

Welcome to Nancy Coffee, our new Administrative Coordinator

Nancy joined the Historical Society in September 2017 as the Administrative Coordinator. She is a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer and holds a MA in Organizational Leadership from Brandman University. A Texas native, Nancy, her husband Brian, and daughter, Avery, made Poulsbo their forever home following retirement. She enjoys gardening, crafting, and spending time with family.

Nancy is excited to join the Historical Society and offer her varied skills and experience while soaking up knowledge about this fascinating place she now calls home! You can reach Nancy by email at PoulsboHistoryCoordinator@gmail.com or by phone at 360-440-7354.

Former coordinator Mary Ann Acosta was elected to the board of Poulsbo Historical Society where she now volunteers as chair of the Education Committee.



Lots of Work Going On

YOUR Help Is Needed!

Construction is starting in the Maritime Museum Boat Yard. Contact David Shields (360) 850-2389 to determine when/where you join the work crew!

Other volunteer opportunities abound. See Pages Two, Three, and Five.

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HITTING THE BIG TIME

By Judy Driscoll

As usual, our research/library department has been busy answering questions large and small and peering through old records as we help visitors, local officials, and email correspondents find out more about their past or the past of the community.

One of our more recent requests came from a Princeton man who is writing a book about the mosquito fleet. He wrote to us early this summer asking if we had any primary information that might be helpful to him. We immediately sent him a list of possible books, databases, photos and interviews that might be helpful, and he responded quickly, setting up a research appointment for the first week in September.

He came to Poulsbo as promised in September and spent 4-5 hours rooted to a chair and a computer at the Heritage Museum, reading through our archives, gazing at photographs, listening to oral interviews, making copies of records and touring the Maritime Museum. He was blown away by the amount of material we are amassing on the subject and left well-satisfied with the time he spent with us.

Satisfied customers like this make us realize what a treasure we are accumulating in our museum and research collections. We sometimes don't realize how much small tidbits collecting in our files (a steamer schedule here, a stock certificate there), when combined together in the hands of a researcher, can add up to a masterpiece of value to the world at large. **We want you, our faithful supporters, to know that your efforts — whether as artifact donors, monetary donors or volunteers — are not only valued by the board of the Historical Society but also by a growing number in the research community.** We are becoming a destination place and are excited to see where this will lead us in the years ahead.

Volunteering at the Heritage Museum

Contact Wally Oyen for information on volunteer opportunities at the Heritage Museum, which is open Wednesday—Saturday. You can email Wally at ohwoisme@gmail.com or leave a message at the Heritage office, 360-440-7354

The next major exhibit at the Heritage will focus on basketball in North Kitsap. If you have basketball memorabilia either for the high school or a town or travel team, etc., let Judy Driscoll know what you have, and she will see if it can be fit in.

She can use things like trophies, athletic letters or sweaters, photographs, programs etc. She already has a cheerleader's uniform and the Girls State Basketball hero sign and signed basketball. Leave Judy a message by Oct. 1 at 360-440-7354.

Appeal for Volunteers

By Judy Driscoll

EXERCISE YOUR WAY TO HEALTH WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT! Do you enjoy a leisurely walk through downtown? Have you ever taken visiting relatives downtown to see Poulsbo sites or walk the boardwalk? We have three volunteers who take 60-75 minutes once a week (or sometimes every other week) to greet the cruise ship tour at the waterfront park and walk them through Poulsbo, give them a short history of how Poulsbo was founded and grew, and answer their funny questions like “How do you pronounce Poulsbo?” or “What IS lutefisk?”

There are usually about 12-15 guests from all over the country, so it's not a large formal group at all. Mostly they are looking for a friendly face and a few interesting stories to introduce them to Poulsbo. The tours run from April to mid-June and then break for the summer, returning the first of September to the end of October, so it is not a full year commitment by any means.

Presently three guides have been able to handle the tours by trading weeks as other commitments have appeared; however, starting next April, the cruise ship plans to run their boat two days a week. They will come on Friday mornings, as they have the past several years, but they will also come on Monday mornings.

Now walking once a week is easily manageable for our current guides but incorporating two tours a week into already busy schedules will be a challenge. We are challenging YOU to become a walking tour volunteer guide. Come see how easy and fun it really is. Sign up now for training to be a guide for next year. Don't put off doing this until next spring! We'd like to get at least three new people trained and comfortable with the tour before spring comes, and hopefully before the busy holiday season comes this winter. You could even team up with a spouse or friend and share a tour. Judy Driscoll, Bob Hawkinson and Gordon Stenman will be happy to show you the ropes and are more than happy to share the fun of being a walking tour guide for the Historical Society. **FUN FACT:** Walking tours add \$4,000 per year to the PHS budget – double that for next year and we're looking at a significant portion of the annual budget with no expense on our part. Just think, you can earn free money for Poulsbo Historical Society and prolong your life by getting an hour of sweat-free exercise and vitamin D a week! Call the office at once! – [360-440-7354](tel:360-440-7354).

