



Anderson Island Historical Society's

A Little Old, A Little New News

Summer - Fall 2018

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People lined up early for the salmon and rib food lines

President's Message

Bob Bedoll

It has been a great privilege (and a lot of fun) to serve as president of the AIHS for the past two years (my current term expires at the end of 2018). Our mission, simply put, is to preserve, protect, and present the history of Anderson Island. We do that through maintaining and enhancing the Johnson Farm and the new Archival Building, collecting and displaying island artifacts, and bringing together and nurturing the Anderson Island Community.

Good fortune put me in this position just as we unveiled our new Archival Storage facility. Under the dedicated and inspired direction of Ed Stephenson (who was project manager for the building's construction) the facility has become a tremendous resource for the entire island community, as well as fulfilling its original vision as an archival storage facility, and a museum. We have hosted the first annual Anderson Island Film Festival, two band concerts, the winter art show, the Salmon Bake silent auction, the Apple Squeeze bake sale, as well as our monthly potlucks and a handful of private events. You are all no doubt aware of the posters and display cases in Stephenson hall – we are doing our best to fill those display cases with memorabilia befitting of an island museum – but we need your help: if you have items worthy of display, please contact Rick Anderson, our Archives Director.

Throughout the year our board members and volunteers did an outstanding job. Thanks for this must first go to Jeanne McGoldrick, who organizes all our events. The salmon bake was hugely successful, with almost 700 attendees, and the associated silent auction (led by Peggy Hodge) set a record as a fundraiser. The Farm Day and Apple Squeeze events were both well attended.

The weekly garden market (led by Jane Groppenberger) continued to prove very popular, 'redistributing' lots of island produce as well as raising funds for the AIHS.

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Sue Huseby

Marsha Howells

Cathy Thome

Dick Throm

Dave Hummel



Folks treasure hunting at the Salmon Bake Silent Auction. This year's auction raised over \$8000 for the farm!

Thanks also goes to the volunteers of the Gift Store (led by Kathy Bailey) who see a hundred customers each week and continue to be the single biggest source of income for the Historical Society. Finally, thanks go to all our docents, led by Peggy Hodge, who every weekend provide tours of the farmhouse and the farm.

I hope you all have noticed some of the significant improvements to the farm this year. Wayne Wallace, our operations manager, and his crew of volunteers are responsible for the sidewalks from the archival building to the giftshop and down to the farmhouse, as well as the new archival building patio and handicapped parking and ramp to the barn. We are just about ready to open the barn again as a museum after two years of dedicated work by Sutton Stevens and others to structurally reinforce the barn, provide handicap access, and organize exhibits inside.

Looking to next year, we have a whole host of improvements lined up. Lynne Jacobson, our Information Officer, is leading a project to create and install new signs on all the farm buildings. Wayne and his crews will be reroofing some of the smaller outbuildings and installing a new, operational sawmill. Finally, we have a set of improvements to the farmhouse which will ensure its continued preservation and central role as the gem of the farm.

Our vision for 2025, the fiftieth anniversary of the Historical Society, is to have each of the smaller buildings, as well as both chicken coops, open as stand-alone museums. Rick Anderson, our Archives Director, is working with a team of curators to make this happen. And as always, he is looking for volunteers.

Thanks to all our members and volunteers for continuing to make the Historical Society a vibrant and engaging part of island life.



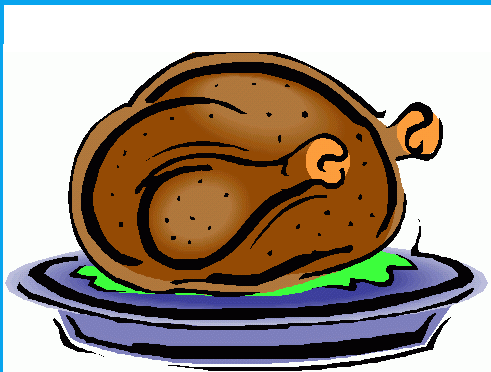
Summer and Fall at the Farm

Farm Day

Summer started with a bang at our Farm Day celebration on May 26th. Last winter we did some cleaning and sorting of items throughout the farm. There were a lot of tools, some building supplies and other items that are duplicates, extras, and just in the way! We had a sale during Farm Day, raising some funds for upkeep of the farm. Of course, we had the usual activities for kids and plenty of tasty treats for lunch. This is a great and family friendly event and the gardens were glorious.



Worth coming out into the weather for some fresh cider!



Salmon and Rib Bake

July brought the annual Salmon and Rib Bake. This year's good weather meant great crowds, all enjoyed the fantastic food. This year's silent auction, held in conjunction with the bake resulted in record sales, all proceeds going to the general fund for upkeep of the farm. This is the major event of the year and draws in several hundred guest every year. Hope you were able to join us! Planning will start in January for the 2019 event. Contact Jeanne McGoldrick, 253-884-4096 if you are interested in working on the planning committee to make next year a success.

