



# STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER



October 2022

Newsletter Editor:  
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**(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

*Can you find what's changed\* on this page?*

### What's been happening....**BEHIND THE SCENES?**

Lots of maintenance, preservation and clean up inside and out (page 2)  
technology updates (page 4 & 5)  
Receipt of \$18,400 in Grants (page 2)  
participation in Arlington's Stronger Together (page 3)

### **MONDAY VOLUNTEERS**

9 - Noon – we can always use more help!  
Docents - Contact Austin for openings available

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Second Monday of the month  
October 10, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the Museum Library

**\*WE** have officially changed our name to **Stillaguamish Valley Museum**. Why? It's a sign of the times and technology. The Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum name simply does not fit in most 'name lines' on internet forms, government forms, etc. Seems silly, it's true, but it truly is a quirk of technology.



### **2022 – 2023 OFFICERS:**

President: Currently Vacant

*\*Due to family responsibilities, Sue Walde is not able to fulfill the Presidential vacancy.*

Vice President: Roy Harris

Secretary: Sally Shinstrom

Pioneer Treasurer: Sharron Knutson

Museum Treasurer: Michele Heiderer

Past President: Sue Walde

\*If you are willing to step up to fulfill the presidential position or possibly share the role, please contact Roy Harris at [stillypioneers@frontier.com](mailto:stillypioneers@frontier.com)

Annual Dues \$20.00; Lifetime Membership \$200.00

**FROM ROY HARRIS:  
PRESERVATION OF PIONEER HALL**



Austin Myrick, Rex Martin & Sally Shinstrom getting 'er done during our beautiful fall weather.  
Roy Harris, not pictured

The preservation project included applying a salt product to the wood to eliminate wood boring bugs and stop dry rot, fungus and mold damage. After the treatment, the space between the logs which have a space 4" deep was filled with insulation to help with heat loss, sound attenuation and to hold the backer rod that will be placed next in the process. Backer rods hold the chinking material away from the wood. This helps the chinking material to stretch like a rubber band to keep a watertight seal between the logs. The following pictures help to show the process. If you would like to help the work crew complete this project, please let Roy Harris know by stopping by on Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to Noon or call the Museum.



## GRANTS

SUE WALDE and ROY HARRIS have dedicated many hours to applying for grants, gathering information and meeting deadlines. In 2022 alone, due to their efforts, we have received \$18,400! All of these grants are completed or nearing completion.

### **City of Arlington Grant for Pioneer Day \$2,200**

This grant ensured that our Pioneer Day was a huge success. Attendance was better than expected after the Covid issues. We had 199 visitors, of which, nearly 100 toured the museum. Many thanks to the 31 volunteers who made Pioneer Day a success!

### **Sno Co Hotel/Motel Tax Grant for Two Videos \$3,000**

This project allowed the museum to hire "A HUGE Production," a professional production company based in Arlington, who filmed the museum and grounds on Pioneer Day and August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The star of the video is nine-year-old CONNOR FAUCETT who toured the museum with his father, TREVOR FAUCETT. Also featured are two fascinating interviews with historian LOREN KRAETZ. The video will help launch a marketing campaign seeking to attract more visitors to the museum and Arlington and will be coming soon to our social media platforms.

### **Sno Co Heritage Grant for Pioneer Hall Preservation \$4,900**

See pictures and article on left.

### **Sno Co Heritage Grant for Technology \$8,300**

This grant has purchased a Wi-fi projector and screen which will be installed in Pioneer Hall. Greg Husted and Trevor Strotz are working together to purchase computer hardware and software. Additionally, this grant allowed us to purchase PastPerfect, a museum management software. Pages 4 and 5.

**And**, so far, Sue and Roy have applied for three grants for 2023.

What a gift these grant monies are!

MICHELE HEIDERER reported that she helped Anne and Darrick Hayman research the history of their home on French Avenue. In return, Anne, a teacher at Arlington High School donated a collection of yearbooks, which filled in many gaps in our yearbook collection.

**MICHELE is looking for:**

- Two smaller comfortable chairs or possibly a small loveseat to put in front of the TV in the library.

If you have something like this contact Michele at: 360-435-2720 (home phone/no texting) or, email [kellen2000@seanet.com](mailto:kellen2000@seanet.com)

so she can make arrangements with you to come look at them to make sure they are not too large. If you like, you can send a picture to her email.

- Also looking for red glass canisters for the Pioneer Hall kitchen, which has been refreshed thanks to Michele and Steve Heiderer. Have you got some vintage red glass canisters that need a new home? (Something like this).



Michele & Steve freshened up the kitchen paint, made and hung new valances and created framed art from vintage articles in *The Arlington Times*.



CHERYL LOVGREEN cleaned, polished and dusted her way through the museum in preparation for filming by A HUGE Production. Thanks Cheryl

**STRONGER TOGETHER**

Building unity through community  
Celebrating our cultures and diversity

The communities of Arlington, Darrington and Lakewood; the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe and Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians came together on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in Arlington for a day of demonstrations, education, food, music, dance and more to highlight the many layers of diversity and culture here in the Stilly Valley. The event took place in Legion Park next to the Farmer's Market. By celebrating our unique heritage, supporting local business and learning more about our neighbors, we can truly be "Stronger Together".

The Museum hosted a table and special thanks goes to the setup crew: Denny Somerville, Mike Walde and Roy Harris.

Michele Heiderer, Sally Shinstrom, Loren and Pat Kraetz and Sue Walde welcomed visitors to the museum display.

