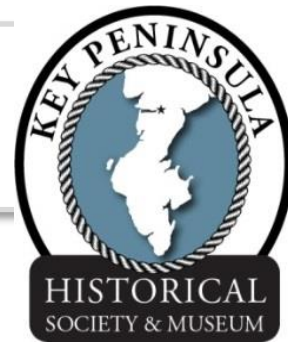


September
2024

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Quarterly Newsletter of the Key Peninsula Historical Society



Key Peninsula Historical Society

Goals for 2024 — Preserve Our History

- Acquire Peninsula High School yearbooks from 1947– current year
- Continue gathering written, oral and video-taped interviews
- Continue working on the digitization of our collection
- 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
- Work with our schools to educate the youth of the KP about local history

Dear Members and Friends,

The trees are changing color and the snap in the morning air have signaled that Fall has arrived.

Our volunteers have been busy digging and planting at the Vaughn Library Hall, as the grounds there are being landscaped and formed into new gardens and paths.

In early September we had a visit from the students and family members of the Key Peninsula Homeschool Co-Op. They had a very enjoyable time looking at our artifacts from the logging days and the pioneer artifact display of household and farming equipment. Read more about their visit inside this newsletter.

Also in early September the KP Civic Center held a car show, which fitted in nicely with our current exhibit “The Road Show.” Over 40 guests signed in and kept our docent busy busily engaged in answering questions and providing information.

The museum is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 1;00-4:00pm, and features our current display which will be closing in late November. Look for our booth at Winter Warm-up in November. Check out our selection of books we have for sale that cover much of the history of the Key Peninsula. They make wonderful Christmas or housewarming gifts.

Thanks to Key Pen Parks for their continued support for exhibit development.

We want to thank all of you for your support this year. Because of your membership renewals and gifts, we have been able to continue to provide take-away projects for our school visits and mount a beautiful and informative exhibit this year. With that in mind, be watching your mail for our Annual Fund Drive which will be starting in late November.

Enjoy this colorful Fall, have a wonderful holiday season, and stay safe and well.

Cathy Williams
253-347-4313



Thank You!



A Big Thank You to Our Community Support Network

El Sombrero Family Mexican Restaurant,
Key Center

IGA, Key Center

Purdy Costless Pharmacy

Home Association Band, led by Dr. Roes

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and Marina

KP News

Emily Randall (D-26, Bremerton)

Michelle Caldier (R-26, Port Orchard)

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Peninsula Light

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What Is It?

Can you identify this object?



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

Respond to our email address at kphsmuseum@gmail.com

Visiting Day at the Museum

By Judy Mills

Wow, it's been a busy September! On September 4, docents Elise Michaels, Paul Michaels, Laurel Young, and Judy Mills welcomed about 80 visitors to the museum. They were students and family members from the Key Peninsula Homeschool Co-Op.

During this first trimester, the students are studying the history of the Native Americans through the arrival of pioneers on the Key Peninsula. They viewed our collection of Native American baskets and tools, pioneer logging equipment, and the pioneer artifact display of household and farming equipment.

Because our peninsula was so isolated, there are examples of how early developers were dependent on the waterways and steamboats for transportation. The students also explored display cases featuring the history of each of the communities on the Key Peninsula. Many of them located their own home on one of our maps.

Finally, they played some games enjoyed by the pioneers, such as Jacob's ladder, ball and cup, pick-up sticks, ring toss and checkers. Mrs. Baker, co-chair of the Co-Op, provided an opportunity to learn about the many plants that helped sustain the Native Americans, along with utensils early settlers used. We hope to see you again soon!



Upcoming Event at the KPCC

KPCCA PRESENTS

Soldiers in Petticoats:
STRUGGLES OF THE SUFFRAGETTES

Living History Lectures
with Tames Alan

The current freedom of modern women began with the Suffragette movement, which grew to encompass both Women's Liberation and the Civil Rights movement. Dressed as a Suffragette, Tames talks about the struggle of American women to gain the right to vote and the impact the Suffragettes had on child labor laws and other major issues of the era.

\$10 PER PERSON OR \$25 PER FAMILY

ENTRY INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS
PAY AT THE DOOR

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2024
7:00PM-8:30PM**

VOTE



The Civic Center is featuring a Living History Lecture on October 19 about the struggles of the Suffragettes and their fight for women's right to vote.

We should be proud of our Washington heritage that extended this right to women 10 years before the rest of the country.

In the Washington Territory...

