

## What's Inside ....

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## Dinner Auction was a great success!

With the final figures in, we are pleased to announce that our 2014 auction/dinner netted a total of \$24,599.15, which assures us of meeting our monthly expenses for the coming year and allows us to work toward some of our collection goals. Thank you all for your help with the auction whether it was by donations, volunteering for one of the committees, or by simply purchasing tickets and auction items. We couldn't continue our mission of collecting, preserving and exhibiting Poulsbo area history without this help. It's never too early to start planning for next year, so if you have ideas for our auction, and would like to help with planning for 2015, give Mary Ann a call at the PHS office.

## Welcome to our new Board member — Tom Henderson

In April the board reluctantly accepted the early resignations of board members, **Ted Portmann** and **Mike Ryan**. Both of them have been stalwarts in helping with auction procurements, and Mike was the man-in-charge of our 2014 calendar. We thank you both for your time on the board and for your efforts on behalf of the organization. But we won't say good-bye because we expect to see you monthly at our program meetings!

It didn't take long to find one new board member. **Welcome Tom Henderson**, who has been appointed to fill out the remaining two years of Ted Portmann's board position. Tom has long ties to the Poulsbo area community. His father was born in Sweden and immigrated to the United States at the age of ten. His grandmother Dagmar Holmberg of the Scandia-Pearson area often told him tales of riding the mosquito fleet steamers. Throughout his life, Tom has been tied to the water. He remembers watching the Agate Pass Bridge under construction and is a past Commodore of the Poulsbo Yacht Club. He has an avid interest in boating and in Poulsbo's maritime history in particular. In addition he is also an architect who specializes in designing the interiors of yachts. Hmmm, a yacht interior could be about the size of a small museum...maybe we can put his talents to work for us! Tom has lived in the county since 1963 and at Scandia since 1993 when he married into another long-time Scandia family Patty Schmuck. An accomplished watercolorist, Tom finds joy in combining his boating hobby with his artistic bent. He has produced several paintings for our auction the past two years, featuring Liberty Bay and its waterfront settlements. Welcome to the PHS Board, Tom!

# News from the Poulsbo Historical Society Museum

## Exhibits

### Current exhibits

**Boat Building on the Bay** features the boats and the men who built them.

**You Oughta' Be In Pictures** is an exploration of early photography and photographic equipment.

We're hoping to do a small exhibit celebrating Washington State's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 11, 2014. If you have artifacts or photos from Washington's statehood or from the Centennial celebration in 1989, let Judy know soon, so she can begin planning. Our November meeting on that date will be devoted to our statehood.

Looking ahead: In planning for 2015, our main exhibit will feature early maps of our area and surveying and drafting experts and their tools. Again, if you have great ideas for this exhibit, let Judy know.

**New cabinets** One of the most visible signs of putting our auction money to good work is in our new storage-display cabinet in the museum. We needed a spot to congregate our incoming accessions out of sight and in safety. Funds from the auction allowed us to buy a custom-made set of cabinets from MarKay Cabinets in Poulsbo. The cabinets perform double duty, not only for storage, but also as a display area for artifacts. MarKay doesn't usually do counter-tops, but went out of their way to craft a usable top for us. When you have a small venue like ours, everything needs to do double duty. Double duty volunteers **Jim** and **David Shields** did the honors of delivery and installation. A double thank you to both MarKay and the Shields.

## Reorganization of Office

A group of about six volunteers met one morning in April and within four hours had the office in shape. It's wonderful to have a place for everything and everything in its place! Since that day PHS Board member **Grant Alexander** donated a four-drawer file cabinet to house the better-organized and expanding archive collection. Thank you Grant! Stop by and see our new look, and while you are here, meet our interim coordinator, Mary Ann Acosta.

**Pat Armstrong and Roseann Mitchell** in expanded archive area.



**Judy Driscoll** uses the **Scott Klipper** display post to exhibit items from the museum's Norwegian collection to celebrate Viking Fest.

## Display Post

**A big thank you goes to Scott Klipper** for the new display post. It's always nice when you have an idea, and a willing helper steps in to bring it to completion. Such was the case when Judy saw a display post and volunteer Dr. Scott Klipper stepped up to the plate with the know-how to make it a reality. We now have a new spot in the museum for displaying small objects and photographs. Thank you, Scott!

