



Key Peninsula Historical Society

Goals for 2016 (developed October 23, 2015)

This year we have one major goal that reflects our current need to concentrate on preservation.

Goal A: Explore our options to preserve the buildings currently offered to us (Murray/Cool house and Vaughn Library Hall) Budget: TBD

1. Develop a plan for each individual property, include cost, materials, timeline, legalities, etc.
2. Work with DAHP for historic preservation.
3. Determine schedule and hold work parties to begin preservation.
4. Apply for grants to support preservation.

Goal B: Continue working toward preservation of fragile Native American artifacts Budget: TBD

1. Work with agencies who can help us with proper technique (i.e., Burke).
2. Find a funding source.
3. Determine a timeline.

Dear Members and Friends,

As 2015 is coming to an end, we have written another chapter in the history of our Key Peninsula Historical Society and Museum.

In my third full year as your President, I am amazed and gratified at all we have accomplished. I am very proud of the first class exhibits we have produced that truly represent the unique history of the KP. This year our visitors were amazed at the independence of early settlers in their development of communities with schools, stores and community halls displayed through our collection of old pictures and drawings by local artists. The drawings were used on calendars many years ago. We are appreciative of the support of our exhibits by Key Pen Parks with whom we have a service contract to provide historical information on their parks. This year we told the story of Taylor Bay Park and its original settler, Charlie Taylor. An excellent power point presentation, put together by Christine Anderson, is available at both the Park District and the Museum.

We also receive tremendous support from the Angel Guild who has granted us funds to develop our "Key Peninsula Traveling History Totes" for 3rd and 4th grade students with living history experience for the students at the museum. These teacher-directed kits are dedicated to Marge Radonich, a founding Angel. In addition, the Angels have just enabled us to purchase archival notebooks and archival sleeves to organize and protect our precious paper artifacts for storage and to make scanned copies for community use.

By the time you receive this newsletter we should have taken delivery of our beautiful display cases we were able to purchase with a grant written by Don Tjossem to the Ben Cheney Foundation. Brad Cheney and his team, Carolyn, Carol, and Ken have been wonderful to work with and we look forward to their support in the future. Through cooperation and support from the Civic Center we are renting space in the VFW room to place the cases for additional exhibit space.

Finally, we are increasing our technological support with our Facebook page, managed by Leila Luginbill. New member, Rob Hord, is revising our webpage by updating our calendar, archiving newsletters and exhibits, displaying store items and much more. He has even added the option to pay your dues or make a donation to the museum by just pushing a button. He is also scanning our notebooks and saving them to the "cloud." In addition, Rob and Don Tjossem are taking training on Past Perfect, our museum software program. This will give me additional support and our museum collections will be more complete and accessible to all in the future.

These are just a few of the ideas that have come to fruition as a result of the hard working KPHS Board members, docents and supporters. My heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Wishing you peace, joy and good health this holiday season and in the year to come,

With Warm Regards,

Judy A. Mills, President

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"One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present" – Golda Meir

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MUSEUM IS CLOSED DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EXHIBITS, PLANNING AND WINTER WORK. MOST TUESDAYS ARE WORKDAYS, SO COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN AND DISCOVERY OF THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD. 10:30am till done. Bring a snack or lunch to keep up your strength. We'll really hit it hard after the holidays. When in doubt, call 253-884-2511.

Thank You

Thank You once again to our friends at the **Angel Guild** who so kindly have supported our projects at the museum. With their recent gift they have enabled us to purchase archival notebooks and archival sleeves to organize and protect our precious paper artifacts for storage and to make scanned copies for community use.



A Big Thank You to Our Community Support Network

ARC, Tacoma
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

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



Faraway Wrap-up

The Faraway Centennial Committee Final Report was presented by Chairman Connie Hildahl and supporting committee member Jan Prichard. Other members unable to attend were Karen Poole, Linda Strand, Joy Hanson and Christine Anderson. The committee spent five years presenting a variety of events to educate the community about the history of Faraway. Faraway was the Frank and Josephine McDermott family estate, built in 1915. Over the years, the committee has helped to increase awareness of the history of the Key Peninsula and recruited new members to the museum. Their final event was a program at the Longbranch Improvement Club with exhibits and a celebration of the 100-year birthday of Faraway. The hard work of the committee leaves a balance of \$12,554.83, in addition to the \$7,500 they had presented to the museum earlier. These funds are greatly appreciated and will enable the Key Peninsula Historical Society to continue preserving and presenting the history of the Key Peninsula to future generations.

December Board Meeting
Connie Hildahl and Jan Prichard give their final wrap-up and accounting of the Faraway Centennial Committee.



