

## February 19 Open House at the Archives Center — For All Ages!

By Judy Driscoll, Curator and Museums Director

Many of you have asked “What’s going on at our City Hall room now?” Well, you finally get your opportunity to drop in and see! Saturday, February 19, between 11 AM and 2 PM education coordinator Jessica Wall and I will be on hand to introduce you to our new Archives and Research Center. We have actually been using the space for several months now, but it has taken a lot of moving things around and organization to get it in visitor shape.

You can expect to find our visitor-friendly research center where you can access our computer databases to your heart’s content, research a community topic in our Subject Files, or spread out a large map and look for your great grandparents’ homestead! If you always wanted to know where your donated artifacts are kept, you’ll be able to see how we store accessioned artifacts so that they don’t get lost!

Do you want to know how we go about accessioning artifacts? Jessica will be on hand with her Junior Curator program to show you the steps. We’ll even have a newly found artifact to identify...and you don’t have to be a kid to enjoy

this! All ages are welcome; we’re lifetime learners. You’ll be able to view some artifacts that may never make it into one of our museums but are still interesting to discover...and a few fun activities will be waiting for you. In addition, you’ll see where we make and store the displays you see in our museums.

We do ask that you mask up and be aware of social distancing rules. The Third Street entrance and the elevator and second floor lobby of City Hall will be unlocked for your convenience until 2 PM. So stop in, have a good look around, chat with us, and if you’re at all interested in helping staff the Archives Centers three hours a week or month, you might even want to sign up to be a volunteer! See you there!



See Page Three for a special invitation to a  
February 26 event  
on the PHS Campus Lawn!

### Archives and Research Center

#### Poulsbo City Hall, 200 Moe St. NE

- From the underground parking garage, take the elevator to the second floor, turn left and follow the signs.
- From the Third Avenue street-level side entrance, look for the balloons and follow the signs.

## Board of Directors Welcomes New President, New Members

Patty Henderson has been elected president of the 2022 Poulsbo Historical Society Board of Directors. Patty grew up in Poulsbo and pursued her professional career in the Puget Sound area, including owning her own business. Active in leadership roles with Poulsbo Yacht Club, Patty has been a strong Board member for the Historical Society in recent years, assisting in concept development for the new properties and in the highly successful capital campaign that has already relieved the debt of the Maritime Museum. Patty takes the position at a unique point in the organization's development, with day-to-day operations managed more by staff while the Board focuses on governance and oversight.

Joining the Board for the first time are Nancy Coffee, Carole Smith, and Damien Wall. Nancy is a retired Navy Chief with a master's degree in leadership from Brandman University. Presently she is a contract specialist for Naval Engineering Systems Command. Carol is a CPA with a graduate degree in math and accounting from UCLA. She is self-employed as the owner of an accounting company for small businesses and individuals. Damien is a Lieutenant Commander with the Navy. He holds a master's degree in systems engineering from the Naval Post Graduate School. Welcome!

Continuing as Board members are Lora Benson, Jeff Griffin, Carin Nelson, Wayne Paulson, Kathy Rayment, and Jim Shields. Judy Driscoll is secretary of the Board, and Liesl Lewis is treasurer. We are so grateful for your ongoing dedication.

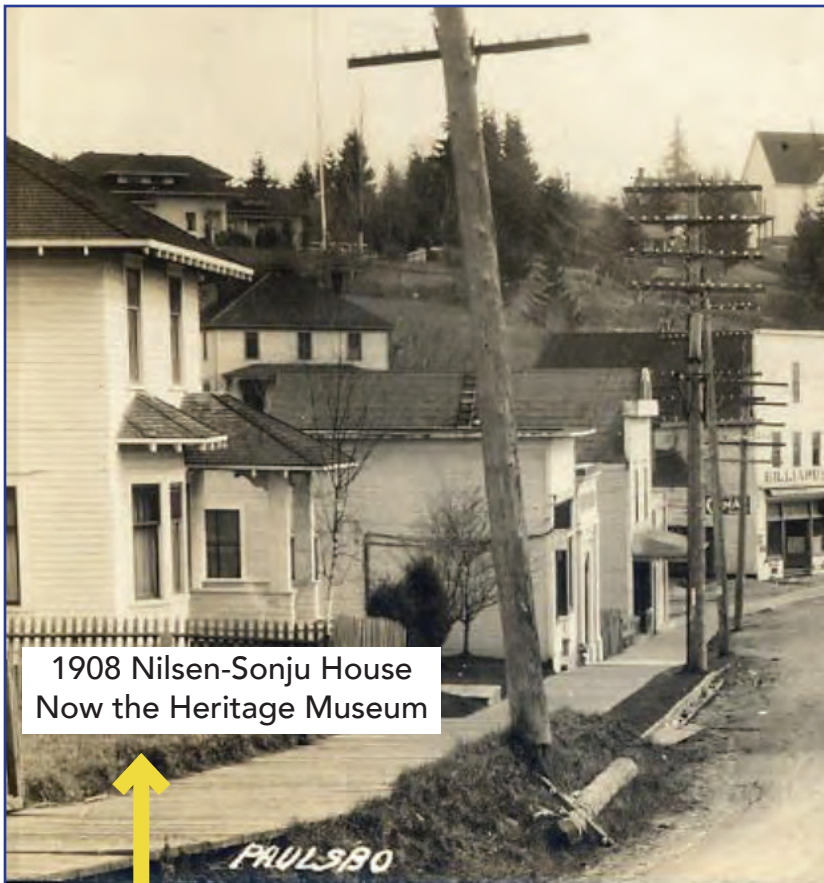
Leaving the Board after years of amazing leadership and service are Donna Jean Bruce, Tom Henderson, David Shields, and Jeanne Snouwaert. Thanks so much for all you've done!!

