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ANDERSON ISLAND

HISTORICAL SOC. MUSEUM

AIHS 48th Annual Meeting

Saturday November 11, 2023

7-8:30 pm. Archival Building. Recorded.

Thanks to Jon Field and Sheryle Jaschke for setup of Tonight's potluck & meeting

Our Mission

OUR MISSION

- Preserve
- Present
- Engage

Agenda for the AIHS Annual Meeting

- **Call to Order, Welcome, and Verification of a Quorum**
- **Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**
- **Reports from Officers and Directors (4 minutes each)**
 - **Financial Reports – 2023 results and 2024 budget**
 - **2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Goals**
- **Our Mission**
- **2025 Vision**
- **New Business: Election of Officers and Directors:**
- **Additional New Business?**
- **Close of Business meeting**
- **President's Award**
- **Announcements and Coming Events**
- **Q&A, Feedback**

Agenda for the AIHS Annual Meeting

- **Call to Order and Verification of a Quorum**
- **Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**
 - **Motion to Approve and Second**
 - **Discussion and vote**
- **Officer and Director Reports:**
 - 2023 accomplishments and 2024 goals**

Officer and Director Reports

2023 Accomplishments & 2024 Goals

President – Bob Bedoll

Treasurer - Todd Billett – 2023 Financials, 2024 Budget

Vice President – Carol Pascal

Gift Shop – Leslie Lamb, Virginia Cummings

Secretary – Dave Durette

Past President – Ed Stephenson

Public Information – Penne Wilson

Community Services & Events – Wendy Lessard

Operations & Facilities – Wayne Wallace

Archives – Rick Anderson

Education – Peggy Hodge

President's Report – Bob Bedoll

We are in the golden age of AIHS

- **We have a great team and great facilities.**
Our facilities have become a focal point for the community.
- **Events/Classes:**
 - Almost 300 classes and events this year, including 220 recurring classes/events, plus almost 100 unique events, including 7 concerts, 2 weddings, 2 showers, memorial, film festival. (in conjunction with Island Arts)
- **Community/Fundraising Events:**
 - Plant Sale, Farm Day, Garden Market, Salmon Bake, Apple Squeeze, raised over \$38K, a new record.
 - **Salmon Bake Meals:** served over 800 salmon & rib meals, the most ever.
 - **Silent Auction:** raised \$15,831, the most ever.
- **Membership:** 248 members (268 last year).
- **Financial:** Over \$200K in reserve (including funds earmarked for the bandstand roof).
- **Facilities:** upgraded the farm buildings, grounds, greenhouse, annex, bandstand, archival bldg., gardens, gift shop, reader board.
- **Displays:** upgraded our displays and collections.
- **Visitor Engagement:** We keep the gift shop open every weekend from April,
 - farmhouse and archival building open and staffed every weekend this summer.
 - Almost 1000 visitors

President's Report – Bob Bedoll

- **2024 Goals**

- **Continue our tradition of great community events.**
- **Move us in the direction of the 2025 Vision**
- **Enhance the content and usefulness of the farm and all the museum buildings.**
- **Add a roof to the bandstand.**
- **Maintain fiscal health**
- **Find a successor**

2024 Bandstand Roof Project

Bandstand roof will benefit AI:

- Extend the bandstand season into spring and fall.
- Provide greater certainty for concerts.
- Provide protection for musicians, instruments, and electronics.
- Provide a covered picnic shelter for events (Salmon Bake, ...)
- Provide a covered outdoor venue for parties, weddings, plays, etc.
- Last for 50 years
- Budget: \$30,000. Covered by donation.

Status:

- Engineered Plans are complete.
- Permitting process started.
- To be built by AIHS volunteers
- Construction to be complete by May, 2024.



