



Key Peninsula Historical Society

Goals for 2018 (developed October 10, 2017)

Goal A: Preserve our history

- Organize and scan originals and place in archival sleeves and notebooks.
- Once done, copy and assemble notebooks for public access.
- Continue preservation/restoration of the Vaughn Library Hall.
- Increase oral history interview to at least 3 next year.

Goal B: Present our history

- Provide educational opportunities to school children and other community groups.
- Explore options for providing KP history and community recognition through a variety of methods and funding.
- Increase our visibility by joining with other community groups for signage.

Dear Members and Friends,

Once again we had an opportunity this spring to host the third and fourth grade students from Vaughn Elementary School. Their teachers Shannon Ganisin, Carolyn Russell, Vickie Moore, Elise Michaels, Elizabeth Stitt and Katherine Moore have been teaching the history of the Key Peninsula. The curriculum is provided to them by the KP Historical Society through a Traveling History Tote developed by Christine Anderson with assistance from me and written to meet State standards. The project has been generously funded by the Angel Guild in memory of Marge Radonich. The classroom curriculum includes study of maps, geography, habitat, Native Americans, logging, homesteads and communities, via a variety of media and activities. With the knowledge they have acquired they take a field trip to the museum to participate in an activity we call, "Living History Day." Guided by museum docents, the students experience tasks that were part of early settler's lives. Some of these include moving a log with a peavey, drilling and hammering, washing clothes in washtubs, carding wool, writing with quill and ink, making butter and playing games such as checkers, ring toss, Jacob's ladder and pick-up sticks. The docents who dedicated their time were: Christine Anderson, Paul Michaels, Bart Wolfe, Don Tjossem, Mavis Brown, Jane Glundberg, Cynthia Wolfe, Becky Alexander, Carla Kingsbury, Ron Kingsbury and myself. The motto of KPHS is to preserve and present. There is no better way to do this than to share our history with young people. It is a joyous day for all involved, as you can see by some of the pictures below.

Warm Regards until we meet again,

Judy A. Mills, President
Key Peninsula Historical Society and Museum
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Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work!



Mrs. Michael's 4th grade class.

In the Good Olde Summertime
Potluck at the home of Ron Schillinger & Janet Botnen
(see calendar page for more information)



Saturday, August 25
12 noon to 3:00pm

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
Main and Vine
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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? Our March item was an auger for drilling wood
and was correctly identified by several people!

Michael Walker; William Roes, MD; Ralph Parker (of Ohio); and Susan Johnson, of Artifacts Inc.

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

Respond to our email address at kphsmuseum@gmail.com



Peninsula High School Scholarship Recipients

We are proud to acknowledge the recipients of our 2018 Peninsula High School scholarships as Maxwell Goins and Ashley Farrington. They each earned \$500.

Max and Ashley are both excellent students who will represent the Key Peninsula well in their future endeavors. Max will be attending Washington State University studying Civic Engineering while Ashley will study astronomy and physics at Eastern Washington University.

Board Members Cynthia and Bart Wolfe were kind enough to present the awards.

Thank you to everyone who shops at the Food Market and saves their receipts. We also appreciate all who attend our El Sombrero dinners where Cathy and Pablo DelaCruz generously support our fundraiser by donating 10% of the proceeds. Both these projects enable us to fund this scholarship.

Peninsula Food 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 Food 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 shopping. Every penny helps provide preservation, presentation and education for our members, friends and our community.

TIMBER-R-R! Tales of Logging the Key Peninsula

More about our current exhibit at the KPHS Museum

By Paul Michaels and Bart Wolfe

If you haven't had a chance to stop by to see our new exhibit on Logging the Key, we encourage you to do so. There's a lot to see and take in about an important part of early life on our beautiful peninsula. The exhibit has plenty that would appeal to young and old alike so the whole family is invited!

The exhibit highlights one of our area's major early industries. Many photographs from the Society's collection illustrate local logging practices, ranging from individual land owners working small areas to timber companies cutting larger tracts. We point out the evolving methods used through the years to harvest timber from the earliest days cutting trees along the shore, to dragging logs along skid roads with oxen and horses, skidding logs with steam donkey engines, transporting them on railroads, and finally on trucks. Artifacts also help to explain the working life of Key Peninsula loggers.

In the last issue, we described the earliest days of logging. This was primarily done right along the water first by individuals and later by companies. However, as all logs near the water were cleared, they had to develop new techniques to get the cut trees to the water so they could be towed to mills in Tacoma and Steilacoom.

Getting inland trees into the water required two things. One was a clear pathway to haul them through the underbrush and stumps, and the other was a method for hauling. The clear pathway was called a "skid road" and was usually cut by hand through the forest, first clearing brush and other obstacles, and then by laying smaller trees on the ground that the larger logs could slide on. Hauling trees by hand was tough work – too tough (and too expensive) for men – so horses and oxen were first brought in to do this heavy work.

