



GRANITE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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To our friends and members  
throughout the community, state, and across all borders:  
"Thank you for your support!"



December 31, 2021

**Our mission:** to collect, preserve and share the history of the Granite Falls region to foster better understanding and appreciation of the values that built our city and contributed to our County's rural heritage.

**Our purpose:** to locate and identify appropriate material, to protect and interpret that material, and finally to make it available to the greatest possible extent.

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**1. 2021 in review** - From construction groundbreaking in May to a finished addition in December, through changing COVID restrictions, and temperatures last summer over 100°F (113° in some nearby places) and ending with several subfreezing days (9°F) with more snow than we usually see, 2021 has been quite the year! Despite cancelled events, attendance

accomplished. Stop by for a visit on Sundays from noon to 5:00 PM. Start your new membership or renew a previous one (dues are really cheap, but so necessary for an organization).

**2. Museum membership** - We welcome members, young and old. Dues for 2022 are payable anytime, but usually at the first of the year (by the end of January). You can **mail** your dues and/or donations to the museum address:

**Granite Falls Historical Museum**  
**PO Box 1414**  
**Granite Falls, WA 98252**

You can also pay **online** using our [PayPal link](#), or give cash or check to one of the board members. And don't forget those free student memberships for 9th graders and above!

\$100 **lifetime** membership  
\$20 **family** membership  
\$15 **single** membership  
\$0 **student** membership (free!)

**3. Museum board members** - The following are the Granite Falls Historical Society board members for 2022, as voted in at the December, 2021, museum meeting:

#### Board Members for 2022

**Jamieson Haverfield** (1-year student term for 2022)  
**Fred Cruger** (2<sup>nd</sup> term, serves through 2022)  
**Robin Ingraham** (1<sup>st</sup> term, serves through 2022)  
**Tim Quillen** (1<sup>st</sup> term, serves through 2022)  
**Regina Jones** (2<sup>nd</sup> term, serves through 2023)  
**Marcia Day** (1<sup>st</sup> term, serves through 2023)  
**Bob Ingraham** (1<sup>st</sup> term, serves through 2023)  
**Scott Bower** (2<sup>nd</sup> term, serves through 2024)  
**Angie Rosenkranz** (1<sup>st</sup> term, serves through 2024)  
**Lisa Schmidt** (1<sup>st</sup> term, serves through 2024)

(Note: **Angie Rosenkranz** replaces **Ron Chew**, and **Lisa Schmidt** replaces **Tom Bergan**. Student board member **Jamieson Haverfield** replaces **Orion Green**.) Nominations for officers, to be voted on at the January meeting, are: **Bob Ingraham, President; Scott Bower, Vice President; Robin Ingraham, Secretary; and Fred Cruger, Treasurer**. Many thanks go to **Ron Chew** for his years of service on the museum board and as president, and **Tom Bergan** for his service on the museum board. Special thanks go to **Orion Green**, who stepped up on his own to volunteer as the first student representative on the museum board.



has been steady but with heightened curiosity and appreciation. Our online presence continues to be very strong, with many visitors from all around the U.S. and from many places around the world. Financially we have managed our funds and grants to complete our necessary expansion project without any loans and without any money requests that would burden our community. We are very fortunate to have received grants, and we are very thankful for receiving several unexpected and very generous donations. As we look to the new year, we continue to focus on our mission and purpose as an organization. We know that there will always be challenges, but the Board is in place, members (and donors and supporters) will hopefully continue to support the museum financially, and volunteers and docents will be available for assisting with the work that always needs to be

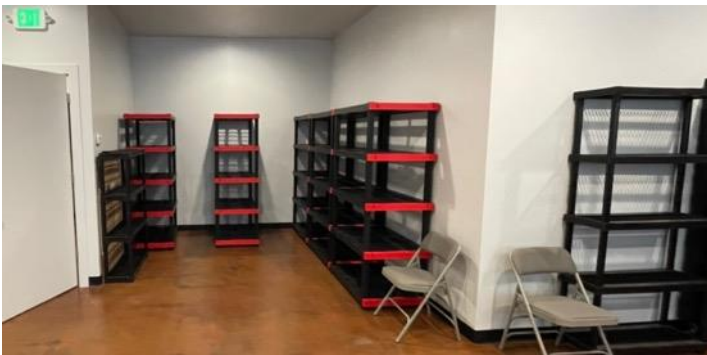
**4. Museum expansion progress (A-E)** - December saw the completion of the expansion project and the beginning of our moving in to use the new space. There are still a few things left to do, but this is what has happened during December:

**4A. Furniture assembled:** On December 2 to 5, the ULINE furniture (ordered after Thanksgiving and arrived on December 1) was assembled and placed in initial locations. The city crew even helped to stand some of the heavier



pieces upright after assembly. Two bookcases were delivered a couple days later because they were shipped from California. One shelf was damaged, but ULINE replaced that in two days. We still need to accommodate the large printers and several additional tables in the room, but it looks like everything will fit comfortably.

**4B. Storage shelves:** On December 9, the necessary new shelves were purchased and picked up at Lowe's. Each is a five-shelf unit, three feet wide and two feet deep. They are very sturdy and stable, and assembly went quickly. We even got help from **City Manager Brent Kirk**!



