

# Mini-Museum Messenger

December 2012



## President's Message

Seasons Greetings to all!

We have had a grand year and have added new docents, Joe Dervaes, Andrea Jewell and Danna Webster, who all helped us get through the last few months along with our faithfuls. We enjoyed participating in the October Farm Tour by joining the Key Pen Parks at their new Gateway Park facility. Our museum volunteers, Bill and Carland Nicholson, Christine Anderson, Connie Hildahl, Cathy Williams, and I greeted over 500 visitors. We have also entered into a contract with the park to store some of our large items, including a recent donation by Kit (Margaret) Ellis of a huckleberry cleaner. Watch for more news about using that cleaner in the future. We have struggled with needed storage for a couple of years, so are very grateful for use of the space.

October found us holding our first ever retreat to plan goals and tasks for next year and assign a budget to each item. The board would be delighted to have you help us implement these goals. Please ask for a copy to choose your favorite topic.

With the help of Cathy Williams we published a new brochure, more colorful and informative than the previous one with a membership form included.

In November, we planted a tree in memory of Richard Crandall and reviewed our oral history questionnaire. Cathy Williams, Danna Webster and Donna Smeall have revised it into a user friendly format. We hope to begin interviewing in January. Lynn Larson, archeologist/anthropologist reported that she is working on an archeological survey of Filucy Bay and will present in January at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

We welcomed friends and neighbors to our Open House with greeters Dulcie Schillinger, Betty Van Slyke, Shirley Olson, Cathy Williams, Connie Hildahl and Jennifer Nielson. Colleen Slater, with assistance from Don Mills and others, manned the Winter Warm Up booth in the Civic Center. Museum representatives, Christine Anderson and I attended the Greater Gig Harbor Foundation Community Visioning workshop.

The last class of the year on Penrose Point, as presented by Cathy Williams and Connie Hildahl, was completed in November with great participation by students who are home schooled. We are looking forward to providing presentations on logging to students in our public schools, home schooled students and the community in 2013.

As I prepare our end-of-year report, we have logged at least 1800 volunteer hours and met over 500 visitors. Quite a feat for our little museum.

Our extended hours during December have allowed residents visiting the temporary library facilities at the Civic Center to discover the location of our museum and enjoy some of our history. I am very grateful to the Museum Board, the committee chairs, other volunteers and you, the members. Due to your energy, time and monetary support we are able to continue the mission of our museum founders. I am proud to be your President.

We will be taking a break for the rest of this year, but come January will delve deeply into the history of logging on the Key Peninsula by developing our exhibit called "Tall Trees, Tall Men, Tall Tales." Please join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the museum to put it all together.

Wishing you all the best in 2013,  
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*To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe. - Anatole France*



2012 Farm Tour booth at Gateway Park



Huckleberry cleaner

### Tentative Schedule — 2012 and 2013

Museum closes Dec. 15 and reopens Feb.2, 2013, with the beginning of our logging exhibit

Annual Membership Meeting	Mar. 30
Logging Exhibit Grand Opening Day	Mar. 30
Open House	May
Summer Picnic	June
Fund Raiser	July & August
KPHS Pioneer Picnic	September
Farm tour	October
Fall Membership Meeting	November
KPHS Open House/CC	November
Close for winter	Nov. 30

All museum board meetings are open the public. They occur the first Thursday of every month from 11:00-1:00pm in the museum. All are welcome.

### Exhibit for 2013 — *Tall Trees, Tall Men, Tall Tales* — a history of logging on the Key Peninsula

This exhibit officially opens March 30 and will feature pictures, documents, artifacts, tools and more. History classes centered around logging on the Key Peninsula will be offered. In February a Logger's Coffee Hour will be held for those who will share their stories. Stay tuned for more updates on dates and times.

### Other News —

Cindy and Mark Scott of Bainbridge Island have purchased the Lakebay Marina and Resort, formerly the landing for the Mosquito Fleet boats and the Washington Farmer's Co-op. Mark recently visited the museum to look for pictures of the old marina and the area around it. He would like to restore it as much as possible (with modern updates) to what was there in the past. He will be able to sell clear gas for marine use (no ethanol). He is also trying to get HGTV involved to help him with the restoration and is asking for our help by emailing them and explaining why restoring the marina is important to our community. The HGTV email address is [renovationrealitiescasting@gmail.com](mailto:renovationrealitiescasting@gmail.com).



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