Treasurer – Todd Billett – in Hawaii 😊

- **2023 Financials**
- **2024 Budget**

2023 Financial Report Highlights

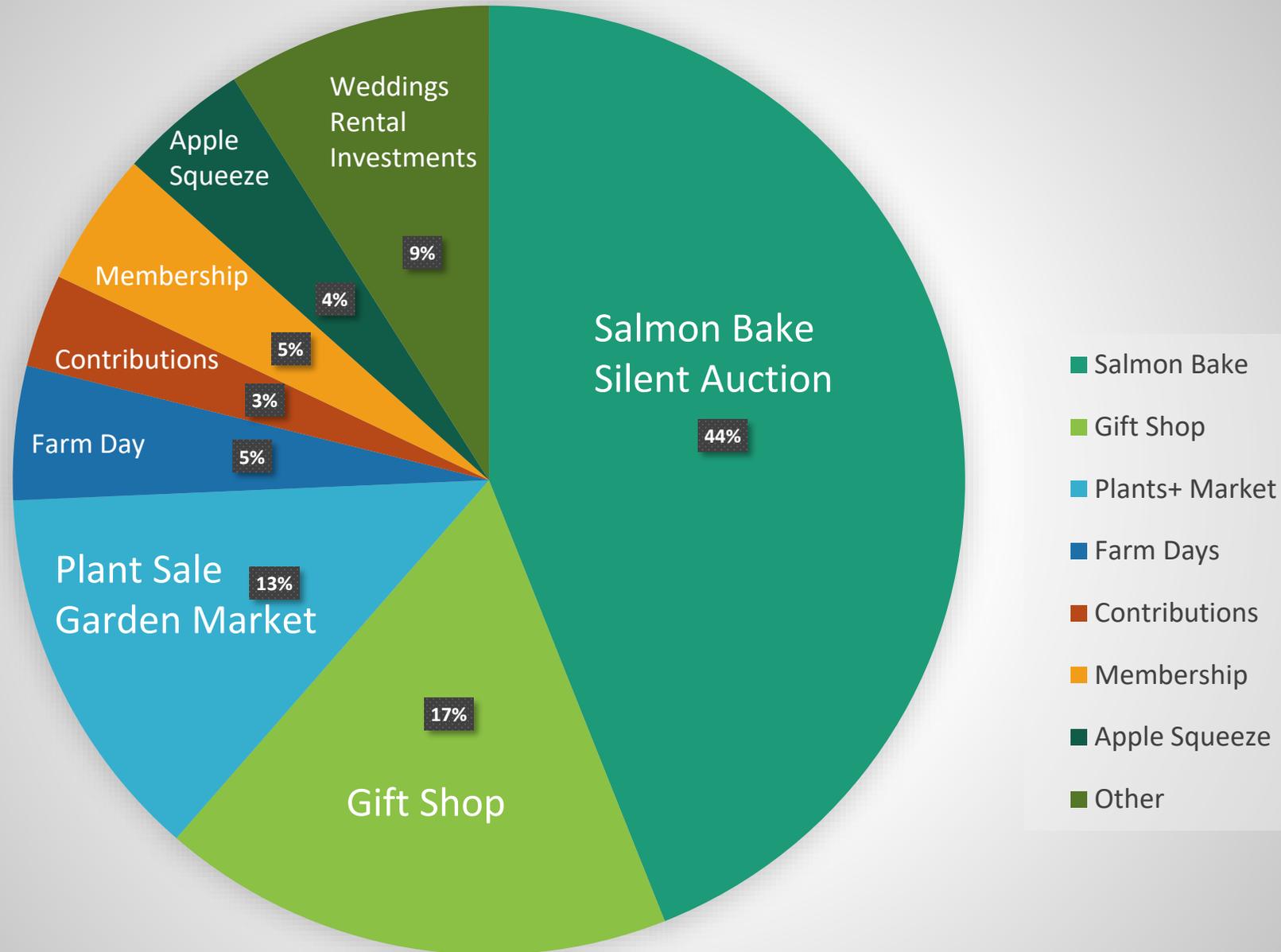
Todd Billett - Treasurer

INCOME Jan. thru Oct. 2023			
Gift Shop (Dec 2023)			10,000
Contributions, Gifts, Memberships			5,164
Weddings (2)			1,470
Program Services			1,440
Events (Salmon Bake, ...)			50,242
Investments			1,128
Rental, other			2,314
Total Gross Income			71,578
EXPENSES Jan. thru Oct. 2023			
Administrative			11,691
Public Information			2,502
Operations & Facilities			16,536
Archives & Education			945
Events			11,775
Total Operating Expenses			43,449

