and Annual Members Meeting

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Registration starts at 10:30 a.m.; potluck at 12:30 p.m.

Please bring your table service and favorite dish to share.

Food and seating will be in Pioneer Hall
with outside seating available.



Following the potluck, the Annual Members Meeting will be held in Pioneer Hall. Your membership runs August-August. If you are an annual member and have not already done so, please be prepared to pay your annual membership dues of \$20.00. If you cannot attend, you can mail the form at the end of this newsletter.

Newsletters are emailed every 2-3 months unless you specifically request a printed copy.

The Museum will be closed on Pioneer Picnic Sunday
so our volunteers may enjoy the picnic.

Stillaguamish Valley Museum Annual appointment of officers:

At the Board Meeting on August 14, 2023, 1:30 p.m. in the Research Library, the Board will appoint 2023-2024 officers. If you are interested please notify any Board member of your intentions and which officer position you are interested to fill.

Stillaguamish Valley Museum Annual Board of Director recommendations to the members:

At the Board Meeting on August 14, 2023; 1:30 p.m. in the Research Library, the Board of Directors will present the Board recommendations to the members for the three (3) open positions with two-year terms of 2023-2025. The Members at the annual meeting will vote for the appointment of the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in a Board of Director position please notify a Board member. (See page 8 for current Board members.)

Annual Dues \$20.00; Lifetime Membership \$200.00

FROM PRESIDENT ROY HARRIS

Trust Fund Gifts As noted in the June newsletter, I will be continuing the discussion of the Museum's financial accounts, their function and purpose. Following is a simple overview of a trust fund gift or donation process.

A trust fund is an estate planning tool that allows a person to put aside money and/or other assets that will later be distributed to the beneficiaries named on the trust. They're created to house assets on another person's behalf under the supervision of a licensed estate planning attorney. Trust funds include a grantor, beneficiary and trustee.

The grantor (the trust creator) sets the terms of the trust, designates beneficiaries, and a trustee. The grantor can set terms for the way assets are to be held, gathered or distributed.

A beneficiary of the trust (the Museum) is the individual or group the trust is created for.

The trustee (licensed estate planning attorney) acts as the legal owner of trust assets and is responsible for handling any of the assets held in trust, tax filings for the trust, and distributing the assets according to the terms of the trust.

One of the most significant disadvantages of a trust is its complexity. Generally, trusts use very specific language, can be difficult to understand, perceived irrevocability, the loss of control over assets that are put into trust and the costs to manage the fund.

The Museum is the beneficiary of one trust fund at this time. The grantor set terms so that only the interest (after fund management cost is subtracted) can be used for Pioneer Park property maintenance and upkeep expenses.



Thank you all for your help this year with everything that goes into events like Pioneer Day and the added event of the Pioneer Hall 100th Anniversary Celebration.

The Pioneer Day event contained 28 interactive activities for the whole family. The 100-year celebration event contained 32 displays, that included viewing the new video "Timber" the Museum produced. The "Timber" video depicted, among other topics, the growth of the Stillaguamish Valley area and the City of Arlington through the photograph history in our library's collection of early logging activities.

Pioneer Day and the 100-year Anniversary and logging video were made possible in part by assistance from the City of Arlington Hotel-Motel Tax Fund.

All the activities and displays were outstanding and enjoyed by the 370 visitors and volunteers. We could talk about each activity, which are all important, but to narrow down to one activity and how it tied the whole day together would be the Scavenger Hunt.

The Scavenger Hunt was used to connect some of the activities from the Pioneer Day and 100-year Pioneer Hall events and to introduce visitors to the Hall, Park and Museum. The route of the Scavenger Hunt guided visitors as they walked through the Pioneer Park grounds and experienced real-life examples of

the Pioneer Day displays such as the park ponds, trees planted by pioneer families, fish ladder, trails through the trees and around the pond, logging equipment, log rounds, the small log home and the cedar stump home. The park grounds allow opportunities to teach visitors how to read tree rings and view how the environment affects our trees. One log round among the Pioneer Park displays has dates and man's history marked out corresponding to the tree rings to show how long trees are with us.