HOW SECURE ARE WE? Sadly, we have had two thefts at the Maritime Museum in the past three months, and both occurred during open hours right under our noses! How, you ask, can such a thing happen? Aren't you guys doing your job? Well, here's how it happens. When 150-200 people a day are walking through the Maritime Museum, it is impossible for one person to keep an eye on everyone at once. We strive to have two greeters at each museum for every shift, but in actuality, we often only have one. If one person is handling a sale in the store at the front of the building, no one is in the back of the building overseeing our displays. Purchasing security cameras is in the works, but they, alone, will not do the trick, since they too have to be monitored.

It's not that we need an armed security guard peering into the eyes of nefarious visitors, or that we're asking our greeters to wrestle a thief to the floor and sit on them until the police arrive... we're not even allowed to do that! But just knowing that there is another warm body in sight, is the best deterrent to future thefts.

We would love to have one person out front and one person in back on each shift (three hours per day). Don't want to handle sales in the store? No worry, we'll pair you with someone who is willing to do that. Can't be on your feet for long periods? Hey, we can fix you up with a comfy chair in the back. Just your presence and your friendly smile will be enough to protect our collection. Talk to any of the guides at the Maritime Museum, or give Nancy Coffee a call at the office – [360-440-7354](tel:360-440-7354). We'll work out a great opportunity for you.

Jim Shields recommends shadowing one of our present greeters for a shift to see how easy and fun it can be! Age is no problem. We do ask that you be at least 18, and I think we presently have a few volunteers who will admit to having seen more than 85 birthdays...but we won't let their secret out! You'll be surprised how interesting and easy volunteering as a greeter is!

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Fill out the membership form on Page Six. Mail it with your check to PO Box 844 Poulsbo 98370 or pay by credit card at the Maritime Museum, 19010 Front St. NE. You receive member benefits AND show your support for your community!



Education Programs for Fall

Tuesday, October 8 — Buried Treasure: Graveyards and Cemeteries of North Kitsap

Learn the histories and current issues from speakers representing community cemeteries and church graveyards: Braidablik, Braidablik Evergreen, Eglon, First Lutheran Church, Hansville, Kingston, Mountain View, Port Gamble, Poulsbo Municipal, S'Kallam, Suquamish and Vinland Lutheran Church.



Tuesday, November 14 — Kingston Historical Society

Kathy Sole will discuss Kingston community history and update us on their efforts to develop a historical society.

Fall 2017 programs begin at 9:30 a.m. and are held in the Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers. Programs also include updates from the Poulsbo Historical Society board. The Heritage Museum is open afterwards. Everyone is welcome!



Tuesday, December 12 — Sharing Christmas Traditions

Bring a family tradition (food, game, song, ornament, or ???) maybe a memory of Christmas in Poulsbo. If you bring food, bring copies of the recipe to share! Remember we are always making history; what you share is part of our history and doesn't have to be very, very old.

PLUS wear your vintage Christmas sweater for a chance to win the Ugly Sweater Contest.



Other Education News

The **2017-2018 EDUCATION PROGRAM CALENDAR** (enclosed) shows all the education-related programs and activities in coming months. All events are open to the public.

OUTING TO JEFFERSON COUNTY on October 19. Check the insert for details on this opportunity for fun, friendship and the chance to learn about the work of a nearby historical society. Come alone or bring a friend... All are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! More education and outreach are possible! Join us as we seek to connect with more community partners. Contact Mary Ann Acosta at 253-363-1287 or email her at PoulsboHistoryEducation@gmail.com

PARTY LITES TO DECORATE FOR FALL FUN!

By Kathy Holodnak

The Maritime Museum Store now carries delightful party lites to help illuminate the approaching fall evenings! We carry sailboats, blue and white lighthouses, buoys, sparkly seashells and once again red, white, and blue lighthouses. Add a strand or two to your patio or your boat. They can even be strung on a Christmas tree! What a fun way to light up the darker days to come.

Do you start each day with a cup of coffee or tea? Drink yours from a Poulsbo mug. Retailing at \$8.95, you'll want one for each member of your crew!

Also available are "Poulsbo 1908" tee shirts and sweatshirts to keep you and yours warm during the colder weather. Sizes range from SM to XXLG and come in great colors.

With the winter holidays in the near distance, remember that the Poulsbo Maritime Museum's store carries wonderful gift items for young and old. We also have special ornaments to decorate your nautical tree at Christmas time.