Voting Rights for Women, Women's Suffrage

In the time of the earliest settlers in the Washington Territory, women did not have the right to vote. In 1854, Washington nearly became the first state to grant women's suffrage, but the proposal was defeated by a single vote. In an attempt to crush the woman's suffrage movement, the Territorial Legislature soon after mandated that "no female shall have the right of ballot or vote."

In 1871, Susan B. Anthony and Abigail Scott Duniway led a crusade through the territories of Washington and Oregon and helped to form the Washington Woman Suffrage Association. Due to the group's constant protesting and pushing, full voting rights were given to women in 1883 by a bill that passed through the Territorial Legislature. But in 1887, the Territorial Supreme Court overturned that law. Another was passed in 1888, but was also overturned. This happened because women voters were making sales of liquor more difficult with their votes, and the state's liquor lobby had fought hard to remove their voting rights. In light of this opposition, some activists chose to emphasize the contributions of women workers to the community and finally, in 1910, the Washington State Constitution was permanently amended to grant women the right to vote.

It would be ten years before the rest of the country's women had that right.

Vaughn Library Hall — *Summertime fun inside and out!!*

By Bart Wolfe and Paul Michaels

What's new at Vaughn Library Hall? Our building permit may be signed off but that doesn't mean we're done working on our favorite place. Our great group of volunteers continues to meet weekly on all the "finishing touches".

Indoors, the focus has been primarily on the stage. Our stage curtains have been ordered and are scheduled for installation October 1. Once they're in we'll focus on finishing the Olio Drop curtain with the beautiful scene painted by Leila Luginbill. In addition, Judy and Lisa Mills have been busy restoring a gorgeous organ that was donated to us. It's still in working order and, thanks to their effort, it looks as beautiful as when it was first built.

The organ has a wonderful history. It's an 1888 Bentley pump organ, also known as a reed organ, donated to us by Nadine Brones Niemann and her husband Don. It had originally belonged to her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Hager, who lived in Victor. She gave it to the Standish family in Key Center. It then passed to Nadine's parents, Doris and Ken Brones then to Nadine and Don and now to us. Thank you Nadine and Don, now it will be preserved and enjoyed at Vaughn Library Hall!



Our 1889 organ.



Path to back yard.

Vaughn Library Hall — *Summertime fun inside and out!!*

By Bart Wolfe and Paul Michaels



Ready for plants.



Back yard with gazebo floor beyond.

Outdoors, we've been getting the site ready for landscaping this fall. We spent a lot of time grading the site and installing a walkway from the front to the back of the site. It's a meandering path that will have garden plantings on both sides when we're done. We hope to get a lot of planting done in time to let the autumn and winter rains get all settled in. Here's hoping Mother Nature cooperates! And we'll also have a gazebo! Cathy and Ted Williams have graciously donated the gazebo and our volunteers are now installing it toward the back of the site with a view of Vaughn Bay as well as a view of the Hall. It will be a place to sit and enjoy the day or it can be the perfect spot for wedding vows. If you know anyone planning a wedding we have a Hall and gazebo ready and waiting!

Lastly, we're planning on replacing the roof, possibly next year. The existing asphalt shingle roof is nearing the end of its life and it certainly is not historic. We're currently looking at roofing options that will give us the "look" of the original cedar shingles + have the needed fire rating. We hope to get another Washington State grant to pay for as much of this as possible as part of their budget for next year.

We sincerely thank everyone who has helped make this restoration "dream" come true. We literally could not have accomplished this without all the help we've received. However, there's still more to do inside and out. We still need to raise funds for the Olio Drop curtain + a lot of outdoor plants + that re-roofing project! We therefore ask: PLEASE consider making one last donation for this important piece of our history!

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

Thank you for all you do!

Answer the Call — Save the Hall

PHASE 6:

Hardscaping

Levels of sponsorship

Front Door Level	Checks can be mailed to 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. NW, Vaughn, WA 98394 or visit our website and make a gift via PayPal.	\$ 50
Dance Hall Level		\$ 100
Stage Level		\$ 500
Library Level		\$1,000
Tower Level		\$5,000

Friends of the VLH

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 Kingsbury, 5 feet

Stage Level

Leona Britt
Joe Davis Family
Richard & Julie Day
Robert Dressel
Phyllis Henry
Trula Knudson
Bill & Joan Mattaei
Joseph Pentheroudakis
Dulcie Schillinger
James Turnbow
Bart & Cynthia Wolfe

Library Level

Anonymous
Boat Cruise Fundraiser
Matthew & Lisa Mills
Richard Minor
Joyce Niemann
Frank & Myvanway Shirley
Bart & Cynthia Wolfe
Sara Thompson

