

Poulsbo Boat Rendezvous

Poulsbo Historical Society will restore a longtime local tradition when it hosts the Poulsbo Boat Rendezvous at the Port of Poulsbo Sept. 14-16. The public is welcome to visit this waterfront event.

The term Poulsbo Boat refers specifically to nearly 900 boats built by Ronald Young in his basement workshop during a period of about 50 years until his death in 1968. As a teenager Young began experimenting with the perfect design for a boat that was easy to maneuver, stable on the waters of Puget Sound and a joy to own. Young's grandson, Mike Dennis, is expected at this year's Rendezvous with his newly published book that includes accounts of his early childhood memories of his famous grandfather.

A visitor to Front Street can easily spot Ronald Young's business location, marked "Youngs Block" on the front of the building. At the time he was constructing boats, the waterfront came right up to the rear of the building.

There have been over 20 rendezvous held over the years, with the last one of record in 2001. The 2018 Rendezvous will bring together Poulsbo Boat owners, enthusiasts and restorers. Additionally the weekend promises to be fun for the whole family and will include social events, a trophy and awards ceremony, swap meet, historic walking tours of downtown Poulsbo, and a parade of boats through the Poulsbo Marina, weather permitting. Collaborating organizations and businesses include the Port of Poulsbo, Longship Marine, Slippery Pig Pub and Brass Kraken.

Registration for the Poulsbo Boat Rendezvous is available at the Poulsbo Maritime Museum, 19010 Front Street NE, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Registration is also available online at PoulsboHistory.com.

Poulsbo Historical Society's sponsorship of the Poulsbo Boat Rendezvous is part of its ongoing commitment to local history and engagement with the local community. The organization provides numerous educational programs and public outreach. It operates three museums, including the Martinson Cabin in Nelson Park, the Heritage Museum in City Hall, and the Maritime Museum on Front Street. The Maritime Museum opened in 2015 and has already hosted over 60,000 visitors. The facility serves as a museum, retail store, visitor center and public ADA restroom. Poulsbo Boats figure largely in the exhibits, with a fully restored boat on display in the outdoor boatyard that is now under construction.

Schedule of Events

Sept. 14 Welcome center opens on the waterfront at noon.

Sept. 14 Icebreaker (Grip and Grin) event at Slippery Pig, 5 p.m. til ??

Sept. 15 WATERFRONT activities

Sept. 15 Parade of Boats at 3 p.m.

Sept. 15 Maritime Museum special open house, 19010 Front Street NE, starting at 5 p.m.

Sept. 16 Breakfast at Brass Kraken 8—10 a.m.



Tom Henderson and Gwynn Rogers in Poulsbo Boat Rendezvous tee shirts, on sale soon at the Maritime Museum.

Cardboard Cod? A Flashback at the Maritime

American Cruise Lines runs a ship to Poulsbo every Friday morning and four stalwart tour guides, BobHawkinson, Gordon Stenman, Tom Henderson and Judy Driscoll walk the tourists around Front Street acquainting them with Poulsbo history and answering their questions about our town. Most of the tourists are from the east coast, the south and southwest with a good share from Mid America. Seldom do we find anyone with a previous knowledge of, or connection with, Poulsbo. After a tour in May, we received an email from one of our tourists, Phil Cohen, who was visiting from New York. With his permission we are reprinting it here:

Please let me share this:

I grew up in a tiny resort hamlet named Fallsburg. It is about 100 miles from New York City. The town winter population in 1948 was approximately 1100 persons. During the summer resort season months, between July 1st and Labor Day, our county population swelled with nearly 100,000 visitors.

My parents then owned an appetizer and delicatessen store in Fallsburg, NY. By the time I was 8 years, one of my duties was to set up the perishable and non-perishable food displays in the refrigerated food cases and on the hanging food hooks above them. On these hooks I hung salamis, smoked meats and Poulsbo dried salt cod. To me, the cod looked as if it was made of cardboard, and I was always tempted to break off the fragile fish tail.

Today, while visiting the Poulsbo Maritime Museum, I read about your historical, local catching and processing of dried salt cod.

I recall at the time, that the salt cod shipping boxes were imprinted with the name, "Poulsbo, WA." I had no idea what that stood for. Certainly, I did not relate it to being a community in the state of Washington. In fact, my geography class curriculum had not yet begun to teach us about the 48 states.

While in your museum viewing this related display, it caused me to have this instant childhood memory epiphany about the dried salt cod of Poulsbo, WA.

My earnest thanks to the Poulsbo Historical Society for providing me with an interesting, knowledgeable tour guide (Tom) and a most enjoyable tour of Poulsbo!

Philip Cohen, May 25, 2018

From the American Cruise Lines Ship, Constellation



Above: Wayne Vennes and Ole Serwold display a dried codfish of the type Phil recalled.

Final Report from Kitsap Great Give

In April, Poulsbo Historical Society took part in Kitsap County's Great Give, an all-day chance for people nation-wide to donate to various registered non-profits in Kitsap County.

We did not heavily promote the Great Give because it fell shortly after our Auction, and we didn't want to be perceived as always dunning our members for money. In spite of our lack of promotion, we received \$1072.96, from the Great Give; \$840 from 14 donors and the rest in matching funds from the Great Give funding pot.

For those of you who donated during the Great Give, thank you! Maybe next year we'll explore additional ways to promote this promising fundraising opportunity.