Did You Know?

- For two years our Museum store has been managed and staffed by volunteers.
- All profits go to the support of the Poulsbo Historical Society.



Membership Renewal Form

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Mailing Address _____

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Please mark your membership category and mail with your check to:

Poulsbo Historical Society, PO Box 844, Poulsbo WA 98370

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| _____ \$20 | Individual | _____ \$100 | Patron |
| _____ \$30 | Family | _____ \$500 | Corporate over 20 employees |
| _____ \$50 | Business under 20 employees | | |



Boat Pavilion, Hyak Launching Set for June 10

The next phase of the Poulsbo Maritime Museum will become a reality this summer as ground-breaking is scheduled for June 10 to mark the start of construction on the Boat Shed Pavilion and Hyak pilot house replica in the lot adjacent to the Maritime Museum.

Generous donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and civic organizations will allow this project to move forward at a steady pace. Board President Tom Henderson has identified several steps leading to the finished products. Among them are removing a portion of the current roofing and adding a gutter, preparing the asphalt for proper draining, set the trusses, frame the roof and walls, install roof panels, electrical work and many other tasks.

Volunteer labor will keep the costs down. More hands make light work, so if you think you could dedicate some time to this exciting endeavor, let the construction leaders know. Here are your contact numbers:

Tom Henderson: 206-372-5904

Dave Shields: 360-850-2389

Poulsbo Historical Society office: 360-440-7354

Poulsbo Maritime Museum: 360-994-4943

These exterior display exhibits will change the face of downtown Poulsbo, welcoming visitors arriving from the north on Front Street, proudly proclaiming the fascinating maritime history of our community

Members and Friends, you are invited to a

Poulsbo Maritime Museum Groundbreaking Celebration

4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 10

19010 Front Street NE, Poulsbo WA

The Hyak pilot house replica and flag pole will draw the visitor's attention to the entire museum facility. The Boat Shed Pavilion is located immediately behind the pilot house. Individuals, businesses, foundations, and civic organizations are providing support for this exciting new addition to Poulsbo's downtown — a new way to engage our community and guests in exploring maritime history.



Message from the President

Get Involved, Stay Involved



Tom Henderson

Here we are in the Spring of 2017, looking forward to new challenges to continue the efforts to make Poulsbo Historical Society museum facilities and organization better than ever. The Society was founded in 1991 and has just celebrated its 25-year anniversary.

The Heritage Museum, located in City Hall on the second floor, is just over 1,000 square feet and is chock full of displays and documents and had 1700 visitors last year.

The Maritime Museum on Front Street had over 20,000 visitors last year and continues to draw people from all over the world with high praise for its content.

The Martinson Cabin at Nelson Park continues to provide a look back at how the early settlers of Kitsap County lived and worked building their homes. It is an almost hidden gem.

Looking forward to this summer, we will construct the Boat Shed Pavilion, that we have been planning over the last year and a half, along with the Hyak pilot house.

There are many important challenges facing your hardworking Board to consider that will provide for the future success of this great organization.

I want to thank all the Board, the many volunteers, the members, and many civic organizations for your confidence and support of our 2017 codfish dinner auction. With your help and the help of the Sons of Norway and the Poulsbo community, after expenses we raised \$40,000 to keep the dream alive.

Our monthly general membership meetings, held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, continue to provide wonderful programs relating to Poulsbo and North Kitsap history.

As we look forward, we need continued help from each of you. We need volunteers at the museum locations. We need support on strategic planning and funding for future ownership of real property. Please stay involved, please get involved and help us with our vision statement for Poulsbo and North Kitsap, "Bringing the Past to Life."

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Programs, Events with Broad Community Appeal

June 12, 7 p.m. Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers

Poulsbo Brides through the Years

Do you have family photos of Poulsbo weddings that you'd like to share? They are already coming in, and yours are welcome too! If you have a Poulsbo wedding dress to display, bring it the evening of the event. Part of the program will be presented by Judy Driscoll, drawing on the collections and archives of the Poulsbo Historical Society. YOU add that special element as you share your family memories with us!



July 11, 5-8 p.m.

Martinson Cabin and Nelson Park

Old-fashioned Picnic

Bring a dish to share for food, fun and fellowship. Think about some old-fashioned games to play outdoors and bring the kids and grandkids.

Do you have an old car, truck or tractor that you'd like to show off? Let us know! Call Kathy Hogan at 360-471-4516 to make arrangements.



August 8, 9:30 a.m.

Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers

The Hood Canal Bridge

Through stories and photos Jerry Reitan will narrate the Hood Canal Bridge, beginning with the old Shine ferry, through construction of this important link to the Olympic Peninsula.



