

Weekly outdoor activities provide a safe and fun way to learn and socialize

As has been true for many, COVID has been a challenge and a great learning opportunity. Poulsbo Historical Society has found the way to provide “community” to hard-to-reach groups of people during this time of isolation.

For the year before the vaccine, PHS provided a safe way for older adults to socialize and engage on interesting topics via zoom meetings and programs. When families struggled through school-at-home, the take and go kits gave them a safe outing and a fun, educational project to do together. Homeschool families are leaning heavily on the take and go projects. All of this has been important to peoples’ mental health – at a time when our collective mental health is suffering.

Now PHS is offering weekly outdoor activities so people can socialize safely. Be sure to read through the Events insert in this newsletter. Observe the variety of topics and activities and the interesting venues chosen for presenting them.

Halloween weekend is a spectacular example with tours and activities at the City Cemetery, drive by Trick or Treat at Martinson Cabin, and multi-ethnic holiday observances the Front Street campus.

Choose one, choose them all — see you there!

See the Events insert for upcoming activities and programs.



Great question!

What's going on in our space at City Hall?

After moving the Heritage Museum to its new old home on Front Street, we made plans for a fourth venue at our former City Hall location. Meet our MINI-MU! That's shorthand for Mini Museum. We are using that space in four ways.

- Our artifact accessioning and display preparation and storage is taking place in one end of the room.
- Archival Storage for our collection except for very large items is occupying the center spot.
- The front end of the room is our meeting-conference area. We have great plans to offer workshops and small classes here.
- In addition, we have many artifacts which aren't easily displayed within the other three venues, but are worth seeing, so interspersed with our archival storage, we are developing small scale displays meant to intrigue and enlighten the curious.

Our ideas don't stop there. One of the new looks for 21st Century Museums is to be a place of learning the art of working with artifacts and history as well as to just view displays. With that in mind, some of our displays will educate visitors in the processes of artifact research, preservation, and display. We hope to offer some classes in preservation of many types and genealogy research. Most of our research materials and databases are housed in the Mini-Mu where there is room to lay out large maps on the gigantic table and have access to ledgers and scrapbooks.

If you would like to be a volunteer in the Mini-Mu – helping accession new artifacts, working with displays and helping visitors find research materials in our files, please contact the Museum Office (360-440-7354) and leave a message for Betsy Griggs. Betsy is our new volunteer coordinator and trainer. The Mini-Mu doesn't have set hours yet. It is on an appointment basis, so you can almost name whatever schedule you would like.

Walking Tour Guide — Another Volunteer Opportunity



Jack Douglas is our newest walking tour guide. Jack and his family did a walking tour with us this summer, and a week later he e-mailed asking if he could be a walking tour guide. It didn't take us long to furnish him with a tour guidebook to study and sign him up to tag along on three or four walking tours on Fridays to learn the ropes. Jack is a senior at North Kitsap High School and has special permission to be late for school on Friday mornings to help us with walking tours for the cruise ships. The three of us over-the-hill tour guides are ecstatic to have him! If you would like to become a tour guide, we are really in need of a few more faces. You don't have to be an expert on Poulsbo history – we'll fill you in on the necessary facts. You don't have to memorize anything – just become familiar with the guidebook. Mostly, you need a desire to greet visitors to Poulsbo and show them the things that are meaningful to you.

They come from nearby and far away, and we have a lot to share with them!

Would you believe that between April and the end of August this year, we had over 3,000 visitors to our campus museums coming from all 50 states in the United States and over 39 countries? When the first few guests said they were impressed with the content of our museums considering their size, we thought they were just being kind, but as the summer has gone on, we are hearing comments like, "We visit small museums all over the world, and you are presenting a wider variety of topics and enjoyable text blocks than most museums we have visited!" That kind of comment is what we hoped we'd hear. And seeing people of all ages actually reading the stories behind the displays, is gratifying. One group of junior high kids spent over an hour in the Little Almo viewing a program about the 1962 Seattle World's Fair rather than eat lunch! Now that is a wonder!



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the Early Birds!
for 2022!**

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**THANK YOU so much for
your support in 2021! Now
is a good time to renew your
membership for 2022, using
the handy enclosed
envelope. Remember,
memberships make great
gifts! If you are a first-time
member, you can also use
the enclosed envelope!**

One of our favorite things

One of those coincidental happenings that often occur while working in the museum happened last month. A visitor brought in a photocopy of a message on the back of a family photo that was written in Norwegian...old Norwegian from the early 1900s. She asked Hildur and me if we could translate it for her, because she didn't know the people and was hoping to figure out from the message who they might be. We told her our Norwegian was pretty much limited to words on old tombstones, lutefisk, lefse and uff da! We chatted for a while and told her we would try to find someone to translate it for her. She left – or at least we thought she left--but she was actually in the Blue Room looking at a display.

Through the door came a family of four from out of state. We greeted them and asked our usual question, "Are you people local or from out of town?" The wife answered that they were from Georgia, but that she was from Oslo, Norway. You never saw so many people in action at one time! I headed for the door to flag down the woman that I thought had left, when she suddenly stuck her head out from the Blue Room and said, "Oslo!" I told her how excited we were to see her! Handing the photocopy over to her, she was able to translate 99% of it! She spent about 20 minutes working on it and had enough background in old Norwegian to be able to figure out that it was about a family from next door who had come to dinner. I apologized to her patient husband for delaying their visit, and he assured me that tackling translations like that was one of his wife's favorite things to do. Well, having visitors like that is one of our favorite things too!

A New Program Look for 2022

As noted on Page One, with COVID our monthly membership meetings have been via Zoom which limited the kinds of programs we could offer and attendance by some without computers. At the same time, we noticed the demographics of our members is changing...older members are no longer with us, and younger members are working in morning hours. So we're trying a new program format of activity-related events – one per quarter with a few freebies thrown in along the way. Be watching your emails, newsletters, and Facebook for upcoming programs. Two of these programs are listed in the Events insert... the cemetery tour on October 30 and the Heritage Holiday Open House on Nov. 30. We are excited to unveil the new ideas and hope you are interested in attending as many as you can!

So many volunteers — so many amazing accomplishments!

Did you realize there are some 50 volunteer slots filled every week? Thanks so much to the loyal and helpful greeters who — for years — have been keeping the museums the welcoming treasures we've come to love. The newly formed Facilities Team is tackling fix-it projects and upgrades on all our properties, making life easier, more productive and safer. Another new group, the Hospitality Team, provides the creativity and labor to provide support and refreshments for many events and activities. Behind-the-scenes workers like Board members, capital campaign committee members and all the archives/collections workers provide the level of professionalism Poulso Historical Society is becoming known for.

New volunteer opportunities are coming up soon: More hospitality volunteers would be welcome to help set up and take down before and after events. Opportunities will be opening up in the spring for volunteer greeters in the Archives Center and MiniMu at City Hall. To volunteer, call 360.440.7354 or email poulsohistory@gmail.com



The perfect gift ideas are in store for the holidays!

Museum Gift Shop manager Kathy Holodnak is the marketing genius behind all the "Let them eat Lutefisk" products, including bibs, tee shirts and magnets! Kathy is getting deliveries almost daily for what will be an amazing Christmas gift selection of a wide variety of products.

The gift shop will be decorated for the holidays in time for you to take your Thanksgiving guests there to visit. Also, remember to always check your Events calendar (inserted in this newsletter). The Maritime Museum/Gift Shop holiday open house will be Saturday, December 4. The event will feature family activities as well.