## Volunteer training

Just after the office was reorganized, we had a training day for our intrepid volunteers to acquaint them with the new set-up and to give them further training in the use of our research tools. About 12 volunteers were present and enjoyed a morning of searching and researching. We always need more volunteers, and we have many small volunteer jobs that can be done... some even from the comfort of your easy chair at home. So don't be shy, give Mary Ann a call and she'll find just the right job for you!

With the finishing of our Poulsbo boat restoration, it didn't take long to put it to work. The Daughters of Norway were the first to request to ride in it during the Viking Fest Parade. Here, the Pride of Poulsbo and riders are in line for the historic boat's first parade appearance on May 17 during Viking Fest. Thank you, **David Shields**, for coordinating this and doing the driving!



## Maritime Heritage Collection

**Big Dream:** a place to house our growing Marine Heritage Collection. In the fall of 2013, the PHS board decided to begin a Maritime Heritage Collection. Finding artifacts has been the easy part. Finding a display/storage venue is proving to be harder. We presently are looking at a couple of possibilities. If you have an interest in helping with this endeavor, contact **David** or **Jim Shields**.

## Cruise walkers

We're open for local tours, too! We are again meeting the American Cruise Lines tourists on Friday mornings for walking tours of Poulsbo. While it's nice to walk our guests around town to learn of Poulsbo history, it's even nicer when we can walk local residents on a tour of Poulsbo. If you would like to take a walking tour, or have guests coming that would like to learn more about your town, give us a call and schedule a walking tour. We can accommodate nearly any time with a day's notice. The charge is \$5 each...if you're a family walking together we can offer a special \$20 group rate. The tours cover downtown and last about an hour, depending on how fast you walk. We can also arrange tours of a couple of our residential neighborhoods with a little notice. Give us a call and schedule today!

**Carol Tomas**, a new PHS tour guide, waits at the waterfront pavilion, where groups gather for the walking tours.



## Getting ready for the 2015 calendar

For three years we have produced a calendar with Poulsbo area history themes. Calendars have not proven to be a big money-raiser, but they do give us a presence in the community, an important marketing tool.

If your business or family would like to sponsor a page for a calendar in 2015, the cost is \$50/month (page). We already have two sponsors eager to sponsor a month each.

Currently we would like to find a volunteer to take on the oversight of the calendar. This is mostly an organizational effort, you don't have to be an expert in history or in design. We leave that to the printers, but we need someone to procure the sponsors. This is a short term job... with a little effort it could be accomplished in a month's time, but it needs to be done this summer in order to get the calendar on the store shelves by early fall.

## A MERRY CHASE THROUGH THE ARCHIVES

A simple question like the one we received a couple of weeks ago can help put flesh and bones on early Poulsbo history. An email asked us, "Do you have any information on the Iver Iversen family?" Did we? Just a clipping from the Herald, KCH: 7/26/1907 "...baby of Iver Iverson died in Tacoma last week. After the death of the little one's mother Mr. Iverson gave it to a family in Tacoma. The body was brought to Poulsbo Monday evening and buried here Tuesday." In 2009 when we first noticed this news item while tracking burials at First Lutheran Cemetery, we thought, "Oh, that was sad" but didn't give it much thought since infant deaths at that time were quite common. Church records showed the mother Guro and father, Iver Iversen were both buried in the cemetery along with the unnamed infant. But knowing there was a living descendant set us off on a search that combined all areas of our records in order to put together the puzzle of the Iversen family.

A simple request like this one is like throwing a steak to a bull dog where we are concerned! So we dove into our records. From the Herald database we discovered that Iver and Guro Iversen (born in Thronhjem, Norway) and their four children came to Poulsbo in June of 1903 from Crookston, MN to "look the place over." By September they had bought property in the present Noll Road area.

### Setbacks

Settling in wasn't without its problems. On September 18, 1903 the Herald reported that "As the result of a runaway last Monday, Iver Iverson was thrown from a wagon and quite severely bruised. He was taken to the doctor at Port Gamble, who found it necessary to amputate one of his fingers at the first joint. His other wounds were dressed and he is now getting along very well." A year later, in 1904, another mishap struck. KCH: 9/23/1904 "Ingvald Iverson, the little son of Iver Iverson, broke one of his legs last Thursday. He was playing on some logs while on his way home from school and fell in such a way that both bones just above the ankle was broken. Dr. Jones set the bones and the boy is getting along as well as could be expected."