Pirates Plunder Rummage Sale

June 23 –24

Old Hallmark Store, Poulsbo Village



- We will be accepting donations at the old Hallmark store from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday, June 17—21.
- Please, no mattresses, pillows, electronics or exercise equipment.
- For more information or to volunteer, call 360-598-9667 or 425-359-2709

Judy Driscoll: Museum Musings

At the Museums

Summer is tourist time and PHS is an excellent place to find things for visitors to do. At the **Heritage Museum**, in addition to our recently installed Antique Radio display: "The Glory Days of Radio," we are continuing the Pigskin Warriors exhibit and invite all the NK football buffs to encourage your class reunions to visit! We have a commemorative display of the 75th anniversary of the Japanese Internment: Never Again! This small display is packed with information about the families living north of the Agate Pass bridge who often are overlooked in the newspaper accounts.

At the **Maritime Museum**, our exhibits continue to evolve. David Shields was the brainchild behind a new attraction in the nook at the entrance to the museum area. Here a visitor can stand at the helm in a small pilot house and see what the captain saw as he docked his steamer in Poulsbo. The captain's instruments are on display and touchable! Turn the wheel, check the lighted floating compass in the binnacle - hey, you can even find out what a binnacle is! - and send an order to the engineer via the telegraph.

Another recently changed entry display explains how Dogfish Bay became Liberty Bay and how Poulsbo became Poulsbo - who knew handwriting would be so important to so many! Both of these topics, while they may be old hat to you, are burning questions asked by nearly all newcomers to Poulsbo - both visitors and residents.

Trips and Tours

Spring and summer also herald the tourist walking tour and field trip season. We have held two classroom events at the **Martinson Cabin**, one for children from Central Kitsap who learned about Poulsbo's early pioneers from Gordon Stenman, They'll be back for a walking tour with him before school is out. Mickey Albanese guided the Senior Clallam County Collector's questers around the Martinson Cabin, proving once again that you don't have to be a child to appreciate what that small venue has to offer. To book a special event at the cabin (20 is about the limit) contact the PHS office or Judy Driscoll or Gordon Stenman; we can open it during off hours (other than Saturdays) for a \$20 donation. Call 360-440-7354 and leave a message.

The **Heritage Museum** has also provided a field trip for a group of students from Bremerton School District who were particularly interested in the workings of the music box, the drugstore scale and the switchboard. If you haven't stopped in to get yourself weighed recently, there's no time like the present to make yourself feel good about your ongoing battle of the bulge!

Walking Tours

American Cruise Line walking tours also began in April. Wet weather has cut down the numbers of the first couple of cruises, but as things warm up we're seeing larger groups. Already Bob Hawkinson and Gordon Stenman have walked the waterfront and Front Street with 42 tourists, adding over \$420 to PHS funds! If you have family or friends visiting or a small group (under 15) looking for something to do this summer, book a walking tour with us. The cost is a bargain at \$5/person with a single family maximum of \$20. We like to have at least four people in a group, but have been known to do it for fewer if we're available. It's usually necessary to give us a day's notice to contact our guides. Call the PHS office: 440-7354.

Dave Shields notes: You Can Help!

We are frequently in need of specialized skills such as clock repairs, ship model assembly and repair, wooden boat repair and restoration, movers and laborers, trailer maintenance/repair, plumbing, flooring, storage, transportation/moving. The Maritime Museum greets, hosts, tours, informs, entertains about 20,000 visitors each year. It takes a lot to put this "party" on, and we'd welcome your talents and skills!

Phone: 360-850-2389

Email: david.shields1@comcast.net

Genealogy Group

Curious to know more about researching your family or DNA tests? You might want to stop in to visit our genealogy group that meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Heritage Museum. Don't expect a group of professional genealogists who intimidate you...but do enjoy the relaxed company of fellow seekers willing to share their successes and failures, laughs and all important hints at where to find things you've been missing!

Speakers Bureau

From time to time PHS is asked to speak to local civic groups. Casting about for a topic that will fit the occasion is always a challenge. Most recently the Daughters of Norway requested a speaker for one of their meetings. Hildur Gleason (who came up with the theme) and Judy Driscoll fleshed it out into a power point presentation entitled "No Place For Sissies," an exploration of three early women in Poulsbo. If you have a group of women or girls who might enjoy this presentation, let us know and we'll book a program for you. Our goal is to "can" several programs like this so that we aren't always scrambling at the last minute to re-invent the wheel! Also, if you have an idea for a program that you would like to see us put together, let Judy or Hildur know and we'll see what we can create...you can even help!

