



Key Peninsula Historical Society
Goals for 2020 (developed October 2019)

Preserve Our History

- Acquire Peninsula High School yearbooks from 1947– current year
- Revise the oral interview form; achieve 1 interview in 2020
- Develop a recruitment plan for docents and get former members to return

Present Our History

- Work with other KP organizations to increase our visibility
- Upgrade all our permanent display cases
- Continue educating the youth of the KP about their local history; take advantage of the opportunities at the schools to do this

Dear Members and Friends,

Spring is in the air, the daffodils are waving, the bluebells are pushing up and daylight savings is upon us. We have accomplished much during our first quarter of 2020. Our new display on the brave and daring women who came to the Key Peninsula with their families to forge a life here is up and ready for you to see. We have ordered the windows and doors for the Vaughn Library Hall. Many thanks to Bart Wolfe and the other volunteers who did the hard work preparing the grant forms to Pierce County Historical Preservation for the \$20,000 need to help purchase the windows. It has paid off!

The museum was invited to participate in STREAM night at Vaughn Elementary. Wow! What a wonderful experience – not only for the museum staff who were on hand that night, but for the kids, and their parents, who made old-fashioned valentines. Our thanks to Judy Mills and the volunteers for organizing this wonderful experience for all who participated.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 has forced us to cancel our annual meeting on March 28. Also, out of an abundance of caution, we are closing the museum until it is deemed safe to reopen. We will still open it up for you by special appointment if you have visiting family or just want to see what's going on. You can contact us at 253-888-3246 or email us at kphsmuseum@gmail.com. In the meantime, take a look at our website at www.keypeninsulamuseum.org to get a look at what's up in the museum.

We applied for state funding to help us start Phase 2 work on the Vaughn Library Hall, but we didn't make the cut this time. We will apply again. Our thanks to Emily Randall and Michelle Caldier for guiding us through the process.

We all wish you the best during these hard times that are being forced on us by COVID-19. We will see you in early summer. Until then, *sláinte!*

Cathy Williams, president
253-347-4313



**Dance as if no one were watching,
Sing as if no one were listening,
And live every day as if it were your last.**



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
Smart Foods, Bremerton
Purdy Costless Pharmacy
Albertson's, North Gig Harbor
Cape E Farm and Vineyard
Home Association Band, led by Dr. Roes
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Pierce County & Historic
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Subway, Key Center
Angel Guild, Key Center
Rusty Roots Bluegrass Band
Key Peninsula Parks
Key Peninsula Civic Center
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Blue Grass Minstrels Band
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Bear in a Box, Allyn
Kayla Kennedy
The Doyle Family
Diane Jackman
Lindsey Yuepp
Baywood Farm
Richard Minor



Status Update — Vaughn Library Hall, 2020



Work part is done, a huge effort by volunteers including Ron Schillinger and neighbor Ken Wassum

All outside walls now repaired except at tower.
Next: Repair tower walls, install windows and secure funds for new siding!



Vaughn Library Hall — More progress!

By Bart Wolfe and Paul Michaels

The restoration of Vaughn Library Hall continues! We're pleased to report that it has been a busy time this winter and we have a lot to show for it!

Our General Contractor, Chuck West, and his crew, along with our amazing volunteers, have focused on making the building's exterior walls structurally sound, secure, weathertight AND insulated. Starting in the snows of January our volunteers began removing the old siding to expose the original framing. Most of it was still in good condition; Chuck's crew made repairs where needed as well as re-framed the original window and door openings. Then our volunteers took over again and installed insulation in the walls before Chuck's crew installed the structural sheathing and building paper to protect against the weather. It was a real team effort!

Our volunteers were able to safely remove all 4 of the library windows complete with their frames and their gorgeous rippled glass. These are the original windows installed in 1926, almost 100 years ago! While not in sufficiently good condition to re-use in their original location they will be displayed inside the Hall once it is complete.

All the window openings and exterior door openings are now re-framed and are ready for new windows and doors that will match the originals. We've raised enough funds to pay for the windows and have placed our order with Bear Window. They are specialists in making historically accurate windows to modern standards and have worked on many historic restorations in our area. Thanks to historic photos, plus the original library windows, we know exactly how all the originals looked. Bear Window is able to match these; as of this writing we are waiting to hear when they'll have our new windows ready for our installation.

If you drive by The Hall it might look a bit strange right now — all the door and window locations are covered over except for the front door. It looks rather "generic" and devoid of personality. But that's temporary. To protect the inside of the building the contractor covered all openings with sheathing for now. The window openings will be cut out when the windows arrive.

Now it's on to **Phase 2** consisting of two main components:

1. Installation of all exterior finishes including new shingles and beveled siding to match the original materials + installation of new outside stairs, ramp and landings.
2. Installation of new electrical service.

