



Anderson Island Historical Society's

A Little Old, A Little New News

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This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to Lucy Stephenson

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President's Message

Ed Stephenson

My congratulations and thanks to all of our many volunteers that have accomplished more this year than we could ever have imagined. All of our major events were professionally done, resulting in sufficient revenue to maintain the Johnson Farm Museum buildings and grounds for another year. Of course having the resources for proper maintenance requires both capital and labor and our volunteers came through again putting in thousands of hours at "hard labor" to fix, clean, build and improve our museum buildings and grounds.

In addition to the historical events which now include our Farm Day, Garden Market, Salmon Bake, Apple Squeeze, Summer Concert, potluck programs and our world famous Museum Gift Store, this year's improvements include the design and construction of a much improved kitchen which will allow our excellent cooks to safely prepare many of the foods sold at our events in full compliance with Pierce County Health regulations.

Since parking at events is always inadequate, our volunteers built a new parking area with a gravel access road. In order to attract musical groups, an elevated band stage with built-in electrical service was constructed North of Coop 2. With help from Clover Park Tech. school, our electric GEM car was practically rebuilt and restored to operation with new batteries, added bumpers, body repair and new on-road license. Our Model T has been re-serviced and with a new insurance agreement, you may have seen both of these vehicles driven in the Labor Day Parade.

The eager Beaver that has made his home in our ponds on the nature trail and dammed them up is still being dealt with in a humane manner with the planned installation of a submerged water path which will (we hope) discourage further dam construction. As many know, the historical barn was declared off-limits by the county until structural improvements were made. Those improvements, which include additional bracing, are planned to be completed this year. After that has been completed, we should once again be able to have tours through our barn.

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Now that the new Archival Building is nearing completion, some of the furnishings and archives being temporarily stored in Coop 2 are being moved to their new location in that building. It's impossible to thank all of the volunteers that have put their life on hold and worked literally thousands of hours in the past year to make the new building another AIHS success. We will be having an open house in the near future to officially open the building for community service. Watch for our announcements.

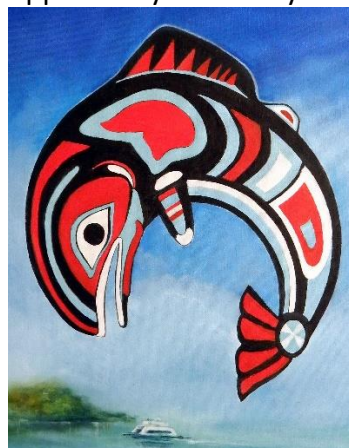
As the tasks involving our Archives, Displays and historical Education have increased, it had become too much for one director to accomplish; therefore, the Board has proposed separating these functions. An Archives Director and separate Education Director will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting on November 12 at 7 pm (Potluck at 6 pm). All of our AIHS members and friends should attend this once a year meeting. (There will be lots of raffle prizes and a great adventure presentation).

I sincerely appreciate all of the support our members and friends has shown us this year which has resulted in such a wonderful gem for our little community.

Annual Meeting

The AIHS Annual Meeting will be held on November 11, 2016 from 6-8PM. Along with the business meeting and election of officers there will be an educational program. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck, and there will be drawings for door prizes throughout the evening. Items of business included updates on the projects at the farm, both the new archival building and the day to day activities needed to keep the farm in full function.

There will also be the chance to vote for the poster art for the 2017 Salmon Bake. Last year's winning poster was painted by Lynne Jacobsen and was used to advertise the event and was also sold at the silent auction. This year we hope to have several paintings or photos to choose from. If you wish to enter a piece for this contact Lynne Jacobsen at 253-320-5571 for details. It is easy to enter and a great opportunity to share your talent on the island.



Summer 2016



Thanks to our sponsors for the Salmon Bake!



Setting up the silent auction



***Waiting in line for the salmon!
Good time to catch up with your neighbors***



Farm Day in May marked the beginning of a busy season. We opened the farm with a huge plant sale, lots of hot dogs and other treats, and music. Everyone could check out our gardens and visit with neighbors.

July 2nd was the date of the Salmon Bake. It was a successful event with good weather (not too hot, not too cold), ample salmon and all the goodies that go along with it, nice crowds, an absolutely fantastic silent auction and great music. This event is our biggest and we lean on the hundreds of volunteers who help us out. We also get great support from donors and all of our guests. This year we had ample parking with the new lot in the lower field.

Work continued on our Archival Building, and we were also able to continue working on the kitchen in Chicken Coop #2. The next spring and summer events will benefit from having an updated kitchen to prepare foods fresh from the farm. The extended dry spells of summer allowed for a lot of building to continue!

August brought the American Response to last summer's British Invasion. The band was great, the music was wonderful and fun and the weather cooperated. Everyone enjoyed the strawberry shortcake and the sunset as the evening ended.

Labor Day weekend brought the old model T and the new GEM car out to participate in the island parade.



Dave Hummel at the wheel of the Model T

Fall and Winter Events



Bernice Hundis at her post serving hot cider



The bake sale started out with full tables!



*Decorated
Trees, Dec. 4
and 10*



Our Apple Squeeze was well attended despite the less than ideal weather. Everyone had a chance to see how an old fashioned apple press works and even get into the action! We ran out of cider even though we had an unusually rich harvest of apples. We also sold a lot of bags of apples. The event also included a great bake sale (lots of pies!) and hot dog sale.