**If you ever want to donate to PHS directly,
our website PoulsboHistory.com
is now set up to receive donations via PayPal.**

Please help us

PRESERVE

Poulsbo's history for generations to come



For the past three years, visitors have been streaming into the Maritime Museum on Front Street to learn about our region's fishing and boating past. The museum's popularity—and the booming development of Front Street—has spurred PHS to begin a capital campaign to buy the museum building and the adjacent lot (home to the newly-built Boat Shed).

PHS has begun the Home Port Campaign, which aims to raise \$967,000. This amount will allow us to purchase both lots, do much-needed renovations to the interior of the museum, and build a dramatic new entrance that replicates the historic steamship *Hyak* and the old Poulsbo dock. 20% of the total has been raised to date thanks to generous gifts from the Poulsbo community.

With help from the Poulsbo Lions and Rotary club members, as well as other volunteers, construction on the dock has been underway all summer and is nearly complete. The replica *Hyak* pilothouse, which is being built by the non-profit Gig Harbor BoatShop, will be installed in April 2019. Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who have put their time and effort into making this new entrance a reality!

From its cod-fishing fleets, to its days as a port on the mosquito fleet runs, Poulsbo has a rich maritime history. As modern lives become more entrenched in technology and road-based transport, the need to share knowledge about what life was once like becomes increasingly urgent. The Maritime Museum provides that connection, bringing history to life in a way that engages people of all generations.

How can we help?

1. Spread the word! Bring the project up with friends and make sure they know about this exciting new project.
2. Visit the Maritime Museum and see the progress.
3. Donate. A Giving Boat now stands at the Maritime Museum, ready to commemorate your gift. This is a unique chance to be part of Poulsbo's history! (Giving Boat levels are listed online at poulsbohistory.com/capital-campaign)

What does the \$967,000 buy?

Purchase of the museum building at 19010 Front Street NE, Poulsbo, WA	\$400,000
Pay off mortgage of the adjacent lot	\$200,000
Renovations and expansion of the existing building (including: improved entrance, ADA bathroom, increased storage, traffic flow, visitors center, store visibility, Media Center, Museum sign)	\$270,000
Other costs (including campaign costs, signage, etc.)	\$97,000
TOTAL	\$967,000



Above: *Hyak* pilot house model. For more expansion news, see Page Five.

Store supports PHS and provides popular products for local shoppers

What a wonderful, sunny and warm summer we have had! The days have been longer, and we have been enjoying the days with fun and laughter.

The store has had a great summer, too. Lots of folks visiting our great museum and purchasing unique items to take home as a memory of their trip.

With the cooler weather coming, stop in and check out our new colors in sweatshirts. At \$25.95 we have the best prices in town! A new shipment is on its way, and we are ready to fill our rack!

We're getting ready for fall with many new items coming in. Please let your family and friends know that this is a great place to shop, not only for themselves, but for others. We are currently selling several beautiful lines of jewelry made in Washington state. We even have fabulous beaded necklaces handmade by a 91 year old lady on Bainbridge Island. Each one is a "one of a kind" and truly a piece of art.

The store also has lots of wonderful books and toys for the children in your lives. We also have interesting books for adults as well.

Please stop in and say "Hi" to our wonderful volunteers and check out what the store has to offer this fall. And be sure to remember us at Christmas time! The ornaments and decorations are already arriving.



Look what we found! Halloween/autumn "goodies" to be displayed/sold in the weeks ahead. Remember, the Maritime Museum Store will be a great place to do your Christmas/holiday shopping later this fall.

Summer interns bring expertise and energy to library and outreach projects

The end of summer means we say farewell to our two summer interns from Western Washington University – Poulsbo campus. We were blessed this summer with two energetic and creative young ladies, Alexis Anderbery and Amanda Gylling. Alexis worked at the Maritime Museum setting up special youth activities during summer celebrations, acquainting our children with museums and giving them a fun activity to carry their memories home. She is leaving us a ready-made activity that

we can use throughout the year.

An aspiring librarian, Amanda tackled cataloging the Heritage Museum library, making sure they were properly entered into Past Perfect and scanning each cover. In her "spare" time she worked on annotating each of our oral interviews so that we can easily search for topics among our interviews. Each student donated 120 hours of volunteer time and, truth be told, probably spent more hours than that. Thank you, ladies, for your hard work and cheery smiles!



Amanda focused on library-related work. Alexis (in yellow) and her sister Alyssa raised history awareness for hundreds of local youth.



Tom Henderson shows Isabelle Haskins the ship's bell that will honor her late husband Glenn on the donor recognition boat (right).

**Thank you, Poulsbo —
The dream
is becoming a reality!**



Lions, Rotarians, others, oh my! Individuals and groups have faithfully reported for duty to build the boat shed, dock and other structures that enhance the exterior displays. To sign up to volunteer, call 360-440-7354 and leave a message for Dave Shields or email PoulsboHistory@gmail.com



The support structure is now in place for the Hyak pilot house replica. Work on the pilot house will begin later this fall at Gig Harbor BoatShop, a non-profit foundation with professional shipwrights on staff. Installation at the Maritime Museum is expected in April 2019.



A great viewing platform, the dock will also serve as an entertainment deck and children's activity area.

Programs and Activities for Fall

Pickled herring, determined women, the “war to end all wars” — we’ve got it all!

Monthly Programs begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers. In addition to the feature topic, there are reports on the various museums and projects.

Sept. 11— Andrea Rowe of Marina Market will discuss “Cultural Foods of Poulsbo.” In her unique position as purveyor of many of these popular items for Poulsbo (and indeed much of the Kitsap/Olympic peninsulas), Andrea is well informed on this topic and is sure to delight our taste buds as well as broaden our knowledge.



