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2017

MuseumMessenger

Quarterly Newsletter of the Key Peninsula Historical Society



Key Peninsula Historical Society

Goals for 2017 (developed October 11, 2016)

Goal A: Preserve our history

- Continue to scan photos and information.
- Copy binders for public use.
- Begin restoration/preservation work on Vaughn Library Hall.

Goal B: Present our history

- Provide educational opportunities to school children and other community groups.
- Complete historical markers at Gateway Park and Minter Creek Park

Dear Members and Friends,

As the clock winds down on 2017, I am amazed at the accomplishments of our society this past year. We have taken a look back at our communities through the years with our "Then and Now Exhibit." Many young people who have visited have recognized those places on the Key that have served as stores, schools, and roads yet still play a vital role.

Your board of multi-talented volunteers has applied for and received grants, organized our historical records and artifacts, published information on our activities, researched historical topics, and developed fund raising events, including those at El Sombrero to raise funds for our Peninsula High School Scholarship. We have presented our unique history to the public through our annual meeting, Spring and Fall Open Houses, the Ice Cream Social, Penrose Park presentations and the KP Farm Tour. In addition, one major goal of our community outreach is providing "living history" experiences to our local 3rd and 4th grade elementary students. Volunteers have also continued the work of restoration and preservation of the Vaughn Library Hall.

While we are closed in December and January, our work continues by developing a new exhibit for 2018. With the discovery of some interesting history about the Rainier Logging Co. and artifacts recovered in the Vaughn Library Hall, we will revisit the impact logging has had on the Key Peninsula. Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. we continue our workdays, with a few days off for the holidays. Give me a call or an email so I can add your name to our reminder list.

Please mark your calendars for several important events in early 2018:

January 9, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Evening Board Meeting (scheduled for those who can't make daytime meetings)

January 16, Tuesday, 1 p.m., Docent training for updates and new trainees. Please notify me so I can send you a reminder.

February 3, Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m., Opening of the museum for the new year

March 17, Saturday, 12 noon to 3 p.m., Annual Meeting and election of officers. Please consider joining the board. Send an email or phone message to be included in the nominations.

We value your continued membership and support throughout the year and look forward to working together to preserve and present our history in 2018.

With Best Wishes for the Holiday Season,

Judy A. Mills, President

253-225-9759 or djmills@centurytel.net

The Board and Docents: Robert Whitman, VP; Cathy Williams, Treas; Christine Anderson/Cynthia Wolfe, Sec; Colleen Slater, Darcie Long, Jim Greetham, Paul Michaels, Jack Shirts, Bart Wolfe, Marjorie Summerfelt, Diane Jackman, Ron Schillinger, Joyce Niemann, Becky Alexander, Rob Hord, Leila Luginbill, and Mavis Brown

"To communicate the truths of history is an act of hope for the future" --Daisaku Ikeda



Happy Holidays and Best Wishes to All in 2018

Thank You

A Big Thank You to Our Community Support Network

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
Ben B. Cheney Foundation
Main and Vine
ARC, Tacoma
Pierce County & Historic Landmarks Commission

Olde Glencove Hotel
Cabin by the Sound
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
Lighthouse Coffee



Can you identify this object?

What is it? September's egg carrier was identified by Mike, Gail and Ralph. We are looking for one to add to our collection, so if you have one to share it would be appreciated.

Ralph from Ohio also identified our March item as a Vintage head mold stand for hat makers.

First correct answer wins a copy of *Logging the Great Forests* by Leroy Challenger.

Respond to our email address at kphsmuseum@gmail.com



Hobo Jim Concert

Our first concert, featuring Hobo Jim, was a great success and was supported by the community and the following sponsors. We were able to raise \$2,863 toward the restoration of the Vaughn Library Hall.

R & R Logging
QFC, Belfair
3 Melon Deli, Tacoma
El Sombrero
Close to Home Espresso
Lulu's Homeport
Peninsula Market, Key Center
West Sound Auction
Raymond Evergreens
Colleen Slater
Costless Pharmacy
Bear in a Box
Kayla Kennedy
The Doyle Family
Diane Jackman
Lindsey Yepp
Nadeau's Old Glencove Hotel
Baywood Farm
Richard Minor



Good Bye "Then and Now" Exhibit

We hope you had an opportunity to visit and see the places that have been part of our community for a long time and what they look like now. As you drive around the Key Peninsula see if you can find them.



