



Key Peninsula Historical Society

Goals for 2016 (developed October 23, 2015)

This year we have one major goal that reflects our current need to concentrate on preservation.

Goal A: Explore our options to preserve the building currently offered to us (Vaughn Library Hall) Budget: TBD

1. Develop a plan for property, include cost, materials, timeline, legalities, etc.
2. Work with DAHP for historic preservation.
3. Determine schedule and hold work parties to begin preservation.
4. Apply for grants to support preservation.

Goal B: Continue working toward preservation of fragile Native American artifacts Budget: TBD

1. Work with agencies who can help us with proper technique (i.e., Burke).
2. Find a funding source.
3. Determine a timeline.

Dear Members and Friends,

The snowdrops and crocus are blooming as sure signs that spring is in the air and with that, the new exhibit year for the museum begins with its many activities and events. We started with our grand re-opening, "Be Our Guest," presenting the hotels and resorts of the Key Peninsula. We highlighted five that have had a significant impact. The Delano Hotel and Resort, Wyatt Hotel, Cooper's Hotel, Wauna Lodge and Glencove Hotel, that still operates today as a B & B. Since then we have discovered at least three more that we didn't know about, so check back as we continue our research. We greeted many guests from near and far while looking forward to welcoming more of you in the future. Our additional display in the VFW room with new display cases was also well received.

Next on our schedule is our annual Peninsula High School Scholarship Fundraiser at El Sombrero Family Restaurant in Key Center. This year we will gather on March 7. Come anytime between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. to enjoy a delicious meal. Through the generosity of Cathy and Pablo de la Cruz, owners, we receive 10% of the gross receipts for the evening toward our scholarship to support one of our local graduating Key Peninsula seniors. Since some of us "historians" are usually celebrating our birthdays around this time we'll have a surprise dessert as well.

Finally, I urge you to attend our upcoming Annual Meeting to be held on March 19th, 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in the Whitmore Room. Please bring a dish to share, and your table service. Coffee and tea will be provided. We have important business that includes a power point presentation with information about the possible acquisition of the Vaughn Library Hall, followed by a round-table discussion. There will be an opportunity for all current members to vote following the discussion. Please see the expanded article in this newsletter with further explanation. In addition, there will be election of officers and representatives from our communities for the new year. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact one of our nominating committee members: Colleen Slater, 884-5403; Don Tjossem, 884-2581; or Mavis Brown, 884-4228.

Judy A. Mills, President
253-884-2511 or djmills@centurytel.net

"Let us not only remember the past and its required sacrifice, let us also remember that we are responsible to build a legacy for the generations which follow us." — Thomas S. Monson

Visit us on Facebook at : www.facebook.com/KPHistoricalSociety and at our new website keypeninsulamuseum.org

El Sombrero Fundraising Dinner
Monday, March 7 5:00 – 9:00pm
Key Center

ANNUAL MEETING — Saturday, March 19
12 noon – 3 pm Whitmore Room
Please bring a dish to share.
Remember to bring your own tableware



Thank You

A Big Thank You to Our Community Support Network

ARC, Tacoma
El Sombrero Family Mexican Restaurant, Key Center
Food Market, Key Center
Trader Joe's, University Place
Cash and Carry, Bremerton
Purdy Costless Pharmacy
Albertson's, North Gig Harbor
Cape E Farm and Vineyard
Home Association Band, led by Dr. Roes

Subway, Key Center
Angel Guild, Key Center
Rusty Roots Bluegrass Band
Key Peninsula Parks
Key Peninsula Civic Center
Longbranch Improvement Club and Marina
Blue Grass Minstrels Band
Towey Productions, LLC



Why Preserve Old Buildings?

6 practical reasons to save old buildings:

1. Old buildings have intrinsic value, they tend to be built with higher quality materials such as wood from old-growth forests.
2. When you tear down an old building you never know what's being destroyed. There may be hidden details that are valuable.
3. New businesses prefer old buildings. New buildings make sense for major chain stores, but other businesses like bookstores, antique stores, etc. may thrive in older buildings.
4. Old buildings attract people. It may be because of the materials or that they are more interesting. They may feel more homey, warm or patriotic, but people tend to like old buildings.
5. Old buildings are reminders of a city's culture and complexity. Tourist and residents are able to see the aesthetic and cultural history of an area through old buildings.
6. Regret goes only one way. Preservation of historic buildings is a one-way street. There is no chance to renovate or save an historic site once it's gone. Therefore, the reality brings to light that if it has historic significance, saving buildings must be done because once it is destroyed it is lost forever.