Setbacks aside, the family continued to grow. Margaret was born in February of 1904. Then came New Year's Eve 1905, a time of joy and sorrow. An infant boy was born to Guro and Iver, but unfortunately Guro died soon after the birth. What to do? Iver now had six young children, one a newborn. He was a single father in the logging industry and being home to take care of the children was not an option. Iver did what many families in that situation did in those early days...he "tided" the children out. The oldest three seem to have stayed in the family home or may have spent some time at Martha & Mary Children's Home, but the youngest became wards of local families. The infant went to a couple in Tacoma. In those times these "tidings" were not usually a formal adoption, but more like a foster situation for an unspecified time. The Herald doesn't go into detail, but did make this announcement: KCH: 1/26/1906 "Mr. Iver Iverson, who recently lost his wife, desires to express, through the Herald, his sincere and earnest thanks to the neighborhood friends who so kindly helped and showed sympathy during the illness and upon the death of his wife, and to all who so kindly contributed to his assistance afterwards. Mr. Iverson is left alone with several small children to take care of and feels very thankful for all kindnesses shown him."



The children of Iver and Guro shown in their confirmation photos. From left to right: Ingvald "Ink" 1909, Mathilde 1912, Edith 1916 and Margot 1918. Olga was confirmed in 1914 but no photo from that class exists.

## Merry Chase (continued)

Our curiosity wasn't satisfied. Through census records, state death records, school reports and church files, the puzzle began to take shape. Two-year old Margaret was taken in by Andrew and Bertha Thompson and spent the rest of her life as their daughter, sometimes using the Thompson name and sometimes using the Iversen name. She was confirmed at Fordefjord Lutheran as Margaret Thompson. She was an honor student at Poulsbo High School, graduating in 1922. Following graduation, she moved to California with widowed Bertha Thompson, and entered nursing school, graduating four years later with honors. Margaret returned to Seattle to work at Swedish Hospital and in 1930 took a full time job at the new Harborview Hospital in Seattle. She met and married Axel Berg about 1931. The couple moved back to California where Bertha Thompson lived with them. Margaret wrote of Poulsbo in 1986. "What advantages we had as children, growing up in a small, friendly, country town. The beach, swimming when weather was for it and rowing on Liberty Bay. Picking berries when in season; walking up the old logging road to Servold's and then continuing on the main road to Hans Nelson's mother's sister and their three daughters, who were like sisters to me."

Edith Iversen, two years older than Margaret, became the ward of Jacob and Anna Jacobson at Vinland. She lived with them until 1928 when she married Conrad Didricksen, a men's tailor. The family lived in King County for many years, finally relocating to Marysville where she lived until her death in 1988.

Clara Iversen was six years old when her mother died. She may have stayed in the family home with her father. She appears in school records, and in 1922 the Herald announced: "Miss Clara Iverson was married to Roy McDougall on Thursday, June 29, at Anacortes, which will be the home of the young couple. The bride is a daughter of Iver Iverson of Poulsbo and has many friends who wish her happiness. Her father and all her sisters attended the wedding."

Clara's marriage wasn't the first in the McDougall family. Her older brother Ingvald married Roy McDougall's sister Emma in 1914. As a family member told us: "Grandpa Ingvald (Ink) Iversen married Emma McDougall, whose brother, Roy, married Ink's sister, Clara – the number of choices between Mt. Vernon and Anacortes was quite small back then, but both marriages lasted a lifetime."

## Merry Chase (continued)

That left just the little Iversen baby who died when a year old. What was his name? A happenstance searching of death records at the Washington State Archives turned up the missing name...Oscar Albin Iversen was born on Dec. 31, 1905, and died on July 20, in 1907 at Tacoma. Iver Iversen is listed as the father.

We thought we had put a period on the Iversen research with the name of the baby, but one little news clipping kept nagging at us. KCH: 7/19/1918 "Misses Edith and Margaret Iverson went to Seattle Tuesday to attend the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. Ronning, which was held on that day. " Back to the death records we went searching for the Ronning connection who had died in 1918. Guro's death certificate listed her father as Erick Johnson, but after searching for a Johnson-Ronning connection, we noticed that Guro's marriage certificate shows her as Guro Erickson. Following the traditional Norwegian naming pattern of adding son to the father's first name, she was known as Guro Erickson...sister of Elsie Erickson who married Olof E. Ronning. Olof E. Ronning lived near the Iversens in Poulsbo, eventually buying Iver's property when Iver moved permanently to Seattle. Elsie was the aunt who died in 1918 in the news clipping. So you can see that a simple question, "Do you have any information on the Iver Iversen family?" can lead to an exciting trip around the archives, and another story of early Poulsbo given flesh and bones.