Mike and Sue Walde dismantled the display, tent, etc. and returned all to the museum.



**PAT & LOREN KRAETZ at Stronger Together**

The historical posters created for Pioneer Day were displayed at the event and are now hung in the museum.



## NEW CATALOGING SYSTEM



MANY hands make light work and over the years many hands did indeed work on cataloging the artifacts for the museum. In the adjoining article, you will see that we are transitioning to a museum collection and contact management software called PastPerfect.

**First, I would like to thank MYRTLE RAUSCH** and the volunteers who have cataloged our artifacts for the last 30+ years. It was a massive undertaking, especially in the early years when the museum was accessioning several hundred artifacts a year, and sometimes more than a thousand! Myrt set up several databases to make the information searchable and easier to track and sort information. In the early days the volunteer's hand-drew, and later photographed, the objects being accessioned then assigned identification numbers, classification, placed the items throughout the displays and ensured that paperwork was complete and filed appropriately.

**MARGARET JACKSON** – went to special training to learn how to accession items for the museum and established the processes used.

**SYLVIA DYCUS & CHUCK ANGELEDES** – drew nearly 6,000 pictures before the camera took over. WOW!

**MYRTLE RAUSCH** – designed and maintained all the databases.

And, **JOANN GRAY, HARRIET FERGUSON, JOANNE WETMORE, RUTH YOST, SALLY LINDBERG, BETTE VAN AUSDAL AND DENISE PUTNAM** - the ladies who spent untold hours accessioning items, maintaining the catalogs and placing items throughout the museum.

PastPerfect is a well-established program and in use by over 11,000 museums, historical societies, libraries and other collecting institutions worldwide. It contains tools for cataloging and tracking diverse collections along with tools for managing members, membership fees and volunteers. We were able to purchase the program through a technology grant from Sno Co Heritage Grant for Technology.

The PastPerfect Museum Software program will allow us to have a record for each item with one, or more, picture(s) attached to the record. There are catalogs for objects, photographs, archival items (such as scrapbooks, memory books, memoirs, etc.) and contacts/membership. These are all integrated so everything is in one database with different 'catalogs'. The program has robust research and report functions and will automatically standardize object naming and classification of items.

I have been preparing our data for conversion to the new program. I can verify that the program is comprehensive and easy to use. Additionally, the PastPerfect support team has been very responsive and knowledgeable. Right now, the program is on one computer but can be networked if that is available to us in the future. It will be a big change in how we accession our treasures but, in the end, I believe it will be a real asset to our museum.

*Linda Anderson*



*Welcome new member:*

**David Roberts**

*FROM GREG HUSTED:*

## **Snohomish County Heritage Grant for Technology:**



The technology grant has allowed us to make the plans for computer improvements. Upgrades will be made by year's end.

- New Microsoft MS365 software will be loaded on 5 computers (upgrade from Windows 10)
- New solid-state hard drives, and new RAM (memory) upgrades for all computers
- One new computer monitor
- One new/refurbished laptop

### **Webpage refinements:**

Greg Husted (new member in February 2022) and Kathy Azpiri, student volunteer (2022 summer intern) have also been working on making slight refinements to our website. Below are just a few of those refinements made over the last few months:

- Security – we updated the webpage from “http” (not secure) to “https” (secure)
- The monthly newsletter is linked to the home page in a more prominent location
- Reformatted the webpage background (to white). All webpage text now has “borders” and some text has “background color” to help emphasize the content
- New Facebook and Instagram pages have been added/linked to our homepage
- The museum property location map has been upgraded to include an updated Google maps image
- The “Stilly Stitchers” have been highlighted on the website
- Past events, like the “Chevy Club and Pioneer Days”, now include event photos in our website “photo gallery”
- The “gift shop” page has been refined to include the *100 Years of Arlington WA*

book series We also clarified other gift shop book descriptions and costs.

- The “links” tab has been reviewed and we reconnected webpages with out-of-date links (as needed). We also slightly reformatted the page content.

Web page, further - If you see anything on our webpage that needs work, or have ideas for improvements let Greg know!

Facebook/Instagram - If you have any ideas for new posts (i.e., highlight historical events, notifications and ideas for upcoming events, general information/outreach, etc.) let Greg know!

- We created an “Event” on FB for Pioneer Days 2022 at a cost was \$50. We reached 2674 people, and had 46 responses! The money was well spent, in our opinion, and we should consider doing more of this!

Greg can be reached by email:

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cell phone/text [360-651-0482](tel:360-651-0482)



DENNY SOMERVILLE giving the 1934 Ford Arlington Hardware pickup, now owned by the museum, some TLC. Thanks to his dedication to preserving this gem, he is able to drive it in parades and have it on display at special occasions in the area. Thanks, Denny!



**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Denny Somerville  
Terry Legare  
Joann Gray  
Loren Kraetz  
Ralph Knutson  
Doris Senica

**COMMITTEES:**

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

**Next Board Meeting**

(Second Monday of the Month)  
Monday, October 10, 2022  
1:30 p.m.



**MEMORIAL**

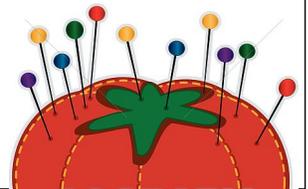
*In memory of:*  
**MARILYN  
SPOERHASE HOGGARTH**

*From:*  
LOREN & PAT KRAETZ  
JOANN GRAY

**HAVE YOU  
RENEWED YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP FOR  
2022-2023?**

*Stilly Stitchers*

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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