Oct. 9 — “They Meant Business” is a program researched, designed and presented by Judy Driscoll and Hildur Gleason. Be prepared to be amazed at the resourcefulness, integrity and tenacity of the early businesswomen of Poulsbo.

Nov. 13 — Armistice Centennial This program will focus on the 100th anniversary of the World War I armistice. What were the events that captured the world’s attention, and how did they actually impact the Poulsbo community? Guests are welcome to bring their family stories, photos and mementos to share.



Dec. 11 — It’s our annual celebration to share holiday traditions. You are invited to wear your “Ugly sweaters” and/or other holiday finery from years gone by.

Stay informed—new format: Watch for an ad in the North Kitsap Herald the Friday before a program meeting. Tell your friends! You can also get email notices of monthly programs and other news. Email PoulsboHistoryEducation@gmail.com if you are not already on the email list.

Genealogy Research — Have you been meaning to get started?

The Genealogy Research Interest Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Heritage Museum in City Hall. While many of the participants are quite experienced in genealogy research, they are also the friendliest, most helpful people you could ever meet. If you have been “meaning to” get started on genealogy research, you could not find better people to help you! If you have questions, you can leave a message at the Heritage office, 360-440-7354, and someone will get back to you.

Exhibits will be changing soon at the Heritage Museum

Fall and Winter are our exhibit rotation seasons for the Heritage Museum. Plans for this fall include commemorating the centennial of the signing of the Armistice for WWI, and the beginnings of two organizations resulting from WWI – the American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America. In January we plan to focus on Music in North Kitsap – school groups, community bands, dance halls, you name it. If you have photos or artifacts of any local music groups, dance halls etc. bring them in to be scanned – please don’t wait until January. By then we should have our exhibit ready to hang.

If you haven’t seen OH SHOOT – our basketball exhibit or NEVER AGAIN – our Internment exhibit – better get into the Heritage Museum ASAP – their days are numbered!

Looking Ahead to 2018 — By Tom Henderson, PHS President

In looking ahead to chart a new course, we need to look back and see how far we have come. In the beginning of 2017 we were finalizing drawings for the Boat Shed Pavilion. In February we applied for the permit with the City to build our dream, and late February we got the approval. March and April we put more funding in the construction fund from our “raise the paddle” event at our annual March dinner auction.

We had hoped to get started on construction in the late spring, but we realized that the chaos of construction during our peak visitor season would not be good for Maritime Museum visitors. It turns out we had over 10,000 visitors over the summer months. By the year’s end over 20,000 people visited the Maritime Museum from all over the world.

Our Maritime Museum store volunteers have worked diligently to stock interesting items for sale and have generated good income to support the ongoing vision as well as facility expenses. Many volunteers also contributed countless hours to raise funds at our very successful Pirate’s Plunder Rummage Sale in June.

We started construction on the Boat Shed Pavilion in September with poles set four feet into the earth. October through December roof trusses were set, and support walls were constructed. Drainage from the existing museum roof was modified to manage the rain storm water run-off. In November we negotiated the purchase of the land under the new pavilion adjacent to the Maritime Museum. We closed the purchase on December 11, 2017, and we are now under contract. Now the Poulsbo Historical Society owns a piece of Front Street in downtown Poulsbo. Hooray! The Heritage Museum location in City Hall and our use of City Council Chambers for presentations has strengthened our relationship with both the City and the community, for which we are very grateful.

All during 2017 the PHS Board spent a great deal of time developing a long-range plan for our future. The efforts were divided into the following committees, and efforts are well underway for 2018 with progress every day: Capital fund raising, Membership development, Education outreach, and Museum presentations and management.

The year 2018 will see the Poulsbo Historical Society launching a major capital fund raising campaign to purchase the Front Street Maritime Museum building, pay off the purchase of the Pavilion lot, and make renovations and additions to the Front Street facility. We will be seeking funds through grants, state funds, and corporate contributions, as well as individuals. Please consider the Poulsbo Historical Society Home Port Campaign as a candidate for your contributions.

The Poulsbo Rotary and the Poulsbo Noon Lions have both generated significant funds to support our vision for the Pavilion and the construction of the Hyak pilot house replica. We are so very grateful to all the individuals in those organizations who have donated funds to help us along the way.



Researcher's Notes Make Lively Tales — by Judy Driscoll

Race to the Pole, North and South!

I'm always amazed by the requests for information we get at the Heritage Museum and where it leads us. Recently we were contacted by the grandson of Admiral Richard Byrd, Antarctic explorer, with a request for information on the man who lived at Poulsbo who made two dogsleds for the Admiral for his 1929 exploration of the South Pole.

All this was news to me, so we began searching all our databases and resources, and by the end of a couple of days, we had found the following:

Mathias Nilluka came from Utsijok, Finland to Nome, Alaska with Andrew Bahr in 1898 as a reindeer herder, to introduce reindeer to the Eskimos of Alaska. We found him there on the 1900 and 1910 censuses. In 1900 he is a carpenter in a gold mine, which led to the information that Andrew Bahr operated a gold mine near Nome at the same time as he was supervising the reindeer.

By 1910 Nilluka is shown as a reindeer herder. By 1914, Mathias was working as a herder for the Lomen Reindeer Corporation in Nome. In 1924, he returned to Finland and married Berit Siri (aka. Bertha), returning with her to Nome.

