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# MuseumMessenger

Quarterly Newsletter of the Key Peninsula Historical Society



## President's Message

As the dog days of summer roll by, it is time to reflect on all the wonderful events that have taken place since our newsletter to you in June. Our exhibits were mounted and displayed in early April. Information on the Upper Sound Logging Company evolved from many sources and we were able to trace its path through the Key Pen Parks acquisition that is now called Key Central Forest all the way to Carney Lake. The Dr. Penrose Exhibit has been a hit with first-hand knowledge from Cathy Williams as a child spending her summers with the Penrose family. Classes as presented by Connie Hildahl, Cathy, Jennifer Nielson and Christine Anderson have been received with accolades by elementary students, museum members, community members and even campers at Penrose Park. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done. We look forward to expanding our community history lessons with more presentations and presenters in 2013 on the History of Logging on the Key Peninsula.

Bill, Tracy and Tim Ketts of Blue Willow Farm warmly welcomed us for our picnic in the drizzle of a June day. The lavender drying barn provided a cozy haven to share our meal, learn about the history of the Babcock family and admire the dedication and knowledge of the Ketts family who have established a unique business of growing lavender on our Key Peninsula.

The fundraising event on July 7 found us sailing the seas of Henderson Bay on the Admiral Pete (out of Port Orchard) from Longbranch to Glencove and back again. It was a beautiful day for an afternoon and an evening cruise. Connie Hildahl and her crew of Joy and Rich Hanson; Karen and Tom Poole; Jan and Denny Prichard; Linda and Gerald Strand; Christine and Kurt Anderson and photographer Rich Hildahl deserve a round of applause for putting together a fun-filled day with delicious food as a bonus. Thank you all for your hard work. I have been asked by numerous guests if we will do the west side in 2013. Plan to.

Our Anderson Island visit to the Johnson Farm museum sponsored by the Heritage League was a wonderful opportunity to see how another museum showcases their artifacts. We also visited the museum store and gathered ideas for our own expansion of items for sale.

Old Timer's Day is always a good time to share information about our museum, sell a few books and talk with neighbors and visitors about our wonderful history. Thank you Mavis Brown, Joyce Niemann, Dulcie Schillinger, Colleen Slater and Don Mills for manning the booth.

Our final fund raiser for this year was an Old Fashioned Barbecue at the Fred Leenstra farm in Longbranch. I had no idea that we had such a treasure of old vehicles on our Key Peninsula. Most were beautifully restored and I lost track of the tractors just waiting for some TLC. The museum-quality displays on the top floor of the barn was a real treat as well. Thank you again to Connie and her fund-raising committee for delicious, home-cooked food with delightful chicken and ribs by Lynn Carr. Special thanks to Fred and Wanda for their generosity in sharing their beautiful farm for the benefit of the museum.

I also want to say a special thank you to the docents who keep our museum doors open. They are Joyce Niemann, Dulcie Schillinger, Rose Malmgren, Shirley Olson, Colleen Slater, Betty Beal, Mavis Brown, Betty VanSlyke, Marge Radonich, Vickie Swenning, Don Mills, Curtis Knudson and Nathan Welsh.

Finally, we were pleased and surprised to receive generous donations from the Lakebay Cemetery Association and our faithful member, Lois Crandall, in memory of her son, Richard, who is remembered as a loving, happy, music-loving son. We promise to use these gifts wisely in continuing our mission to preserve the history of the Key Peninsula for generations to come.

Hope to see you soon at an upcoming event.

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*A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.* Marcus Garvey.

