



**POULSBO**  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# TIME AND TIDES

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## Special points of interest:

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- Updates

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## Message from the Board President

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Poulsbo Historical Society will hold its third annual codfish dinner and fundraiser auction on Saturday, March 22, at the Sons of Norway Hall in Poulsbo. The auction is the major fund-raiser to provide the funds needed to keep the lights on, the archives protected and the museum open to the public.

According to society secretary, Judy Driscoll, during the 1950s and 60s when the Sons of Norway Codfish Derby was in its heyday, Hap DeCoteau directed the baking of the cod in the Sons of Norway kitchen. "Everyone proclaimed her the expert at baking cod. Over the years, Hap's recipe was replaced or misplaced, and it wasn't until 2013 while the Poulsbo Historical Society Auction planners were reminiscing about the 'good old days' that the

subject of the recipe resurfaced, and a search was launched to find it," Driscoll reports. "No one at the SON seemed to know where it was but said they were willing to use it if we could find it. A few well-placed phone calls and sleuthing through an old SON's Kokbok turned up the recipe right where it should have been, in a cookbook. Last year's codfish was declared the best on record, according to the old fishermen who should know whereof they speak, so the Poulsbo Historical Society and the cooks at the SON are not going to mess with success," Driscoll adds.

The famous recipe will be used again for the Third Annual Poulsbo Historical Society Codfish Dinner and Fundraising Auction on March 22 at the Sons of Norway Hall.

The action begins with a happy hour and silent auction at 5 p.m. That delectable codfish dinner will begin at 6:30. A highlight of the dinner will be a short program centered on Poulsbo's boat building industry. Presenters will be myself, Jim Shields, and Judy Driscoll, who have been beating the bushes to find the old boat yards. The evening will climax with a live auction featuring our lively auctioneer, Todd Tidball. [cont.]

# Poulsbo Historical Society: Bringing the Past to Life!

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You may purchase your tickets at the Poulsbo Historical Museum office in City Hall or at the Sons of Norway office. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Since seating is limited to 225 and the event has sold out during its first two years, we suggest you buy your tickets early.

If you have a nice antique, a work of art, yard art, special jewelry, a time share, event or service and would like to donate it, please call the Poulsbo Historical Society office right away at 360-440-7354. We can arrange to lighten your load.

## NEW EXHIBITS

If you haven't visited the museum since January, plan to come soon and see our two new exhibits.

BUILDERS ON THE BAY is our main display, featuring four of Poulsbo's boat builders, Einar Nilssen, Chris Haugen, Ronald Young, and the Bjermeland men. In addition we showcase several others who have taken part in building boats in Poulsbo, including Jergen Almos, Halvor Veggen, Henry Stewart and Axel Enquist among others. We were fortunate to be given photographs showing the step by step building of a boat, so by following a trail around the display you can get the feel for the process of boat-building. Tools from our collection, as well as some antique tools loaned by Ted Newman and others are on display.

A project in process is a table map of Liberty Bay with known docks and boat-building sites identified. If you know of some we may have missed, come in and show us where they were! The display will be up until the end of 1914, a perfect activity if you have guests coming later in the year. Plan to bring them in!

YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES is our second exhibit featuring early photographers of the Poulsbo area and family portraits from our collection. A highlight of that display is a beautifully crafted 1903 Century Camera with fold-out lens, glass slides, and a vintage tripod. Both were donated to us by Les Schmuck. The camera belonged to Les' aunt, Goldie Berggren Hallman, a photographer in the Pearson area from 1903 to the 1930s.

**NEW ACCESSIONS:** New to our collection, but certainly not new to Poulsbo are our latest accessions, the 1894 Chicago Cottage Organ donated to us by Martha & Mary's Health Facility and a vintage wheelchair.

The ornate organ was a feature in the living room at Ebenezer Home for many years and has its original works, mirrors, and stops. After a little TLC on the finish, which has seen some heavy wear, it will be showcased in the museum as part

a permanent exhibit---and it still plays! Along with the organ, Martha and Mary also donated a vintage wheel chair from Ebenezer. If you're feeling confined in your present wheel chair, wheel on in to the museum and count your lucky stars...this relic would give anyone a back ache...especially the person who had to push it around!



**FROM THE BOARD:** Welcome to Mayor Becky Erickson who has chosen to be our new City Council liaison in place of former liaison, Ed Stern. We look forward to getting Becky's insight into how we can best serve the community.

