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MuseumMessenger

Quarterly Newsletter of the Key Peninsula Historical Society



Key Peninsula Historical Society

Goals for 2013 (developed October 16, 2012,)

1. Achieve complete documentation of all artifacts in the museum to include identifying, labeling, photographing and entering in data base.
2. Collect oral histories from distinguished members of the community.
3. Plan current and future facility growth for increased space, storage, exhibit display, educational programming and presentations.
4. Increase membership and community participation through improved outreach activities.
5. Work toward national museum standards that can lead to accreditation

President's Message

With Memorial Day just past I think of all those who have come before me to make the Key Peninsula the special place that we call home. We have evolved from the Native Americans who used the land as they found it, the explorers who were awed by the riches they found, and the loggers who started clearing from the forested shorelines. This allowed the farmers and their families to homestead or buy a plot of land and earn a living while the boat builders connected the early inhabitants to the outside world. As members and volunteers of the Key Peninsula Historical Society we are preserving the history of those early adventurers and reaching out to ensure that those who follow will also remember.

We have recently begun a monthly summer storytime for young children presented by Christine Anderson and Connie Hildahl. The first one was held on May 28 with 7 attendees and their parents who learned about the forest. Later on the same day we hosted the "Little Buddies" sponsored by the Children's Home Society. The group included 16 students from Vaughn and Mintercreek schools with leader Marlies VanCise and mentors who are high school graduates and students. They wanted to learn what a museum is, explored our exhibits and had many questions. It is very rewarding to be providing our history to a variety of ages.

June 29 from 12-3:00 p.m. we will gather at the home of the late Dale Boquist in Glencove to view his collection of logging equipment. Dale was instrumental in developing the Old Timers Day Logging show that is held at the Longbranch Improvement Club and has been popular for many years. Please bring something to share and your own table service. Thank you to Dustin Boquist for sharing his father's legacy with us. The Boquist Barn is located in Glencove, on the corner of Cramer Rd KPN and Glencove Rd KPN.

July 12 we will have a booth at the Blue Willow Lavender Farm in Vaughn for their third annual Lavender Festival with items from our store for sale.

Our main fundraisers for the year will be cruises on **Saturday, July 13, 2:30-5:30** or **Sunday, July 14, 11:00-2:00** along the west side of the Key Peninsula aboard the *My Girl*. So hope for a sunny day to enjoy being on her decks while following the path of Peter Puget and learning about our history from the water.

To bring you up to date if you missed our March annual meeting, we approved the amendments to our bylaws, with thanks to Jennifer Nielsen for preparing them. The following members were elected to office for 2013: Judy Mills, President; Joyce Niemann, Vice President; Mavis Brown, Secretary; and Cathy Williams, Treasurer. We also welcomed three new Board members: Rep at large, Donna Gates-Smeall, Minter rep, Robert Whitman,; and Glencove rep, Paul Michaels. Christine Anderson is education committee co-chair with Connie Hildahl. Thank you to all for supporting the work of our museum.

Hope to see you at our upcoming events as listed in our current calendar.

Judy Mills, President
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You have to know the past to understand the present. — Dr. Carl Sagan

SUMMER PICNIC— Saturday, June 29th 12 noon –3 p.m. Boquist Barn

Please bring a dish to share. Remember to bring your own tableware.

Featured Museum Exhibit

The Rise of the Lumber Industry, 1852–1883 Early Entrepreneurs

The California Gold Rush in 1848 and growth in San Francisco brought outside investors. They built wharfs and mills, funded logging operations and started shipping businesses.

Henry Winchester was born in Kent, England. In 1866, he boarded a ship and sailed around Cape Horn to Victoria, BC. When he arrived he was immediately taken with the beauty of the Pacific Northwest and saw great potential for his future. In 1870, he purchased land at Glencove as well as areas between Wauna and Minter Creek. He began shoreline logging and rafted his logs to market via hired towboat. The financial crisis of the 1870s caused devastating losses for him. He returned to shipping and by 1876 became the captain of the *Messenger*. This flat-bottomed sternwheeler would simply beach itself in the mud to load and unload supplies and then wait to be freed by the rising tide. Though he was successful as a sea captain, he longed to return to logging. In 1882, a meeting with Nicholas Petersen provided him with that opportunity.



The Messenger hauled logs, passengers and mail.