**Fall Membership Meeting — November 3, 2012 — 12 noon –3 pm**

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

# Featured Museum Exhibits

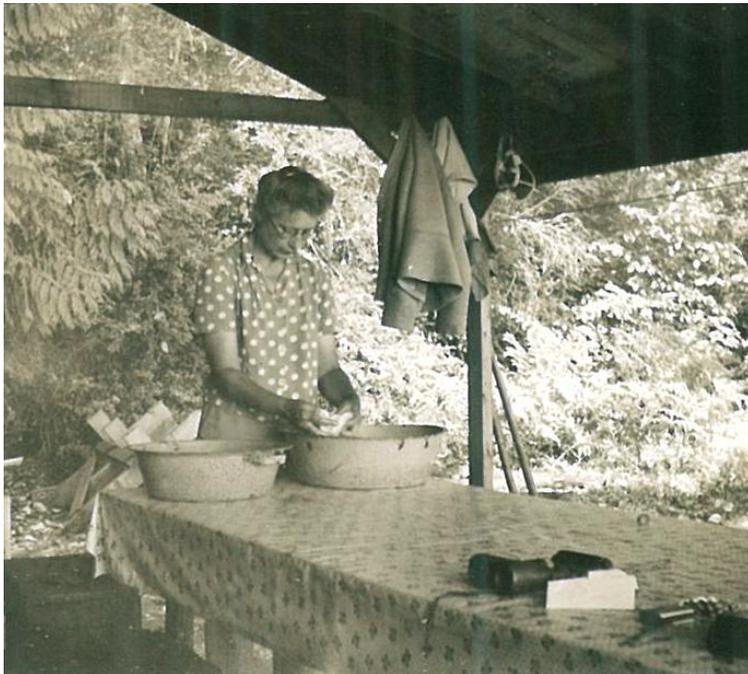
## Upper Sound Logging Company

The Upper Sound Logging Co, as well as the rest of the logging industry, developed their own terminology to communicate with each other in the woods. This Climax steam engine is sitting at the log dump in Vaughn Bay, after having hauled railroad cars full of logs from the landing. The logs had been cut by the faller. The spar tree was rigged with cables and blocks by the high climber who topped the tree and hung the rigging (blocks, straps and guylines). The logs were then yarded by the steam donkey with direction by the donkey engineer and the yarding crew which included the rigging slinger, hook tender, chokerman, whistle punk and chaser. The Gandy Dancer maintained the tracks from the Lake Holiday camp location through the area now called the Key Central Forest to Vaughn Bay, about 600 feet SW of the KP Civic Center. The boom men then prepared the logs for shipment to market by tugboat through the waters of the south sound.

To view the entire logging dictionary, visit the Upper Sound Logging Exhibit through November 30, 2012.



Standing in the doorway are Dominik and George Mills.; girl with the striped hat is Mary Mills Anderson and to her right is Helen Mills, her mother. Standing on the front of the engine is Theodore Mills. Others are unknown.



Mary Penrose Copeland, 1949

The Penrose Point exhibit continues through November.

### Camp Cobbler Topping at Penrose Point

The Penrose campers spent part of almost every day gathering fresh berries, fishing and digging clams.

This is the camp recipe for cobbler topping.

- 1 Cup sugar
- 1 Cup flour
- 5 teaspoons baking power
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg

Sift the dry ingredients. Add 1 egg to mixture and, with your fingers, blend. The topping will be dry and crumbly. Sprinkle the topping over your fruit. As it bakes it will spread out.

This topping can be made ahead, minus the egg, and stored in a dry container for a couple months. Just scoop out 2 cups of the dry ingredients and add 1 egg for each cobbler.

### Penrose Point Exhibit — Classes and Activities Schedule

Nov.8                      Packing up at the end of camp — storing supplies; games,  
Camp songs; Sketching “camp site”  
Evaluation

Space is limited so sign up early. For more information, please contact Connie Hildahl at [childahl@centurytel.net](mailto:childahl@centurytel.net) or 253-884-1400.

# Summer Museum Activities



On the porch of the Anderson Island Historical Museum, known as the Johnson Farm L to R: Connie Hildahl, Joyce Niemann, Lois Crandall, Judy Mills, Betty Van Slyke, Rose Malmgren, Joy Hanson, Dulcie Schillinger. Don Mills was the photographer while Vickie Swenning was still shopping.



Main cabin of the Admiral Pete with guests on July 7.



Summer picnic at Blue Willow Lavender Farm with Tracy Ketts and lavender ropes drying overhead.



Bill Ketts ringing the bell for lunch, June 30

Evelyn Evans shares stories from her book about growing up in Home.



August 25 Fund Raiser: Marge Radonich, Shirley Olson and Joyce Niemann lead the crowd in a rousing Vaughn High School cheer



## Calendar of Events

Board Meeting at the Museum, all are welcome.

KP Farm Tour — Our booth will be at the new Key Peninsula Gateway Park, site of the old Renaissance Fair on Highway 302. Come join us to play Penrose Point games, learn about our history and shop our store items.

Museum Board Planning Retreat to develop goals, a budget for 2013 and review/renew our bylaws. All interested members are welcome. Please RSVP to Judy at 253-884-2511 or [djmills@centurytel.net](mailto:djmills@centurytel.net) for a lunch count.

Fall Membership Meeting, Oral Histories. Dedication of a memorial tree to Richard Crandall. Bring something to share and your own table service.

Final presentation on Penrose Point and the Penrose family.

KPHS Holiday Open House/CC Winter Warm Up

Museum closes

Museum re-opens

## Date and Time

October 4, 11 am – 1 pm

October 6, 10 am – 3 pm

October 16, 10 am – 2 pm  
At the Civic Center VFW room and the KP Museum

November 3, 12:00 – 3:00 pm  
At the museum.

November 8, TBA At the museum

November 10, 10 am – 4 pm

November 29, 2012 Thursday

February 7, 2013 Tuesday

**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.

## KPHS 2012 Board Members

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