

Honor friends and family while supporting the Heritage Museum

This year we launch a campaign to “pave” the floor of the gazebo on the Front Street Campus lawn. These personalized bricks offer the donor the opportunity to craft unique messages to honor loved ones, with proceeds contributing to the purchase of the Heritage Museum. Our hope is to place the first order of bricks by the end of summer. Use the QR code below or go to PoulsboHistory.com/bricks/ Can you place your order by August 31? Thank you!



By purchasing a paving brick for the PHS lawn, you can help fund the purchase of the 1908 Nilsen-Sonju House, now the setting for the Heritage Museum. We encourage you to engrave your brick with your name, an inspirational quotation, a message in honor of others, or a reflection on what Poulsbo means to you.

Choose between a:

YOUR NAME
HERE

4" x 8" brick – \$125
3 lines personalized text
Up to 20 characters per line
Two color choices available

YOUR NAME
HERE

8" x 8" brick – \$225
6 lines personalized text
Up to 20 characters per line
Two color choices available

Use the QR code to
the right to purchase
your brick or visit
poulsbohistory.com.



Thank you!

SCAN ME

Ghosts In the Graveyard – It's time to get ready!!!

By Judy Driscoll, Curator

It's time to begin planning for Ghosts in the Graveyard, slated this year for Oct. 26, 2024, at the First Lutheran Graveyard from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. This has become a popular event that brings people from the greater Puget Sound area to learn about Poulsbo while enjoying the Fall weather and the holiday spirit.

Below is a list of "ghost hosts," which we are hoping to find. Some are single people, some can be a shared couple, representing a husband and wife. We ask that hosts be at least high school age. This year we have one spot for a 16-year-old boy.

We will provide basic biography information. You will have the leeway to present it your way. Memorization is not needed, but you should be comfortable talking for about 3 minutes. It is fun if you dress in period costume, but if you prefer to wear your own clothes that is permissible. If you would like to participate, let Judy know at jtdris@comcast.net and we will get the information to you and help you plan. By getting our lineup early, we won't be rushing at the last minute to fill vacancies.

We are planning these eight stops that have not previously been spotlighted. If you have a family in the cemetery that you would like to represent in addition to these, let me know. We could add two more if there is interest.

1. Langeland family. Could be Louis Langeland, early businessman, or his complete family. He has a young son and a wife both of whom were early burials at the graveyard
2. Mikel and Martha Martinson. Owners of the Martinson Cabin Museum
3. Ole and Sigrid Hegdahl. Early mill owners in downtown Poulsbo
4. Lars and Dorothea Christensen. Pioneer business owners. Their whole family is buried here. It could be one or two people at this site
5. Halfdan Nelson. 16-year-old boy who drowned on a youth outing to Seattle
6. Frank and Ingrid Johnson. Owners of Liberty Place in Lemolo
7. Sonju family. There could be two people here. Nels and Petra Sonju owned the Grandview Hotel and a livery business. Their son, also buried here, was Norm Sonju, crew member at the University of Washington, who then founded the crew program at University of Wisconsin and also was a crew coach for Olympics crew teams
8. Seierstad sisters – one or all three. This could be a group effort.

This is the fourth year we have held this event. It has grown each year and is as much fun for the participants as it is for the visitors.



Left: First stop on othe 2023 tour. Right: This could be you!



**Make Memories while
Making History!
Volunteer Today!**

By volunteering with us, you will have the chance to:

- **Learn more about Poulsbo's history:** Gain in-depth knowledge and insights into our local heritage.
- **Meet other people from the area:** Build new friendships and expand your network within the community.
- **Connect with visitors from around the world:** Share our history with a diverse group of people and gain unique perspectives.
- **Contribute to the quality of the community:** Play a vital role in enhancing the cultural richness and quality of life in Poulsbo.

~ LEARN MORE AND APPLY AT [POULSBOHISTORY.COM](https://poulsbohistory.com) TODAY! ~

Greatest Need for New Volunteers in Recent Years

We were SO fortunate when the Maritime Museum opened and volunteers stepped up to keep the museum open seven days a week! This became a huge plus for the museum and for downtown visitors who rely on the public restroom and Visitors Center services. When the Heritage Museum opened, the same held true, so the second museum on Front Street is also open seven days a week. However, changing life circumstances have led some volunteers to leave, and for the first time since the opening of the museums on Front Street, we find ourselves with seven open volunteer slots. Please consider making this the time to begin your volunteer experience!! Email MaryAnn.PoulsboHistory@gmail.com or call her at 253.363.1287.

Summer Round Up

CHAT (Conversation. History. And Treats)

This new series of quarterly events is intended as a training opportunity and social time for museum volunteers, but the events also serve well for others in the community who would like to learn more about local history and meet people with similar interests. The programs are planned and moderated by Judy Driscoll, curator, and sure to be informative! Hours are from 11 AM to 1 PM. Light snacks will be provided. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Heritage Museum, Wednesday, July 31

Gather on the lawn for light refreshments and social time. A presentation will follow on the Hearts and Home Room in the Heritage Museum.

Maritime Museum, Thursday, August 8

Gather on the deck for light refreshments and social time. A guided tour will allow participants the opportunity to explore the Visitors Center and Maritime Library.

Martinson Cabin, Thursday, September 12

Gather in the cabin (at Nelson Park if the crowd is large) for light refreshments and social time. A guided tour will allow participants to see how the cabin was built and enjoy a few history mysteries contained in it.

Driving Tour: Buckle Up! Let's Go for a Ride!

This amazing new 12-page brochure offers 11 interesting places to visit in the Poulsbo/North Kitsap area. It features photos, descriptions, maps and recommended websites. Find where the World War II Army barracks were on Lemolo Shore Drive. Visit the Port Gamble site of the first school in Kitsap County, founded in 1861 and continuing until Wolfle School was built in 1950. To learn about all the interesting points on the tour, pick up your Driving Tour brochure at one of the museums.

Yard Sale: Do you have donations to share?

A yard sale later this summer will give us the chance to shop other's treasures! Drop off your donations on weekday mornings before July 15. The volunteer at the Heritage Museum will help you access the shed where items are being stored. Nautical items and art pieces are especially welcome as are other unique collectibles. Please, no furniture, clothing, sports equipment, or items that won't fit in the back seat of a car.