### Membership Categories & Rates (Please Mark)

Individual	\$20.00	___
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# TIME AND TIDES

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## Special points of interest:

- From the President
- We need YOU!
- Updates

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## Message from the Board President

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Poulsbo Historical Society will hold its third annual codfish dinner and fundraiser auction on Saturday, March 22, at the Sons of Norway Hall in Poulsbo. The auction is the major fund-raiser to provide the funds needed to keep the lights on, the archives protected and the museum open to the public.

According to society secretary, Judy Driscoll, during the 1950s and 60s when the Sons of Norway Codfish Derby was in its heyday, Hap DeCoteau directed the baking of the cod in the Sons of Norway kitchen. “Everyone proclaimed her the expert at baking cod. Over the years, Hap’s recipe was replaced or misplaced, and it wasn’t until 2013 while the Poulsbo Historical Society Auction planners were reminiscing about the ‘good old days’ that the

subject of the recipe resurfaced, and a search was launched to find it,” Driscoll reports. “No one at the SON seemed to know where it was but said they were willing to use it if we could find it. A few well-placed phone calls and sleuthing through an old SON’s Kokbok turned up the recipe right where it should have been, in a cookbook. Last year’s codfish was declared the best on record, according to the old fishermen who should know whereof they speak, so the Poulsbo Historical Society and the cooks at the SON are not going to mess with success,” Driscoll adds.

The famous recipe will be used again for the Third Annual Poulsbo Historical Society Codfish Dinner and Fundraising Auction on March 22 at the Sons of Norway Hall.

The action begins with a happy hour and silent auction at 5 p.m. That delectable codfish dinner will begin at 6:30. A highlight of the dinner will be a short program centered on Poulsbo’s boat building industry. Presenters will be myself, Jim Shields, and Judy Driscoll, who have been beating the bushes to find the old boat yards. The evening will climax with a live auction featuring our lively auctioneer, Todd Tidball. [cont.]

# Poulsbo Historical Society: Bringing the Past to Life!

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You may purchase your tickets at the Poulsbo Historical Museum office in City Hall or at the Sons of Norway office. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Since seating is limited to 225 and the event has sold out during its first two years, we suggest you buy your tickets early.

If you have a nice antique, a work of art, yard art, special jewelry, a time share, event or service and would like to donate it, please call the Poulsbo Historical Society office right away at 360-440-7354. We can arrange to lighten your load.

## NEW EXHIBITS

If you haven't visited the museum since January, plan to come soon and see our two new exhibits. BUILDERS ON THE BAY is our main display, featuring four of Poulsbo's boat builders, Einar Nilssen, Chris Haugen, Ronald Young, and the Bjermeland men. In addition we showcase several others who have taken part in building boats in Poulsbo, including Jergen Almos, Halvor Veggen, Henry Stewart and Axel Enquist among others. We were fortunate to be given photographs showing the step by step building of a boat, so by following a trail around the display you can get the feel for the process of boat-building. Tools from our collection, as well as some antique tools loaned by Ted Newman and others are on display.

A project in process is a table map of Liberty Bay with known docks and boat-building sites identified. If you know of some we may have missed, come in and show us where they were! The display will be up until the end of 1914, a perfect activity if you have guests coming later in the year. Plan to bring them in!

YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES is our second exhibit featuring early photographers of the Poulsbo area and family portraits from our collection. A highlight of that display is a beautifully crafted 1903 Century Camera with fold-out lens, glass slides, and a vintage tripod. Both were donated to us by Les Schmuck. The camera belonged to Les' aunt, Goldie Berggren Hallman, a photographer in the Pearson area from 1903 to the 1930s.

**NEW ACCESSIONS:** New to our collection, but certainly not new to Poulsbo are our latest accessions, the 1894 Chicago Cottage Organ donated to us by Martha & Mary's Health Facility and a vintage wheelchair.

The ornate organ was a feature in the living room at Ebenezer Home for many years and has its original works, mirrors, and stops. After a little TLC on the finish, which has seen some heavy wear, it will be showcased in the museum as part

a permanent exhibit---and it still plays! Along with the organ, Martha and Mary also donated a vintage wheel chair from Ebenezer. If you're feeling confined in your present wheel chair, wheel on in to the museum and count your lucky stars...this relic would give anyone a back ache...especially the person who had to push it around!



**FROM THE BOARD:** Welcome to Mayor Becky Erickson who has chosen to be our new City Council liaison in place of former liaison, Ed Stern. We look forward to getting Becky's insight into how we can best serve the community.