Like Phase 1, we will need to raise the funds for this. As noted in the last issue, we have been working with both Senator Emily Randall and Representative Michelle Caldier to apply for a grant from the State. Both are very enthusiastic about our project. They reviewed and forwarded our grant application in hopes of receiving grant funding in 2020, but we didn't make the cut this time. Since it was an off year for state budgeting, we are going to resubmit our proposal and are hopeful that this next session will grant us some funds.

Grants alone will not complete this important restoration; we still need your help as well. Any size donations will be appreciated. To assist, we have created ways and levels of suggested giving. For instance you can buy a door, part of the stage, some library cabinets. Can't decide? See the next page for different options to help you decide.

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!

KPHS is committed to restoring the Hall to its former glory. Our sincere thanks to all those who help us do this!

Vaughn Library Hall — Anticipating Construction Phase 2

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



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



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



Answer the Call — Save the Hall! Phase 2

PHASE 2: *Installation of exterior finishes and new electrical service*

Levels of sponsorship

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

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

Front Door Level

Barbara Bordeaux
John & Vicki Bushnell
Beverly Gibson
Milt & Sally Davidson
Donna & Don Clift
JoAnn & Emmott Fisher
Barbara Haley
Molly Hornbeck
Trula Knudson
Jill McJury
William & Carland Nicholson
Larry & Janie Riebow
Kurt Solmssen
Nina & John Troutner
Terry & Marlene Wade
Ted & Cathy Williams
Elizabeth Worden

Dance Hall Level

Jim & Dee Adams
Kurt & Christine Anderson
EH & KE Armstrong
Jim, Kathryn & Glenn Arnold
Barbara Bordeaux
Marcie & George Brooke
Joe & Peggy Dervaes
Donna Docken
Jim & Angie Eichholtz
Gary & Rose Gebo
Jane Glundberg Family
David Forbush
Kathleen & Darrell Johansen
Marsha Kremens & Jilly Eddy
Bruce & Margo Macdonald
Judy Mills
Richard & Francine Minor

Dance Hall Level (cont)

Pamela Moore
Joyce Niemann
Norm & Susan Randall
JoAnn Record
Ron Schillinger & Janet Botnen
Frank & Myvanway Shirley
Kurt Solmssen & Becky Schofield
Gail Sparks
Don Tjossem & Becky Alexander
Ken Visser & Johanna Jensen
Stephen & Lora Wood
Steve & Denise Wood

Stage Level

Leona Britt
Richard & Julie Day
Robert Dressel
Phyllis Henry
Trula Knudson
Bill & Joan Mattaei
Richard Minor
Joseph Pentheroudakis
Dulcie Schillinger
Frank & Myvanway Shirley
James Turnbow

Library Level

Angel Guild
Boat Cruise Fundraiser
Judy Mills Family
Bart & Cynthia Wolfe
Sara Thompson

Tower Level

Robert & Mabel Whitman
Angel Guild

In Memory of...

Don & Michael Mills ...by Judy Mills

Daphne Buckell Moynihan...by Daphne & Michael Walker

Wesley Ohlson ... by Barbara Bordeaux

Marge Radonich...by Becky Olsen

Norm & Helen Wade ... by Terry & Marlene Wade

STREAM Night at Vaughn Elementary — February 2020

By Judy Mills

A fun-filled evening was held on February 6th at Vaughn Elementary School. Docents Jill McJury, Eloise Richardson, Bob Evans, Joseph Dervaes, Cynthia Wolfe, Bart Wolfe and Judy Mills represented the museum by hosting “Vintage Valentines on the KP.” Approximately 130 enthusiastic students with their families had an opportunity to learn a little history and make valentines for their family and friends. Examples of old fashioned valentines were shared as well as supplies of cards, paper, doilies, ribbon, buttons, markers, scissors, hearts, etc.

Materials were purchased with funds provided by a grant from The Greater Gig Harbor Foundation in support of our project. The grant also allowed us to buy an iPad that can be used for presentations at community events, taking pictures and allowing us to receive electronic payments for memberships, donations and purchases in our store.

We appreciate the invitation and opportunity to work with the teachers and staff at Vaughn and plan to participate again.



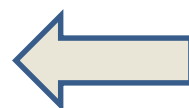
STREAM =
Science
Technology
Reading
Engineering
Art
Math

Museum Activities — Proposed Events for 2020

Calendar of Events	Date and Time
Weekly Work Parties	Tuesdays, 10:00am 'til done
Society Board Meetings	First Tuesday of the Month year around. 10:30am coffee and memories. 11:00am meeting starts. All are welcome.
Museum reopens	Saturday, February 1 1-4:00pm
KPHS Annual Meeting POSTPONED	Early summer
Liveable Fair CANCELLED	May 2, 10-4:00pm KPCC
Living History Day	Spring TBD
Penrose History Talks at the Park Amphitheatre	June 20, 8:00pm; July 18, 8:00pm; August 15, 7:00pm
Farm Tour	October 3-4, 10-4:00pm LIC
Winter Warm-up	November 9, 10:-4:00pm KPCC
El Sombrero fundraising dinner	Nov 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 closes For special needs/requests, email kphsmuseum@gmail.com or call 253-225-9759	Closes November 21; reopens February 6, 2021



Dues were due December 31, 2019, 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. NW, Vaughn, WA 98394.