Internship

Collaboration with other community organizations and schools is one of our goals. We are launching into this effort this summer by providing an internship for a student from the new Western Washington University/Poulsbo campus who will be working with us during eight weeks in July and August. So if you come in and see a new (and probably younger) face at work, you'll know what is happening. This is a great opportunity, not only for a young person to learn what museum work is all about, but also for that intern to network with the community and perhaps choose a career that will dovetail with opportunities in our community. In addition, PHS will get some valuable volunteer time in projects that we hope will enhance our programs as much as the intern's career.

Donate while you shop

In May we received \$22 from Amazon Smile, a rebate we receive when you purchase something through Amazon and designate PHS as the recipient of your earnings. It costs you nothing to participate in Amazon, and after the initial naming of Poulsbo Historical Society as your recipient, you don't even have to ever remember it; it is just automatically assigned to our account. Don't confuse this with Amazon Prime which charges a fee to use. This is Amazon Smile. If you are already an Amazon Prime user, you may also designate PHS as your recipient. Twenty-two dollars may not seem like much in the grand scheme of things, but it is equivalent to one new membership/month. If you own a business and regularly purchase supplies through Amazon, you can designate us, and we realize even more in rebates! One of our members in Oregon recently designated us as the recipient for their company. The more customers who designate us as their recipient, the more we will receive. So if you buy regularly or even once in a while on Amazon, sign in through Amazon Smile and we'll be smiling at you!

Become a walking tour guide

Have you ever thought that you'd like to introduce visitors to the history of Poulsbo? We have just been notified by American Cruise Lines that they will be visiting Poulsbo twice a month starting in April of 2018, on Fridays and Mondays. That means instead of our present two walking tour guides (Bob Hawkinson and Gordon Stenman) who trade off weeks doing Friday tours, we will need at least two more guides to supply the new tours. It only takes an hour to an hour and a half, once a week from Mid-April to Mid-June and from September to November (or once every other week if we can get two people!). Tour groups are usually between 10 and 15, maybe 20 on a sunny, warm day, and start at 9 a.m., so you are finished by 10:30. It was been fun to meet people from all over the US and sometimes even a few from foreign countries, and they are all eager to find out more about Poulsbo. So if you want to be an ambassador for Poulsbo and join in the fun, contact the office at 440-7354 or Judy Driscoll at 697-3033. We'll be happy to teach you the ropes and let you practice along with some of our present tour guides this year so that you are ready for next year's new schedule.

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POULSBO
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Come Aboard! 2017 Will Be an Exciting Year!



This is an exciting time to be part of the Poulsbo Historical Society, and I feel especially privileged to be the president of the Board as new projects and endeavors are undertaken.

The last two years have seen huge leaps forward with the opening and operating of the Maritime Museum. Together with the Heritage Museum in City Hall and Martinson Cabin in Nelson Park, Poulsbo Historical Society now provides a strong presence in telling the history of the greater Poulsbo community.

Under the leadership of immediate past president Jim Shields, a strategic planning process was set in motion. With the consulting of volunteer Harlan Knudson, we are now underway! Plans will be both short-term and long-term, with specific steps and timelines on moving forward. We are working in three specific areas. The first addresses Museums and Education, the “business” of the Historical Society. The second focuses on Membership and Outreach, as a museum’s mission includes being actively engaged in the community. Finally there is a Capital Campaign/Finance team that will take on the challenge of funding all the goals identified by the other two teams.

Poulsbo Historical Society is both a supporter of and a reflection of the Poulsbo community. There is room for more people with ideas and energy to help shape the future. Come aboard!

EDITOR’S NOTE: Tom and his wife Patty have lived in Scandia for 18 years. Patty’s family have lived in Poulsbo/North Kitsap for over 100 years. Tom is a member and past Commodore of the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Tom and Patty own a 1926 classic yacht. Tom grew up in Southeast Seattle and graduated from Franklin High school in 1958. He studied architecture and interior design at the University of Washington. He has been on the Board of the Poulsbo Historical Society for three years.

Jim Shields Named Person of the Year

Jim Shields, immediate past president of the Poulsbo Historical Society was named by the Greater Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce as their person of the year at their January gala event. This honor recognizes his years of distinguished career as chief of the Poulsbo Fire Department and service to many community organizations, including Rotary club of Poulsbo-North Kitsap, North Kitsap Fishline, Toys for Tots, Alzheimer’s Walk and AmeriCorps. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Poulsbo Maritime Museum on Front Street. Jim and his wife Ginger live in Poulsbo.



GROWING UP IN POULSBO: Sunday Morning, December 7, 1941

By Harlan R. Knudson, North Kitsap Class, 1951

I am the youngest of George and Ida Knudson's four kids. On December 7, 1941 my sister, Aubyn Ann, was 21. Big brother Elwyn was 18. Brother Ernie 11. Me, I was 8 years old. Dad was the owner of Knudson Motors on the main street in downtown Poulsbo. Mom was the garage's bookkeeper and Dad's life partner. We lived on the edge of Liberty Bay, a stone's throw down the beach from the Codfish Plant.