There will be a new face in our office beginning in March as our present coordinator, Lyn Playle, will be leaving that position to take on new responsibilities in her "real" job and also to attend school. We wish Lyn the best as she transitions into her new role, but will not say good-bye because she has promised to be around to help out as a volunteer when she is able. The name of our new coordinator will be announced in March.



**2013 ROUNDUP:** Last year was a busy year for the society. As we launch into 2014 it is always good to take a look back and see what we accomplished...whew! The list is exhausting!

Over 3500 volunteer hours accumulated.

969+ visitors to the Museum (open 206 days)

364 visitors to the Martinson cabin (open 50 days)

264 tourists on walking tours

36 research requests

771 guests at 13 monthly meetings

5 new exhibits

12 Board meetings.

Produced a calendar for 2014

Cleaned out our off-site storage, retrieving most of our artifacts from private homes and barns

Reconfigured the museum store

Restored our Poulsbo Boat

New promotional rack card produced

Membership/rack card produced

Cabin landscaping and clean-up

Successful auction for the general budget

New website

New logo

Began cruise line walking tours

Walking tour map produced with HDP

Establishment of maritime heritage collection

Record number of memorial donations and bequests

Purchase of computer and printer for store and auction

Produced IMAGES OF AMERICA: POULSBO

And best of all, we finished the year in the black!

If you didn't get to our monthly meetings, here are the speakers and subjects you missed.

Jan. Steamers on the Bay – Dennis Johnson

Turi bookreading [Sami]

Feb. evening Port Madison History

Mar. Salmon Streams of Poulsbo – Ron Hirschi

Mar. Gone fishing – Fundraiser

Apr. Cod-fish derby tales – group chat

May Port Gamble S'Klallam – The Strong People

June – Noll-Johnson families of Lemolo — Peggy Stanley

July – House Fair II – Judy Driscoll

August: Lemolo History – Peggy Stanley, Jeanne Snouwaert,

Kathy Hogan & POULSBO book signing

September: Buried Treasure—history in the cemetery. Judy Driscoll

October: Take Me To The Tool Shed – Ole Birkeland

Nov. Poulsbo Boats and the fun of restoration. David Shields

Dec. Helping Hands of Poulsbo – Fishline & Bellringer Fund — Mary Nader.

We kicked off 2014 “Finding the Ferries” from 1930s-1950s by Dennis Johnson in January, and “An Interview With Mr. K” by Jeff Tolman in February. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have also had an evening meeting featuring “The Heyday Of Hansville” presented by the Hansville Historical Society. Plan to attend another year of interesting topics!

Up-coming in March will be the Auction, after which we will return to our regular meeting schedule in April. Because of the late February evening meeting and the late March auction, we will not have a morning meeting in March.

### **NEEDS:**

We are presently looking for volunteers with our main fundraiser, The Codfish dinner. Helpers are needed in the following areas: setting tables, layout of silent auction tables, clean-up immediately after the dinner – many hands make light work. Call the museum if you can help in any way!

Hildur Gleason is coordinating the **Auction Dessert Dash** and needs 28 delectable desserts—homemade or store-bought to entice our dessert lovers. These will be auctioned off to the tables for their dinner dessert. If you can furnish one dessert (or more) to feed 8 please call Hildur at 930-0046.



**Needs Continued:**

If you are unable to be there for the dinner, the dessert can be brought to us ahead of time, or if you are out of town and wish to help out, send us the money and we'll dash downtown and buy one for you!

**BOAT TRAILER:**

Still on the need list is a single axle boat trailer for our Poulsbo Boat. Contact David Shields if you can help on this. David, Jerry and their crew have the boat water-ready, but no way to get it there. They would like to be able to take it to several display venues this summer, beginning with the Auction in March.

**WALKING TOUR GUIDES:** We are short-handed in the walking tour guide department. We presently have 4 regulars, and could easily use 4 more. With the cruise tours starting again the beginning of April, we need you now! We furnish a guide book, map and training. It's a fun way to share your town with others. Call the office.

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If your membership card doesn't say 2014, it's time to renew! Please fill in the form below and mail with your check. If you paid after November, your card should be included in this newsletter.



**Membership Categories & Rates (Please Mark)**

<b>Student</b>	<b>\$10.00</b> _____	<b>Corp. (&gt;21 employees)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b> _____
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<b>Family</b>	<b>\$30.00</b> _____	<b>Sustaining</b>	<b>\$500.00</b> _____
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