

December 2018 **MuseumMessenger**

Quarterly Newsletter of the Key Peninsula Historical Society



Key Peninsula Historical Society **Goals for 2019** (developed October 2018)

Preserve Our History

- Continue scanning notebooks for future digital access
- Schedule and complete three or more oral interviews
- Develop a recruitment plan for docents and members
- Continue restoration of Vaughn Library Hall

Present Our History

- Research and implement greater methods of visibility throughout the community
- Upgrade our permanent display cases
- Create and display a new one-year display
- Educate the youth of the KP about their local history

Dear Members and Friends,

With Thanksgiving behind us and the busy holiday season ahead, I hope you will have a happy, healthy time with family and friends. Among those friends I hold dear are the members and guests of our Key Peninsula Historical Society. I send special kudos to the Board Members who work so tirelessly. Without all of your support we could not exist. It's been a year filled with fun, sharing living history with 3rd and 4th grade students from Vaughn Elementary School, open houses, presentations to community, picnics, and a musical event. Nearly every Tuesday a crew of volunteers has had a work party to sort and organize boxes of miscellaneous pictures, letters, newspaper articles, that have been collected over time and been tucked away. What a great feeling to have it catalogued.

We will be closed for December and January to retire our Timber-r-r-r exhibit and prepare a new one about making a living on the early KP. Watch for more info as it evolves. Doing regular housekeeping is also an important part of our closure.

As I think of what is ahead, memories of holidays past for me include my first Christmas tree "hunt" as a new bride 56 years ago. We awoke to a beautiful snowy day in Vaughn, donned our boots, coats and mittens to venture out in the snow for a tree, pulling a sled to transport the tree home. That was the beginning of a tradition for our family that has continued to this day, though now we make it a trek to the mountains for our tree. My wish for you this season is that you celebrate your old traditions while discovering new ones with those you care about.

Building on the past, we, at the museum, will continue to preserve and present the history of the Key Peninsula through you, our greatest resources. Please share our vision of history as a building block for future generations by joining us at the many events that will be unfolding in 2019, volunteering when you can and supporting our project to preserve and restore the Vaughn Library Hall.

Until we meet again,

Judy A. Mills, President
Key Peninsula Historical Society and Museum
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It always seems impossible until it's done — Nelson Mandela



Museum Closed December & January
Happy Holidays and Best Wishes to you all in 2019



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
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Key Peninsula Parks
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Raymond Evergreens
Colleen Slater
Bear in a Box
Kayla Kennedy
The Doyle Family
Diane Jackman
Lindsey Yuepp
Nadeau's Old Glencove Hotel
Baywood Farm
Richard Minor

A Special Request from local Historian Colleen Slater

Key Peninsula school photos and identifications wanted —

Our museum has many photos of our local schools and students, but no complete set for any of them.

If you attended a Key Peninsula school and have photos, or any from family members or friends, we would love to have you check with us to see if we have a copy, and if not, to be able to scan a copy for our albums.

If you or a family member attended one or more of our schools, we invite you to come in and see if you can add identification of students and teachers that are currently unnamed.

Please contact Colleen at 253-884-5403 or cas4936@centurytel.net

What is it?

Can you identify this object?

What is it? Unfortunately, our September item was not identified, although, Ralph from Ohio made a stab at it that it was possibly a homemade pistol shoulder stock. We will continue to search for the answer.

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

Respond to our email address at kphsmuseum@gmail.com



What is it?

Recent donation from Becky Olson.



Vaughn Library Hall — Anticipating Construction Phase 1

By Bart Wolfe and Paul Michaels

Vaughn Library Hall- Construction Phase 1 is near!

By Bart Wolfe and Paul Michaels

“SAVE THE VAUGHN LIBRARY HALL!!!!” This is the rallying cry that needs to sound throughout the Key Peninsula and beyond! And, if everyone in ear shot helps out as best they can, the hall will be saved “sooner” rather than “later”.