Summer Concert

August 18 was the date for the summer band. Folks picnicked, enjoyed the sunset and relaxed to the music of some of the island's best musicians. A mix of jazz, rock and roll and blues filled the evening.

Apple Squeeze

Fall started off on Sept. 22 with the apple squeeze. The red dragon, our mechanical apple press produced a lot of cider from the apples grown on the farm and some from the McGoldrick orchards, so all island grown. Along with the cider pressing (always fun to watch) was a bake sale, baked goods sold out quickly plus this year we were able to sell freshly made preserves, jams and jellies produced in our new farm kitchen.

Upcoming Events for Fall/Winter 2018-2019

- Sat., November 10, 2018, Annual Meeting of AIHS. 6pm member potluck and 7pm, meeting. Come and meet your board and vote on new board members. There will be door prizes and you will also be able to vote for the Salmon and Rib Bake Poster design for 2019. The meeting is VERY short, and there is ample time to visit with old and new friends. This event is in the archival building.
- Sunday, December 2nd is the Open House at the Farmhouse. A variety of Scandinavian treats and cookies will be baked for your enjoyment and the house will be decorated for the holidays. There will be a chance to sing carols and see what an old-fashioned holiday looks like
- Wed., December 12th is the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch in the Archival Building. A full turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served to all of our volunteers at noon.



Archives and Displays

Rick Anderson

Curators

Everyone knows we have a great collection of artifacts, implements, archives and buildings at Johnson Farm. Our curators continue the task of cataloging our collection and preparing new exhibits to tell the story of the farm and the history of Anderson Island.

Along with the farm house and the Saw Museum many of the other buildings are now getting organized and displays are being inventoried, clean up, sorted and organized to tell the story of how that facility fit into the daily or seasonal operations of the farm.

The mission for each curator team is to survey and catalog the contents of the building, enter the data in our PastPerfect program, research the historical use of the building and its artifacts, and prepare the building for its role as a stand-alone museum in the larger context of the farm. If you are interested and could spare a few hours a week to participate in this project, please contact Rick Anderson and express your willingness to get involved.

From the Archives

The McGoldrick Library has some interesting resource relating to island history. Here are a couple of examples of articles and essays from the first "Island Gazette", Published June 4, 1955.

"SCHOOLHOUSE BURNS" (by Jean Cammon)

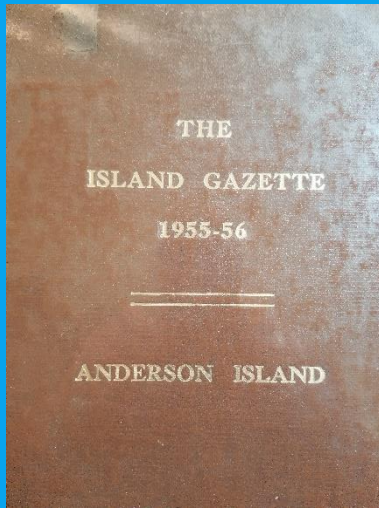
A little excitement was had here on the island on Sunday, May 22, as you probably have heard.

I got the story from Karl Anderson, whose mother was the second person to spot the fire.

There was a car ahead of them as they came off the 910 ferry at about 935. As they came around the corner below the cemetery they saw and smelled smoke. There were about four boy scouts running around yelling "The schoolhouse is on fire!" The first car turned around went back to the ferry and told the ferry crew. As soon as Anderson's saw what had happened they went back over to Ehricke's. By the time they returned to the schoolhouse the three scoutmasters were there and also Tiny with Theodore Burg and Rupert Jr. Burg were driving by. They went to Ivill Kalbourgh's and rang the emergency ring. Although it didn't go through very well, nevertheless people



Items from the old one room schoolhouse are now on display in Chicken Coop #1



soon began arriving. The boy scout troop from University Place and all 21 of their bicycles were there. At first the boys denied knowing anything about the fire, they said it started while they were swinging. However, one of the scouts finally confessed to all throwing a lighted match in some oil lying on the ground underneath the oil tanks. The fire blazed up and got into the walls and underneath the floor of the schoolhouse. The heat cracked two bottom windows and finally they were broken out. Some men tried to bash the side of the schoolhouse in when they got there. Tiny did it and they stuck a hose in. Since the fire did not get too much of a head start the walls were only scorched, but a large section of the floor and the oil stove had to be torn up, the oil stove dis-connected and part of the outside wall torn up. Sunday school was not held.

School convened at the clubhouse the following day and will continue there until school gets out on June 3. The schoolhouse was insured.