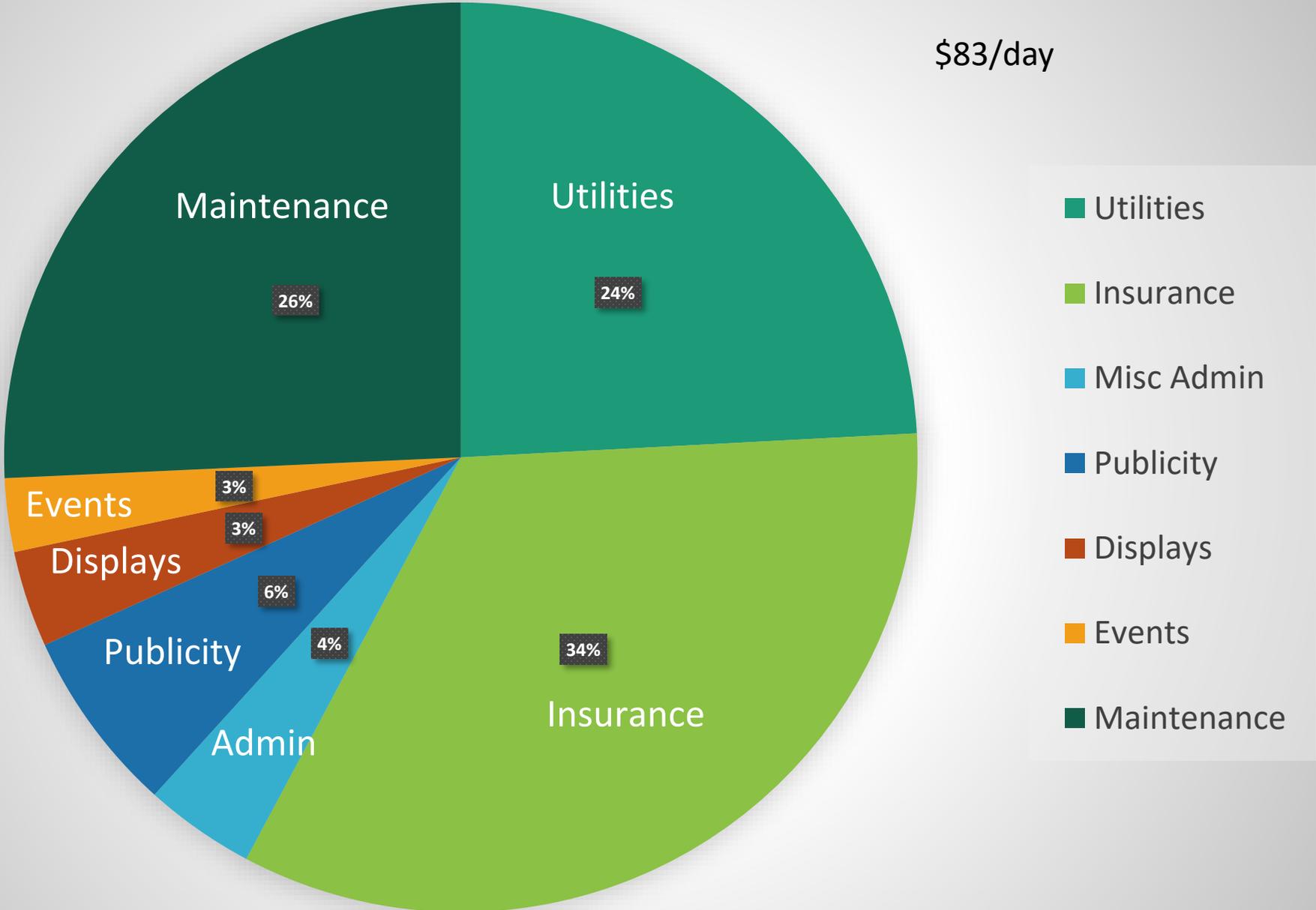
SUMMARY		
Jan. thru Oct. 2023	2023	2022
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	71,578	60,957
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	43,449	42,322
NET OPERATING INCOME	28,309	18,635
CAPITAL EXPENSES	13,327	19,250
NET INCOME	14,981	-10,615

Balance Sheet: Assets	2023	2022
Total Checking/Savings	201,927	181,000
(includes bandstand funds)		

AIHS Net Projected Income 2023: \$60,000



AIHS Non-Capital Net Expenses 2023: \$30,000



2023 Capital Expenditures

Greenhouse	1,115
Bandstand	4,682
Well Pump	2,667
AB Sound System	1,434
Reader Board	1,638
Rabbit Fence	1,390
Antique Apples	400
TOTAL	13,327