The Lomen Reindeer Corporation had the responsibility of overseeing the delivery of 3,000 reindeer into northern Canada. To accomplish that goal, the company hired hardy, Sami reindeer herders. Andrew Bahr was in command of the drive and Mathias Nilluka, was second in command. That famous drive, lasting 5 years, began in 1929 and covered 1500 miles of crossing mountains and rivers to the MacKenzie Delta. This was the longest trail ride in the history of North America.

Because the hazardous drive was no place for women, we believe that it was at this point that Mathias brought Berit and their two sons, both under 5 years of age, to North Kitsap. Son Hans was baptized at Fordefjord Lutheran Church in Poulsbo in August of 1929. The 1930 census shows Bertha on the family farm between Kingston and Poulsbo with her sons. Mathias is also listed on that census with her, but at the same time he is listed on the Alaskan census as a reindeer herder.

It was undoubtedly during his time in Alaska that Mathias Nilluka met Richard Byrd who was racing to the North pole in an attempt to be the first explorer there. Nilluka not only understood the care and propagation of reindeer, but his carpenter skills proved adept at making sturdy dogsleds for icy climes. So, in 1928, when Byrd was outfitting his trek for Antarctica, he contacted Nilluka in Poulsbo to build two dogsleds.

A note in the Kingston book "Little City by the Sea" states that Nilluka sold reindeer meat in the area around Kingston.

Mathias Nilluka died April 23, 1949, after being struck by a falling tree during a storm in Kingston. He was survived by his wife Berit (Bertha) Siri Nilluka and his two sons, Peter and Hans. We have found one photo of Mathias Nilluka.

Coincidentally, about the same time as we received this story from the Admiral's grandson, we also were brought an album of picture postcards collected by Aleda Seierstad, all on native life in Nome, Alaska and Siberia at the same time as our reindeer herders were there. Those photos have been scanned and are available for viewing at the Heritage Museum. Many of them show the reindeer and their herders. Who knows, maybe Mathias Nilluka is one of them! If you know a descendant of the Nilluka family, we would love to talk to you and learn more about your interesting ancestor!



Recently found in a backyard retaining wall on Hart Court... A little research revealed that C. S. Tout was Carl Sheppard Tout Jr., a pharmacist in the Navy, who lived at Poulsbo from about 1962 - 1968. He had a daughter named Velvette and a son named Lawrence. A couple of our members remember Velvette from school. His father, C. S. Tout Sr. died in California in 1964. C. S. Tout Jr. died in Roseburg OR in 2009. Now we're curious about the name with the date 1965 shown on this wall. If anyone has more information on this family, or knows anything about the wall (it has a strange Z shape), let us know!



Saturday, March 24

Seventh Annual Codfish Dinner and Auction

Get your tickets now! Tickets available \$40 each at the Maritime Museum.

Co-sponsored with the Sons of Norway.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. at the Poulsbo Sons of Norway Hall.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Poulsbo Historical Society, providing vital funds for year round operation of museums, programs, and services. Donations are being accepted for both the silent and live auctions. Call the Heritage Museum for details, 360-440-7354.



A Word from our New Coordinator

Hello, my name is Jessica Wall and I am your new PHS Administrative Coordinator. I am originally from Portland, Oregon and have been residing in Poulsbo since 2009. My education background is in historic preservation and museum studies, cultural sustainability, anthropology, and archaeology. I received my BA in anthropology from the University of Idaho in 2008, and my MA in Cultural Sustainability from Goucher College in 2014.

I have worked as a volunteer in various museums, including both the Bainbridge Island Historical Society, and briefly PHS when it first opened to the public. My husband and I have both served in the military (he is still on active duty), and we have two small children who both go to school here in Poulsbo. I am excited to meet everyone, and look forward to learning as much as I can!

Poulsbo Boat Rendezvous — Let's Do It Again!

The Poulsbo Historical Society is making plans to resurrect the Poulsbo Boat Rendezvous this year, in celebration of Poulsbo's most prolific boat builder, Ronald Young and the many hundreds of wooden boats he produced over more than 30 years in the craft. His boats, while sturdy and sea worthy, had an eye appealing rake and his trademark tumblehome stern or transom. There is quite a following among sportsmen and collectors alike. Once an annual event, the last rendezvous was held in the early 1990's and it's time to bring it back. Volunteer committee members are needed to make it happen. Contact Dave Shields at david.shields1@comcast.net, or by phone at 360-850-2389. You don't have to be a wooden boat expert, you only need to be willing to participate.



Your Items Can Become Historic Treasures

Dave Shields is working to develop a future sport fishing display at the Maritime Museum. He is seeking donations of old fishing reels, lures, tackle boxes and other associated items. As always, the Museum is actively in pursuit of photos, logs, journals, models, art and artifacts historically connected with our northern Kitsap peninsula's maritime heritage. If you're not sure, contact us and we'll be happy to do an evaluation.

Dave Shields' contact information is shown above.

Judy Driscoll 360-509-6756 jtdris@comcast.net

Gordon Stenman 360-440-4554 gordonandpat@comcast.net

Maritime Library Is Now Open for PHS Members

The Maritime library is now open for borrowing! With a collection that continues to grow (more than 700 items), we now have a rich and varied collection that covers a variety of Maritime topics. We encourage you to visit the museum and browse the shelves. Feel free to sit and enjoy a treasure that catches your eye or take it home for two weeks.

Most items are available for checkout. To borrow you must be a Poulsbo Historical Society member in current standing (meaning your membership dues are current). There is a select group of items in the library that are for in-museum use only. These are located in the glass case and on the oversize shelf – just ask any volunteer for assistance in using these items.