In 1882, German immigrant **Nicholas Petersen** arrived in Tacoma from where he'd been living and managing a flour mill in Nebraska. He promptly became interested in the timber industry. With Petersen's capital and Winchester's logging know-how, they formed a successful logging venture. In 1883 they went into full operation between Purdy and Minter Creek. At Minter they felled cedar logs and built rafts on which they placed a bunk house and a cook house. Petersen also had his house built on a floating log raft in anticipation of the arrival of his family from Nebraska. In 1884, they towed the floating camp to Glen Cove, where they built a store on the rafts. This store became a destination for the local settlers where they could buy or trade for supplies and farm produce. When Petersen's wife Agnes finally arrived from Nebraska, she started cooking for the loggers aboard a wainigan or floating logging camp. During the financial panic of 1881 the Winchester-Petersen partnership suffered massive losses. Winchester deeded 32 acres of land in Glencove to the Petersen's to settle their investments. The Petersen's built a hotel there, which became very successful. Winchester was given a room there and called the hotel his home. He died in his room in 1909. The Petersen's remained in Glencove and ran the hotel until their deaths in 1926 (Nicholas) and 1934 (Agnes).



Fundraising History Cruise on Case Inlet

Join us for a History Cruise aboard the yacht *My Girl*. After departing from the Longbranch Marina, we will cruise the western shore of the Key Peninsula while learning its many stories. Raffle, food and a no-host bar available. Donation: \$50.00 per person.

Dates and times: July 13, 2:30–5:30 p.m.

July 14, 11:00–2:00 p.m.

For reservations contact or send checks: Key Peninsula Historical Society

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Museum Store

Visit the museum store where we have a variety of books, mugs, t-shirts, maps, and family trees. Dulcie Schillinger, store manager, has just reprinted *Parade of the Pioneers*, an excellent account of the early days in Vaughn by Bertha Davidson. We also have a new book by local author, Don Tjossem, called *Gig Harbor*. All these items make excellent gifts.

Videos

On your next visit to the museum be sure to ask the docent to show you our videos on logging, "Steam Logging in History and Models," on loan from the estate of Dale Boquist and "Spartree," shared by Myvanwy and Frank Shirley.

Peninsula High School Scholarship

This year we participated in the valuable scholarship program at PHS. In an effort to increase our support for next year we are asking you to save and send us your Food Market receipts so that we can receive 1% of the sales through the generosity of your local Food Market in Key Center and Lake Kathryn. You can either drop off the receipts at the museum or send to KPHS at 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. KPN at Vaughn, WA. 98394.

Museum Activities — 2013

Calendar of Events	Date and Time
Storytime for Young Learners at the Museum	June 18, July 16, August 13 10:30–11:00 a.m.
An Evening History Presentation at Penrose State Park	June 22, July 20, August 17 8:00 p.m.
Summer Picnic — Boquist Barn	June 29, 12 noon–3:00 p.m.
Fundraising Cruise from Filucy Bay on Case Inlet	Saturday, July 13, 2:30–5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 14, 11:00–2:00 p.m.
KPHS Pioneer Picnic — Fall General Meeting with Logger's Forum	September 21, Lakebay Marina
Farm Day: Harvesting Huckleberries	October 5, Gateway Park
Fall Education Home School Classes on History of Key Peninsula Forests: <i>Native Americans to Early Logging</i>	October 2, October 9, October 16, October 23 Primary and Intermediate Classes 9:00–11:00 a.m.
Pre-School Morning at the Museum: <i>Dads and Doughnuts</i>	October 19, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
Winter Warm-up and Chili Cook-off	November 9
Museum closes <i>Museum closed December 1 – January 24</i>	November 30
Winter Workshop for All Ages: <i>Timeline of Forests on the Key</i>	January 25, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
<i>Museum board meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the museum, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. . All are welcome. Museum board meeting for July will be held on June 27 due to the July 4th holiday.</i>	

KPHS Members

Betty and Doug Lewis	Nancy Carr	Colleen Slater	Katherine and James Olson	Carla and Ron Kingsbury
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Marge Summerfelt	Myvanwy and Frank Shirley (P)	Lindsey and Randy Babich	Donald Tjossem	P — Patron

We are sending this newsletter to our 2012 and 2013 members, so if you don't see your name please renew and join the fun.
Send to KPHS, 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. KPN, Vaughn, WA.98394



Key Peninsula Historical Society Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Level of membership: Single - \$10 Family - \$25 Patron - \$100 Business - \$50

New Renew

Museum donation or gift: _____ Total _____ Check _____ Cash

Are you interested in volunteering? Yes No Maybe later

Mail to: Key Peninsula Historical Society, 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394.

You can help!

Short on funds but you want to help the museum this year? Here are some ideas that might work for you:

- **Be a docent for the museum.**
Help keep the museum open by donating three hours once or twice a month on Thursday or Saturdays.
- **Help us compute.**
Share your computer skills with those who are just learning.
- **Help us sort and categorize current items in the museum.**
- **Help us with some carpentry and other maintenance projects.**
- **We need representation on the board from the Wauna and Horseshoe Lake area.**

Call 253.884.2511 or 253.884.5403 to find out what skills you can contribute to your museum.

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