Vaughn Library Hall restoration continues ...

with our dream for the future!

as drawn by Bart Wolfe

A lot has happened in the last few months, and it's all good. We've completed cleaning both floors of the hall, we've met with Pierce County officials and the Washington State Historian and we've started preparing our restoration / construction budget.

A big thank you to our volunteers who worked so hard getting the hall cleaned out. These include: Becky Alexander, Diane Jackman, Ron Kingsbury, Paul Michaels, Don Mills, Judy Mills, Kelson Mills, Ron Schillinger, Don Tjossem, Dennis Totten, Bob Whitman and Bart Wolfe.

Thanks to grants from both the Cheney Foundation and the Angel Guild we were able to abate all the asbestos in the hall + clean and remove all the dirt and debris that has built up over many decades in the attic areas. The grants have also been used to make the building more secure and weather tight. We now feel confident we are ready for winter storms.

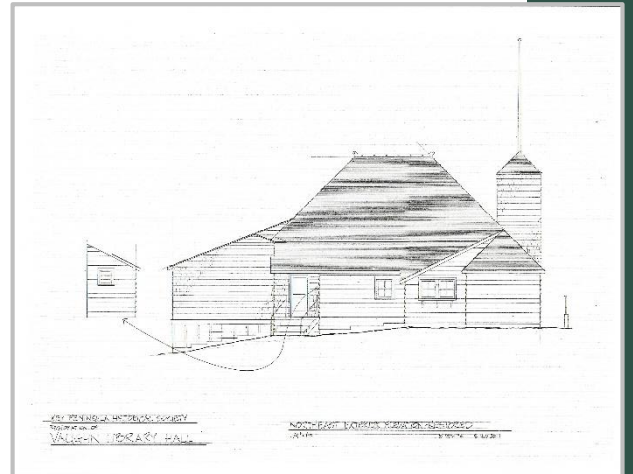
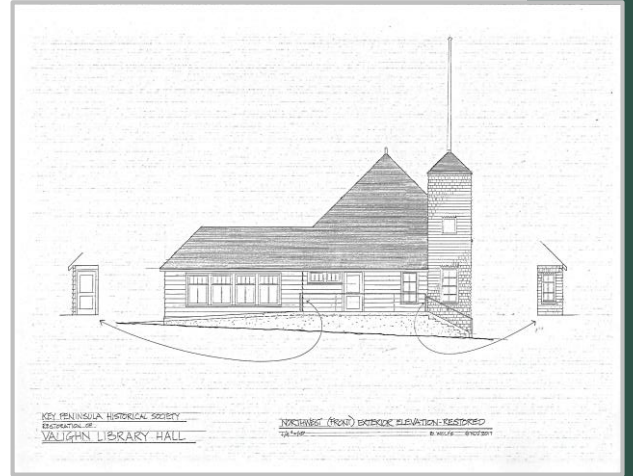
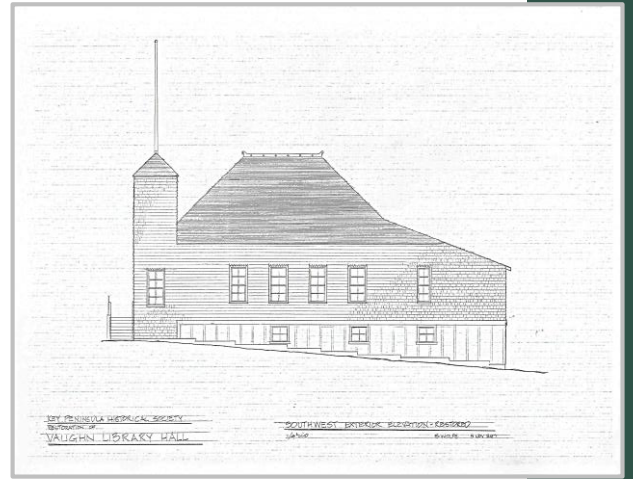
John Hodge, our structural engineer, visited the site after completing his analysis and reported that the building is structurally sound with only localized areas needing repair. There will still be a lot of work but it's good to know the building's "skeleton" is solid! And thanks to the current grants, his services are also covered.

We selected a General Contractor for the project; Chuck West of Chuck West Construction. Paul Michaels, Bart Wolfe and Chuck will start preparing budgets for the various construction phases as we pursue additional grant money.

