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April 2017 NEWSLETTER

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1. April docents, helpers, and visitors - For the month of April we had these people helping as docents or as volunteers, some more than just one time. This includes our spring cleanup, "Look What's Local", extra weekday openings, regular docent hours, and attendance at our monthly meetings: **Norma Anderson, Tom and Olivia Bergan, Ed and Thora Boede, Scott Bower, Ron and Janice Carpen-ter, Ron Chew, Fred and Penny Cruger, Bill Davisson, Marcia Day, Dave Green, Sharron Harper, Jim and Jackie Haverfield, Matt Hughes, Bob and Robin Ingraham, Elsie and Eldon Kirstein, Rosie Miller, Ted and Lonnie Peddycord, Tim Quillen, Bill Rawlins, John and Barb Scherrer, and Tom Thorleifson.**

On being a docent: "I like sharing about the town and our area but I also love hearing about personal stories. Showing off our museum and the amazing advances that have been done here with the maps is also fun to share." (Scott Bower)

In April we had 120 visitors from these places: **Arlington, Auburn, Bothell, Cape Disappointment, Cheney, Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snohomish, Tulalip, Woodland; and Mokelumne Hill, CA, and San Marcos, TX.**

2. Museum bequeath update, again - We still have not yet heard back from the property owner next to the downtown "One-Spot" lot. Fred contacted an attorney in Arlington who recommended that we wait for a month to see if the assortment of vehicles and equipment is removed from the disputed area. That would make dealing with the required sewer line and fence much easier. If it is not removed (the property owner said it would be removed in one month), the attorney thought it would be best if he sent an official lawyer letter to the owner. Well, guess what? A month is up, and the property owner has done nothing. Stay tuned for May developments. See these newsletters items: [#3, Jan 17](#), [#2, Feb17](#), and [# 2, Mar 17](#).

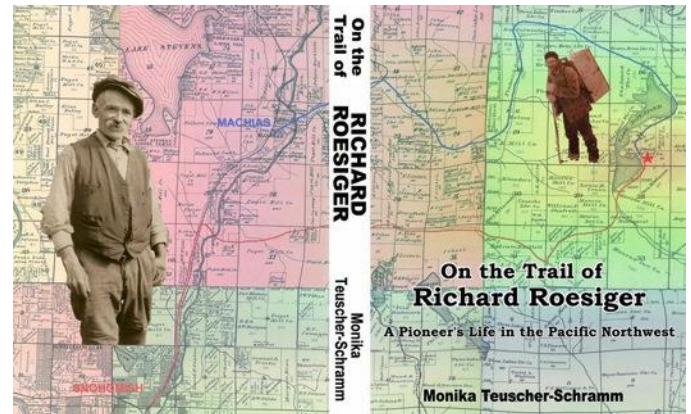
3. Longfellow won't die - The historic Longfellow Building in Everett was slated for demolition by the Everett School District and was destined to become a parking lot. Once a school that housed the likes of Senator Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson and entertainer Stan Boreson, then later used as



an administrative building for the school district, this "endangered" 1911 building is now in the process of being purchased by the Everett Museum of History (EMoH). An anonymous donor gave \$3,000,000 (that's right, "million"! ) to EMoH, which then offered \$2M to the Everett School

District, planning to use the remaining \$1M to start the necessary renovation work. The Everett Museum of History has not had a home for ten years.

4. Still On the Trail of Richard Roesiger - Fred and Tom have been working on final edits for the 500-page On the Trail of Richard Roesiger book, and have just finished that task. The completed files can now be submitted for "proofs" of the book. Email exchanges with author Monika Teuscher-Schramm in Switzerland include discussions on how many books to order in preparation of her visit in July. The scheduled book-signing dates are Saturday, July 15 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM, and Sunday, July 16 from noon to 5:00 PM. Monika will be in town for these dates, and she is already looking forward to autographing copies for each



person who stops by. A promotional/advertising strategy is already being developed. An Everett Herald reporter, Kari Bray, already made a visit on April 27. See [#8, Mar 17](#).

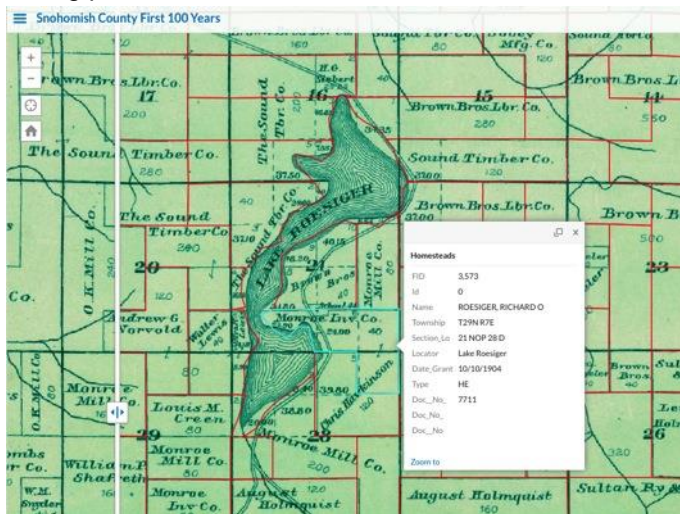
5. Scholarships for Granite Falls students - In March, GFHS officially notified the Granite Falls School District that we would again be offering two \$2000 scholarships in 2017, the Mary Bayh Scholarship and the Granite Falls Historical Society Scholarship. We just received the list of applicants from the Granite Falls School District, and the Scholarship Committee will study them for several days. Our selections must be made by May 17. The Scholarship Awards Night is set for Tuesday, May 30, 7:00 PM, at Granite Falls High School. President John Scherrer and Board Member Tom Thorleifson will give the scholarships to two deserving high school seniors.