In Memoriam

Barbara Hanna, first treasurer of the KPHS and long time member passed away in January 2016, after a long illness. She was dedicated to the establishment of the museum.

Audrey (Brones) Tritle, of Longbranch and University Place, 11/12/1920–2/22/2016; former member of KPHS and known as the "Egg Lady." The Tritle farm provided eggs, hay and apples to the community for 45 years. Audrey grew up in Vaughn.

New Display Cases for Key Peninsula Museum

By Don Tjossem

On Monday morning, December 14th, Christmas came early for the volunteers of the Key Peninsula Historical Society & Museum. Four new display cases were delivered by Santa Claus (via Oak Harbor Freight Lines) to be used in the VFW room of the Civic Center to display different objects that portray early life here on the Key Peninsula. Each case is 6 feet high and four feet wide. These cases are the result of a \$10,000. grant to the Key Peninsula Historical Society & Museum by the Ben B. Cheney Foundation of Tacoma. In addition to the cases, the grant provided the opportunity for the museum to purchase archival storage boxes for many of its items that are in storage.

This grant was applied for by the President, Judy Mills, and the board earlier this year. After the application was submitted, a follow-up visit to the museum by members of the Cheney Foundation, including Bradbury F. Cheney, Executive Director; Carolyn J. Cheney, Secretary and Treasurer; Ken Ristine, Senior Program Officer; and Carol Lewis, Grants Manager & Executive Assistant, an approval letter with a check was received just a few days later and the cases were ordered. This was the first time most of them had seen the museum.

The Foundation makes grants in communities where the Cheney Lumber Company was active. The Foundation's goal is to improve the quality of life in those communities by making grants to a wide variety of activities, which includes 501(c)(3) museums, such as the Key Peninsula Historical Museum.

On hand Monday morning for the delivery of the cases were Judy and Don Mills, Paul Michaels and Paul Michaels, Jr., Rob Hord, Bob Whitman and Don Tjossem. The delivery of the cases went very well, and volunteers of the museum have put together a wonderful display in them.

Anyone on the Key Peninsula who has items they would like to loan or donate to the museum for these cases is encouraged to call 253-888-3246 or send an email to kphsmuseum@gmail.com. Displays will be on a rotating basis and changed from time to time as determined by the exhibit committee of the museum.

The website for the museum is <http://www.keypeninsulamuseum.org/>. We have an email address of kphsmuseum@gmail.com and our museum also has a Facebook page. Check these sites for upcoming activities involving the rich history and heritage of the Key Peninsula.



Vaughn Library Hall



Vaughn Library Hall circa 1905



Vaughn Library Hall circa 2015

In August of 2015, we began discussions with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Docken about the Vaughn Library Hall and the potential for possible acquisition by the Key Peninsula Historical Society and Museum. Donna is the daughter of Helen VanSlyke Wolnewiecz, whose family were early settlers in the Vaughn area. In fact, her great grandparents, Alfred and MaryJane, donated land to build the Hall.

As we have reported in past articles, as communities grew and developed, people wanted a place for social gatherings and meetings so Community Halls served many functions. The Vaughn Community Hall and Library is the only one remaining on the Key Peninsula. It was built in 1889 when the young men in the community were given permission to build a dance floor for the July 4th celebration. They called it "The Bowery" after decorating it with fir and cedar branches for the occasion. They danced all night to the tunes of the Jim Haines Fiddlers. In 1893, walls and a roof were added to become the community center, while a corner with its own entrance from the porch, became the library. The ladies of the Library Association had been housing the books in the post office.

Since that time, through interviews with many of our distinguished residents, we have learned that the Vaughn Library Hall was truly the center of the community for many years until it became a private residence in the late 1950s.

It hosted the Ladies Library Association, Horticultural Society made up of men only, Ladies Aid Society, Good Roads Club, Vaughn Garden Club, Amaranth, Church Services, Sunday Schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Grange, and PTA, among others.

There were bridal showers, baby showers, talent shows, magic shows, musicals, movies once a month that cost a dime, dances, skits and plays, graduations, card parties, bazaars, ice cream socials, fund raisers, Christmas parties, Halloween parties, and even funerals. During the war, bandages were wrapped and the ladies made mattresses for their families from surplus cotton. The Library was open at least once a week.