2024 Budget Highlights. Todd Billett - Treasurer

INCOME 2024 BUDGET	2024 Budget	2023 Budget
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, Member	5,300	5,800
Museum Store	10,000	10,000
Program Services	1,400	1,440
Events	50,200	40,200
Investment	1,400	150
Weddings	1,000	
Rental, other	2,400	1,500
Total Gross Income	71,700	59,090
EXPENSES 2023 BUDGET		
Administrative	12,735	10,565
Public Information	3,100	3,100
Operations & Facilities	32,945	24,545
Archives & Education	3,900	3,900
Events	14,350	12,150
Total Operating Expenses	67,030	54,260

2024 BUDGET	
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	71,700
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	67,030
NET OPERATING INCOME	4,670
CAPITAL EXPENSES	46,300
DEPRECIATION	22,000

Capital Expenses to be covered by funds from AIHS Reserve

Capital Expenses Budgeted for 2024

2024 Capital Budget		
Pallet Racks Annex		1,200
Composting Station		2,000
Bandstand Roof		30,000
Cold Room, Compressor		4,000
Security System Upgrade		3,000
Arch. Building Sound/Video		3,600
Heat Pump Coop 2		2,500
Total		46,300

Vice President – Carol Paschal – not in Hawaii ☹️

2023 Accomplishments

Insurance – our single biggest expense (>\$10,000)

2024 Budget

2022 Tax return

Garden Chairman

Greenhouse: Val Oppenheim

Garden Market: Maureen Takaoka, Larry Gramling

Market garden to supply the market: Sue Salo

40 Community Gardens; 4 Garden Coordinators:

Kathy Gadbois, Laurie Opsal, Larry Gramling, Jimmy Ng

Ornamental Landscaping: Laurie Opsal, Jane Groppenberger, Jeanne McGoldrick

2024:

More use of the Greenhouse. More Classes and talks.

6-hour volunteer requirement for gardeners in 2024



Gift Shop – Leslie Lamb, Virginia Cummings

2023 Accomplishments

- New lighting installed in gift shop area
- Reader board on Nelson's Corner straightened up
- Phonebook completed by first week of May
- New POS system installed
- Hired a bookkeeper
- One of the best years financially

2024 Goals

- New alarm system to replace the 25+ year old one.
- Four new consignors, always on the lookout for others
- Already started on the phonebook. Target completion April 1
- Reroof our reader board
- Paint the windows of shop to brighten up the 'curb-side' appeal
- Attend Anchorage Gift Show. Possibly one other .



Secretary – Dave Durette

- Minutes of all meetings.
- Monthly Checklists.

Past President & Archival Building Manager –Ed Stephenson

- Continued maintenance of the seven year old building
- Hosted almost 250 scheduled meetings, events and services
- Relocated stage speakers and screen for more accessible program viewing
- Added repeater speakers half-way back on the ceiling for better sound in back
- Added two stage speakers for better sound in front of the hall
- Added sound deadening drapes at back of the hall to dampen reflected sound ✓
- Added more storage shelving for the janitor.
- Built a 100 sq ft storage room inside the Annex for AB overflow stuff.
- Added removable drapes in the restroom entry to suppress sound during events.
- Installed motion sensor lighting for the store display case in the hall and the library

2024 Goals

- Add repeater monitors on the walls of the AB for supplemental viewing of presentations and movies by audience in rear half of the hall
- Add a hood over the stove in the office/kitchen area
- Continue routine maintenance and repair of the building



Events - Wendy Lessard

- Our community & fund-raising events:
Plant Sales, Farm Day, Salmon Bake, Apple Squeeze
Garden market, raised over \$35,000.
 - Salmon Bake served over 800 meals
 - The Silent Action raised over \$15,800.
Thanks Jill Aschendorf, Eillen Laskowski
- The Farm and Archival Building hosted almost 300 classes and events.
 - 8 Concerts with AIA and Island Arts
 - AI Film Festival, Winter Art Show (with Island Arts)
 - 84 Monthly meetings, 150 weekly activities
 - 2 weddings, 2 showers, and several private events
 - 10 workshops and classes
- 235 reservations in our online res. system for 2022/23.
- 2024 Goals – Keep up the good work.



Public Information – Penne Wilson

Demand for publications and information increases as events become more successful and popular

- Photo Contest
- Musical Concerts
- Writing Workshop and monthly art classes
- Community Memorials, weddings, anniversary events
- Juneteenth
- Potlucks and Presentations
- Film Festival
- Holiday Open House
- Traditional AIHS events: Farm Day, Plant Sales, Garden Market, Salmon and Rib Bake and Silent Auction, Apple Squeeze
- Gift Shop and Museum Hours

Public Information – Penne Wilson

Multiple uses of Advertisement

- Use of message board at Yoman, in front of farm, and the General Store
- Sounder
- Facebook (AIHS, Campfire, and Community pages)
- Historical Society Web Page
- Fliers at General Store and Farm Bulletin Boards
- Sandwich boards at General Store and Yoman
- Increased use of signage at farm and existing signs labeled/organized.
- Signs on road from ferry landing and at the landing
- Enlarged phone book on sale at the general store and gift shop.