As a third grader at Poulsbo Elementary, I was not a stranger to the fact that parts of the world were at war. Japan was at war with China. Nazi Germany had invaded Poland. These were major stories in the photo news magazines Life and Look. Film about battles being fought and Germany's bombing of London were graphically shown in newsreels that preceded our Saturday afternoon cowboy movies at Poulsbo's Almo Theater.

World War II came into our home, our community and our country on Sunday morning, December 7, 1941. I was lying on the front room rug reading the Sunday comics. Mom and Dad were listening to the radio. The radio program was interrupted and a solemn voice said: "We interrupt this broadcast to report the Japanese have bombed Pearl Harbor." My Dad sort of gasped and said "oh no." Mom, sitting on the couch, began to cry. Elwyn had graduated from North Kitsap High School in June. Aubyn Ann was in nurse's training. Mom, born in 1898, learned during WWI what the young faced when our nation goes to war.

My reaction was "where the heck is Pearl Harbor?" By the end of 1945 my knowledge of the geography of Europe, Africa and the far Pacific would be ingrained in me and my growing up pals forever. Elwyn was drafted in June, 1942. Aubyn Ann joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corp in 1944.

The "sweetness" of this time in my life was that the country was in a deep depression, but none of us kids knew that we were poor. You can't know Poulsbo in 1941 unless you know the people who lived there. Many of them were the sons and daughters of the immigrants who homesteaded and founded North Kitsap communities. Others, like my 2nd generation Norwegian and English parents, arrived in the middle of the "great" depression. They suffered through hard times. They were innovators and survivors. They wanted to be part of this great country.

In 1941 Poulsbo, as well as all the neighboring communities in North Kitsap county, were great places to be a kid. Not much pocket money and hand me down clothes, but lots of family love, community involvement and many things to do. During the summer, we were turned loose after breakfast and allowed to go as far as our bikes or rowboat would take us. Just be home by supper. As kids, Poulsbo merchants and neighbors might not know your name, but they knew who you belonged to. WWII changed everything for our families and our friends' families. We kids went on being kids, but we were keenly aware that our world had changed forever.

Before Elwyn departed for the army, he came into my room and asked me for my school picture. He told me he needed a photo of his little brother to take with him when he was in the army.

I will never forget coming home on a summer afternoon in 1942. The door to Mom and Dad's bedroom was open. Mom was on her knees with her elbows on the bed. She was crying. I am sure she had been praying. Lying on the bed were Elwyn's civilian clothes, sent home after he was inducted into the Army.



*Harlan Knudson dreams of driving the clown fire truck.
Loyal Edgren is in the front seat.*

The Poulsbo Historical Society invites North Kitsap and Kingston graduates, of all ages, to share their memories of the decades they grew up in Poulsbo and surrounding communities. Send your article to: Editor, PHS Time & Tide Newsletter, PO Box 844, Poulsbo, WA 98370 or email to: PoulsboHistoryCoordinator@gmail.com.

February 14 Morning Program

Forum on Poulsbo Cemetery

The 9:30 a.m. Feb. 14, program will feature a Community Forum on the Historical Importance and Needs of the Poulsbo Cemetery. The program panel includes:

- Historical importance of the Poulsbo Cemetery presented by Judy Driscoll, curator of the Poulsbo Historical Society
- Current projects and future needs of the Poulsbo Cemetery presented by Kenneth Thomas, Council Member, City of Poulsbo
- Mission: Friends of Poulsbo Cemetery Committee discussion led by Harlan Knudson, Cemetery deed holder
- Forum Discussion/Questions

Informational material will be available, related to both the Historical Society and the cemetery and its improvement projects and committee participation.



Antique Radios on Display At the Heritage Museum



With the New Year comes a new exhibit. Now installed at the Heritage Museum is an exhibit of antique and not so antique radios belonging to the collections of David Shields and Bob Dye.

The exhibit, Radio: The Glory Age 1930-1960, will remain through the rest of 2017. David has spent many years collecting and restoring old radios.

Thank you, David and Bob, for sharing your hobby with us!

2016 Was a Year of Amazing Success

In 2016 the Poulsbo Historical Society celebrated its 25th anniversary, and the Martinson Cabin celebrated ten years as part of the PHS. Central to the work of the organization is the accessioning of items and photos. This past year there were 72 new accessions representing close to 1000 items new to our collection. Over 9950 volunteer hours were donated by museum greeters. This is in addition to the hundreds of hours that go into exhibit preparation and installation, committee work, programs and fund raising events. What a loyal, hard-working group we are!