We’re getting closer to starting Construction Phase One thanks in large part to the generosity of those who have already contributed to our fund raising campaign. But we have a ways to go to secure enough funding to begin this crucial first phase.

We’ve divided the restoration into phases to insure finances are spent in sequence and, therefore, wisely. Construction Phase One will consist of making repairs to the building’s structure as well as making the building both secure and weather tight. There is a fair degree of urgency to this with winter fast approaching. We’re doing what we can, for now, to protect the building but the longer it remains in its current condition the more it will deteriorate and that will add even more cost.

Phase One is just the beginning. Future phases will focus on exterior and interior finishes. We now have firm costs for new concrete foundations plus repairs to the exterior wall framing and sheathing. We have also found local companies who can build doors and windows that will match the original ones. We have firm bids from them as well.

We have also had good success working with Pierce County personnel as we secure the necessary permits for the restoration. Because the building is now officially listed as historic (by both Pierce County and Washington State) the building code will allow us to restore its finishes using materials that match what was originally used. Therefore, when we are finished, you will be able to see it and enjoy it just as the original Key Peninsula settlers did!

The main thing needed to get construction started is the capital to pay for it. We are working diligently to get the construction done in the most cost effective way. Luckily we have a good group of people willing to volunteer their construction skills so that will save us considerably! We are also pursuing grant \$\$ that can be used for restoration but we have no guarantee when these might be available. That’s why we’re asking the community to step forward to financially support this important project.

Any size donations will be appreciated. To assist, we have created ways and levels of suggested giving. For instance you can buy a window or buy a door or some exterior wall or foundation. Can’t decide? Well you can also contribute by level:

Level 1: \$50 - \$99 = Front door level

Level 2: \$100 - \$499 = Dance Hall level

Level 3: \$500 - \$999 = Stage Level

Level 4: \$1,000 - \$4,999 = Library Level

Level 5: \$5,000 and up = Tower level

All donors’ names will be listed on a commemorative plaque, unless they wish to remain anonymous, that will be on display when the hall is finished. And, because we are a non-profit, all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law!

Make no mistake, it will be costly to restore the hall. But we have a great team, who know how to stretch dollars as far as possible, and they’re ready to get started. We’re very aware that construction costs will be rising next spring so now would be a great time to start. Please help by giving what you can now. The Vaughn Library Hall needs to be preserved not just for us but for future generations. Many, many thanks to all those who help us do this!



Vaughn Library Hall, January 2018

Vaughn Library Hall — Anticipating Construction Phase 1

Answer the Call — Save the Hall!

The VLH is seriously dilapidated and repairs are urgently needed to its structure, as well as to make it secure and restore its weatherproofing. Future work will also restore its interior and exterior finishes.

Help us restore this important historic building!

1. The Vaughn Library Hall is the last of all the original meeting halls on the KP. Once, every community had one. Now all are gone except VLH.
2. The VLH is original and was built in 1893 as the community of Vaughn was founded.
3. The VLH has been recognized as an important building that should be saved and preserved. It is now listed on both the Pierce County Historic Building Register and the Washington State Historic Building Register.
4. It is one of the oldest buildings still standing on the KP. The floor, walls and ceilings are original (125 years old) and were made from trees growing on the site and milled at the nearby Van Slyke sawmill.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION, POUR THE FOUNDATION



New concrete foundation
\$100 per foot, need 200 feet

RENEW THE DANCE HALL, BUILD AN EXTERIOR WALL



New exterior wall framing and sheathing,
\$200 per lineal foot, need 220 feet

THE HALL BY THE SHORES, NEEDS A COUPLE OF DOORS



New exterior door and frame \$2,000 ea, need 3
New interior door and frame \$1,400 ea, need 2

HELP THE PROJECT GROW, BUY A NEW WINDOW



New small window & frame \$ 700 ea, need 4
New medium window & frame \$1,000 ea, need 3
New large window & frame \$2,500 ea, need 13