Tower Level

Angel Guild
National Society of the
 Colonial Dames of America, WA
Paul & Sheri Page
Joseph Pentheroudakis
Robert & Mabel Whitman

Front Door Level

Barbara Bordeaux
John & Vicki Bushnell
Beverly Gibson
Milt & Sally Davidson
Donna & Don Clift
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Allen & Julie Gillett
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Molly Hornbeck
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William Nicholson
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Larry & Janie Riebow
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Stephen & Lauri Schweyen (P)
Kurt Solmssen
Nina & John Troutner
Terry & Marlene Wade
Ted & Cathy Williams
Elizabeth Worden

Dance Hall Level

Anonymous
Angel Guild
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
Rob Hord & Ondine Bonser
Kathleen & Darrell Johansen
Brian Kamens
Trula Knudson
Marsha Kremens & Jilly Eddy
Bruce & Margo Macdonald
Marianne McColley
Judy Mills

Dance Hall Level (cont)

Pamela Moore
Joyce Niemann
Norm & Susan Randall
JoAnn Record
Ron Schillinger & Janet Botnen
Frank & Myvanway Shirley
Larry (Myvanway) Shirley (P)
Colleen & Frank Slater
James Smalley & Gail Buchanan
Kurt Solmssen & Becky Schofield
James Smalley & Gail Buchanan
Gail Sparks
Don Tjossem & Becky Alexander
Chet Van Slyke & Karen Ray
Ken Visser & Johanna Jensen
Wayne Wasserman & Stephanie Berg
Stephen & Lora Wood
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2023 & 2024 – In Memory of...

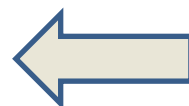
Sue Davidson...by Milt Davidson & Sally Jacky
Dulcie Schillinger...by Steve & Denise Wood
The Lobeda Family...by Marilyn Swartz
Norman & Helen Wade...by Terry & Marlene Wade
Bruce Glundberg...by Jane Glundberg
Don Mills & Michael Mills ...by Judy Mills
John B. Whitman...by Bob & Mable Whitman
James Turnbow...by Susan Boyle
Hugh Drennen...by Joe & Peggy Dervaes
Chuck Niemann...by Patricia Sindt

Museum Activities — Proposed Events for 2024

Calendar of Events	Date and Time
Weekly Work Parties <i>CANCELED 'til further notice</i>	
Society Board Meetings Meetings are held in person at the museum	First Tuesday of the Month year around. 10:30am coffee and memories. 11:00am meeting starts. All are welcome.
Museum reopens with a display on the development of roads on the KP	February 24, 2024 Museum is open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 1:00-4:00pm
Vaughn Library Hall Open House 17806 Hall Rd NW, Vaughn, WA 98394	Sunday, June 9 1:00-4:00pm
El Sombrero Fundraising Dinner -- dine in or take out (All funds raised go to our PHS scholarship.)	1. June 26 2. September 4 3. November 6 All dates: 5:00–9:00pm
Penrose Talks in the park amphitheater	1. Saturday, June 22, 8:00pm 2. Saturday July 20, 8:00pm 3. Saturday, August 17, 7:00pm
Farm Tour -- Visit our booth at the LIC.	September 26 10:00-3:00pm
Winter Warm-up	TBD
2024 Annual Membership and Fund Drive begins. Look for information in your mail.	Mid-November
Close for Winter	November 26
Additional Education Opportunities Available Upon Request • Home School: History of the Key Peninsula Forest • Boy and Girl Scouts: Museum visit and KP History • History of Penrose Park • Classroom visits	
For special needs/requests, email kphsmuseum@gmail.com	



Dues were due December 30, 2023, 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 its early exploration and settlement to the present.

Membership is important and can be a great gift for birthdays, Christmas or thank you's. 2024 dues were payable by December 31, 2023, 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 2024

James & Dee Adams
Gail Alskog
Laurie Austin & Sturges Dorrance
John Battle
Chad & Kellie Bennett
Judy Bradshaw
Mavis Brown
Rick & Francie Carr (VIP)
Tony & Nicolle & Colton Carr
John & Jamie Crase
Jack & Liz Cushman
Roy & Margo Danforth
Milt Davidson & Sally Jacky
Richard & Julie Day
Joe & Peggy Dervaes (P)
Scott & Mapuana Dervaes
Brian & Suz Dervaes & Family
Ernie Donehower
Donna Docken (L)
David & Nancy Deress
Emily Dexter
Ralph Drahos & Arlene Littleton
Jim & Angie Eichholtz (P)
Ellen Levita & Craig Davis
Bob Evans & Eloise Richardson
Beverly Gibson (P)
Jane Glundberg
Pat & Diane Grant
William Gray (P)
Jim Greetham
Daniel Handa (P)
Richard & Joy Hanson
Barbara Heard
Wendolyn Herman (P)
Ivar & Gail Highberg
Rob Hord & Ondine Bonser (P)
George & Pat Hovany (P)
Diane Jackman
Ed Johnson
Key Center Family Dentistry (B)
Key Peninsula Veterans (L)
Tim & PJ Kezele
Karen Kiehlmeier
Ron & Carla Kingsbury
Aaron Kirschner
Merry Kogut
Marsha Kremin & Jilly Eddy(P)
Betty Kruse & Richard Drummond (P)
Fred Leenstra & Angie Buhl (VIP)
Brandon Long
Bryan Long
Darcy Long (P)