Our condolences to the Herb Armstrong family.

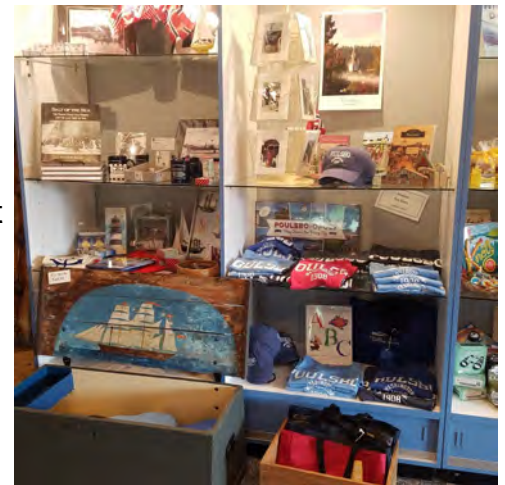
Herb died on January 13. His sunny smile will be greatly missed at the Maritime Museum where he and Elda volunteered once a week. Herb was also an entertaining presenter at one of our monthly meetings two years ago, following his retirement after decades as the surveyor for the City for decades! Elda, our thoughts are with you and your children and grandchildren. Love, your PHS family

Watch for New Merchandise this Spring in the Museum Store

The Christmas trees are packed away and our thoughts turn to warmer weather and sunny skies! We had a wonderful 2017, and we are looking forward to bringing more great choices for you in our Museum Store in 2018. We'll have new books, jewelry and great new designs in Tee Shirts and sweatshirts. We also hope to carry a line of long sleeve Tee shirts for those folks who like a warmer garment. There will fun toys and games for all ages and of course we will still carry our great Poulsbo items!

We are excited to start a new year full of great surprises and wonderful people visiting our great museum on Front Street.

If you have visited our store and have shopped with us, we would like to thank you for your support. If you have not been in, please add it to your list of places to visit in 2018. Remember that all proceeds from sales at the store help support all three of our local museums. See you soon!



Call for Volunteers

- Walking Tour volunteers
- Saturday greeters at the Maritime Museum

Contact Jessica Wall at 360-440-7354
PoulsboHistoryCoordinator@gmail.com



Education Programs for Spring

“Oh, Shoot!” — Basketball History

Special Meeting Date: FEBRUARY 6

Get the coach’s perspective from long-time North Kitsap High School varsity basketball coach, Jim Harney. Former and current roundballers are welcome to bring their stories and memorabilia!

Programs begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers. The Heritage Museum is open following the presentations.



March 13: Brides of Poulsbo

She said “yes” and the rest is history... (or maybe her story)! See bridal gowns through the years, share the stories of your Poulsbo wedding. Don’t have your wedding gown? Prom dresses and stories are welcome as well!

March 24: Dinner auction opens at 4:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Hall. Buy your ticket now at the Maritime Museum.



April 14: Poulsbo Library

Poulsbo Branch Library manager Sharon Lee will reflect on the buildings, librarians, patrons, books and technology that have influenced our reading, learning, and relationship-building at the Poulsbo Library. She might give us a glimpse of what to expect in the future too!



Other Education News

- February 26 — Join us at 11 a.m. for a special tour of Martinson Cabin, followed by a no-host lunch at a local restaurant. Gordon Stenman will give us an interpretive tour of this historic structure and Poulsbo treasure.
- One Book/One Community — PHS will provide speakers and a program for this county-wide library event: 6 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 7 in Manchester and 6 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 20 at the Poulsbo Library.
- Genealogy Interest Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Heritage Museum at City Hall. The savvy group of researchers is always ready with a smile and an offer to welcome and assist newcomers!

Thank You, Members 2018 – Partners in Growth and Outreach

Mary Ann Acosta	Jim & Sarah Hattrick	Jeff Russell
Grant & Farrel Alexander	Dana Hayman	Kevin Ryan
Maia Arneson	Haukur & Sylvia Hazen	Dan & Mary Ryan
Bill Austin	Gayle Heller	Jim & JoAnn Schlachter
Ann Best	Tom and Patty Henderson	Geoff Schmidt
Terry Blais	Rebecca Heryford	Amy Schmidt
Diane Brooks Stephens & Sam Stephens	Bob & Michele Hill	Tom Settle
Cecilie Burseson	Marvin Hogue	Roger Sherrard
Terry & Susan Burns	Kay Houghton	David Shields
Sue Bye	Patricia Keim-Strayer	Martha Shields
Steve & Karen Calhoun	Jan Kelly	Russ Shiplet
Michael & Nell Camp	Marilyn Kover	Erin Smith
Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell	Larry Linn	Mary Smith
John & Sylvia Castleman	John & Jackie Macdonald	Joyce Smith
Jean Charters & Brian Smith	Jim & Suzan Martin	Helen Langer Smith
Naveen Chaudhary	Richard Meyers	Chad Solvie
Mike & Lori Cloutier	Larry & Roseann Mitchell	Erin Sorensen
Jay & Sandi Dahlquist	Peggy Morgan family	Bob Springer
Jerry & Becky Deeter	Chris Morrissey	Denny & Beata Stensager
Dennis Deitch	Douglas & Lin Murray	Joe Stenstrom
George & Claudia Dierking	Nancy Neff	Ed & Lori Stern
Chris Doving	Carin Nelson	Greg Supancheck
Judy and Tom Driscoll	Tom, Kathy & Eric Nordlie	Philip & Julie Swenson
Tom & Suzanne Eckmann	Merna Nordstrom	Dori Swokowski
Frank Eld	Pat Osler	Judi Taylor
Donna Etchey	Michael & Nell Parris	Eric Thauem
Thore & Marj Fossom	Bonnie Pedersen	James & Jacke Thayer
Alexis & Jason Foster	Dennis Peters	Mark Timken
Rodney Frykholm	Mark & Janice Peterson	Hank Tjemsland
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Hildur Gleason	Donna Pledger	Dennis Tresch
Conrad Green	Dick & Linda Prine	Brenda Wall
Meredith Green	Scott Puhn	Dan Weedin
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Glenn & Isabelle Haskin	Kathy & Rick Rayment	Jon & Hollyo Westerlund
Mike & Marlene Hattrick	Dottie Ridgeway	Mike & Sherry White
Mary Hattrick	Barney & Loretta Rindal	John & Maureen Wiencko
Cameron Hattrick	David Risley	Jackie Wood