The route of the Scavenger Hunt also guided families to walk through the East Wing on the first floor of the Museum. They walked through the main entryway enjoying the history presented in pictures and displays. As they followed the arrows along the Scavenger Hunt route, they transitioned through several exhibits including photography, sewing and quilting, firefighting, local military, the old school room and to the research library.

The Museum outbuildings delighted children and adults by offering opportunities to see and sit in the old firetruck, vintage farm equipment, wagons, buggies, trucks, cars and an old wooden school bus.

The Scavenger Hunt reinforced the topics that were available in the Pioneer Day and Pioneer Hall 100-year Anniversary events in a way that brought smiles to young and old alike giving a better understanding of the importance of Museums.

Thank you all! Roy

How do you evaluate success?

If you were at the Museum, Pioneer Hall, the grounds or even the busy parking lots on Pioneer Day you would know that our Pioneer Day and 100-year Celebration of Pioneer Hall were a grand success. With our small and hardworking crew of member-volunteers and friends of members, we pulled off a day to remember. Everything came together wonderfully and we were blessed with a beautiful summer day in the Stillaguamish Valley.



Sally Lindberg came for a visit!



Karen Dale...
guru of the Scavenger Hunt – with
a little help from friends & family



Welcome Table hosted by friends
Patty and Rock White



Visitors
enjoying
activities.

Sawing
'logs'
hosted by
Marty
Rausch, Jr.
and Dave
Walter



Ginny Green & Jilene
Korthius hosted
'Quilting & Sewing'.

Karen's grandson Oliver
hosted 'Story Time'.



Sally Shinstrom created the Nakashima Display



Cheryl
Lovgreen
hosted
'Laundry
Day'.



Marline Shoe and
mom, Michele
Heiderer, hosted
'Your Family
Rocks' in the
Research Library.



President Roy Harris taking a well-
earned break with Joann Gray.



Cathy Clark-Smith was teacher
for the day at the school room.



Entertainment by Sisco Heights Community Club Band.



Doris Senica and Joann Gray hosted the Books for Sale table.

Visitors enjoying the park displays.



Linda Anderson and granddaughter Piper and friend Libby, kept the Lemonade flowing.

Many wonderful pictures were taken. I couldn't fit them all in! However, they are available in the Research Library.

Photo credits to Roy, Rex and Lynn Waggoner. Thank you!

Loren & Pat Kraetz enjoying the day.



Greg & Beth Husted hosted the "What Is It" table and "Vintage Toys".



*Patty Allen-White
Linda Anderson
*Cathy Clark-Smith

Karen Dale

*Face Painters, Christie Britton & Julie Tilley

*Kyle Frichtl

Joann Gray

Ginny Green

Roy Harris

Michele Heiderer

Beth Husted

Greg Husted

Carol Karcher

*Bob Kircher

Andy Korthius

Jilene Korthius

Loren Kraetz

Pat Kraetz

*Scott Lacourse

Terry Legare

Cheryl Lovgreen

Rex Martin

*Master Gardeners

Austin Myrick

Shannon Myrick

Sharron Nelson

Myrtle Rausch

Mary Rausch-Walter

Marty Rausch, Jr.



*Jason Scherer

*Kim Scherer

Doris Senica

Sally Shinstrom

*Marline Shoe

*Sisco Heights Community Club Band

Denny Sommerville

*US Forest Service

Sue Walde

*Dave Walter

*Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

*Weaving/Spinning

*Rock White

*Eli - grandchild volunteer

*Cooper - grandchild volunteer

*Libby - grandchild volunteer

*Oliver - grandchild volunteer

*Piper - grandchild volunteer

*Thank you to the friends and businesses
who helped make our day a success!



Rex and granddaughter Annalee and
friend.



Denny Sommerville hosted the Fire
Engine display.