CRUISE 'CROSS SCENIC PUGET SOUND ON THE FERRY TAHOMA

Schedule: Leaves Al

7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM

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7:50 AM, 10:50 AM, 3:50 PM, 5:50 PM

Rates: Children \$0.10, Passenger \$0.35, Car & Driver \$0.75

Programs and Potlucks

- September brought us a Brief History of Anderson Island presented by Robert Bedoll
 - The presentation October 27th (Saturday) will be a program titled: "Juvenile Fish Ecology in the Nisqually River Delta and Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve". Guest speaker Chris Ellings will discuss the Nisqually NWR restoration projects completed by the Nisqually Indian Tribe to restore over 900 acres of the estuary.
 - Sat. Jan. 19th, 2019, educational program and potluck, Belen Schneider, "Birds of Andy's Marine Park"
 - February (date to be announced later), program and potluck, Rick Anderson, "The Good Ole Days, part 2"
 - March (date to be announced later), program and potluck, Jim McKnight, "Documenting Family History"
- All programs are at the archival building, potluck at 6PM and program at 7PM



Community Garden

Sue Huseby, garden coordinator, reports that there are some gardens available for the new year. Just contact her: 253-358-5699 to reserve a spot. They are open now so you can get them cleaned up and ready to plant once the season starts.

The earlier you start the better. Don't wait until spring, all the spots will be long gone by then. Reserve your spot now and enjoy planning your garden this winter. Cost is \$40 plus your \$20 annual AIHS Membership.

Garden Market 2018

Submitted by Jane Groppenberger

The Garden Market closed with enormous success thanks to all who graciously donated a great variety of produce from our Community Gardens and from other island gardens. To mention a few, we had the most wonderful string beans from Lucy Brumsfield, 24 quarts of raspberries from Robert Ball which sold within thirty minutes, the biggest onions from the Munsons, pears, apples plums and Asian pears from Dick Throm and peaches, plums and apples from the McGoldricks. Many thanks to the thirty people who donated their time to set up and staff the Garden Market sales each Saturday. Our sales were increased thanks to Lynne Jacobsen and crew in canning raspberry, blackberry and huckleberry jam, grape jelly, and the most popular item, baking apple pies made from the gravenstein apples grown in our orchard. For such generosity we earned \$2,673 for the Historical Society. It is such a joy to provide the market for islanders and a wonderful event during which to meet new people and socialize.

Community Garden contributors to the Garden Market:

Debbie Alvarez, Robert Ball, Dana Gerstlauer, Patty Hermann
Anna Davidoff, Kristin Kennedy, Gail and Jim McDaniel, Kathleen Oliver
Sue Huseby, Jane Groppenberger, Linda Higgenbotham, Nancy Riggs
Gina and Rick Munson, Linda Miller, Eva Corbett, Kat Treichel and
Elmer Brown

Other islander contributors:

Lucy Brumfield, Dick Throm, Jeanne and Dave McGoldrick

Others who embellished our market sales: (baking and jams)

Leader and Creator: Lynne Jacobsen

Marsha Howells, Sue Huseby, Diana Haslund and Barbie Stockstad

My gratitude to all for a wonderful and successful Garden Market season. It does take a village....



Some of the pies for the garden market



Check out the new ornament at the Gift Shop! One of many great finds.



Gift Shop News

This year the board wishes to thank the manager and staff of the gift shop for their significant contributions to the historical society. They are continuing to be our largest fund raiser! This volunteer group spends countless hours behind the scenes, attending gift shows, setting up displays and working every weekend from early April through mid-December. No visit to the farm is complete without a stop in the Museum Gift Shop. You will find a large inventory of art and crafts made on the island, along with other great items. It will close for the regular season in mid-December, but will open for you if you want, 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. The shop is also a good venue for selling your island made arts and crafts.

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

Art News

Art Club meets every Thursday at 230pm in the Lois Scholl Room, unless the weather is great, then we meet at the marina! 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 share your ideas with. Contact Gina Cummings to be added to the email list.

Gina17c@yahoo.com

Art classes are winding up for fall, we have enjoyed oil painting (beginning portraits) and drawing with Lynne Jacobsen and Watercolor Painting with Virginia Cummings. Please join us in the spring for next years classes.

For information/class dates and times, and supply lists please call Lynne Jacobsen, 253-320-5571



Be sure to check out our website:
andersonislandhs.org for a complete
calendar and other information about
the museum

Help Wanted

AIHS NEEDS YOU!

The historical society needs volunteers not only for the events but for all maintenance, and ongoing projects at the farm. For example, docents are needed to show the farm to guests, the exhibits, the farmhouse, the outbuildings and now the archival building. We would like to get the roster large enough to enable us to have the building open every weekend, and additional days during the summer. If you are interested in this fun job please contact Peggy Hodge at 253-884-2078

There are weekly work parties at the farm, every Wednesday from 9-12. Join us to help with a variety of tasks, just show up and we will put you to work. A hot lunch is provided twice a month, usually the second and fourth Wednesdays.

We have been making jams and jellies from fresh island fruit to sell at the garden market and in the gift shop. We would welcome other cooks to assist in this. Contact Lynne Jacobsen, 253-320-5571 if you would like to help in this or learn how to preserve some of our fresh produce.

We also have ongoing needs for administrative support to assist with newsletters, mailings, and inventory of the farm. Just check with any member of the board and we will match up your skill set with our needs.