Kathy Holodnak, left, and Carin Nelson are the creative businesswomen whose expert planning and day-to-day efforts are reaping tremendous results for the Maritime Museum Store.

Of particular note, the Maritime Museum Store was off to a fantastic start, both in merchandise selection and presentation. Consequently it has become a strong supporter of daily operations of the three venues operated by PHS. As mentioned elsewhere, the Pirates Plunder Rummage Sale also generated healthy support for PHS programs and operations. Greeters at all museums made this a particularly noteworthy year with record number visitors. The Maritime Museum alone had over 21,000 visitors in 2016!

Here Are Key Contact People — You are welcome to join them in serving PHS!

The Poulsbo Historical Society Board invites you to get involved. Here are some key areas of operation and people you can contact, if that's an area of service that interests you.

Historical Society Overall Operations

Membership- Kathy Hogan
Publicity- Mary Ann Acosta
Newsletter- Judy Driscoll and Mary Ann Acosta
Finance- Donna Jean Bruce
Donations/Memorials- Donna Jean Bruce, Judy Driscoll, Hildur Gleason
Accessions- Judy Driscoll, Jim Godschalk, Diane Anderson, Donna Rice, Dave Shields
Research Requests- Judy Driscoll
Exhibits- Judy Driscoll
Store- Kathy Holodnak and Carin Nelson

Programs/Events- Kathy Hogan
Grant Writing- Christine Goodson, Mike Fitzmorris, Wayne Paulson, Richard Walker, Terry Asla

Heritage Museum

Operations- Judy Driscoll
Volunteers- Wally Oylen

Martinson Cabin

All operations- Gordon Stenman

Maritime Museum

Volunteers- Contact Carol Tomas for details
Library- Jean Charters
Maintenance- Dave Shields, Grant Alexander

More opportunities to serve will be announced throughout the year, as the PHS Board has kicked off a campaign to achieve much needed goals in 2017. Harlan Knudson is coordinating this effort with the theme, "Building a new tomorrow for the Poulsbo Historical Society on the accomplishments of the Historical Society of yesterday and today." Watch for PHS emails and newsletters that will invite you to share the journey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

7 Genealogy Interest Group, 1 p.m. in the Heritage Museum at City Hall
14 Program meeting featuring a panel discussion and informational handouts regarding the Poulsbo Cemetery in the Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m.

MARCH

3 Board meeting at 9 a.m. in the Poulsbo City Hall third floor conference room
7 7 Genealogy Interest Group, 1 p.m. in the Heritage Museum at City Hall
14 **NO program meeting**
25 Seventh annual Codfish Dinner and Auction at the Sons of Norway. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily at the Poulsbo Maritime Museum.

APRIL

4 Genealogy Interest Group, 1 p.m. in the Heritage Museum at City Hall
7 Board meeting at 9 a.m. in the Poulsbo City Hall third floor conference room
11 Program meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers
14 Weekly Walking tours begin at 9 a.m. in Downtown Poulsbo, a joint project with American Cruise Lines continuing every Friday through June 9. You are welcome to walk along for \$5. This is a reduced price for PHS members over the usual cruise line price.

MAY

2 Genealogy Interest Group, 1 p.m. in the Heritage Museum at City Hall
5 Board meeting at 9 a.m. in the Poulsbo City Hall third floor conference room
9 Program meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers
13 Maritime Library Grand Opening — Watch for more information!

JUNE

2 Board meeting at 9 a.m. in the Poulsbo City Hall third floor conference room
6 Genealogy Interest Group, 1 p.m. in the Heritage Museum at City Hall
13 Watch announcements for possible evening program meeting
24-25 Pirates Plunder Rummage Sale. **START SAVING YOUR ITEMS NOW!**

Sixth Annual Dinner Auction, Saturday, March 25

This is the major fundraiser for Poulsbo Historical Society and has made a huge impact in the funding support for our programs, operations and the highly successful new Maritime Museum. The Maritime Museum and all the programs and venues are growing and getting stronger. Your continuing support is key to making this happen. Plan now to attend, 4:30 –9 p.m. in the Sons of Norway Hall, Poulsbo.

Tickets are \$30 each and are available from Board members, at the February 14 program meeting, and every day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Maritime Museum. Plan on coming to the event and bring your check book or credit card. There will be many fun and interesting ways you can support Poulsbo Historical Society that evening. BEFORE an auction we need donations of items!

- One week in your timeshare
- One week in your condo
- Heavy equipment services (backhoe, tractor, etc.)
- Maritime/nautical collectibles
- Ship models
- Car
- Boat
- Outdoor furniture

Call the Maritime Museum at 360-994-4943 or email PoulsboHistoryCoordinator@gmail.com to make arrangements to drop off your items.