Operations and Facilities 2023 - Wayne Wallace

- Rebuilt road on south side of Orchard.
- We took down the Welcome sign to rebuild it.
- The Garden Shed was built.
- We finished construction of the woodshop.
- Stairs up to and safety railing around Woodshop upper storage.
- Enlarged stage.
- Wired Annex.
- Rabbit fence installed – Thanks Jimmy and Laurie!
- Repaired toilet in Commons men’s bathroom – Thank You Jerry!
- Pallet racks should be installed by year end.
- Maintenance on mowers and tractors.
- Replacement of several posts around Gardens.
- General maintenance and mowing.
- Set up/take down of tents and tables for various Farm events.



Operations and Facilities Goals for 2024

- Widen sidewalk between gardens.
 - Repair and hang Welcome sign.
 - Filter in well water line.
 - Erect 'No Smoking' signs.
 - Timber Barn.
 - New Garden gates,
 - Stage roof.
 - Rebuild road between Gardens and Barn.
 - Heat pump for Lois Scholl room (Coop 2).
 - Replenish Farm supply of woodchips.
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- No work-party on Nov 22.
 - Our last Work Party of this year will be December 13.
 - We will start the 2023 Work Parties on January 3.
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- Thank-You again to all Work Party volunteers.



Work Party Volunteers: Wayne Wallace, Jeanne McGoldrick, Jim Battishill, Carol Paschal, Paul Oppenheim, Laurie Opsal, Todd Billett, Luci Janzen, Phil Lutes, Jane Groppenberger, Jerry Simonsen, Bob Friend, Phil Laskowski, Val Oppenheim, Bob Folk, Rita, Wes, Sue Salo, Rick Anderson, Ed Stephenson, Melissa Anderson, Bob Bedoll, and others ...

Archival Director – Rick Anderson Activities and Accomplishments

- **McGoldrick Library:** added pictures and sculpture
- **Stephenson Hall:** Added Lois Scholl poster, 1915 Maps of AI and McNeil
- **Farmhouse:** Curated by Linda Simonson and Mary Rabe
- **Tahoma Pilot House:** Restoration by Lee Ann Whitaker
- **Coop2:** Domestic Displays added to by Melissa Anderson
- **Brickyard:** Research by Karen Carter-Schwendler
- **Hazel Heckman Project:** 10 short stories and 167 letters scanned and online.
Book *Blackjack Country* is being edited.
- **Peter Puget reenactment:** Oro Bay in May.
- **Antique Apple Project:** DNA testing showed 3 antique varieties on AI. 12 more submitted.
- **Acquisitions:** Roger Russell cradle, antique clothes-drying rack, antique bumper jack, 10 tapes of interviews conducted by Angie Wood in 2000.



Lois Scholl (1896-1994)

Beloved and esteemed as "The Founder" or "Mother" of the Anderson Island Historical Society, Lois Van Buskirk was born in Saratoga, Missouri, the second of eight children. In 1901 her family moved to Tacoma, where she made her home until settling on Anderson Island in 1909.



For her kindly, cheerful disposition and untiring energy, Lois immediately became a contributing member of the island unity. Her friendship with the bachelor Johnson during his latter years led to the establishment of a museum here on the farm. After Rudy's death in 1975, his Alma Ruth Ling, and her father-in-law, donated the land and buildings to the newly-formed Anderson Island Historical Society.



Archival Director – Goals for 2023

- New Signs: Farm implements.
- Edit and Publish: *Blackjack Country*
- Develop Contacts: with Nisqually and Steilacoom Tribes
- Old Brickyard: potential archaeological dig
- New Signage: for Dick Throm's display cases
- Farmhouse, Coop 2: Continue work



2023 Education Report – Peggy Hodge

Docents, Programs, Presentations, Classes

AIHS docents are guides for the Johnson Farm.