Museum Business

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. 2020 dues were payable by December 31, 2019, 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
B — Business \$50
P — Patron \$100
VIP — \$250
L — Lifetime \$1,000
H — Honorary

KPHS memberships paid for 2020

Dee & Jim Adams
Becky Alexander & Don Tjossem (P)
Gail Coblentz Alskog
Kurt & Christine Anderson (VIP)
John Battle
Kathy & Phill Bauer
Kellie & Chad Bennet
Julie & Bill Bingham
Barbara Bordeaux
Leona Britt (H)
Judy Bradshaw
Marcia & George Brooke
Mavis & Ken Brown
John & Vicki Bushnell
Francie & Rick Carr
Tony, Nicole & Colton Carr
Jamie & John Crase
Michael Dadisman
Margo & Leroy Danforth
Milt & Sally Davidson
Richard & Julie Day
Nancy & Dave Deress
Joe & Peggy Dervaes
Donna Docken (L)
Ernest Donehower
Bonnie Eads
Bob Evans & Eloise Richardson
Nan Feagin
Beverly Gibson
Darlene Green
Don Greetham
Linda & Frank Grubaugh
Daniel Handa
Rich & Joy Hanson
Sylvia Hasse & Virginia Liebergesell (B)
Michael Hemp (B)
Tim Heitzman
Rich & Connie Hildahl
Marcelle Hoey
Diane Jackman
John & Andrea Jewell
Karen Kiehlmeier
Key Peninsula Veterans (L)
Carla & Ron Kingsbury
Merry Kogut
Marsha Kremen & Jill Eddy
Fred Leenstra & Wanda Buhl
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Mary Anne MacDonald
Mary Mazur
Paul & Elise Michaels
Judy Mills
Gabe, Zack & Kristine Mills
Lisa & Matthew Mills & family
Robin & Martin Mills & family
Richard & Francine Minor (P)
Colter & Steffanie Mott (L)
Sandy Newhouse
William Nicholson
Chris Niemann
Chuck & Vicki Niemann
Joyce Niemann (H) (L)
Noel Niemann
Becky Olsen
Jim & Katherine Olson (VIP)
Joseph Pentheroudakis
Jan & Dennis Pritchard
Susan Quigley & Delia McGinnis
Larry & Janis Riebow
Dr. William Roes (B)
Dulcie Schillinger (H)
Ron Schillinger & Janet Botnen
Frank & Myvanwy Shirley
Colleen & Frank Slater
Gail Sparks (L)
Jay Sparks (L)
Stevenson Sparks (L)
Gerald & Linda Strand
Marjorie Summerfelt (L)
Marilyn Swartz
Sara Thompson & Richard Gelinias
Jeffrey & Christine Tritt
Barbara & Clark Van Bogart
Vaughn Bay Cemetery Assoc. (L)

Ken Visser & Johanna Jensen
Terry & Marlene Wade
Daphne & Michael Walker (L)
Gordon & Danna Webster
Doug & Betsy Wheeler (P)
John Whitman
Mabel & Robert Whitman
Cathy & Ted Williams (P)
Cynthia & Bart Wolfe (P)
Steve & Denise Wood (P)

Other Gifts

Facebook — Network for Good,
gifts in honor of Tim Kezele's birthday
Ivar & Gail Highberg
Merry Kogut
Margo & Bruce Macdonald
Gail Sparks
Frank & Colleen Slater

Annual Fund Donors for 2020

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Marcelle Hoey

Annual Fund Donors for 2020 (cont.)

Karen Kiehlmeier
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Fred Leenstra & Wanda Buhl
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Jan & Dennis Pritchard
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Frank & Myvanwy Shirley
Gail Sparks
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Ken Visser & Johanna Jensen
Gordon & Danna Webster
Doug & Betsy Wheeler
John Whitman
Mabel & Robert Whitman
Cathy & Ted Williams
Cynthia & Bart Wolfe

This is our current list. If you do not find your name and believe you paid your dues, please let us know. You may pay your membership dues using PayPal on our website at www.keypeninsulamuseum.org. Contact us via email at kphsmuseum@gmail.com, or leave a phone message at 253-888-3246. Send to checks to KPHS, 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. NW, Vaughn, WA 98394

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 keeping the museum up and running.

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>

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) #KQ878. 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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