Here's a Great Idea from Dave Shields

Like many retirees I have more time for hobbies, crafts and collecting stuff than ever before in my life. I also have an accumulation of things that I've stashed away because I could fix them and pass them along to someone who had a need for them. In addition, I have even more things of a similar genre that came from friends, neighbors and relatives.

Heck, I need to be down-sizing!!

It's all too good to toss out or throw away, but it all occupies precious real estate in my world. Some of this stuff has a little value, or at least would to the right person. It's not that I need the money to buy groceries or to pay the rent, but somebody should pay something to someone for it! But who? ...

I gave it a lot of thought, at least several minutes, and the light came on. No, it wasn't the front porch motion sensor, it was a good solid plan. All I have to do is to donate these things to the Historical Society fundraisers. Starting now PHS will pick it up and haul it away. They will sort and segregate any valuable items to the Annual Dinner Auction in March. Lesser items will carry over to the Pirate's Plunder Rummage Sale in June. They might not take all the items, but I'm OK with that.

If I choose to list the items, PHS will provide me with a charitable contribution receipt that I, the donor, can set the value upon, and can claim on my income tax.

What could be better than that? Oh, yes, one thing. I get to support the local charity of my choice, and no heavy lifting on my part! It's a WIN-WIN scenario.



Pirates Plunder Rummage Sale June 24-25

Last June Poulsbo Historical Society sponsored the Pirates Plunder Rummage Sale. It was a great success because so many people in the community contributed to it, helped, *and* shopped! About \$4,000 was raised, and everyone had such a positive experience that they want to do it again!

Mickey Albanese is the inspiration behind the Rummage Sale. She's already thinking about:

- possible locations for this year's sale
- places to store merchandise that is collected in the weeks prior to the sale.

If you have some ideas that might help Mickey, please leave a message at 360-994-4943 or email PoulsboHistoryCoordinator@gmail.com

REMEMBER

Call the Maritime Museum at 360-994-4943 or email PoulsboHistoryCoordinator@gmail.com to make arrangements to drop off your items.

Maritime Library Grand Opening

Watch for the Date and Time This Spring!

Membership Roster—2017

Barney & Loretta Rindal	Henden Electric Jack & Karen Archer	Ken Rury Kjell & Pat Schroder	Richard Meyers Rob & Donna Kodalen
Bill Austin	James & Jacke Thayer	Larry & Roseann Mitchell	Robert Olson
Bill & Sandra Walgren	Janice Lofall	Linda Puttler	Rodney Frykholm
Bob Brooks	Jean Charters & Brian Smith	Maldor W. Jacobson	Roger & Marcia Serwold
Brian Smith	Jerry & Sharon Reitan	Marvin Hogue	Russell & Ursula Alexander
Cameron Hattrick	Jim & Sarah Hattrick	Mary Ann Acosta	Sandra Walgren
Carin Nelson	Jim Biller & Susan- Marie Hagen	Mary Hattrick	Scott Henden
Charles Averill	John & Liesl Lewis	Merna Nordstrom	Stephen & Patricia Clayton
Claudia & Dan Kilburn	John & Martha Shields	Michael Regis	Steve & Hildur Gleason
Craig & Sally Kvam	John & Maureen Wiencko	Michelle Albanese	Steve & Lana Swann
Diane Anderson	John & Sylvia Castleman	Mike & Marlene Hattrick	Thomas Kaufmann
Diane Brooks Stevens & Sam Stephens	Jonathan & Andrea Rowe	Nancy Neff	Tom & Judy Driscoll
Don & Lin Watson	Julie O'Neill	Patrick & Sherri Burch	Tom & Patty Henderson
Frank Eld	June Breiland	Paul & Linda Burris Hebenstreit	Wally & Margery Harrison
Frank & Jeanne Stottlemeyer	Karen Reitan	Phyllis Koehnstedt	Wes Brubacher
Gail Kimmel	Kathy Holodnak	Remo Barr	
Gene & Sandy Fullerton		Richard & Ellie Frederickson	
Harlan Knudson			

NOT ON THIS LIST?

Send in your renewal form right away! You can also renew at the Feb. 14 program meeting, or stop by the Maritime Museum any day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

GET INVOLVED!

Martinson Cabin can always use greeters one Saturday morning or afternoon a month.. Call 360-440-7354 or email PoulsboHistoryCoordinator@gmail.com

Membership Renewal Form

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Please mark your membership category and mail with your check to:

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_____ \$20 Individual

_____ \$100 Patron

_____ \$30 Family

_____ \$500 Corporate over 20 employees

_____ \$50 Business under 20 employees