Horses were good at hauling timber. They were strong, agile, had a sense of duty and were submissive. As trees were harvested, pastures became prevalent and this made the use of horses more practical as the pastures provided all the food the horses could want. Horses were typically less costly to buy because they came from cities where they had developed shoulder defects from walking on brick streets. Walking on forest soil was therapeutic and most horses recovered and were held in high affection by the loggers.

Oxen were also used to haul timber. Unlike horses, the ox was regarded as mean-tempered. It was easily agitated by wasps or by prodding with a stick or use of a whip. However, oxen were really strong and, unlike horses that needed pastures for food, oxen could feed on the forest underbrush.

The steam donkey eventually replaced oxen and horses for pulling logs out of the woods and hauling them along skid roads. The steam donkey was a machine – a "steaming monster" – and it marked the beginning of the use of machinery in the woods. The first donkeys were a simple design: an upright capstan, geared to one or two cylinders with an upright wood-fired boiler. It was mounted on an iron frame and, when in the woods, it was bolted to a log sled with tapered ends and could drag itself over the terrain. Later, more powerful donkeys had multiple horizontal drums and were used for both yarding and loading logs.

In the future issues we will tell you a bit more about the next innovations in logging, including the use of logging trains and, eventually, trucks. Until then we hope to see you all at the exhibit!



Fred Curl with horses..



Steam donkey at Vaughn

Vaughn Library Hall restoration continues ...

By Bart Wolfe and Paul Michaels

The Vaughn Library Hall has been enjoying the warm spring weather while much has been going on behind the scenes.

First, the hall is now listed on Washington State's Register of Historic Places! On March 8, 2018, the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation voted unanimously to place it on the state's historic register. We are now on two historic registers. Last fall, Pierce County placed us on theirs. The Washington State Historian also told us he believes we will qualify for the "National Register of Historic Places" after we complete some of our restoration. Stay tuned!



Another accomplishment is that we now own all the land under the hall. After acquiring the building, we learned that a surveying error made decades ago "accidentally" put one property line right in the middle of the hall. We discussed this with neighbor, Jacqueline Hickey, who owned the other half, and she generously agreed to a no-cost "boundary line adjustment." Aspen Surveyors worked with both of us to prepare the appropriate documents and the change has now been officially recorded with Pierce County.

We are currently working with Pierce County PALS toward securing a building permit for the building's restoration. Our structural engineer's documents and all the other required pieces are almost complete and ready to submit. We hope to have the permit in hand sometime this summer.

Major construction will have to wait until we have our building permit. However, there are some clean-up and removal tasks we can do now that the weather is starting to warm up. Paul Michaels will organize and schedule the work parties so get ready!

Paul, Bart Wolfe and our General Contractor Chuck West have prepared a plan for construction phasing. Phase One will involve repairing foundations and exterior walls, plus getting the building weather tight. We now have costs for most of the Phase One tasks. Part of this will include new doors and windows that will match the original ones, and we have found a good source for these.

Restoring the building will be expensive but, luckily, there are a number of sources that provide financial grants for historic restoration. As budget numbers are determined, they are given to Don Tjossem who is pursuing the grants.

All the paper work is starting to fall into place. Hopefully, you will hear in the near future that construction to restore the hall has officially begun!

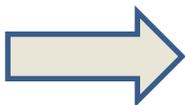


Museum Activities — Proposed Events for 2018

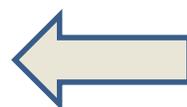
Calendar of Events	Date and Time
Weekly Work Parties	Tuesdays, 10:00am 'til done
Society board meetings	First Tuesday of the Month year around. 10:30 coffee and memories. 11:00 meeting starts. All are welcome.*
Living History Day – Elementary students	May 31, June 1
Camping at Penrose — Penrose Park presentation	Saturdays: June 16 8:00pm, July 21 8:00pm, August 18 7:00pm
<i>In the Good Olde Summertime Potluck</i> at the home of Ron Schillinger & Janet Botnen Bring something to share, table service & a chair (see information below)	Saturday, August 25, 12 noon to 3:00pm
Farm Tour Booth — Gateway Park	Saturday, October 6 10:00am–4:00pm
Teacher Open House	Fall, TBD
Annual Planning Retreat	Tuesday, October 16, 10:00am to 12 noon
El Sombrero Fundraiser, Key Center	Wednesday, October 24, 5:00–9:00pm
Little Buddies visit to the museum	TBD
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

*due to the July 4th holiday, the July board meeting will be on July 10

August 25, Saturday, 12 noon to 3 p.m. members and guests are invited to meet at the home of Ron Schillinger and Janet Botnen. It will be a potluck to celebrate the "Good Olde Summertime," with memories of Key Peninsula History. Their home is located on the site of the VanSlyke/Applegate Mill, near the original stores in Vaughn and where the Mosquito Fleet boats docked. It will also be an opportunity to walk to the Vaughn Library Hall for a peek at the progress there. So bring something to share, table service and a folding chair. There will be updates as the date approaches.



Remember that with our switch to a calendar year
dues were 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 yous. 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

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Christine & Kurt Anderson (P)
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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.

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