Where do we go from here? The Visions Strategic Plan Committee recommended to the Board that we pursue the donation of the Vaughn Library Hall from Mr. and Mrs. Docken, and the board approved that plan. We are now presenting it to you, our general membership, for approval. Since our mission is to preserve our heritage and present it to the community, we feel that the VLH is an opportunity to fulfill that mission. We see it as a long-term plan to be done in many phases – the first of which is to acquire ownership of the property, clean it up, make it secure, safe, insure it for liability, and use it for storage of our large items. We will also pursue recognition as a National, State and County Historic Site. We have consulted with historic architects at the state level, a private volunteer engineer, our insurance company, and other museums' staff and curators. We have worked up a preliminary budget for the beginning phase and sent letters of intent for potential grants. This information will be available at our Annual Meeting on March 19th in the Whitmore Room at the Civic Center. We will have our potluck at 12 noon and will start our meeting by 1:15 p.m. We hope to see you all there.

New Exhibit in 2016: Early Key Peninsula Hotels and Resorts

Delano Beach Hotel and Resort (part 1)

On the dark and stormy night of January 29, 1887, the three-masted barkentine *The Austria*, heavy with ballast, was a little over a week out of San Francisco, and bound for Puget Sound. At the helm was Capt. George E. Delano. A strong wind came up and blew a heavy gale. The ship struggled and finally ended up on the reef off Cape Alava. Capt. Delano had attempted to signal a passing ship for help, but none had arrived, so he set off on a 30-mile hike to Neah Bay. In a letter he wrote to his wife Edith: "I frosted my face walking from the wreck to Neah Bay...over the roughest ground I ever saw. I got through all right, pretty well used up, so stiff I hardly could move the next day." The local Indians were the Ozettes, and are credited with saving the lives of the crew, providing warmth, food and shelter until Capt. Delano was able to return.

As was the custom, the captain of the sailing vessel had a share of the total capital invested. The wreck of *The Austria* meant bankruptcy for Captain Delano. He wrote to his father-in-law in Jefferson, ME: "I don't know what I will do now, but I guess I will have to go to farming."

Edith Delano and their young daughter, Virginia, meanwhile had been waiting for Capt. Delano to return from his trip to Puget Sound. Following the shipwreck, they joined him as he began looking for acreage in the Pacific Northwest. He chartered a vessel from Capt. Lorenz, and for the next month they cruised along much of the Sound's shoreline. Finally he found something that suited him – a fine small harbor west of Tacoma on Carr Inlet. It had a quarter mile of tide flats. For a small price Capt. Delano was able to purchase 200 acres from the federal government, part of which is now Penrose Point State Park.

Because of the nearly level sandy beach, he had originally thought he could establish a port for scraping hulls of vessels to rid them of barnacles. But the opening of a modern dry dock in Bremerton scuttled his plans. During the first year ashore, he started a hop-growing venture, but disease destroyed his crop. Thus, in 1890, Edith and George Delano decided to build a summer resort.

Between \$2000 and \$4000 was needed for the building of a 20-bedroom structure. The hotel opened in 1891. It included a living room, separate outdoor dining room and a post office. Eventually 24 separate sleeping cabins were added. There would also be a music room with porches on three sides and a fireplace, a tennis court, a baseball field and a putting green. A boardwalk ran not only from the hotel to the beach, but also south along the waterfront to the edge of the property. Later an 830 ft. pier was built to accommodate the steamships coming in to deliver guests, provisions and mail.

Within a few years, Capt. Delano returned to the sea. Edith managed the hotel on her own for the next 40 years.



New Exhibit in 2016: Early Key Peninsula Hotels and Resorts

While looking through some of the scrapbooks at the museum, we discovered that there were at least 3 other hotels on the Key Peninsula at various times.

Alt (Ault) Hotel – One of the early businesses in Home. It was at the head of Joe's Bay and was owned and operated by Ben Alt (Ault). Built after WW1, it was a large hotel, and a resort for summer visitors who were mostly Jewish. We don't have any other information at this time.

Tiedeman Hotel – In 1883, Henry and Margaret Tiedeman built a very large house in Home to accommodate their growing family. A lovely three-story clapboard house was built. The lower rooms of the new house were rented out to boarders, mostly young men who worked in a nearby brickyard, or cut wood from the great fir trees. In the summer months, the rooms were quite often used by vacationers boating over from Tacoma and Steilacoom. The house was built facing the water and served as the only hotel for a time on the peninsula. Henry added a large hall attached to the back side for holding dances, birthday parties, funerals, etc. As Henry was also the postmaster, he would take the opportunity to make mail deliveries to some of the patrons at these events. The house stood until 1970, when it was burned as part of the local fire department training program. We are still trying to discover when the hotel closed.

