



# Stillaguamish Valley Pioneers Newsletter

July 2020

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday, August 3, 2020

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Museum Work Party—every Monday

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During this uncertain time, please use your own comfort level and judgment as to whether you are willing to volunteer or attend a general meeting. All precautions are being taken and please be prepared to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

**PIONEER DAY CANCELLED**

**ANNUAL PICNIC CANCELLED**

**NW GENEALOGY  
CONFERENCE—CANCELLED**



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## SEATTLE FILM INSTITUTE

Last winter we were able to share our museum with The Seattle Film Institute who were doing a project about early segregation including the New Orleans Desegregation Crisis; and specifically, Ruby Bridges.

Ruby Bridges, born in 1954, was the first African-American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans.

The school house and living room sections of the museum were rearranged and used for filming parts of the film project.

Austin Myrick, our caretaker, was on hand during the filming and was impressed with the care and respect the Institute's crew showed our facility. There was a director, assistant director, cameraman and costume person, along with a few other crew and the actors.

Bridges has received several awards and honors; has written a book *Through My Eyes*, and was also the subject of *Ruby Bridges*, a 1998 made-for-TV movie.

### *CHILDREN'S HANDS ON AREA*

Before the closures, volunteers had started on a hands-on area for children visiting the museum. A place where they are allowed to touch and interact with the exhibit. It is nearly complete and will be ready when we're up and running again.

It is a small area on the main floor just across from the Dining Room display. Items in the hands-on area are meant to be touched and played with. Currently, there is a dial telephone, a typewriter, a check writer, a Morse Code set up, a date stamp, Rolodex, pigeon hole boxes for envelopes and art supplies.

## MEMORIALS

In memory of:

**RUTH YOST**

Given by:

Louise Wardell

Doris Senica

Myrt & Marty Rausch

Joann Gray

Shirley Prouty

John Mattson

Cris Ewell

Terry Legare

Jack & Rickie Bates

Carol Maustad

Dorothy Carroll

Bob & Sally Shinstrom

Susan Gill

Candace Holland

Carl & Joyce Engstrom

Dennis & Sharon Wildfang

Ruth Wayt

Darlene Strotz

Margie Warner

Peter & Ruth Wolff

Selma Maynard

Ross Family

Bette Van Ausdal

Dick & Shirley Larsen

Cheryl Lovgren

Loren & Pat Kraetz

In memory of:

**RANDY GRAFFSTRA**

Given by:

Ruth Wayt



*In memoriam:*

### RUTH WANGSMO YOST

We are saddened to say our final goodbye to Ruth Wangsmo Yost. Ruth was born in Arlington and lived here her entire life. Along with her husband Harry she was an active member of the Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum since its opening in 1997. Her husband was one of the creators and builders of the museum.

Ruth's family, (the Wangsmos) were active in the Arlington community. Ruth was a lifetime member of the Museum. She was an active member and contributor, a willing volunteer and created many programs including Pioneer Day in 2003.

Ruth loved people and they loved her! She was passionate about keeping the history of the Stillaguamish Valley alive for future generations.

She was devoted to the Pioneer Museum and rarely missed a volunteer Monday. She could always be found at the library table sharing wonderful stories and knowledge of the Stillaguamish Valley and her beloved town of Arlington.

Ruth will always be missed but we will think of her often and how much she contributed to the Museum and Arlington.

Those of us that only knew Ruth for a few years agree we wish we had met her earlier because of her endearing spirit, zest for life and love of people.

### FROM YOUR EDITOR

Many of you might not be familiar with me. I joined the Museum volunteers about a year ago and am currently the newsletter editor.

Originally from California, I have lived in Western Washington for the last 40+ years. I am retired having spent all my working life as a secretary, which I loved. I am widowed and have two children and four grandchildren.

The Arlington area reminds me so much of where I was raised—another logging/farming community in Northern California snuggled up to the Oregon border so when I discovered the museum it felt very comfortable and familiar.

This has been quite a season for everyone; sad, overwhelming, scary, lonely and missing close contact with friends and family.

The museum is closed to the public until at least Phase 3. Monday work days have resumed with caution. Please use your own comfort level and judgment as to whether you come in. All precautions have been taken and please be prepared to wear a mask. Do what is right for you.

Take care and I hope to see you soon.

*Linda Anderson*

### GRANTS

With a grant from Tulalip Tribe we now have a computer dedicated as a research kiosk for both museum members and the public.



Be sure to "Like Us" on Facebook. Look for "*Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Association*"

**OFFICERS:**

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Museum Treasurer:  
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**CANCELLED:**

PIONEER DAY

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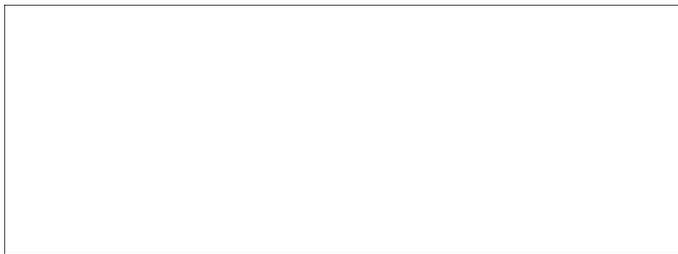
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**BECOME A LIFE-  
TIME MEMBER**

At the Annual Meeting held at the 107th Pioneer Picnic, members voted to:

- increase annual dues to \$20.00,
- lifetime membership to \$200.00 effective August 2020.

We currently have 30 lifetime members.



*2nd & 4th Tuesdays*  
will resume when  
safe to do so.

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