Visions Strategic Planning Committee Report

Gifts to the Museum

In the past year this committee was developed to look into long term planning for the museum. We started by surveying the membership. The finding was that you wanted us to preserve the history of the Key Peninsula, have more space for displays and find sustainable sources of income.

Since that time and in past newsletters we have shared with you information about the Cooil/Murray house, built in 1882, which has been given to us if we can find a place to move it. Our quest to acquire land for this move began and we have been in negotiations with the Key Pen Parks as they have tried to acquire a piece of land adjoining Gateway Park. Our vision would be to begin to develop a "village" of buildings that could be moved to the property. Unfortunately, this process has moved very slowly while the owner has been patient he is currently doing some development of his property and feels that it is time to demolish the house. Therefore, on December 9, 2015, this committee voted to withdraw from pursuing this project. Paul Michaels, committee member and lead contact, will make drawings, take extensive photos and collect some representative examples of the house, such as siding, with permission from the owner. These can be added to our history of the house.

Cooil House circa 2015



In the meantime, we have also been offered the donation of the historic Vaughn Library Hall. It was built originally as a dance floor for the 4th of July celebration in 1889. The walls were added in 1893, the library was added in 1894, it was enlarged in 1926 and used as the library until 1958. This is one of the few remaining pre- 1900 buildings on the Key and the only original community hall left. It is on its own small piece of land. We have been doing research into what needs to be done to restore the hall. As with the Cooil house it requires the infusion of planning, cleaning, volunteering, dollars, architectural expertise, electrical, carpentry, plumbing skills, etc. We have been researching insurance, funding from grants and private foundations, historical registry, engineering and interviewing those who remember spending time there.



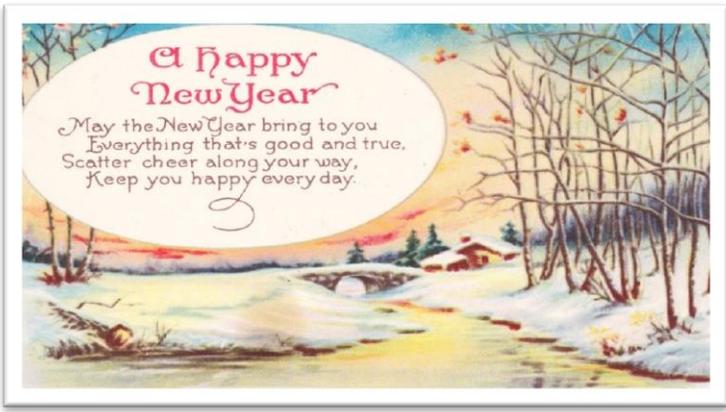
Vaughn Library Hall circa 1905



Vaughn Library Hall circa 2015

Needless to say, before we would commit to expenditure of funds and time for either of these projects, we are developing a plan based on the data we have collected. Our recommendation will be taken to the board for their approval, and finally presented to the general membership. Our Key Peninsula has a rich heritage with few remaining historical sites that are "artifacts that stand witness to our history" and offer the opportunity for lifelong learning in many ways for young and old together.

We would appreciate any suggestions, recommendations, and also invite questions you may have. Please send to kphsmuseum@gmail.com or phone 253-888-3246 and leave a message. You may also get in touch with any of the committee members, Don Tjossem, Paul Michaels, Cathy Williams, Robert Whitman, Christine Anderson, Ron Schillinger or Judy Mills.



