



STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY MUSEUM NEWSLETTER



April 2023

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Newsletter Editor



Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, I wonder where the flowers is?

(Many different versions of this exist but this is the one I remember).

(360) 435-7289

Hours of operation: Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

For Pioneer Hall Rental, call Caretakers Austin & Shannon Myrick at (360) 435-7289

Coming Soon...



Pioneer Hall – 100-year Anniversary Celebration and Pioneer Day

***Coming in July! Two special events will be combined and celebrated together on
Saturday, July 15th, 2023; 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.***

Volunteers have been working hard cleaning, filming, painting, updating displays and generally sprucing up the Hall and grounds to ensure that Pioneer Day and the 100-year Anniversary Celebration of Pioneer Hall are a huge success for our members and the community.

Members – we know you're tired of being reminded that we need volunteers, but please read on. With the upcoming Pioneer Hall Centennial Celebration and Pioneer Day, we could use more hands. It does not have to be a long-term commitment.

Don't have time to be a regular volunteer? Could you, or someone you know (neighbor, friend, family member, classmate, teenager), help out for a few hours at our Anniversary Celebration? In addition to our regular crew, additional volunteers are needed for the day to greet visitors, serve coffee, assist with parking, and so on. Or, if July 15th doesn't work, please join a work party to further spruce up the hall and grounds (washing windows, dusting, sweeping, cleaning up the park, etc.) Work party dates and additional information will be announced as soon as possible. Watch your e-mail!

**Mark your Calendar for these
other important dates:**

Pioneer Picnic & Annual
Meeting, August 20, 2023

Christmas Party Potluck,
Saturday, December 2, 2023
@ noon, Pioneer Hall

Next Board Meeting
April 10, 2023; 1:30 p.m.
Museum Library

Annual Dues \$20.00; Lifetime Membership \$200.00

Spring Potluck



Hope you made it to the Spring Potluck last Saturday (4/1). It was well attended; the food was plentiful and delicious as always; the decorations were delightful and we had several raffle and BINGO winners!!! Thank goodness we were inside as we had quite a rain/sleet storm.

Karen Dale, Terry Legare and helpers welcomed everyone with adorable Easter decorations and primrose table decorations.



"THE TWO PHILOSOPHERS"
LOREN KRAETZ AND DENNY SOMERVILLE



President Roy Harris

BINGO and raffle prizes were abundant...and President Roy Harris declared "If you win at BINGO *you* get to be the next 'caller'!"

And the winning 'callers' were
Greg Husted and
Andy Korthius!



Heads down...checking those
BINGO Cards



Greg Husted

Raffle prize winners: Easter Lily – Greg Husted; Gerbera Daisy Basket – Andy Korthius

Other raffle winners received primrose table decorations and BINGO winners also received primroses; actually *everyone* was a winner with fun and laughter!

Projects a' plenty...

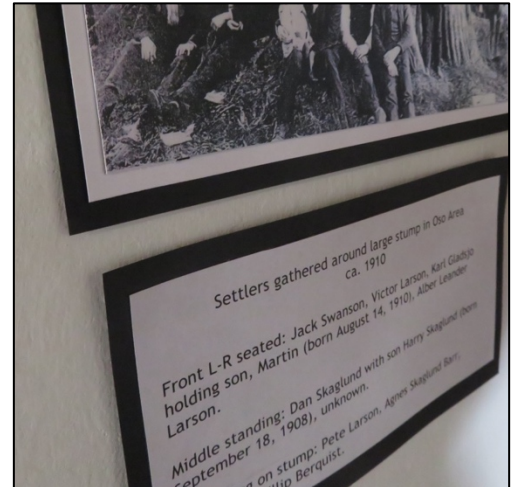
To prepare for our 100-year celebration and the filming of the logging video, picture displays are being refreshed in Pioneer Hall. They have become faded over the years and the labels have become difficult to read. The display backgrounds have been freshened up with white paint; pictures have been reprinted and affixed to new black backing and new description-labels with larger print have been created. This project is being undertaken by Terry Legare, Karen Dale, Sally Shinstrom and Linda Anderson.