Coming in December will be our annual Open House on December 4th from 1-3pm. We open up our decorated farmhouse to all to enjoy the old fashioned ornaments, hot cider, and cookies. One treat is lefse, a Norwegian flat bread made with potatoes. Buttered and sugared it is a holiday favorite. A group of interested bakers will be getting together soon to make this, if you want to join us, call Lynne Jacobsen at 253-320-5571.

Tree Display! A new event showcasing decorated Christmas trees by Island organizations will be the first scheduled event in our New Archival Building. Trees decorated by various Island Organizations will be on display Sunday, December 4 from 1-4pm, and Saturday December 10 from 10am to 3pm. We are also inviting individuals or groups to share any holiday collections they might have in this event (nativity scenes, snow globes, winter scenes, etc.) Please contact Arnette Jackson at 884-6287 with questions or to sign up.



Schedule of upcoming events for winter and spring 2017

January 28, Program and Potluck

February 25, Program and Potluck

March 25, Program and Potluck

May 27, Farm Day (Saturday before Memorial Day)

Volunteers are needed for all of these events, please share a few hours of your time. Contact Jeanne McGoldrick at 253-884-4096

Community Gardens

Jane Groppenberger

Another year of the Garden Market has closed earning \$2,439 to benefit the farm. Our success was thanks to all those who contributed their produce from around the island and those who kindly staffed and set up the Market. Our goal is to provide healthy and pesticide free island vegetables and fruit.

I must take this opportunity to thank Dick Throm who shared his wonderful fruit, Klaus Pirl who, once again, contributed his beautifully prepared vegetables, Lucy Brumfield who donated an exquisite quantity golden string beans and Kathy Guild who gave the market the gift of all her garden produce. On a regular basis, Community Gardeners provided vegetables and flowers. I thank Sue Huseby, the Munson's, the Friedrichs', Eddie McFadden especially for her lovely roses, the Ng's, the Hodge's, Linda Higginbothum, the McDaniel's, the Harris's, Maureen Takaoka, Julia Roth and Eva Corbett. Everybody's generosity was greatly needed and appreciated. Such donations made the Garden Market a limelight at the Johnson Farm and an exceptional success.

But that is not all. None of this could have been accomplished without the many volunteers who set up and staffed the Garden Market through the season. I thank Donna Battishill, Candace Cragg, Sue Crawford, Ann Ingham, Carol Friedrich's, Lynne Jacobson, Lucy Jansen, Lauren Kirby, Gayle McDaniel, Judy Olsen, Carol Paschal, Belen and Dave Schneider, Kerri Shaffer, Karen Stevens, Kathy Thome and Jimmie Wilson. That was quite a team who welcomed shoppers with smiles and friendly conversations, and made every effort to meet their produce needs.

As you can see, it takes a community to thrive. Thanks to all of you! Next year will bring new additions. Just wait!

Planning has begun for this year's planting season. Sometimes the decision is made to give up a garden which makes it available to someone on the wait list for the future. To get added to the wait list, Sue Huseby, our garden coordinator would be happy to talk to you, her telephone number is **253-884-0795**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES ABOUND

Anderson Island Historical Society is dependent upon the skills and energy of our volunteers. No matter what you are interested in, there is a place for you. It is a great way to meet people, connect with friends and have fun. Below are some of the ongoing opportunities to share your skills with the community.

Docents are needed to lead tours of the farm and farmhouse. This is an ongoing need, and is a great way to meet new people.

Twice a month we provide lunch to the work parties at the farm, it is fun, and you are never on your own, someone else is paired with you to make the meal. *Contact for lunches is Marsha Howells (253-884-4342).*

Speaking of work parties, the farm takes a lot of upkeep, small repairs, big jobs, sometimes building, sometimes grounds work. The work parties take place on Wednesdays from 9-12, lunch provided on the second and fourth Wed. of the month. *If you have questions, check with Wayne Wallace (884-0843)*



Gift Shop News

No visit to the farm is complete without a stop in the Museum Gift Shop. You will be able to shop through a large inventory of art and crafts made on the island, along with other great items. The gift shop is open weekends through December 18th, so you will have time to pick up holiday gifts with a definite Island flair. After December 18th the shop will be closed until April, however if you have a special request, the shop may be opened for you, just contact Kathy Bailey at 884-9930 to make arrangements.

The Gift Shop is always looking for both helpers and consignors. It is a fun place to spend some time on weekends, and is a good venue for your arts and crafts.

Contact Kathy Bailey (253-884-9930) or Leslie Lamb (253-884-2295)



Spring Art Classes and Art Club

Art Club meets every Thursday at 1pm in the Lois Scholl Room, bring your supplies and project and come to work with other artists on the island. It is nice to have someone to talk about your work and your ideas with.

Art classes begin again March 16, 2017. This spring's classes will be Thursdays from March 16 through April 20th.

- Drawing be from 1-230 p
- Oil painting will be offered from 3-5pm.
- There will be a student Art Show during the Farm Day Event on the 27rd of May.

For information and supply lists please call Lynne Jacobsen, 253-320-5571



Lucy and her pal Missy

*She added so much beauty to
our lives*

Lucy Stephenson 1937-2016

Longtime volunteer, beloved mentor and friend of the farm, Lucy Stephenson passed away suddenly on May 24 2016. She was the heart of the Historical Society.

She served many years as Archives and Education Director, and organized educational programs, set up systems to track our growing archives, and worked with our docents.

Always willing to take on more responsibility, she tackled the taxing and enormous phone book project turning a small directory into an interesting, informative, attractive and necessary resource for the island.

This spring she was working on a recipe book. Her son Tom has spent many hours on the computer ensuring the continuation of the phone book and recipe book projects.

She is much missed and has left an indelible impression on the Historical Society and our hearts.