Postcard sold in early 1900's, Vaughn Store

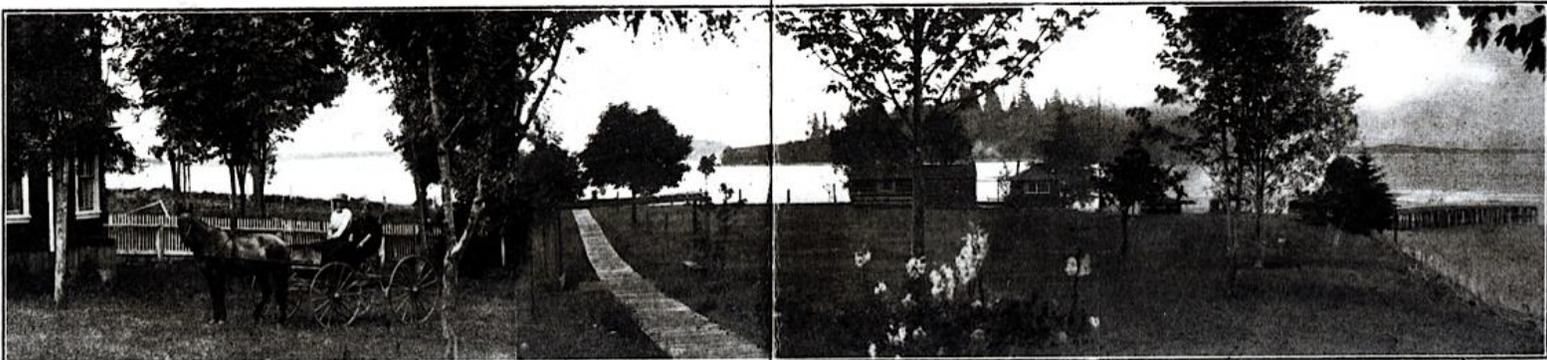
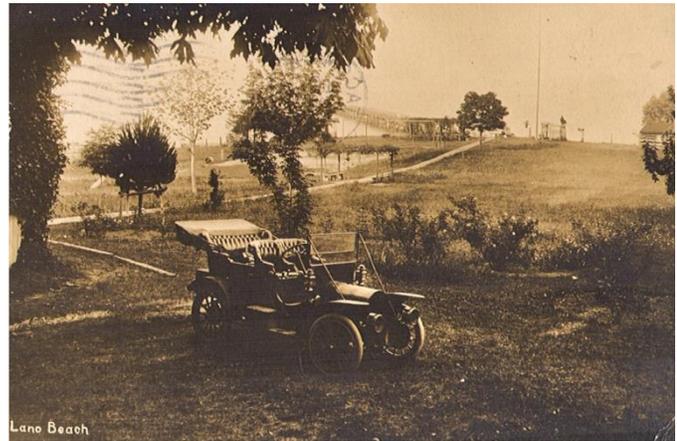
New Exhibit in 2016: Early Key Peninsula Hotels and Resorts

Our new exhibit for 2016 will mainly focus on the history of the Delano Hotel and Resort. Other hotels on the Key Peninsula were the Wauna Hotel and Lodge in Wauna, the Wyatt Hotel in Longbranch, Cooper's Hotel in Lakebay and the Glencove Hotel, which is still in operation today.

The Delano Hotel and Resort drew customers from all over the country. How Captain George Delano and his wife Edith arrived on the Key Peninsula and built this prominent hotel is a wonderful story that all began with a shipwreck off the Washington Coast.

Come to the museum and learn about this beautiful resort that opened in 1891 and operated for approximately 30 years. Learn about *The Austria* that Captain Delano was piloting when it hit the rocks on Cape Alava and sank on a stormy January night in 1887. See the pictures of the hotel with it's 830 foot long pier that greeted guests as they arrived on various boats of the Mosquito Fleet. Read the guest register where the names of prominent people from our state, and beyond, appear.

Come and enjoy this new exhibit opening in February 2016. We look forward to sharing this story, and the story of the other hotels on the Key, with you.



Our cottage Aug. 30th.

VIEW OF DELANO BEACH—THE MOST ATTRACTIVE SUMMER RESORT ON THE SOUND

Having a grand time

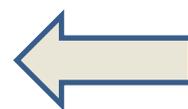
The surroundings are beautiful. Flowers, trees, excellent cement tennis courts, croquet grounds, putting greens, boating, bathing, fishing, also an artistic Bungalow Hall
 The hotel is furnished with breakfast, laundry, and cleaning service. A tent or room in the hotel from \$15.00 to \$17.50

Museum Activities — 2015-2016

Calendar of Events	Date and Time
Close for Winter	November 24
Weekly Work Parties	Tuesdays, 10:30am 'til done
Museum Opens Resort/Hotel Exhibit	February 2, 2016 1:00 – 4:00pm
Teacher Preview Open House	February, TBA after school
El sombrero Fundraiser Dinner	Monday, March TBA 5:00 – 9:00pm
Annual Membership Meeting Election of Officers and Speaker	Saturday, March 16 11:00am – 3:00pm
Spring Preschool Story	Third Thursday, March 18, April 21, May 20 11:00 – 12:00pm
KPHS Spring Open House and Liveable Community Fair	Saturday May TBA 10:00am – 4:00pm
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 • Classroom visits 	
<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.</i>	



Remember that with our switch to a calendar year
dues are due December 31, 2015 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. 2016 dues are payable by December 31, 2015, 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.

The following is our 2015 list of members with a note for those who have already renewed for 2016.