6. Extra museum visits - On April 4, April 19, and April 20 museum visitors explored the museum on a weekday by scheduling special openings. The Marysville Genealogy Society was particularly pleased with their visit, and several of them plan to return with their family members. A family with their children stopped by and enjoyed ringing the school bell, cranking the fire siren, learning how to operate the player piano, and listening to a scratchy rendition on the 100-year-old Edison Disc Phonograph of "The William Tell Overture". Another visitor stopped by for a couple of hours of guided research and was very impressed by our digitized archives, especially the mapping program and the new online version of the maps.





**7. Museum website includes online maps!** - Our museum website has been updated to include links to two prototype mapping applications. They are simple to use, whether on a computer, tablet, or smart phone. The first allows you to explore Snohomish County ca. 1910, and the second shows homesteads and maps from the first 100 years of the county. This has been a very time consuming and intensive effort, but it will make the historic mapping system available to the general public. These two maps are just the first of many to come, but they are still in the testing phase. Please check out these links to see how



easy it is to search the Snohomish County maps through history. The 1910 maps has the “spyglass” feature that lets you see a modern aerial photo through the old maps so you can know your location. If you are in a city area, there will be city maps with more detail, and Sanborn Insurance maps with even more detail. For the homestead maps shown here, there is the “swipe-bar” feature, which lets you see the homestead boundaries (in red). You can also choose which map year you want to see - - the top map of the list will be the top map in the layers you see. Click these links to see these maps for yourself:

[For 1910 Snohomish County maps](#)  
[For homesteads through 1975 maps](#)

**8. LOSCHO 2nd Quarter meeting** - On April 10, Tom and Fred attended the quarterly meeting of the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO). Discussions included grant requests, and the LOSCHO Board voted to support GFHS by providing up to \$1000 of “match” money for the grant that GFHS submitted. This grant, submitted to the County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), is to use the new capability of ESRI to put the mapping system online (see item #6). ESRI is the worldwide accepted geospatial referencing software that is the basis for the Snohomish County Historical Mapping System and the new online version of that system.

**9. “Look What’s Local”** - During the week of April 17 – 21, GFHS participated in the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce “Look What’s Local” event, opening the museum every day to visitors from noon to 5:00 PM, and providing/staffing a booth at the April 22 business fair at



the Boys and Girls Club. We had a few visitors during the week, some stopping in just because they saw our signs around town. At the booth on Saturday, at least 50 people stopped by. They received a stamp, found out about the Roesiger book and the online apps, received [cyber-tour brochures](#), and various [“Back in the Day”](#) printed articles. The IGA provided hotdogs, donuts, and ice-cold water for everyone.

**10. Where’s the next hoop?** - On April 18 Tom and Fred attended the April meeting of the Snohomish County Historical Preservation Commission (HPC). This group is

responsible for approving grant monies for heritage organizations that benefit Snohomish County. It has been a major source of funding for GFHS and most of the other museums and genealogical societies in Snohomish County. Their decisions directly affect our museum and many other groups. The areas of discussion on that Tuesday were:

a) How to create the best Request for Proposal (RFP) for the “historic asset inventory”, for which the 2016 contract never materialized and for which 2017 money wasn’t budgeted.

b) Ideas pertaining to methods for simplifying the grant process, making the application period more timely (Nov/Dec grant apps, for grants to be completed the following year), potentially eliminating the “match” requirements, and establishing some “large” grant possibilities to move more of the heritage dollars out into the community.

c) The need to create the HPC charter, strategy, and tactics wrapped up in a long-term plan.

The healthy functioning of the HPC is critical to heritage organizations, and it is their desire to make things as easy as possible to get monies for preservation projects. GFHS, along with several other organizations in Snohomish County, have submitted grants recommended for acceptance to the County Council. See [#11, Mar 17](#).

**11. Clean up and eat up** - The museum clean-up day went well on April 22. Mowing, trimming, pruning, weeding, then raking, sweeping, gutter cleaning, etc. all combined to



improve the appearance, but perhaps most noticeable was the edging performed by Tim Quillen, with great support from Bob Ingraham and Ron Chew. Also helping were John and Barbara Scherrer, Robin Ingraham, Marcia Day, Ed and Thora Boede, Scott Bower, who all conspired to repair the toll of winter. The food at the potluck afterwards was great. And, it’s already time to mow again!

**12. GFHS and GFAA** - Fred attended the April 25 meeting of the Granite Falls Alumni Association to describe the situation and property left by Lois Jorgensen to the Historical Society and the Alumni Association. The disputed fence details will be covered. We will be working with the GFAA for the best outcome of this gift.

**13. Mark your calendar:**

- 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - Sunday docents, noon to 5:00 PM
- 5/14 - Sunday, Mother’s Day
- 5/29 - Memorial Day
- 5/29 - GFHS Board (6pm) and General (7pm) meetings, at GenCare “The Village”, N.Alder Ave, Granite Falls
- 6/6, 7, 8 - Monte Cristo 3rd grade classroom visits
- 7/4 - Independence Day
- 7/15-16 - Book signing [On the Trail of Richard Roesiger](#)  
Saturday 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Sunday noon to 5:00 PM
- 8/5, Saturday - “Show ‘n’ Shine”
- 10/7, Saturday - “Railroad and Reunion Days