Members support the museums, programs and services of the Poulsbo Historical Society. This broad-based community support is an integral ingredient in the organization's ability to grow and develop its commitment to Poulsbo and North Kitsap. The membership renewal form is enclosed in this newsletter. Complete it and send with your check to Poulsbo Historical Society, PO Box 844 Poulsbo WA 98370. Membership can be charged to your credit card at the Poulsbo Maritime Museum, 19010 Front Street in downtown Poulsbo.

Looking Ahead in 2018

I'm hoping everyone is enjoying a beautiful spring. We have had a successful spring at PHS, thanks to the hard work of the board members and their committees for organizing a very successful dinner auction again this year. Thanks also to all you members who came to support PHS and to enjoy a delicious cod dinner and delectable desserts!

Since the last newsletter, we have completed construction of the boat shed pavilion, created several new displays at both the Heritage and Maritime Museums, and installed some new display cases. As we move into the summer, we are focusing on building out the Mosquito Fleet replica of the Hyak pilothouse, the simulated historical dock under the cover of the pavilion, and setting up the display of early Poulsbo and Liberty Bay Boats— also in the pavilion. Past summers have proven to be the best times of the year for museum visitors at all three museums, so be sure to stop by and bring your visiting guests, as well as relatives to join in on the fun!

We continue to look for larger donations through our Capital Campaign. Please keep the Poulsbo Historical Society in mind for your charitable donations. We appreciate all gifts to help preserve our past.

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Thank You,

Tom Henderson, PHS President



From the History Corner:

Once again, an artifact has increased our knowledge of a person in Poulsbo. We have two saws in our collection, both with an oiler attached that is engraved: "C. E. Nelson - Paulsbo Wash. Saw oiler Pat. Applied for." Misreading the name a few years ago when the first saw arrived, led to confusion about who O. E. Nelson was. But when the second saw was donated to us a couple of weeks ago, there was no mistaking the name, C. E. Nelson. There were three that fitted the bill as possibilities, but only one that is shown as a carpenter in Poulsbo in the 1916 and 1917 City Directories. We first found him in 1900 shown as Carl E. Nelson the 8 year old son of Peter Nelson in the Keyport –Brownsville road area. Not finding a Carl E. Nelson anywhere else, we looked at the 1910 census and found him as Charley Nelson. The census taker must have misunderstood Charley as Carl E. when writing down the name.

When we started searching Charles E. or Charley Nelson we knew we were on the right track. Born in 1891, young Charley Nelson grew up in the Keyport area where his father was a deep sea fisherman and had a small farm. He attend 6th grade in 1907 at the Keyport School, which at that time was at Island Lake. Charley first took up farming in 1914-1915 but by 1916 had become a carpenter, and that is presumably when he developed the saw oiler. It is embedded in the handle where a metal insignia usually is placed, and has a trigger inside the handle, right where the carpenter could easily push it releasing a small bit of oil from under the handle to trickle onto the blade as he was cutting.

Charles never married but when WWI broke out, he enlisted in the army in New York and served in four major battles in France, ending with the battle of Argonne. On his way home from the war aboard the troop ship, he contracted Spanish flu and died February 13, 1919, shortly before reaching port in New York. His body is buried in Hoboken, New Jersey. We would never have found this information had we not found a school reunion report for the Keyport school which told of his demise after the war. Following that we found his military record on-line showing the battles he served in and confirming his death date. His sister's wedding news contributed another interesting fact. It reported that the members of "Charles E. Nelson American Legion Post" served as ushers at her wedding. So now we have another trail to follow. If any of our readers knows anything about the Charles E. Nelson American Legion Post (presumably at Keyport) we would love to know more about it!



This saw led our esteemed researcher Judy Driscoll on a quest that culminated in the fascinating story told above.

From the History Corner (Continued)...

New Exhibits:

Both museums have been in transition this past month. New at the Heritage Museum for this year are a tribute to the **POULSBO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** and an exploration of Poulso's Swoosh – **STANDIN' ON THE CORNER**. Come discover the many events that have happened at that spot in Poulso's history. In addition the new display case is allowing us to refresh our cultural exhibit on immigrants and our farming display. We are also planning on expanding our school exhibit in the near future.



At the Maritime we will be in a transition mode for a few weeks. New display cases mean the Logging exhibit has already been revised. In the near future the Boat Builders and Schooner exhibits will see the addition of new cases and refreshing. Building on the boat yard this summer will add to the transitions going on, so visit often and see what's happening!

