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MuseumMessenger

Quarterly Newsletter of the Key Peninsula Historical Society



Museum News

- Jud Morris of the Children's Home Society won the membership drawing at our March meeting. He chose a book and some postcards as his prize.
- Report on Open House and Book Sale: We had a very successful Open House with over 100 visitors signing our guest book. There were many questions asked that took some research to provide answers.
- Does anyone remember the dining car restaurant located at Purdy in the early 1950s?
- We sold some books and welcomed some new members.

President's Message

As your newly elected President, I would like to give thanks and kudos to Joyce Niemann and Leona Britt for their dedication and service to the museum and its society. Although Leona is moving on to new horizons, Joyce will continue to be an irreplaceable leader as Vice President. I am also grateful for the competence and continuing support of re-elected officers Mavis Brown, Secretary, and Dulcie Schillinger, Treasurer. This core group will provide continuity toward the goals that were written last fall.

I am pleased to report that we have achieved our technology goal with new computers to improve outreach to our members under the guidance of Cathy and Ted Williams and support of the Angel Guild. We are increasing awareness to the public by offering participatory classes on Penrose Point by Cathy Williams and Connie Hildahl. Colleen Slater has provided docent training and written guidelines for participants in order to increase the number of members who can volunteer at the museum. We welcome Vickie Swenning, Nate Welsh, Don Mills and Curtis Knudson to our list along with dedicated docents, Shirley Olson, Docent scheduler, Rose Malmgren, Joyce Niemann, Dulcie Schillinger, Betty Van Slyke, Marge Radonich, Betty Beal, and former docents, Leona Britt, Hazel Kingsbury.

Another goal met, thanks to Scott and Tom Swenning and Don Mills is getting "the blinking light" from Key Center on display. Don also added new shelving and doors to our display area. Jennifer Nielsen has undertaken the task of reviewing and revising our bylaws over the next year. Thanks for your commitment, Jennifer.

Visits to the Steilacoom Museum and the Gig Harbor Maritime Museum were very enjoyable, educational and fun. We will be visiting Anderson Island on July 25 with the Heritage League and you are invited. We had a successful Open House and book sale in May and greeted many of our neighbors who enjoyed observing our Penrose Point exhibit put together by Cathy Williams and Connie Hildahl, and also the Upper Sound Logging Railroad exhibit that is sponsored by the Key Pen Parks and displayed by Don and me. Thanks to Dulcie, Cathy, Mavis, Shirley, Betty, Colleen, Frank, Don, Connie and Jennifer for preparation and sale of books. Many thanks to Sound Credit Union and The Food Market for being collection points for books — we couldn't have done it without them.

You are always welcome at board meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. in the museum at the Civic Center..

See you soon, Judy Mills, President
253-884-2511 or djmills@centurytel.net

Only with the experience of our past can we meet the challenges of our future.

Summer KPHS Picnic — June 30, 12:00–3:00 pm, Blue Willow Lavender Farm

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

Featured Museum Exhibits

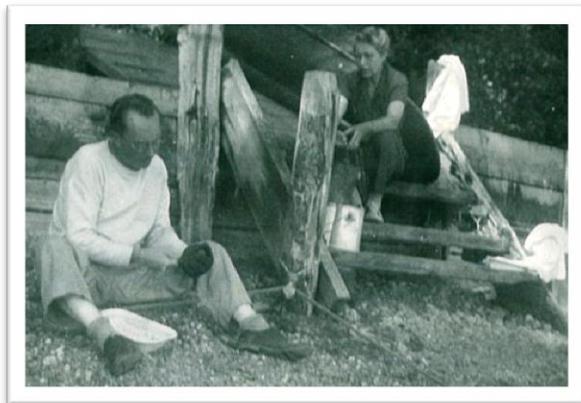
Upper Sound Logging Company — Recollections of Elsie Olson

As reported at an Historical Society meeting

Logging was the mainstay of the community; later the brush and berries. At the McFadden logging camp, and probably the same at others, bug powder was furnished. Other necessities the loggers had to provide for themselves. One young man in the neighborhood went into town and tried to buy a large quantity of vanilla, but they doubted he needed that much for cooking purposes. (Washington was “dry” in those days) When the train passed by the school (the current Civic Center at Vaughn), the girls would lean out of the window to wave at the loggers. After the timber ran out, the train was taken away though the tracks remained.



The Upper Sound Logging Co. exhibit, sponsored by the Key Pen Parks continues through November.



The Penrose Point exhibit continues through November.

Getting Ready for a Dinner of Clam Chowder 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 clam chowder:

- ½ slice bacon per person
- 1 medium potato per person
- ½ that number of onions
- About ¼ cup ground clams per person
- Canned milk
- Salt and pepper

Cut bacon in small pieces with scissors. Begin to fry in bottom of soup kettle. Put onions through a grinder or shredder; add to the bacon and cook in a small amount of water for about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, put potatoes through meat grinder. Add them to onions and bacon. Add seasoning and more water to about 1 cup of liquid per person. Bring to a boil and simmer until the potatoes are soft.

Add the cleaned and ground clams and any clam juice saved. Add canned milk equal to the water used, or until rich enough to suit. Finish blending and cooking at a low simmer. Serve with hard crackers.

Penrose Point Exhibit — Classes and Activities Schedule

June 14	Transition from Delano Hotel to Penrose Point; A typical day in camp — 100 years ago Making clam chowder; Potato game
Sept. 20	Trails around Penrose Point; Shell Matching game and Nail Pounding game Identify local berries and plants in the woods; Making “camp cobbler”
Nov. 8	Packing up at the end of camp — storing supplies; Button Sewing game Camp songs; Sketching “camp site” Evaluation

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

Calendar of Events

Date and Time

2 nd session on Penrose Point for 3 rd grade class at Vaughn Elementary	June 14
2 nd session on Penrose Point, at the Museum. Topics covered: Daily life at camp, a map of Penrose Point, identifying sea shells with Dr Jennifer Nielsen, and making "Camp Chowder" with Cathy Williams. Classes are free, and all are welcome. Please join us!	June 14, 4:00–5:00pm
Trip to Penrose Park with the Vaughn 3 rd graders. Peggy Copeland Corley, granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. SBL Penrose will join us.	June 15
Heritage League Board Meeting	June 20
Summer KPHS Picnic Blue Willow Lavender Farm	June 30, 12:00–3:00 pm
KPHS Fundraising Event features an Historic Cruise on the East Side of Key Peninsula Cruise leaves from the Longbranch Dock Appetizers and a no-host bar available Tickets are \$50 each. They can be purchased at the museum or by calling Connie Hildahl at 253-884-1400	July 7 1 st cruise — 2:30–5:00 pm (sold out) 2 nd cruise — 6:30–9:00 pm
Heritage League picnic on Anderson Island at the Johnson Farm. Contact Connie Hildahl (884-1400) or Judy Mills (884-2511) to carpool and receive details.	July 25
Old Timers Day Booth (LIC)	August 18
KPHS Fundraising Event features an Old Fashioned Picnic and a tour of historic cars and tractors at the Leenstra farm in Longbranch. This event is for KPHS members and guests only. Tickets are \$50 each. Call Connie Hildahl at 884-1400 for tickets and information.	August 25, 4:00 pm to dusk
KPHS Pioneer Picnic at Penrose Point State Park	Sept. 15, 12:00–3:00 pm
KP Farm Tour	October 6
Fall Membership Meeting	November 3, 12:00–3:00 pm
KPHS Holiday Open House/CC Craft Fair	November 10

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Newsletter

Cathy Williams

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.**

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