"BEFORE"
The Olaf Gilbert Family



"AFTER"
The Olaf Gilbert Family



Printing is larger;
pictures are sharper.



In the basement, the guys have taken on the huge project of reinforcing shelves, cleaning and organizing the storage area. See President Roy's report on the next page.



Trainmaster Andy Korthius keeps our train display in tip-top shape, and the visitors, young and old, love it!



From President Roy Harris:

Hi everyone!

The 1st quarter of 2023 has been a busy time for the Museum. Several projects have been completed or are still in the process of being completed. Repositioning and reinforcing the storage shelves in the basement were completed. The artifacts are being sorted and placed in the storage area by type. The artifacts in the basement holding area will continue to be sorted and placed in the new storage system this year until all the items are classified.

The new cataloging system (PastPerfect) is also progressing, and new definitions and policy will be developed this year.

Administration processes in the works include:

- Bylaws reformatted to make them more reader friendly.
- New accounts have been established at an investment firm.
- The Board of Directors approved a budget process to balance the long- and short-term management of our operating funds and savings.
- Operating policies and procedures are being developed. Upon approval by the Board, they will be stored electronically and in a binder for members to review.

We have had five school field trips and the walls have echoed with the sounds of children. More field trips are scheduled. The Hall is being rented in line with our projections for supporting our operation budget.

Work on the Pioneer Day and the Pioneer Hall 100-year celebration events are in the works.

The **Governance Committee** finished reformatting the Bylaws to follow the recommended modifications from the legal review. The law wordage is still the same, but it is formatted so it is in paragraph and list format, when needed, to be more reader friendly.

Sue Walde took the lead in the reformatting and editing (weeks of typing and researching) to finish reconstruction of the Bylaws. Sharron Nelson read and made comments on the drafts to help Sue complete the project. Thank you both for your time.

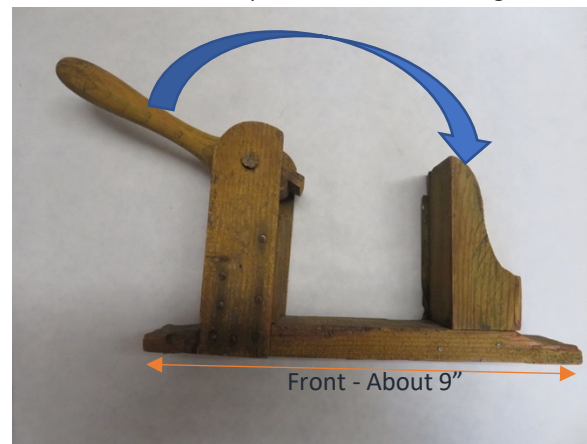
The Nomination Committee will be considering candidates for all open Board positions and the Vice President position with recommendations to the Board at the April 10, 2023 Board Meeting.

These are just a few of the things going on within the Museum to help keep the Museum forward moving and vibrant.

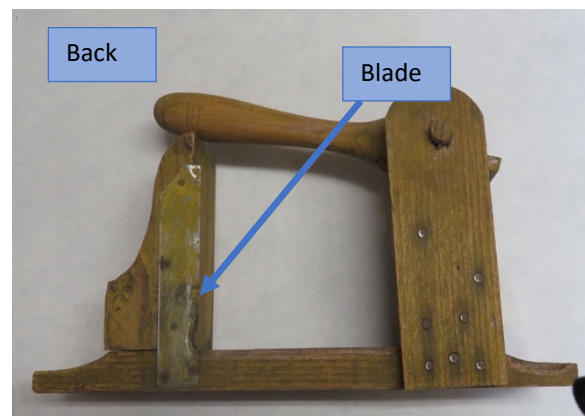
We want to thank all our members for the valuable contribution you each give to the Museum. Thank you, *Roy*

WHAT IS IT?...No one can identify this; can you?