KPHS Members as of September 1, 2015

Ronda Anderson	Lloyd & Lawanda Marvik
Christine & Kurt Anderson (P) 2016	Paul & Elise Michaels
Ed & Laura Baxter	Lloyd & Sharon Miller
Betty Beal 2016	Don & Judy Mills 2016
Julie & Bill Bingham	Martin & Robin Mills & Family 2016
Janet Botnen	Kristine, Gabe & Zack Mills 2016
Leona Britt (H) 2016	Matthew & Lisa Mills & Family 2016
Mavis & Ken Brown	Richard Minor (P)
Marguerite Bussard	Jud Morris
Nancy & Lynn Carr	William & Carland Nicholson 2016
Tony and Nicole Carr	Chris Niemann
Lucille Daniel 2016	Joyce Niemann (H) 2016
Dick & Julie Day	Noel Niemann
Bob and Anne Delaney	Walter Nordleaf
Joe and Peggy Dervaes 2016	Becky Olsen
Sandy Elkin	Shirley Olson
Evelyn Evans & Family 2016	John Olsson, DDS
Robert Evans & Eloise Richardson	Robin Peterson
Nan Feagin	Karen Poole
Elvin Floberg	Jan & Denny Pritchard
Helen Fravel 2016	Evan Robbins
Walter Graham 2016	David & Janet Robertson 2016
Rich & Joy Hanson	Dr. William Roes (B)
Barbara & George Heard 2016	Dulcie Schillinger (H) 2016
Phyllis Henry	Ron Schillinger
Rich & Connie Hildahl (P)	Frank & Myvanwy Shirley (P)
Diane Jackman 2016	Colleen & Frank Slater 2016
Tim & PJ Kezele (B)	Donna Gates-Smeal
Karen Kiehlmeir	Gail Sparks (B) 2016
Hazel Kingsbury	Gerald & Linda Strand
Ron and Carla Kingsbury	Marjorie Summerfelt
Curtis Knudson	Petty & Bill Taylor (P)
Jarvis Krumbein	Donald Tjossem
Virginia Liebergesell	Clark & Barbara Van Bogart 2016
Darcie Long	Dick and Marlies Van Cise
Leila Luginbill	Betty VanSlyke
Noell and Chris Martin	John Whitman 2016
	Robert & Mabel Whitman 2016
	Gordon and Danna Webster (P)
	Cathy & Ted Williams (P)

New for 2016

Linda & Steve Strittmatter
Rob Hord and Ondine Bonser
Jim McDonald
Betsy Kruse and Bill Drommond
Margot Webb
Joe & Nancy Mercado

Annual Fund Donors for 2016

Kurt & Christine Anderson
Lucille Daniel
Joe & Peggy Dervaes
Evelyn Evans & Family
Helen Fravel
Phyllis Henry
Joe & Nancy Mercado
Judy & Don Mills
David & Janet Robertson – memorial to Elsie Olson
Gail Sparks
Clark & Barbara Van Bogart
Margot Webb – memorial to Duane Fleming
John Whitman
Robert & Mabel Whitman

Memorials – 2015

Canon Arthur Bell and Samuel Reid by Olive Bell Reid
Gloria Strittmatter by Lucille Daniel
Ric Michaelson by Joyce Niemann
Rod Davidson by Colleen and Frank Slater
Marge Radonich by Joyce Nieman, Shirley Olson, Judy and Don Mills, Barbara and James Radonich, Angel Guild

D — Donor
P — Patron
B — Business

This is our current list. If you do not find your name and believe you paid your dues, please let us know.

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

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. 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 Historical 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" and "Spar Tree."

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 2015 Board Members

<p>President Judy Mills</p> <p>Vice President Bob Whitman</p> <p>Treasurer Cathy Williams</p> <p>Secretary Darcie Long</p> <p>Membership Bob Whitman and Judy Mills</p> <p>Store Manager Dulcie Schillinger</p> <p>Docent Calendar Mavis Brown</p> <p>Publicity Colleen Slater</p> <p>Education Christine Anderson</p>	<p>Grants Don Tjossem</p> <p>PHS Scholarship Receipts Mavis Brown</p> <p>Oral History Colleen Slater, Bob Whitman, Bob Evans, Eloise Richardson</p> <p>Sunshine Betty VanSlyke</p> <p>Program Coordinator Christine Anderson</p> <p>Facebook Leila Luginbill</p> <p>Webmaster Rob Hord</p> <p>Special Projects Don Mills, Paul Michaels, Bob Whitman – General</p>	<p>Newsletter, Publications Cathy Williams</p> <p>Members at Large Colleen Slater – Vaughn Shirley Olson – Key Center Christine Anderson – Longbranch Cathy Williams – Home Jim Greetham – Lakebay Paul Michaels – Glencove Robert Whitman – Mintercreek Danna Webster – Rocky Bay Betty VanSlyke – at large Darcie Long – at large Ron Schillinger – at large Marjorie Summerfelt – at large Joyce Neimann – President Emeritus Wauna – Open Herron – Open</p>
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