There will be a new face in our office beginning in March as our present coordinator, Lyn Playle, will be leaving that position to take on new responsibilities in her "real" job and also to attend school. We wish Lyn the best as she transitions into her new role, but will not say good-bye because she has promised to be around to help out as a volunteer when she is able. The name of our new coordinator will be announced in March.

**2013 ROUNDUP:** Last year was a busy year for the society. As we launch into 2014 it is always good to take a look back and see what we accomplished...whew! The list is exhausting!

Over 3500 volunteer hours accumulated.

969+ visitors to the Museum (open 206 days)

364 visitors to the Martinson cabin (open 50 days)

264 tourists on walking tours

36 research requests

771 guests at 13 monthly meetings

5 new exhibits

12 Board meetings.

Produced a calendar for 2014

Cleaned out our off-site storage, retrieving most of our artifacts from private homes and barns

Reconfigured the museum store

Restored our Poulsbo Boat

New promotional rack card produced

Membership/rack card produced

Cabin landscaping and clean-up

Successful auction for the general budget

New website

New logo

Began cruise line walking tours

Walking tour map produced with HDP

Establishment of maritime heritage collection

Record number of memorial donations and bequests

Purchase of computer and printer for store and auction

Produced IMAGES OF AMERICA: POULSBO

And best of all, we finished the year in the black!

If you didn't get to our monthly meetings, here are the speakers and subjects you missed.

Jan. Steamers on the Bay – Dennis Johnson

Turi bookreading [Sami]

Feb. evening Port Madison History

Mar. Salmon Streams of Poulsbo – Ron Hirschi

Mar. Gone fishing – Fundraiser

Apr. Cod-fish derby tales – group chat

May Port Gamble S'Klallam – The Strong People

June – Noll-Johnson families of Lemolo — Peggy Stanley

July – House Fair II – Judy Driscoll

August: Lemolo History – Peggy Stanley, Jeanne Snouwaert,

Kathy Hogan & POULSBO book signing

September: Buried Treasure—history in the cemetery. Judy Driscoll

October: Take Me To The Tool Shed – Ole Birkeland

Nov. Poulsbo Boats and the fun of restoration. David Shields

Dec. Helping Hands of Poulsbo – Fishline & Bellringer Fund — Mary Nader.

We kicked off 2014 “Finding the Ferries” from 1930s-1950s by Dennis Johnson in January, and “An Interview With Mr. K” by Jeff Tolman in February. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have also had an evening meeting featuring “The Heyday Of Hansville” presented by the Hansville Historical Society. Plan to attend another year of interesting topics!

Up-coming in March will be the Auction, after which we will return to our regular meeting schedule in April. Because of the late February evening meeting and the late March auction, we will not have a morning meeting in March.

### **NEEDS:**

We are presently looking for volunteers with our main fundraiser, The Codfish dinner. Helpers are needed in the following areas: setting tables, layout of silent auction tables, clean-up immediately after the dinner – many hands make light work. Call the museum if you can help in any way!

Hildur Gleason is coordinating the **Auction Dessert Dash** and needs 28 delectable desserts—homemade or store-bought to entice our dessert lovers. These will be auctioned off to the tables for their dinner dessert. If you can furnish one dessert (or more) to feed 8 please call Hildur at 930-0046.



**Needs Continued:**

If you are unable to be there for the dinner, the dessert can be brought to us ahead of time, or if you are out of town and wish to help out, send us the money and we'll dash downtown and buy one for you!

**BOAT TRAILER:**

Still on the need list is a single axle boat trailer for our Poulsbo Boat. Contact David Shields if you can help on this. David, Jerry and their crew have the boat water-ready, but no way to get it there. They would like to be able to take it to several display venues this summer, beginning with the Auction in March.

**WALKING TOUR GUIDES:** We are short-handed in the walking tour guide department. We presently have 4 regulars, and could easily use 4 more. With the cruise tours starting again the beginning of April, we need you now! We furnish a guide book, map and training. It's a fun way to share your town with others. Call the office.

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If your membership card doesn't say 2014, it's time to renew! Please fill in the form below and mail with your check. If you paid after November, your card should be included in this newsletter.



**Membership Categories & Rates (Please Mark)**

<b>Student</b>	<b>\$10.00</b> _____	<b>Corp. (&gt;21 employees)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b> _____
<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$20.00</b> _____	<b>Patron</b>	<b>\$100.00</b> _____
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$30.00</b> _____	<b>Sustaining</b>	<b>\$500.00</b> _____
<b>Business (&lt;20 employees)</b>	<b>\$50.00</b> _____		

**Member/Contributor/Contact Information**

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**Name (s)**

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**Business/Corp Name & Title**

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**This Membership is a :**

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