Minter Hotel – Located on the hill above the hatchery across Minter Creek. George Minter and family settled there in 1882 and built the hotel in 1888. We don't have any other information at this time.

If anyone has any information on these hotels, please share with us. We'd love to get further documentation.

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Museum Activities — 2016

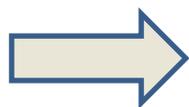
Calendar of Events	Date and Time
Close for Winter	November 24
Weekly Work Parties	Tuesdays, 10:30am 'til done
Museum Opens Resort/Hotel Exhibit	February 2, 2016 1:00 – 4:00pm
El Sombrero Fundraiser Dinner	Monday, March 7 5:00 – 9:00pm
Annual Membership Meeting Election of Officers and Speaker	Saturday, March 19 11:00am – 3:00pm KPCC -- Whitmore Room
Spring Preschool Story	Third Thursday, March 18, April 21, May 20 11:00 – 12:00pm
KPHS Spring Open House and Liveable Community Fair	Saturday May TBA 10:00am – 4:00pm
Additional Education Opportunities Available Upon Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home School: History of the Key Peninsula Forest • Boy and Girl Scouts: Museum visit and KP History • Classroom visits 	
<i>Society board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the Month year around. 10:30 coffee and memories. 11:00 meeting starts. All are welcome.</i>	

This is a link to a presentation to the Whatcom History Museum that was done by Don Tjossom.

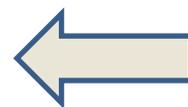
The City of Bellingham has its own TV station and deserves all production credit for this.

If you are interested in mountain climbing and the beautiful scenery of our state you will enjoy this. The presentation starts out with a little history and lasts about an hour.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfFrFIGTpCH4>



Remember that with our switch to a calendar year
dues are due December 31, 2015 and are payable now.
 Individual \$10, Family \$25, Patron \$100, Business \$50, VIP \$250,
 Life Time \$1,000



Key Peninsula Historical Society Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Level of membership: Single - \$10 Family - \$25 Patron - \$100 Business - \$50 VIP - \$250 Life Time - \$1,000 or more
 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.

Museum Business

Key Peninsula Historical Society

Mission Statement

The mission of the Key Peninsula Historical Society is to gather, record, preserve and disseminate information on the history of the Pierce County area generally known as the "Key Peninsula," so that succeeding generations of residents will have a firm and accurate record from early exploration and settlement to the present.

Membership is important and can be a great gift for birthdays, Christmas or thank you's. 2016 dues are payable by December 31, 2015, to be current, but your membership is extremely important to us at any time as the strong foundation of the Key Peninsula Historical Society. Have you thought about the value of our historical society to our community?

Together we:

1. Collect, preserve, study, interpret, share the history of the Key Peninsula.
2. Act as a resource for research to individuals, families, businesses, organizations, governments, schools and authors.
3. Encourage members of the community to explore and celebrate our ongoing history.
4. Develop community bonds between friends and neighbors.

The following is our 2016 membership list.

KPHS Members as of March 1, 2016

Ronda Anderson & Tom Eshom	Richard Minor (P)
Christine & Kurt Anderson (P)	Charlie Morgan
Betty Beal	Jud Morris
Leona Britt (H)	William & Carland Nicholson
Mavis & Ken Brown	Charles and Vickie Niemann
Marguerite Bussard	Chris Niemann
Tony and Nicole Carr	Joyce Niemann (H)
Jamie & John Crase	Noel Niemann
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Dick & Julie Day	Shirley Olson
Sally S. Davis	Susan Quigley & Delia McGinnis
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Evelyn Evans & Family	Dr. William Roes (B)
Elvin Floberg	Heather Rogers
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Walter Graham	Colleen & Frank Slater
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Tom & Nancy Howard	Marjorie Summerfelt
Rob Hord & Ondine Bonser	Donald Tjossem & Becky Alexander
Diane Jackman	Clark & Barbara Van Bogart
Curtis Knudson	Betsy & Doug Wheeler
Betsy Kruse and Bill Drummond	John Whitman
Fred Leenstra	Robert & Mabel Whitman
Darcie Long	Margot Webb
Leila & George Luginbill	Gordon and Danna Webster (P)
Mary Mazur	Cathy & Ted Williams (P)
Jim McDonald	Derek Young
Joseph & Nancy Mercado	
Paul & Elise Michaels	
Loyd & Sharon Miller	
Don & Judy Mills	
Martin & Robin Mills & Family	
Kristine, Gabe & Zack Mills	
Matthew & Lisa Mills & Family	