PHASE 1: *making it structurally sound, secure and weatherproof*

Levels of sponsorship

Front Door level	\$ 50
Dance Hall level	\$ 100
Stage level	\$ 500
Library level	\$1,000
Tower level	\$5,000

Friends of the VLH, Phase 1

Front Door level

Kurt Solmssen
Barbara Haley

Dance Hall level

Richard Minor
Donna Docken
Frank & Myvanway Shirley
Gary & Rose Gebo

Stage level

Phyllis Henry
Dulcie Schillinger

Library level

Bart & Cynthia Wolfe
Sara Thompson

Tower level

Robert & Mabel Whitman
Angel Guild

Foundation:

Kurt & Christine Anderson, 2 feet
Judy & Don Mills, 3 feet
Mywanway & Frank Shirley, 10 feet
Margo & Leroy Danforth, 5 feet, memorial to Marilyn Arnold
Carla & Ron Kinsbury, 5 feet

Checks can be mailed to 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. NW, Vaughn, WA 98394 or visit our website and make a gift via PayPal.

Hobo Jim dinner and concert was a big success!



A BIG Thank You to the following generous Sponsors for helping make the Hobo Jim Concert a success

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Smart Foods, Bremerton
Baywood Farm
Nadeau's Olde Glencove Hotel
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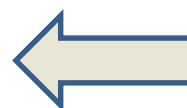


Museum Activities — Proposed Events for 2019

Calendar of Events	Date and Time
Weekly Work Parties	Tuesdays, 10:00am 'til done
Society board meetings	First Tuesday of the Month year round, except January, which will be January 8 th . 10:30 coffee and memories. 11:00 meeting starts. All are welcome.*
Museum re-opens with new exhibit, TBA	Saturday, February 2, 2019
El Sombrero Fundraiser dinner, Key Center	Wednesday, March 6 5:00–9:00pm
Annual Membership Meeting	Saturday, March 16, 2019 12–3:00pm, Whitmore Room, KPCC (tentative)
KPHS Spring Open House and Liveable Community Fair	Saturday, May 4 10:00am – 4:00pm
Living History with Vaughn 3 rd and 4 th grades	May or June, TBD
El Sombrero Fundraiser dinner, Key Center	Wednesday, June 5 5:00–9:00pm
Summer event	TBD
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 	
Museum closed For special needs, email kphsmuseum@gmail.com or call 253-225-9759	December and January



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

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

KPHS memberships paid for 2018

Dee & Jim Adams
Becky Alexander & Don Tjossem
Christine & Kurt Anderson (P)
Ronda Anderson
Marilyn Arnold
Laurie Austin
Kellie & Chad Bennett
Kathy & Phil Bauer
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Robert & Mabel Whitman
Cathy & Ted Williams (P)
James Wooldridge
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Annual Fund Donors for 2017-2018

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Laurie Austin
Christine & Kurt Anderson
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Cathy Skahan Carlson
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Lucille Daniel
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Donna Docken, memorial to Gary L. Docken
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Fred Leenstra & Wanda Buhl
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Barbara & Clark Van Bogart
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Leona Britt (H)
Jaime & John Crase
Diane Jackman
Richard Minor (P)
Carla & Ron Kingsbury
Judy & Don Mills
Lisa & Matthew Mills & family
Gabe, Zack & Kristine Mills
Robin & Martin Mills & family
Joyce Niemann (H)
Ron Schillinger & Janet Botnen
Dulcie Schillinger (H)
Barbara & Clark Van Bogart
John Whitman
Mabel & Robert Whitman
James Wooldridge

Annual Fund Donors for 2018-2019

Barbara & Clark Van Bogart
Judy & Don Mills, memorial to Michael Mills
Richard Minor
Ron Schillinger & Janet Botnen

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



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.

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>

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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>

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.

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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