Front side -This piece is approximately 9" wide. The handle folds over and stops at the block on the right:



Back side - It is not clear what, or how, the blade was used:



Lights, Camera, Action!

Sue Walde



In celebration of Pioneer Hall's 100th anniversary, filming our logging video has started. On March 23rd, our STAR historian Loren Kraetz was filmed by a professional film crew producing the video. Loren shared some entertaining stories about Arlington's early logging days. Another filming will be done during the first week of April. Then, Trevor Faucett and his two sons, Connor and Owen, will be filmed exploring the Museum, Pioneer Hall, and grounds while they learn about logging. Caretaker Austin Myrick, who did an excellent job narrating last year's museum video, has agreed to be our narrator again!

Special thanks go to those volunteers who are getting the Museum and Pioneer Hall looking grand for a once-in-a-century celebration.

Give yourself a treat and view the logging video
in Pioneer Hall on:
Saturday, July 15, 2023; 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Passage

In memory of

Lee Aaberg, Lifetime Member
and son-in-law of pioneer,
Helen Verd Starr has passed
away. He was living in Arizona.

DONATIONS

THE TAYLOR FAMILY
\$500.00

LUTHERAN SCHOOL
\$138.00



A logging camp near Hazel, WA – 1890



Pete McMartin's Camp – ca. 1904

Correction: In the last newsletter, dates for Pioneer Day and the 100-year celebration were not listed correctly. Please note that these two events have been combined into one day...

July 15, 2023; 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Welcome

NEW MEMBER - Carol Bjorg

Malstrom Award Potluck

All are welcome to attend the Malstrom Award Ceremony sponsored by League of Snohomish County Historical Organizations (LOSCHO). Details of the event are below.

The League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations cordially invites you and others to the 2023 Malstrom Award potluck luncheon to be held:

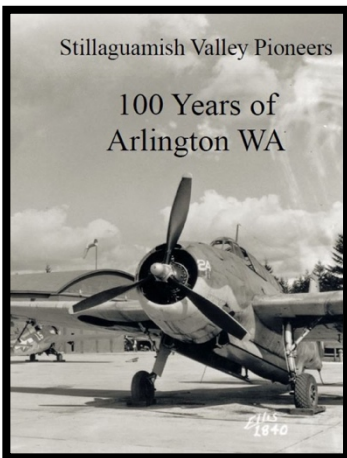
Saturday, April 22, 2023; 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Granite Falls Civic Center, 215 S. Granite Avenue, Granite Falls, WA 98252

RSVP required by providing your name, phone number, and heritage organization to: info@GFHistory.org

The Malstrom Award is named after Helmer Malstrom, a local historian and charter member of the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations. This annual award recognizes outstanding contributions that preserve our heritage in Snohomish County in two general categories: a project or a publication. The 2020 Malstrom Awards were postponed because of COVID, with 2021 and 2022 also being deferred. We are excited to be back together after more than four years since our last luncheon on St. Patrick's Day 2019.

Malstrom Award Nomination - Publication Project

Stillaguamish Valley Museum submitted two nominations for the coveted award in addition to nominations from other organizations. The first was for a 2021 book project, *One Hundred Years of Arlington, Washington* by author Shirley Prouty and edited by Sue Walde and Michele Heiderer.



100 Years of Arlington, WA, Volume 4 is the fourth and final book covering the stories behind 12 historical places, buildings, and businesses in Arlington. Meticulously researched, this fully indexed book has 276 pages with over 370 images and 15 maps. The book permanently records their almost forgotten stories, including businesses such as the Arlington Condensery and the dairy industry, Country Charm Dairy known for its freshly made ice cream, and the Robertson Building. (Built in 1913 and was one of Arlington's first fire-proof cement block buildings.) It is now owned by the Masonic Temple. Places also permanently recorded in this book include the Arlington Airport, where men from around the U.S. were trained to help win World War II, and Smokey Point with its chick and turkey industries.