## With the shed comes the ability to present a lively and engaging lawn space for Historical Society events and community-wide participation



The shed, the purchase made possible by generous gifts to the Historical Society through the 2021 Kitsap Great Give, will provide the storage space for lawn furniture, educational games and supplies, a professional grade sound system, and all the supplies and equipment necessary to cater lawn events. Many of these activities are intended to focus on the children and families in the community.

The Facilities Committee, headed by Bill Bjorklund, was amazing in building the retaining wall, leveling the ground, and preparing the foundation for the shed. Many thanks to Bill, Chris Morrison and Bob Brooks. The next steps are to rough-in the electrical, insulate and hang wall board. City inspection will follow. Thanks to all who made this a reality!



1908 Nilsen-Sonju House  
Now the Heritage Museum

# Please join us!

Help us celebrate 30 years of PHS and the purchase and initial renovations for the 1908 Nilsen-Sonju House and Campus Lawn.

This outdoor, Covid-cautious event will feature:

Drawings for fun prizes | Family activities  
Tour the Heritage Museum | Refreshments

**Saturday**  
**Feb 26 at 1PM**  
**PHS Campus Lawn**

19020 Front Street, Poulsbo, WA

Enjoy our new outdoor heaters.

This event is free and suitable for all ages.

We'll see you there!

## Can you help preserve Our Old House?

At the end of 2020, PHS was fortunate to learn about the upcoming sale of the historic Nilsen-Sonju house and lot. The property owners, Wally and Nan Heffner, were delighted to see the 1908 house be preserved by PHS, and we were excited to relocate the Heritage Museum to Front Street, right next to the Maritime Museum.

The full purchase cost is \$850,000, and we also need to raise some funds to make the building ADA compliant, update the electrical system, and care for the upkeep of this 100+-year-old home.

### Please help us boost our grant funding

This spring, we'll be applying for a state Heritage Fund grant, and **every dollar we have in the door allows us to ask for more grant funding**. At the moment, we have \$200,000 raised, which means we can request \$100,000. Can you help us increase the amount we can request? Your \$100 gift means \$50 more that we can request from the state!

Donate online at [poulsbohistory.com](http://poulsbohistory.com) or call (360) 440-7354. Thank you!



### FAST FACTS

- Visitorship has increased by 400% since the Heritage Museum moved to Front Street.
- The PHS Lawn, between the Heritage and Maritime Museums, is the perfect place for outdoor gatherings.
- We're 1/5 of the way to our fundraising goal. With your help, we can ask for more funding in our state Heritage Fund application.

# You Are Invited To Participate in these Fun and Interesting Events!

**FEBRUARY** — See pages One and Three.

## **MARCH**

Saturday, March 5, 11 AM, **PHS at Raab Park Wildlife Walk**: Meet us at the pavilion for a fun, interactive and self-paced wildlife walk! You will learn where and how to look for signs of animals. Participants will enjoy a nature scavenger hunt.

Saturday, March 12, 11 AM, at the Maritime Museum: **Nautical Crafts and Sea Shanties**. Do you have what it takes to sing a sea shanty? Can you write your own shanty? Test your salty song knowledge at the Maritime Museum! Pick up a Take and Go Nautical craft for children.

Saturday, March 19, 11 AM, at Martinson Cabin **Celebrating Spring**. Let's celebrate longer days and spring renewal! Pick up a fun Take and Go Flower Crown craft and tour the historic Martinson Cabin. The cabin museum will remain open until 4 PM for tours.

Saturday, March 26, 11 AM, at the Maritime Museum **Nautical Women of History**. Help us celebrate the spirit and tenacity of women throughout nautical history! Enjoy learning from display materials, as well as a Take and Go Nautical craft.

## **APRIL**

Saturday, April 2, 11AM, at the Archives Center **Junior Curator Program**. What does a museum curator do? Let us show you the ropes and look behind the scenes of museum displays. Come explore the PHS Archives Center to look through our historic collections! Complete a curator worksheet for a fun prize!

Saturday, April 9, 11AM, at the Heritage Museum **Easter Egg Painting**. Hop on into the Heritage Museum for an Egg-cellent Easter Egg painting Take and Go craft. Share your decorated eggs with us online; PHS Facebook & Instagram.

Saturday, April 16 11AM, at Martinson Cabin **PHS History Sticker Club**. Pick up a Poulsbo Historical Society Museum Passport and join the Poulsbo History Sticker Club. The hours vary between museums, be sure to find a time that works for you! Collect stickers from ALL 4 PHS museums; Martinson Cabin, Heritage, Maritime, and the Archives and Research Center. The cabin museum will remain open until 4 PM for tours.

Saturday, April 23, 11 AM-2 PM, at the Heritage Museum **"Home" Painting Workshop**. Paint your version of 'home' whether it be the place you live, a feeling you have, or those you spend time with. Paintings can become part of our museum gallery, which pays tribute to PHS Heritage Museum in the historic Nilsen-Sonju home on Front Street, built in 1908.

Saturday, April 30, 11 AM, at the Maritime Museum **Sunshine and Rainbows**. The weather is getting warmer and that means it's time for Sunshine and Rainbows! Pick up a fun Summer-themed Take and Go craft and let the sun shine in!

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Greeter/docent at a museum

Video editor (You can do this from home!)

Oral interview transcription (You can do this from home!)

Email [MaryAnn.PoulsboHistory](mailto:MaryAnn.PoulsboHistory) for more information