Bits of History:

In the interest of preserving Poulso history, we are asking your help in spotting things around town that could or should be preserved. Recently, paint jobs at a few stores have resulted in the loss, by painting, of some of our Campbell and Schmuck rosemaling. Fortunately for us, we had photographed most of that a few years ago, but we would prefer having the real thing. Watch as you are going through stores in the area, and if you see something that would be good to photograph or preserve and might be in danger of loss, let us know and we'll see if we can arrange to save it. Business and building owners don't always know what things might be of historical interest to the community. If you own a business and are cleaning out a previous owner's closet, let us know if you find something that might be of interest to us...old boxes with the business name or logo, signs, equipment that might be unusual. We'd at least like the chance to evaluate the possibility of preserving it for future generations. One man's trash might be our community's treasure!

THANK YOU! To David Shields, Jerry Reitan, Steve Fitz, Clint Shields, Don Kotts and Judy Driscoll for their work on hauling in four additional display cases and cleaning and repairing them for use in our Heritage and Maritime Museums. These additions will keep our artifacts secure while on display to the public.

A Man of Few Words, Yet a Lifetime of Contribution...

While we are on the subject of preserving a legacy, we would also like to take this opportunity to offer our deepest condolences to the Haskin Family. Glenn, one of our Charter Members, died on March 19th at the ripe old age of 93. Glenn was one of the original "street kids" in Poulso, having lived his earliest years above his parents' café on Front Street. He was one of the founders of the Historical Society and contributed as a board member, a volunteer at the Martinson Cabin, as a story teller of early Poulso, with artifacts from his collection, and as a kind friend and contributor. Glenn entertained us with the story of his extensive Poulso-Vinland family at one of our membership meetings a few years ago. He seldom missed a meeting, always there in the front row supporting whoever was speaking. We'll miss his quiet ways and kind support. He recently talked of his years as a volunteer with the Poulso Fire Department and his closing statement is a fitting motto for his life. "I am Glenn Haskin, and I am a volunteer."

PHS Codfish Dinner — and Launch of the Home Port Campaign

The annual Codfish Dinner event was a roaring success! More than 200 people joined us at the Sons of Norway Hall on March 24th to support PHS's three museums and other programs. When all is said and done, we will realize about \$50,000 from this event, our largest yet!

First of all, we would like to kindly thank all of the donors who graciously gave of their time, wares, and help this year. We received countless beautiful gifts from community business owners, and without them, we would not have been able to host this event. Mike Burns of Blue North Fisheries was so kind to donate the codfish this year, and we are humbled and honored that he gave so generously to us. Auctioneer Todd Tidball wore his signature gold sequined jacket, and entertained the crowd with witty anecdotes— just as he always does. It was such a delight to have him leading the event, and the guests really enjoyed his sense of humor and presence. We were also honored to have the help of Natalia Tucker (Miss Poulsbo), and Emily Rider (Miss Silverdale) during the event. They enthusiastically helped pass out raffle tickets, balloons, and even played spotter during the auction (among other tasks). They looked stunningly beautiful, and provided such a sense of glamour to our evening. Additionally, we would like to thank Danny Fritts who was the face behind the sound system. Tackling the technical aspects of a large event such as ours can always be challenging, and he pulled it off magically. We of course have to say THANK YOU to the Sons of Norway for being such wonderful hosts— again, for the 7th year in a row! Your outgoing and selfless staff was instrumental in making this event happen for us, and we could not be more appreciative. We here at PHS know how many hours of work you dedicated yourselves to in order to make this so successful for us, and we are truly indebted. We look forward to continued friendship and collaboration, and are so honored to have had you share our vision.

Of course no major event would be successful without the many people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and this year was certainly no exception. In addition to the amazing, and truly remarkable efforts by our board members, we are grateful to Rick and Kathy Rayment, Elsa Watson, Karen Molinari, JoAnn Schlachter, and our many other volunteers who helped run software programs before and during the event. We also wish to thank everyone who helped set up (and clean up) the event. Honestly, we could not have pulled it off without your expertise, passion, and dedication.

Finally, we wanted to offer a sincere and heartfelt Thank You to our sponsors this year. Dean and Sherri Church of Liberty Bay Auto sponsored our event at the \$2,500.00 level, and we are immensely grateful for their support. Additionally, Brett and Chelsea Clark of Les Schwab, and Mike Brown of Sound West Group sponsored us at the \$500.00 level, and we could not be more appreciative. It was such a great experience working with you all, and we look forward to many more years of partnership.

At the start of the paddle call, PHS Board President, Tom Henderson, announced the launch of the Home Port Campaign, a campaign that aims to raise \$967,000 to provide a permanent home for the popular Maritime Museum. The Maritime Museum, which currently resides in rented space on Front Street, has quickly become PHS's most-visited location. The Home Port campaign, chaired by Jim Shields, will raise funds to purchase the museum building, purchase the adjacent lot (which currently holds the Society's collection of vintage boats), and provide funding to renovate the museum building. As Tom Henderson puts it: "We have the option to continue leasing the building and renting it just like we've been doing, or we have the option to purchase it. We're trying to put together the funding to get started on that purchase process because we want to own it and be there forever on Front Street."

All funds from the paddle call will go to the capital campaign. In the coming months, the campaign team will seek donations from individuals, local businesses, and private foundations. If you would like to learn more about the PHS Capital Campaign, you are more than welcome to attend any of our informational (evening) events, which are scheduled for June 21, July 9, July 26, and August 15. Talk to Jim Shields or Tom Henderson or email PoulsboHistoryCoordinator@gmail.com or call 360-440-7354.