Memorials — 2016

Joyce Niemann in memory of Barbara Hanna
Joyce Niemann in memory of Russell Stock

Annual Fund Donors for 2016

Kurt & Christine Anderson	
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Gayle & Shirley Brewer	
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Lucille Daniel	
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Helen Fravel	
Elvin Floberg	
Joy & Rich Hanson	
Phyllis Henry	
Rob Hord & Ondine Bonser	
Tom & Nancy Howard	
Curt Knudson – memorial to Michael Mills	
Fred Leenstra	
Virginia Liebergesell	
Lynn & Bill Lloyd	
Leila & George Luginbill	
Mary Anne H. MacDonald	
Mary Mazur	
Joe & Nancy Mercado	
Loyd & Sharon Miller	
Judy & Don Mills	
Richard Minor	
Charlie Morgan	
Chris Niemann	
Susan Quigley & Delia McGinnis	
David & Janet Robertson – memorial to Elsie Olson	
Heather Rogers	
Gail Sparks	
Gerald & Linda Strand	
Don Tjossem & Becky Alexander	
Clark & Barbara Van Bogart	
Margot Webb – memorial to Duane Fleming	
Betsy & Doug Wheeler	
John Whitman	D — Donor
Robert & Mabel Whitman	P — Patron
Cathy & Ted Williams	B — Business
Derek Young	H — Honorary

This is our current list. If you do not find your name and believe you paid your dues, please let us know.

Send to KPHS, 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394

Ways you can support our efforts to preserve and present the history of the Key Peninsula



Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program

Fred Meyer will donate up to \$2.5 million each year to non-profit organizations like the Key Peninsula Historical Society. All you have to do is link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Key Peninsula Historical Society or use our NPO (non-profit number) #81208. You can also use our name -- Key Peninsula Historical Society. Every time you shop at Fred Meyer and use your Rewards Card, a portion of the purchase price will be donated to support the museum. www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4

'B' Caring Program through Bartell's Drug Stores

Next time you visit your local Bartell's ask for a B Caring card application and designate the Key Peninsula Historical Society as your non-profit of choice and up to 4% of your purchase price will be donated to the Museum. Already have a card and want to add KPHS? Log into your account online or call 800-931-6258 and add the Key Peninsula Historical Society. <http://www.bartelldrugs.com/b-caring-card>

AmazonSmile Program

Do you shop at Amazon.com? If you do Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Key Peninsula Historic Society whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Just log in using the following link and you can get started. <https://smile.amazon.com>

The projects of the Key Peninsula Historical Society and Museum would not be possible without the generous support of our members and donors.

Museum Store

Our museum store offers a variety of books, mugs, t-shirts, maps and family tree charts. . If you are looking gifts while our store is closed, please call 253-884-2511 for a special opening to buy a bit of KP history.

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" and "Spar Tree."

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 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.

Memorial Donations

All memorial donations are used to preserve and present the history of the Key Peninsula and are a wonderful way to remember loved ones and friends.

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 Tuesdays 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 2015 Board Members

<p>President Judy Mills</p> <p>Vice President Bob Whitman</p> <p>Treasurer Cathy Williams</p> <p>Secretary Darcie Long</p> <p>Membership Bob Whitman and Judy Mills</p> <p>Store Manager Dulcie Schillinger</p> <p>Docent Calendar Mavis Brown</p> <p>Publicity Colleen Slater</p> <p>Education Christine Anderson</p>	<p>Grants Don Tjossem</p> <p>PHS Scholarship Receipts Mavis Brown</p> <p>Oral History Colleen Slater, Bob Whitman, Bob Evans, Eloise Richardson</p> <p>Sunshine Betty VanSlyke</p> <p>Program Coordinator Christine Anderson</p> <p>Facebook Leila Luginbill</p> <p>Webmaster Rob Hord</p> <p>Special Projects Don Mills, Paul Michaels, Bob Whitman – General</p>	<p>Newsletter, Publications Cathy Williams</p> <p>Members at Large Colleen Slater – Vaughn Shirley Olson – Key Center Christine Anderson – Longbranch Cathy Williams – Home Jim Greetham – Lakebay Paul Michaels – Glencove Robert Whitman – Minter Creek Danna Webster – Rocky Bay Betty VanSlyke – at large Darcie Long – at large Ron Schillinger – at large Marjorie Summerfelt – at large Joyce Neimann – President Emeritus Wauna – Open Herron – Open</p>
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