And...more thanks...our members are amazing!

At the Arlington Street Fair, members Shannon, Karen, Michele and Roy
handed out Museum flyers.

And to the members who drove around and spread the news throughout the local
communities by dropping off flyers, posters, and announcements about the museum
and the Pioneer Day and Pioneer Hall celebration events.

RESEARCH LIBRARY

by Michele Heiderer

The descendants of John Andrew Clasby and his wife Theresa Ford asked for information on their ancestors. John and Theresa married on July 4, 1909 in Olympia and were living in Cedarhome (near Stanwood) on the 1910 Federal census where he was a day laborer and she was a local teacher (I was unable to verify her local employment but was able to verify that she worked as a teacher in Mason County prior to her marriage, earning a whopping \$40 a month). By 1920, he was the logging foreman for the Florence Logging Company while Theresa was spending her days raising three young children. By the 1930s, a fourth child had been added to their family and the family had moved to their permanent home in Monroe. He was the foreman for the Siler Logging Company located in our area, then continued with Siler as the company headquarters moved to Everett and began logging in Redmond and other areas of Seattle. John passed away in 1964 and Theresa in 1975; both are buried in Shoreline.

The new music director for Arlington High School visited the research library on August 2nd. He was looking for the dates of the first AHS band, the first orchestra, the first marching band and the first jazz ensemble. We searched through the early 1920s yearbooks and not only found the dates but photos that I copied for him to use on posters in the classrooms he uses for teaching.

The Pilchuck Audubon Society in Everett had a long-time member by the name of Mrs. Virginia Clark who passed away last December. Mrs. Clark taught at the Arlington Primary School, eventually known as Arlington Elementary School, then as the Lincoln School and finally as Presidents Elementary located at the NE corner of Third and French in Arlington (today's community garden area). This building was torn down and rebuilt just east of the original location in 2004 and is today known as Presidents Elementary School.

Virginia (maiden name Loushin) married George Clark in 1969, about 6 years after she started teaching in Arlington. She was widowed in 1985 and never remarried; they did not have any children. She was a beloved elementary school teacher for some 30 years in Arlington and the Society wanted verification of the school where she taught with the hope of doing something special for that school in her name. After figuring out (with the

help of Loren Kraetz and Sue Walde) that one school had four different names and two locations, I provided the Society with the contact information of the principal of today's Presidents Elementary School and also suggested that the school's PTA might also have some ideas on how to honor Virginia's 30-year legacy.

I also helped several people date their vintage houses and provided burial information and obituaries to descendants of pioneer ancestors. Five people stopped by the Research Library during Pioneer Day asking similar questions and I was able to provide that information to them. It was a busy and interesting two months in the research library!



Three new paintings have been added to the Nels Bruseth collection in the Research Library.

Lost & Found

Several items were found when cleaning up after the celebrations on July 15th. If you are missing something, check with the Museum. We might have it!

OUR WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA

<https://www.stillymuseum.org>

Did you know we have had almost 62,000 visitors to our website!

Along with a lot of great information and pictures, the "Timber" video is there and has also been uploaded to YouTube.

2022 – 2023 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 2023
2: Linda Anderson 2023
3: Rex Martin 2023
4: Michele Heiderer 2024
5: Terry Legare 2024
6: Ralph Knutson 2024

Upcoming Board Meetings
(second Monday)

Next Board Meeting**August 14, 2023**

1:30 p.m.

Museum Library

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September 11, 2023

October 2, 2023

November 13, 2023

December 11, 2023

**VISITOR & MEMBER
DONATIONS****\$514.00****2022 GRANT
REIMBURSEMENTS****\$15,941.91****COMMITTEES:**

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

*Stilly Stitchers*2nd & 4th 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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Application for membership – August 2023 to August 2024

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-mail _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Annual dues are \$20.00 per person

Lifetime membership per person \$200.00 (10 times annual dues)

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Pay your annual dues at the picnic **or** send in this membership form along with your check.