



Key Peninsula Historical Society

Goals for 2014 (developed October 15, 2013)

Preservation

- Achieve preservation of community scrapbooks.
- Collect and present oral history from distinguished members of the Key Peninsula.
- Develop a list of collections guidelines for use by the accession committee.

Presentation

- Increase membership and community participation.
- Increase signage to direct community to museum.
- Continue and expand our current exhibit "Tall Trees, Tall Men, Tall Tales."

Progress

- Explore expansion possibilities for exhibit, storage, classroom and meeting space.
- Explore long-range plans for development and expansion of museum facilities.
- Improve office and storage utilization.
- Develop a plan to work toward museum standards that lead to accreditation.

Personnel

- Develop a broader base of docents and volunteers.
- Explore the potential for utilizing consultants, interns, contractors.

President's Message

With Thanksgiving just past I am reflecting on how thankful I am for all the wonderful, talented, dedicated volunteers I have the pleasure of working with through our Key Peninsula Historical Society and Museum. Each one brings something special to the events and goals that we work on for the benefit of our "little" museum and its membership. No task seems too daunting to tackle with limited funds and manpower. In fear of forgetting to name someone, please accept my heartfelt thanks for all you do for your present community and the generations who will know the Key Peninsula because you kept our history alive.

We have completed our year of events with a grand Open House and Community Appreciation Day looking festive as Christmas in the Logging Camps. We greeted nearly 200 visitors with cider, cookies, fantastic music from the Rusty Roots band and antique bicycles shared by Daphne and Mike Walker. Children decorated gingerbread men ornaments, colored logging camp pictures and strung popcorn for the tree. Our last visitors of the day, Jacob, 7, with brother, Ethan, Dad and little brother summed up his sentiments, and mine too, "This is the best museum I've ever been to and it's so historical, too."

Our final gathering was a small and mighty group who enjoyed our second Loggers' Round Table and heard wonderful stories about early logging on the Key Peninsula. Some of our guests' grandparents and parents had helped shape our history by coming after the Native Americans to log the land from the shore, and moving inland where the farmers could clear and grow the crops needed for the area to become what it is today. By popular demand, watch in next year's events calendar for another Loggers' Round Table

As a reminder, dues for 2014 are due January 1, 2014, because of changing from a fiscal year to a calendar year. Dues collected after Oct. 1 will be included in the 2014 membership. Also, watch your mailbox for our Annual Fund letter coming to you soon.

As we close for the season, please know that we are always glad to greet, meet and have our members participate in any way they can. December will find the board thinking about great plans to again revamp our small space, while in January we will be expanding our current exhibit to include the Native Americans, the sawmills, and more information on logging. So — come join us with your creative ideas to expand our "Tall Trees, Tall Men and Tall Tales."

Judy Mills, President
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History, although sometimes made up of the few acts of the great, is more often shaped by the many acts of the small. – Mark Yost



Happy Holidays and Best Wishes in 2014



The Rise of the Lumber Industry, 1858–1883

Shoreline Logging

"Much of the timber was cut on government land so near the shore that the logs were rolled into the water by hand power" O. Iverson, March 1873



Shoreline logging – or hand logging – was carried out with an axe rather than with a saw. Shoreline trees were so plentiful that there was no need of oxen or several men. Just an axe and a high tide were enough to bring the trees to the sawmill.

In the process of shoreline logging the most marketable trees were selected. Those left standing were either too big or scarred. The trees were cut with a double-bit axe, alternating cuts with a cross-bow saw. They were felled and limbed with the high tide in mind. Once in the water they were chained together and anchored in a shallow bay to await a pre-arranged steamer to tow them to a mill.

Shoreline logging saved the early pioneers from complete failure. It gave them the incentive to work their acres to some point of productiveness.

"...until the 1880s the cost of transporting logs over land confined logging to areas within a mile or two of the water's edge." Center for the Study of the Pacific North West

Once the shoreline was logged, the land was left with stumps. Early settlers purchased the land and became known as stump farmers. As they cleared the brush and burned the stumps, they planted a natural grass, which was hay. The hay was then traded to logging camps for the oxen, along with fresh fruit and vegetables and eggs. The logging camp could then provide the stump farmer with otherwise unavailable commodities.