Paul Michaels and Bart Wolfe had a preliminary meeting with Pierce County PALS to alert them to our upcoming restoration. The meeting went well and we now have a better idea of what they will require for our building permit.

In October, we were placed on Pierce County's Historic register. The County Council approved this unanimously; seven members of the Society were present for their vote. We also completed our application to Washington State for historic designation. The Washington State Historian paid a visit to the Hall and told us he feels pretty confident we will receive State historic designation in March. Keep your fingers crossed!

We still have a long way to go but we're confident we'll get there!

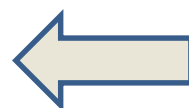


Museum Activities — Proposed Events for 2018

Calendar of Events	Date and Time
Weekly Work Parties	Tuesdays, 10:00am 'til done
Evening Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 9, 7:00pm in the museum
Docent training for new, and review	Tuesday, January 16, 1:00pm
Museum opens for new season	Saturday, February 3, 1:00pm
El Sombrero Fundraiser, Key Center	Wednesday, March 7, Key Center
Annual Membership Meeting — bring something to share	Saturday, March 17, 12:00–3:00pm
KPHS Spring Open House and Liveable Community Fair	Saturday, May 5 10:00–4:00pm
Living History Day – Elementary students	June, TBD
Camping at Penrose — Penrose Park presentation	Saturdays: June 16, July 21, August 18
August Fund Raiser	TBD
Farm Tour Booth	Saturday, October 6
Teacher Inservice on Traveling History Totes	TBD
Annual Planning Retreat	Tuesday, October 16, time TBD
El Sombrero Fundraiser, Key Center	Wednesday, October 14, 5:00–9:00pm
Little Buddies visit to the museum	TBA
Appreciation Open House/Winter Warm-up	Saturday, Nov. 10 10:00am – 3:00pm
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 • History of Penrose Park • Classroom visits 	
Close for winter	November 27
<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. Weekly work parties – 10:00am</i>	



Remember that with our switch to a calendar year
dues are due December 31, 2017, 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. 2018 dues are payable by December 31, 2017, 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.

KPHS memberships paid for 2018

Mavis & Ken Brown
Nicole, Tony & Colton Carr
Lucille Daniel
Michael Dadisman
Nancy & Dave Deress Family
Donna Docken (L)
Marcelle Hoey
Leila Luginbill
Mary Anne H. MacDonald
Don & Judy Mills
Martin & Robin Mills & Family
Kristine, Gabe & Zack Mills
Matthew & Lisa Mills & Family
Richard Minor (P)
Carland & William Nicholson
Walter Nordleaf
Joyce Niemann (H)
Marjorie Summerfelt (L)
Barbara Heard
Danna & Gordon Webster (P)
Robert & Mabel Whitman
Barbara & Clark Van Bogart
Cynthia & Bart Wolfe (P)
Elvin Floberg
Susan Quigley & Delia McGinnis

Annual Fund Donors for 2017-2018

Lucille Daniel
Barbara Heard
Leila Luginbill, memorial to Leila & Harry Edmonds
Mary Anne H. MacDonald
Judy & Don Mills, memorial to Michael
Carland & William Nicholson
Danna & Gordon Webster (P)
Robert & Mabel Whitman
Barbara & Clark Van Bogart
Cynthia & Bart Wolfe (P)
Susan Quigley & Delia McGinnis

This is just the start of the dues renewal so we hope to see your name on the list next time.

Peninsula Market Receipts

Please keep your grocery receipts and turn them in at the museum. Through the support of you, the shopper, and the generosity of the Stolz Northwest Inc. at the market, and Mavis Brown for tabulating, we received \$308.58 toward our Peninsula High School Scholarship.

Remember to use Amazon Smile and Fred Meyer for your holiday shopping. Every penny helps provide preservation, presentation and education for our members, friends and our community.

D — Donor
P — Patron
B — Business
L — Lifetime
H — Honorary

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. Customers have to update their status once a year. You can do it online.

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," "Spar Tree," the "Geoduck Film" and "Our Town."

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 2017 Board Members

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Judy Mills

Vice President

Bob Whitman

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Cynthia Wolfe/Christine Anderson

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Bob Whitman and Judy Mills

Store Manager

Becky Alexander

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Colleen Slater

Education

Christine Anderson

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Don Tjossem

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Bart Wolfe – at large

Marjorie Summerfelt – at large

Diane Jackman — at large

Ron Schillinger — at large

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Herron – Open

Rocky Bay – Open