From the Education Corner... Please Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Programs:

June 5th: 1:00 pm Genealogy Interest Group in the Heritage Museum
June 12th: 9:30 pm Dominion Tug/Dominion Historical Workboat Association of Bremerton, presented by Dave Clark

July 9th: 9:30 am Sports Leisure Walking Tour begins on Anderson Parkway
July 10th: 7:00pm Model boat making, presented by Raven Arts of Seabeck. Meets in the Poulsbo Council Chambers

July 13th: 1:00pm Genealogy Interest Group meets in the Heritage Museum

August 7th: 1:00pm Genealogy Interest Group in the Heritage Museum

August 14th: 9:30am Shirley Boehme will lead us on a historical discussion of the Scandia area, backed up by Judy Driscoll and a robust collection of photographs from the Poulsbo Historical Society collection.



Coming This Summer!

Watch for a reading and book signing event by Mike Dennis. His new book (headed now to the publisher) focuses on his father, James H. Dennis, son-in-law to Ron Young. There's a captivating chapter on Ron Young teaching Mike how to work on a Poulsbo boat when he was five years old.

In September...

The September 14-16 weekend will feature a rendezvous of Poulsbo Boats and Chris Craft vessels. Watch for an event to welcome visitors and hopefully provide an "open mic" evening for Poulsbo Boat owners to share their adventures of their boats.

Programs are presented in Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers.



Spring brings new flowers... and merchandise at the Maritime Museum Store!

By Kathy Holodnak

With the spring flowers blooming and the sun shining brightly, our thoughts turn to happy times ahead! The Poulsbo Maritime Museum Store is getting ready for those longer days. Open now until 5:00pm, we invite you to stop in and visit not only the museum, but also our beautiful store. While you are there, look for new long sleeved T-shirts, new colorful "Poulsbo" mugs (a shop favorite!), and magnets as well. For the children, we have lots of fun new books and toys. Also, we still carry wooden balloon and rubber band propelled boats, which the kiddos seem to really enjoy! If you have a little girl in your life, we highly recommend that you come in and check out our really sweet new mermaids and wallets. We invite you to come help us celebrate the 110th anniversary of Poulsbo's incorporation, and we can outfit you with a brand new "Poulsbo 1908" T-shirt, black caps, and for the ladies- the blue and pink caps if you like yours a little girly-er. We also just received a shipment of beautiful silver and beaded earrings from Jo Bird of Bellingham, who just so happens to handcraft sweet, delicate designs that are very affordable. Truly, there is something in our store for everyone! We are really excited about all the new pieces coming in, and we hope to see you, and your friends and family soon!



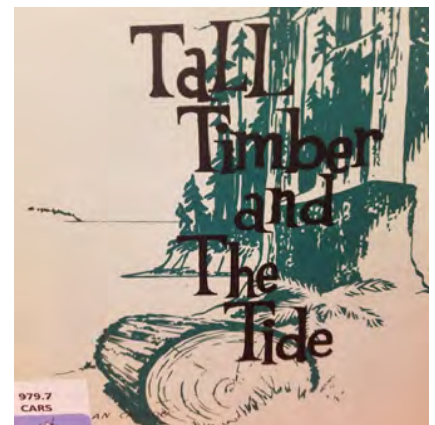
Shangri-la- A Book Review by Jeanne Charters; Maritime Museum Library Volunteer

One of the perks of being a librarian/volunteer for the Maritime Library is my constant exposure to our growing library. I just finished reading Joan Carson's *Tall Timber and the Tide*, a collection of short stories about the history of North Kitsap County. At just under 100 pages, Joan transports the reader back in time to what life was like on the Kitsap Peninsula in the early 1900s. In one chapter she even likens life here to a state of Shangri-la. What a captivating description. Anyone who has lived here for even a short period of time can certainly appreciate this analogy.

Merriam Webster defines Shangri-la as, "a remote, beautiful, imaginary place where life approaches perfection: utopia; a remote usually idyllic hideaway." The early settlers often lived in isolated communities tucked into inlets and bays that were only accessible by boat. It sounds idyllic although I would imagine the early settlers might beg to differ as daily life was certainly challenging.

The idea of living in an isolated community along the beautiful Puget Sound certainly sounds enticing though - especially in this day and age. My bet is those early settlers were just as relieved to step back on home shores after an all-day excursion to the big city as we are now.

Tall Timber and the Tide is definitely worth a read. I invite you to try it yourself or one of the many other volumes available for checkout in the Maritime Library. No matter what your interest, the library now has an impressive collection of fiction, nonfiction and biographies available for borrowing.



Kitsap GREAT GIVEAWAY Thank You!

The Poulsbo Historical Society would like to officially thank everyone who supported us during this year's Kitsap Great Give! Together, we were able to raise almost \$1,000.00! Every little bit helps, and we are grateful for our friends and partners who help us in our mission!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The summer is about to officially start, and that means more business at our museums! If you are willing to volunteer for the Poulsbo Historical Society, we would love to have you join us!

Opportunities include:

- Walking Tour Guides
- Docents for our museums



For more information on volunteering, please contact Jessica Wall at 360.440.7354 or email at PoulsboHistoryCoordinator@gmail.com

No experience necessary... Just a passion for preserving our unique heritage!



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Name (s) _____

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City, State & Zip _____

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Please mark your membership category and mail to: Poulsbo Historical Society, PO Box 844, Poulsbo WA 98370

OR pay with your credit card at the Maritime Museum, located at 19010 Front Street, Poulsbo, WA 98370

_____ \$20 Individual

_____ \$50 Business under 20 employees

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