



Time and Tides

The quarterly newsletter of the Poulsbo Historical Society PO Box 844 Poulsbo, WA 98370

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BOARD MEETING: *1st Monday at 6p.m.
at the PHS office (19302 Powder Hill Ste.
104). All welcome.*

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: *2nd Tuesday
at 9:30 a.m. Sons of Norway Hall. All
welcome. Quarterly evening meetings as
announced. Check the website.*

MEMBERSHIP: This newsletter is being sent to active members only. To be an active member, your 2010 dues must be paid. A convenient form is on the back of this newsletter. Currently the Poulsbo Historical Society has 158 active paid-up members and 178 inactive members. Encourage your friends and family to join in supporting the on-going program of the PHS by becoming an active paid-up member!

Membership applications for friends and family can be printed from our website and mailed to the PHS office, PO Box 844, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS:

- ❖ **HOME SWEET HOME:** How quickly things change. We were pining for a permanent home in the past two newsletters and in April a breakthrough was made. See the current information on pg. 3
- ❖ **OFFICE ASSISTANCE** We need one part-time paid staff member working two four-hour days per week to oversee and coordinate office functions. Basic skills of telephone, filing, and computer functions, as well as a cheerful attitude in greeting visitors to the office are paramount. We can train you for the tasks involved with the computer. If you are interested in being this person, please call Donna Jean Bruce – 779-3665.
- ❖ **MARTINSON CABIN:** We welcome **Carliann Rolland** and **Robin Cantwell** as new cabin docents. They began their new roles in March. Remember, Gordon can always use a few new faces at the cabin, and summer is a great time to be there. We could also use help with changing out our exhibits at the cabin. If you have ideas you'd like to see tried, give the office a call, and we'll put you to work.
- ❖ **The CABIN** is in need of a dressmaker's form, or a mannequin that could be used to display vintage clothing. We have several pieces of apparel that would make wonderful exhibits at the cabin but presently no good way to display them. If you have

access to one that we could use, please give us a call or visit the cabin and tell the docent on duty.

- ❖ **POULSBO ART FESTIVAL:** The **Poulsbo Historical Society** and **The Friends of Poulsbo History** will be manning a booth at the art festival on August 20-22. We will be selling THE SPIRIT OF POULSBO along with ornaments and note cards. We'll also have membership information on hand for newcomers and information for volunteers to sign up to help with the possible move to the new museum at City Hall. This is a fun time to enjoy the sunshine and meet many new faces, as well as take in the festive atmosphere of the art show. If you would like to spend a couple hours taking a shift in the booth or setting it up, please contact Donna Jean Bruce.
- ❖ We have been invited to man a guest booth at the **Port Gamble Forest Fun Festival** near the end of September. If you are willing to work at the booth that weekend, let us know.
- ❖ **PROGRAMS:** Over twenty people were present for the presentation by Joan Carson at our March membership meeting. Joan shared the family history book she and Paul made for her family last year. Thank you, Joan, for a very interesting and informative presentation.
- ❖ In April Jim Shields treated us to an evening of exploring Poulsbo Fire Department history with over 35 people in attendance. Jim said he learned as much about the history of the department in preparation for the meeting as the rest of us did in listening to it! Thank you Jim, for a great job.
- ❖ Sonja Wellington from the Kitsap County Historical Society greeted our membership meeting in June and acquainted us with the holdings and activities of the Kitsap County Historical Society. She gave us some valuable

insights into the operation of a museum and suggested possible areas that our organizations can collaborate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Remember: newsletter and meeting announcements are posted on our website at www.poulsbohistory.org Invite your distant friends and family to keep up to date with us via the website.

NOTE: The next membership meeting will be September 14 at 9:30 at the Sons of Norway Hall. Program to be announced. Notice there will be no meetings in July and August... have a great summer! Any announcements concerning possible property moves will be announced on our website, so stay bookmarked on that site.

Bits and Pieces:

If you missed getting your **PHS Christmas Ornament** for 2009 (*the turquoise one*), we have extras **available for purchase at the Martinson Cabin Museum**. Many numbers are still available.

Thank you to Dale Rudolph, our City Council liaison, who has been spending extra hours in negotiations with the City for the museum space. Also our thanks to Donna Jean Bruce and Erica Varga who have also been involved in the details of this project.

MegaBucks: The PHS Board was blessed at April's Board Meeting with our first royalty check for \$11,200 from **Soon Hood and the Friends of Poulsbo History**. A second check for \$3,320 was received for sales in February and March, and another \$580 in April, bringing the total so far to \$15,100! While these checks will undoubtedly be the largest because of the opening week sales, we look forward to many more as the sales of THE SPIRIT OF POULSBO continue.

Remember, each time the book is sold it benefits the Poulsbo Historical Society, so don't wait to purchase yours...tell all your friends. The book is drawing rave reviews from purchasers. Kudos to the Friends of Poulsbo History backed by Soon Hood for this continuing support.

The invasion continues: In April it was French students, in June it will be Norwegians in the form of the Chamber Choir from Tromso, Bodo, Norway. The community will be treated to concerts in the park as well as at First Lutheran Church. During their free time, choir members hope to take some walking tours of Poulsbo with our historical society tour guides.

HOME SWEET HOME?

The PHS Board has been spending many hours deliberating the possible move of the PHS office and exhibit area into the new City Hall. Contrary to some articles appearing in the newspapers, this proposal is not a done deal yet!

Currently the City is proposing a total of 1,000 square feet of space. Half of that footage would be "paid" for by the transfer of the lease from the property on Jensen to the City Hall, thus allowing the City to sell the property on Jensen and repay the Hotel-Motel Funds. The proposal calls for PHS to buy the other half of the footage for approximately \$200,000.

The proposal was not finalized in time to apply for a grant in this biennium, so if we are eligible to apply for a grant, it will be 2012 before that can be done. The grant, if awarded to us, would not be available before 2013.

There are many considerations for PHS. Is our membership large enough to buy the property plus fund the cost of setting up and staffing a museum? Is our membership able to provide the able-bodied help we need to build the exhibits? Will we be allowed to run a gift shop in the new location? Some state laws applying to public buildings may jeopardize this. The ability to be able to have a museum store would be essential for funding

continued operation of the museum. Would we be better off to look instead for a less expensive space in a private building?

The PHS board is concerned about putting the present meager funds of the Society at risk if our membership isn't enthusiastic about following through with funds and volunteer hours.

While it waits for further information from the City (which may not be available until after July), the Board is updating its business plan and setting up a realistic budget. It will also continue to look into other space possibilities.

How can you help? If you would like to be part of this planning process, the Board would love to hear from you and invites you to join it or come for a visit! If you have suggestions, ideas, or any other input, the Board needs to hear from you right away! This is your organization and it is only as strong as its members.

Are you up to the challenge?

If we decide to go ahead with the museum project, we need to begin establishing a bank of volunteers. Here are some of the areas we'll be needing soon:

- Fundraising
- Carpenters
- Painters
- Carpet-layers
- Display designers
- Media experts
- Writers, photo mounters, artists etc.
- Office set-up volunteers
- Docents
- Gift shop volunteers

Do you see yourself working in any of these roles? Hopefully you do, because without you we can't accomplish this dream.

Carefully consider where you can help and give a board member a call to put your name on a volunteer list.

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