- **Total docents 2023** – 26
- **Docent meetings** – 2
- **Trainings** – Spring – 2 (4 new docents)
- **Farmhouse and Archival Bldg.** hours/weekend – In person and On Call
- **Volunteer hours** – 460 hours Apr.- Nov.
- **Tools to connect kids to history** – Farm Scavenger Hunt (Ted/Kathy N.)
 - “I Spy” Farmhouse game – (Lee Ann W.)
- **April to October visitors** – 967
- **Most visitors in one month** – August -291
- **Field trips** – 2 – AI Elem Fall/Spring + 2 Adult groups
- **Farmhouse curator** – Mary Rabe – thanks to Karen Stephens and Linda Simonsen
- **Spring Docent Training** - AIHS website/ “Docent” tab/ Docent info
- **AIHS Library**



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| • Terry Albertson | • Irene Freed | • David & Barb Hummel | • Jeanne McGoldrick |
| • Sharon Bruhn | • Jane Groppenberger | • Ann Ingham | • Mary Rabe |
| • Sally Buchanan | • Cindy Hardcastle | • Luci Janzen | • Jerry and Linda Simonsen |
| • Jerry Burg | • Eileen Hadden | • Sheryle Jaschke | • Rick and Barbie Stockstad |
| • Susie Cunningham | • Diane Hasland | • Kim Kowalski | • Gretchen Sziebert |
| • Virginia Cummings | • Peggy Hodge | • Leslie Lamb (Back-up) | • Lee Ann Whitaker |
| • Elizabeth Engle | | | • Penne Wilson |

Education Report – Peggy Hodge

Programs, Presentations

- **Potlucks and Programs – 2023**

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- January – Bats of the Pacific NW (on video)
- February – Mushrooming on Anderson island (on video)
- March – Wildlife Expeditions - USA
- April - Maritime WA National Heritage Area Preservation
- September – Remembering Medicine Creek
- October – Island Water Supply
- January '24 – Native Plants

Education Report – Peggy Hodge

2024 Goals

- Continue to recruit, train, and schedule docents for the Johnson Farm.
- Provide docents for visitors, visitor groups, field trips, and AIHS events.
- Open buildings on weekends and events, as security & interest allows.
- Continue to edit the Docent Handbook, adding historical info.
- Revisit the Johnson Farm signage plan; install and maintain.
- Locate and invite qualified, engaging, and appropriate speakers for monthly potlucks.
- Keep information flowing to the AIHS website, Sounder, AI app, Docent Team, & tours.
- Maintain AIHS library collection.



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- **New Business**
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- **The Year in Review**
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Thank You to Departing Board Members

- **Wayne Wallace**
 - 3 years Secretary, 7 years Operations Chairman
- **Peggy Hodge**
 - 7 years Education Chairman
- **Penne Wilson**
 - 4 years Public Information
- **Dave Durrett**
 - 2 years Secretary

Election of Officers and Directors

- President: Bob Bedoll, 1 year remaining.
- Vice-President: Carol Paschal, 1 year remaining.
- **Secretary:** (Dave Durrett), **New 2 year term:** The board nominates Sally Buchanan
- **Treasurer:** (Todd Billett). **New 2 year term:** The board nominates Todd Billett
- **Operations Director:** (Wayne Wallace). **Remaining 3 years:** The board nominates Jim Battishill
- **Public Information Director:** (Penne Wilson). **New 4 year term:** The board nominates Jon Fields
- **Education Director:** (Peggy Hodge). **Remaining year:** The board nominates Lee Ann Whitaker
- Events Director: Wendy Lessard, 2 years remaining.
- Archives Director: Rick Anderson, 1 year remaining.
- Past President: Ed Stephenson, 1 year remaining.
- **Additional nominations from the floor?**
- **Vote**

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 - **Any other new business ?**
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Our Mission:

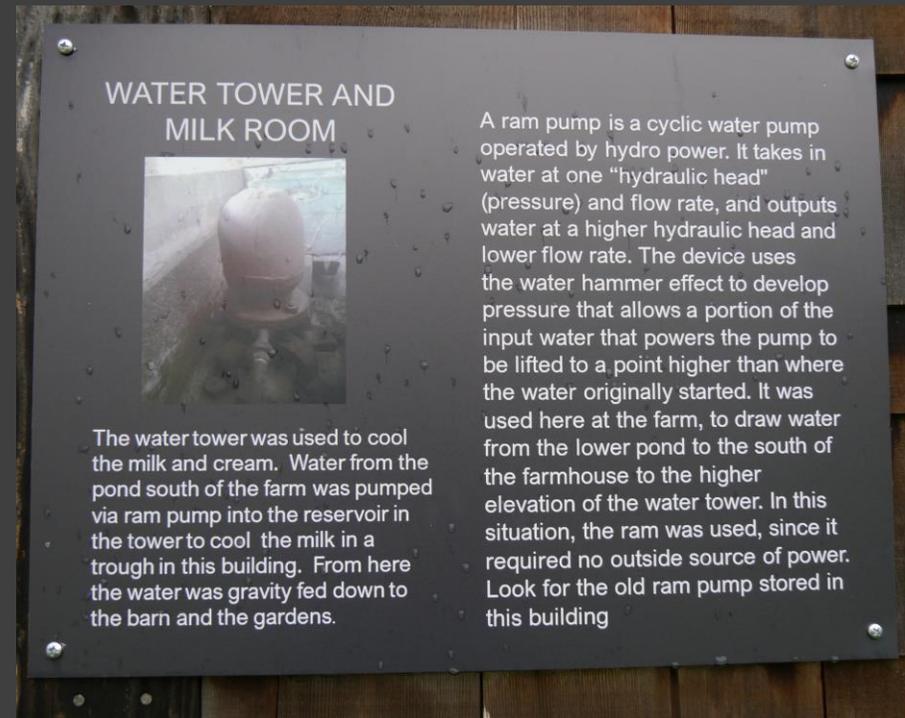
PRESERVE

- The Barn
- Farm Buildings
- Farm House
- Coops
- Outbuildings



Coop 1 & 2: Improved Displays

Archival Building: Tablets



New Signage

Our Mission: *PRESENT*

Our Mission: *ENGAGE*

JANUARY – Art Show
MAY - Concert



MAY – Plant Sale & Farm Day

JULY – Salmon Bake



AUGUST – Concerts
Film Festival



SEPTEMBER – Apple Squeeze

2025 Vision

- **ORGANIZATION**

- The AIHS is a vibrant organization dedicated to the history of Anderson Island.
- A significant percentage of the Island population belongs to the organization (and many of them are under fifty).