Shoreline Logging Dates

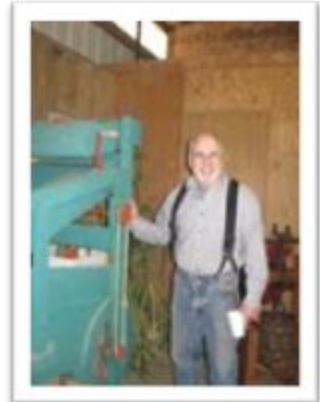
- 1852 Carr Inlet — Lafayette Balch
- 1852 Vaughn Bay — William Vaughn
- 1858 Filucy Bay — Joseph Shettlerow
- 1870 Glen Cove- — Harry Winchester



Memories of Museum Events in 2013



Cruisers boarding the *My Girl*, anticipating a history lesson on Case Inlet
July 2013



Paul Michael and Christine Anderson with Huckleberry Cleaners, Farm Day
Oct. 2013



Quarterly Meeting Sept. 2013



Presentation of certificates to Boy Scouts for cataloging our collection, August 2013



Ethan and Jacob
Nov. 2013



Ron Schillinger wins the raffle
Nov. 2013

"This is the best museum I've ever seen and so historical, too."
Jacob



Beautiful lavender at Blue Willow Farm booth, July 2013



Museum Store

If you are looking for a holiday gift while our store is closed, please call 253-884-2511, for a special opening to buy a bit of KP history. You'll find a variety of books, mugs, t-shirts, maps and family tree charts. .

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," on loan from the estate of Dale Boquist, and "Spar Tree," shared by Myvanwy and Frank Shirley.

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

have been received in memory of **Michael John Mills** from Donna and James Smeall, Judy and Don Mills.

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.

Museum Activities — 2014

Calendar of Events

Date and Time

Museum closed December and January

Dues for 2014 are due

January 1, 2014

Winter Workshop for All Ages: *Timeline of Forests on the Key*

January 25, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Museum re-opens

February 5

Watch your mail or email for a complete list of 2014 events as we finalize dates and locations.

Museum board meetings are held 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the museum the first Thursday of every month throughout the year. All are welcome.

At our annual meeting last spring (2013) we voted to change to a calendar year rather than a fiscal year. Therefore our dues are due by JANUARY 1, 2014. We will continue to have our annual meeting the end of March for now.

Please excuse us for leaving out some names in the last newsletter. If there are corrections to be made please let us know.

KPHS Members

Greg Anglemeyer	Barbara & George Heard	Martin, Robin Mils and Family	Frank & Myvanwy Shirley (P)	Donald Tjossem
C.A. Bartells	Holly & Denise Hendrick	Kristine Mills and Family	Colleen Slater	Eric Ferrel
Betty Beal	Phyllis Henry (D)	Matthew, Lisa Mills and Family	Marjorie Summerfelt	Randy & Lindsey Babich
Leona Britt	Rich & Connie Hildahl	Richard Minor (P)	Clark & Barbara Van Bogart	Julie & Bill Bingham
Mavis Brown	Tom & Nancy Howard	Jud Morris	Dick & Marlies Van Cise	Mark & Cindy Scott
Dick & Rosemary Brynestad	Andrea Jewell	William & Carland Nicholson (D)	Betty Van Slyke	Michelle Kastner
Marguerite Bussard, 2014	Tim & P.J. Kezele, 2014 (B)	Chris Niemann (D)	Mike Walker	Doug & Betty Lewis
Tony & Nicole Carr	Karen Kiehlmeier (D)	Joyce Niemann	Gordon & Danna Webster	Paul Michaels
Lois Crandall (P)	Hazel Kingsbury	Noel Niemann (D)	Eunice Werner	Bob & Anne Delaney
Lucille Daniel	Ron & Carla Kingsbury	Shirley Olson	Robert & Mabel Whitman	Tracy Fors
Joe & Peggy Dervaes	Jarvis Krumbein	Jim & Katherine Olson (D)	Cathy & Ted Williams (P)	
Sandy Elken	Bruce & Margo MacDonald	Karen Poole	Curtis Knudson (D)	
Evelyn Evans & Family	Mary Mazur	Jan Prichard	Frank Grubaugh	D — Donor
Helen Fravel, 2014	Marianne McColley	Marge Radonich	Nancy & Lynn Carr	P — Patron
James Greetham	Susan McNeerthey	David & Janet Robertson	Kurt & Christine Anderson 2014 (P)	B — Business
Rich & Joy Hanson	Lloyd & Sharon Miller (D)	Dulcie Schillinger	Olive Bell Reid	
Sylvia Haase & Virginia Liebergesell	Don & Judy Mills	Ron & Janet Schillinger	Nathan Welsh	

Welcome to our new members:

Gerald Fowler (P)

Trish & Dale Goodvin, 2014

We are sending this newsletter to our 2012 and 2013 members, so if you don't see your name please renew and join the fun.

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

Key Peninsula Historical Society Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Level of membership: Single - \$10 Family - \$25 Patron - \$100 Business - \$50

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.

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 Thursdays 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 2014 Board Members

President

Judy Mills

Docent Calendar

Mavis Brown

Special Projects

Don Mills – General

Donna Gates-Smeall – Data entry/Cemeteries

Vice President

Joyce Niemann

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Cathy Williams

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Colleen Slater

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Christine Anderson and

Connie Hildahl

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Danna Webster – Rocky Bay

Donna Gates-Smeall – at large

Membership/Store Manager

Dulcie Schillinger

PHS Scholarship Receipts

Betty Lewis