An award of **\$2,473.55** was gratefully received for this project for publishing 150 perfect bound books from Snohomish County Historic Preservation

Commission, under the Community Heritage Program for work completed in 2021. Filled with golden nuggets of Arlington history, this 276-page book may be purchased at the Museum for \$25.00.

Marietta Roth (left), a Museum member and quilter, and Shirley Prouty, Museum quilt project organizer and the author, hold the Red Work Quilt. Each of the 48 quilt blocks depicts a significant location, building, or business around Arlington. The Red Work Quilt inspired Shirley to write four books covering the stories behind the quilt squares.



Malstrom Award Nominations - Continued

Malstrom Award Nomination - Projects

Our 2022 project, Stillaguamish Valley Museum Videos with the professional creation of two videos about the museum, was also nominated.

The star of the videos was 10-year-old Connor Faucett, who was filmed while he visited our beautiful museum and grounds with his father, Trevor Faucett. Children and adults at our annual Pioneer Day last year, were also filmed and included in the video.

An award of \$3,000.00 was gratefully received for this project from Snohomish County Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the 2022 Hotel Motel Small Fund Grant for work completed in 2022. Two videos were professionally created by the Museum, led by Sue Walde in conjunction with a professional filming company. The main video was 3.45 minutes long and the short video just under a minute.

Through social media via short- and long-form videos, we've produced a significant increase in community awareness of the Stillaguamish Valley Museum. With over 12,800 organic impressions, 100% by Arlington residents, the results have proven to be incredibly successful.

To view the main video, please go to our website at www.stilbymuseum.org and near the top of the homepage, "Click here for a museum sneak peek!"



In the video, ten-year-old Connor Faucett is racing to a fire, driving a 1926 Seagrave Suburbanite Fire Engine while his father, Trevor Faucett, watches.



Sweet Memories

Do you have a special "food" memory?

The smell and taste of oatmeal, bacon and toast take me right back to my Grandmother's kitchen. Mmmm...Linda



The Research Library needs two office chairs (with adjustable seats, wheels and (with or without) arms. If you have an extra office chair, or two, contact us by email. We can make arrangements to pick up or set a time when you can deliver them.

stillypioneers@frontier.com

Michele Heiderer received this note...

Thank You

"I just wanted to thank you so much for the amazing and detailed history of our beloved farmhouse that you put together for me. I was blown away with the work you accomplished!

I cannot thank you enough for doing this for me. It is so interesting and thank goodness Arlington has someone like you to tell the history of this area.

Thank you again. Kelly"
(Owner of an historic property near Angel of the Winds Casino).

2022 – 2023 OFFICERS

President: Roy Harris
Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Sally Shinstrom
Pioneer Treasurer: Sharron Knutson
Museum Treasurer: Myrtle Rausch
Past President: Sue Walde

BOARD MEMBERS:

Loren Kraetz
Ralph Knutson
Terry Legare
Board Member 4: Vacant
Board Member 5: Vacant
Board Member 6: Vacant

Upcoming Board Meetings

1:30 p.m.
Museum Library

April 10, 2023
May 8, 2023
June 12, 2023

**Around Town****Andrews Hay Easter Egg Hunt**

April 8, 2023 9:30 a.m.
Ages 0 – 12
4304 SR-530 NE

**Arlington Boys & Girls Club
29th Annual Auction**

April 29, 2023 5:00 p.m.
Tickets \$100.00
Purchase online at
<https://bgcsc.org/29th-arlington-auction>

**Arlington Garden Club
Annual Plant Sale**

May 13, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
www.arlingtongardenclub.org

COMMITTEES:

Advisory Program Committee
Advisory Governance
Committee
Advisory Acquisition Committee
Advisory Financial Committee

**Stilly Stitchers**

2nd & 4th Tuesday ~10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Pioneer Hall ~ Coffee & Tea provided
Bring your project, your lunch and invite a friend.

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