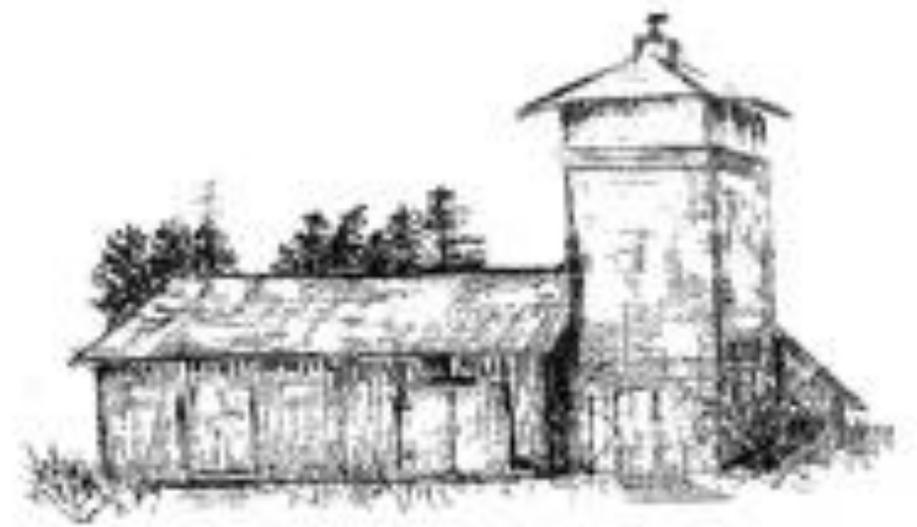
- **FACILITIES**

- **COLLECTION**

- An extensive and ever-growing collection of island artifacts and chronicles

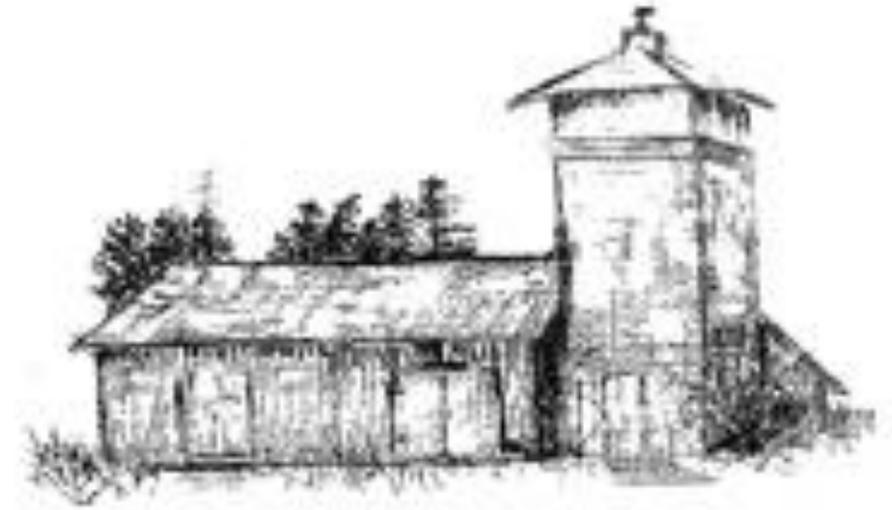
- **COMMUNITY**

- The AIHS actively engages and nurtures the Anderson Island Community



FACILITIES

- **Archival Building:** serves as a Visitor Center for the entire AIHS/Johnson Farm and Museum.
 - Contains an inviting, comprehensive, and well-organized set of displays that tell the story of the history of Anderson Island.
 - Rotating displays from the AIHS collection.
 - Meeting hall for many of the AIHS events.
- **Johnson Farm:**
 - Well Maintained buildings, clearly signed displays that tell the story of life on the farm one-hundred years ago.
 - A crew of docents is available for guided tours.
 - The gift store offers Island memorabilia and gift items for sale.



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AIHS President's Award

2023 – ?

2022 – Jim Battishill
2021 – Sutton & Karen Stephens
2020 – Peggy Hodge
2019 – Lynn & Dave Jacobsen
2018 – Wayne Wallace
2017 – Ed Stephenson
2016 – Rick Anderson
2015 – Carol Duncan
2014 – Marsha Howells
2013 – Jane Groppenberger
Sue Huesby

2012 – Todd Billett, Lucy Stephenson
2011 – Ray Mohr, Kathy Bailey
2010 – Dick Throm
2009 – Jeanne McGoldrick
2008 – Mikey & Terry Sleight
2007 – Bmae Anderson
2006 – Jim Singer
2005 – Bernice Hundis
2004 – Alma Ruth Lang
2002 – Bob & Yolanda Nelson
2001 – Jean & Earl Gordon

2023 President's Award

Announcements & Coming Events

- **Membership:**

- All renewals and new memberships are good through 2024 AND
- Get a free copy of Betsey Cammon's *Island Memoir*.
- www.andersonislandhistory.org -> Join/Renew

- **Gift Shop:**

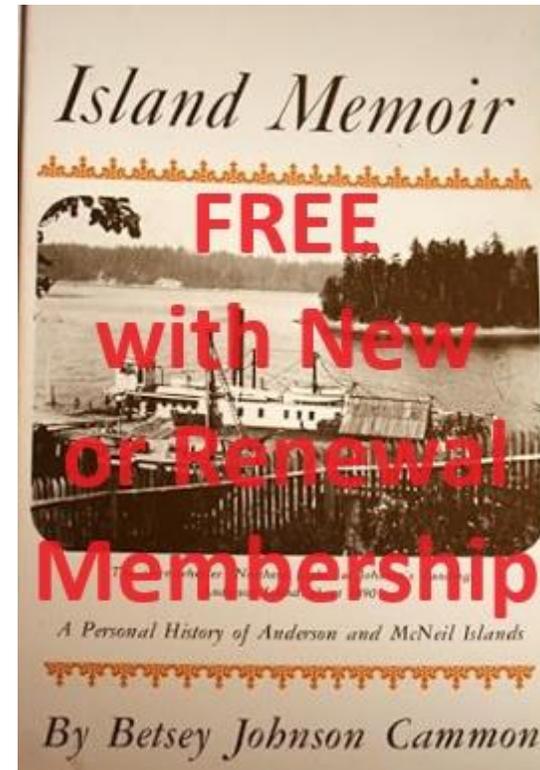
- Gift Shop open Sat & Sunday noon-4, also Fri Nov 27

- **Upcoming Events 2023:**

- Vivace Choir, Saturday Dec 2, 5pm.
- Open House in the AB, Sunday Dec 3, 1-3 pm

- **Upcoming Events 2024:**

- Potluck and Program: Jan 27, 6pm. Native Plants. .
- Winter Art Show: Sat-Sun Feb 17,18.



Q&A, Feedback

Thank you
(for staying awake)