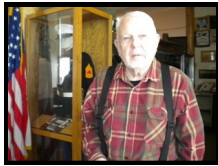


# Stillaguamish Valley Pioneers Newsletter

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## A Special Thank You



After 22 years of being caretaker at the Stillaguamish Museum, Marty Rausch has decided to retire from the position.

Marty came to the museum quite by accident. Stopping by the museum while it was under construction and going on a tour with Margret Jackson, he was presented with the question if he would be interested in becoming the caretaker.

After checking with his wife Myrt, he presented his resume and the rest is history.

We would like to thank Marty and Myrt for their many years of care that they gave to the museum. Myrt will remain as the president of the Pioneer Museum.



## Museum and Volunteer Spotlight

The Stillaguamish Pioneer Museum is maintained by the Pioneers of the Stillaguamish Valley. Since the beginning of the museum in 1980 the pioneers have faithfully volunteered. The volunteers catalog, procure and maintain the museum displays and the 7 acres of park around the Museum. Every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday volunteers lead tours of the museum from 1-4pm. Mondays are a time for volunteers to work behind the scenes and



enjoy time for fellowship.



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## Remembering Haller City a bit of local history

According to historical records, in May of 1888 Johnson and Tvette established a store at the forks of the Stillaguamish River, with Nils Johnson and his bride, the former Elsie Hagen, as managers. Joseph Smith had been the original owner of the land and in June 1888, had applied for and established a post office known as Smithlyn. The title of land had transferred from Smith to John Irving. Maurice Haller had purchased the land from him, platting the town.

In December of 1889, Maurice Haller and two companions lost their lives when their canoe had upset off Whidbey Island. The project of the new town was carried on by Maurice's brother, Theodore, who named it Haller City in Maurice's honor. The plat of the town was filed April 24, 1890. A feed store, saw mill and other buildings soon sprung up. The first newspaper, the Haller City Times, was published in the building that had been Smith's home. Tom Roe, a logger, built a hotel near Tvet and Jonson Store. Edward Walker built the second hotel called the Walker House.

Although it had a later beginning, the plat for Arlington was filed March 15, 1890, just a month earlier than Haller City. A newspaper, the Stillaguamish Star, was the very first business to be established in Arlington, according to William Whitefield's History of Snohomish County.

The Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad first construction train reached Arlington June 13, 1890 and in October of the same year the depot was built. This may be pioneer Arlington's greatest victory over its rival city.

The forty-acre tract lying between the two towns, known as McMahon's addition, was platted and filed September 14, 1891, leading the way to their unity, although the two towns struggled along side by side. Their combined population in 1893 was 500.



Walker House 1890  
Burned down in 1913

## Memorials

Bob Williams  
Brunhilde Neff  
George Bolton  
Loren Kraetz  
Sharon Kroger  
Joanne Gray  
Harley and Della Fry Aldridge  
Ann Eliason Mosbrucker  
Larry Eliason  
Donation  
George Arnot Estate



Come and join in and be a docent for three hours a month. We have several schedules to choose from.

You could also help with our special events.

If you would like to help keep the museum looking good. We meet every Monday from 9am to noon. Various jobs include working on displays, cataloging items, cleaning, computer work and much much more.

Share this information with someone you know who might be interested in volunteering.

*We are currently interviewing for the position of onsite caretaker and grounds keeper.*

*If you are interested in this position please contact the Pioneer Museum @360-435-7289*

## A View to the Past

The Pioneer Museum has many interesting displays that depict the history of the Stillaguamish Valley. This is a depiction of a millinery store in the early 1900s. The millinery store was important part of a town and community to provide access to the latest fashions in rural areas. Women in this era were always seen dressed in dresses, skirts, hat and gloves and never wore pants until during World War II when they worked in the ship yards.



## 2018 Calendar

**\*\*March 1st Saturday Opening of Museum**

General Meeting 1st Monday of each month 1:30

**\*\*August 19 Pioneer Potluck Picnic**  
10:30 am registration Lunch @ 12:30  
All are welcome

**\*\*September 15 Pioneer Days 1-4pm**

**\*\*December 16 Pioneer Christmas Party 1:30 PM**

**\*November Museum Closes until March**

## Gift Shop

### *Books for Sale*

*The Story of the Great Forest by Will Verd*  
Is now available in our gift shop at \$20.00 each. Those who bought previous copy's we now have an index that you can get a copy of.

Available books:

*100 Years of Arlington*  
Volume one and two \$20.00  
Volume three coming soon

*100 Years of the Pioneer Association \$20.00*  
*Arlington Centennial 1903-2003 \$20.00*

*Vintage items are now*

Stop by and see the vintage items on sale.  
Something for everyone.

# Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Association

Membership - Annual August 2018 to August 2019

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(Annual Dues are \$10.00 per person) Lifetime Membership per person \$100.00 (10 times annual dues)

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