Leila Luginbill (L)
Barb Lutzewitz & Terri Baerwald
Bruce & Margo Macdonald
Mary Anne MacDonald
Susan McNeerthney
Jill McJury
Paul & Elise Michaels
Christine Mills & Family
Judy Mills & Family
Martin & Robin Mills & Family
Matthew & Lisa Mills & Family
Richard & Francine Minor (P)
Rod & Gail Mitchell
Thomas Morris (L)
Daniel Morgan
Colter & Stephanie Mott (L)
Budd & Pay Murray
Chris Niemann
Chuck & Vicki Niemann
Noel Niemann
Jim & Katherine Olson (P)
Herb & Chris O'Niell
Joseph Pentheroudakis (P)
Denny & Jan Prichard
Susan Quigley & Delia McGinnis (VIP)
Jo Ann Record (L)
Jim & Ruth Reynolds (VIP)
Larry & Janice Riebow
Molly Reilly (P)
Dave & Janet Robertson (L)
Dr. Bill & Ruth Roes (P)
Dave & Pat Sammeth
Ron Schillinger & Janet Botnen
Frank & Myvanway Shirley (P)
Kurt Solmssen & Becky Schofield (P)
Stephen & Lauri Schweyen (P)
Patricia Sindt (S)
Frank & Colleen Slater
James Smalley & Gail Buchanan
Gail Sparks (L)
Jay Sparks (L)
Stephenson Sparks (L)
Linda Strand
Marilyn Swartz
Tom & Jan Tallman
Sara Thompson & Richard Gelinas (P)
Don Tjossem & Becky Alexander (P)
Shirley Toland
Jeff & Christine Tritt
Clark & Barbara Van Bogart
Russ & Nadine Van Dyke
Vaughn Bay Cemetery (L)
Heidi Vidovic
Ken Visser & Johanna Jensen (L)

Annual Fund Donors for 2024

James & Dee Adams
Judy Bradshaw
Chad & Kellie Bennett
John & Jamie Crase
Roy & Margo Danforth
Milt Davidson & Sally Jacky
Richard & Julie Day
Joe & Peggy Dervaes (P)
Ernie Donehower
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Steve & Denise Wood
James & Jack Wooldridge

D — Donor
B — Business \$50
P — Patron \$100
VIP— \$250
L — Lifetime \$1,000
H — Honorary

General Museum Gifts

Susan Boyle
Brian G. Kamens
Roger & Sharon Keefer
Leila Luginbill (L)
Gift of painting for stage curtains
Paul & Elise Michaels
Richard & Francine Minor (P)
Susan Quigley & Delia McGinnis
Gail Sparks (L)
Patty Van Valkenberg
Chet Van Slyke & Karen Ray

In Honor Of:

Joseph Pentheroudakis by Gail Alskog

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. 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



Key Center IGA Round-up Program for Non-profits

The new IGA in Key Center has a program for non-profits. When you reach the register to check out, you will see a flyer next to the card reader. This will have the name of the local non-profit whose turn it is to collect the “rounded-up” funds from shoppers. The recipient of these rounded-up funds changes each month. This is an easy way for shoppers to give to the non-profits on the KP.

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

Peninsula High School Scholarship

Once a quarter we have a Fundraising Dinner at El Sombrero where we earn a percentage of the take for the evening. These events help fund our Peninsula Hawks Scholarship Fund and enables us to give up to \$2,000 to two graduating seniors for further study.

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 and maps. . If you are looking gifts while our store is closed, please email us at kphsmuseum@gmail.com for a special opening to buy a bit of KP history. .

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.**

Call 253.884.2511 to find out what skills you can contribute to your museum.

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Minter Creek – Robert Whitman
Rocky Bay – Richard Minor
Herron – Joseph Pentheroudakis
Wauna – Ron Kingsbury
Jim Greetham – at large