**4C. Possible HVAC work:** At the end of November, **Tom Thorleifson** took some temperature and structural measurements, and used them to identify a shortage of heated air flow from the rear museum furnace into the new addition. At least one additional supply line is needed to get balanced heating, so we contacted our general contractor **VanOverbeke Construction**, who in turn contacted the heating system installers. They will be coming in early January to see what change is necessary.

**4D. Possible attic work:** Before moving into the new area and using the seasonal storage space in the attic, we will need to see if any adjustments need to be made with attic preparation for the storage. Once that is ready, the seasonal decorations such as Winter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas can finally have a home that is not in the way of the museum's artifacts.



**4E. Relocating files and artifacts:** Files and artifacts will be systematically retrieved from various temporary locations for the next several weeks and maybe months. We also have a large volume of new files and artifacts that will need to be entered into our **PastPerfect** database. Processing all of these items will take time and a coordinated effort so that nothing is "lost in the shuffle". Items are currently located in the Sharp House (which has been closed to visitors for almost two years), the new City Hall, the old City Hall, at two private storage locations, and within the museum itself.

**5. Researching and sharing info (A-K)** - Fulfilling our mission and purpose during the month of December:

**5A. Snohomish County Historic Preservation Grant Program:** On November 29, we received word that the [Historic Preservation Grant Program](#) for 2022 was opened for applications by the [Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission](#). Snohomish County-based nonprofit cultural organizations and public agencies that provide heritage services to the public are eligible to apply. All proposed projects must have a clear heritage focus that relates to an aspect of Snohomish County history. Past grants have been used to refurbish historical buildings, build museum exhibits, digitize records and develop education tools. All applications must be complete and submitted for review by January 17, 2022. [Click here for the application and more information.](#)

**5B. Jordan emergency in the '50s:** Also on November 30, we got an interesting research request regarding an event in the mid-1950s that happened in the area of Jordan and caused the men in the church to be deployed for some sort of emergency. We pointed the requestor to the newspapers in our collection, that he might search in hopes of identifying the event.

**5C. AASLH online courses in January:** On December 1, we received an announcement from [AASLH](#) (**American Association for State and Local History**) that they're offering four courses starting January 10, with registration necessary by January 3. Course topics include Collections Management, Developing Exhibitions (Design), Introduction to Financial Management, and Museum Education & Outreach. You can [learn more by visiting their course catalog.](#)

**5D. Kroll maps request:** On December 2, we received a request from a hydrogeologist for the Southwest Snohomish

Supplement from the 1957 Kroll maps. Unfortunately, we didn't know anyone with a copy, but we offered several other possibilities.

**5E. Ben Lewis:** Finally, on December 1, we got word from the Masons that they've heard nothing from the lodges in Seattle about whether they'd like to participate in a memorial for **Ben Lewis**, a long-ago Granite Falls resident who died in a tragic accident in 1902 and whose grave we recently located.



Locating Ben Lewis gravesite  
Evergreen Cemetery  
August 2021

**5F. Sharing Everett and Monte Cristo Railway era research:** On December 7, we received a request from **Ryan Conlin** for a museum visit and tutoring session regarding our collection and research tools surrounding the **Everett and Monte Cristo Railway** era. He visited for a couple hours on December 9, and left armed with the needed skills.

**5G. Mountain Loop "cadre" Zoom meeting:** On December 8, **Fred Cruger** and **Tom Thorleifson** attended a Zoom meeting of the Mountain Loop "cadre", organized by the **USFS (United States Forest Service)** and **WTA (Washington Trails Association)** to prioritize improvements for the Mountain Loop, particularly the south side. Work was started on a "vision statement" to guide the overall effort, and a follow-up meeting was scheduled for January. That meeting was subsequently cancelled, but will be replaced by an email distribution of an updated vision statement.

**5H. Sharing maps/info:** On December 10, we got a thank you note from **Ryan Collins** for maps we supplied and a lead we provided for the purchase of a particular historic text on eBay.

**5I. STQRY 2022 Online Summit:** On December 13, we were invited to join the **STQRY** (the new name for **OnCell**) **2022 Summit**, for a multi-day online discussion of curating interactive digital experiences (like our online tours). Their description included "You can get inspired by this week-long webinar series with topics spanning content creation, augmented reality, multimedia storytelling, tourism marketing and more. Whether you are a touroperator, museum curator, destination marketer, tourism professional, or someone simply interested in the future of digital experiences, this is the series you don't want to miss."

**5J. State of Washington Tourism:** Also on December 16, we received an invitation from **State of Washington Tourism** to join an **online seminar** on January 6, where they will explain a comprehensive and interactive outdoor recreation map portal covering the entire state.

**5K. Washington State Historical Society:** On December 20, we received an invitation from **Washington State Historical Society (WSHS)** to participate in their 2022 "Heritage Caucus". Their description states: *Heritage Caucus, held virtually on Wednesdays at 7:00 AM during the 2022 legislative session, will begin on January 12. Heritage Caucus is co-chaired by Senator Honeyford and Representative Tharinger and serves as a forum for sharing ideas, considering policy ramifications,*

*and exploring projects surrounding heritage and arts activities across Washington. Each Heritage Caucus features two presentations, scheduled in advance. If you are interested in being added to the Heritage Caucus email list to receive the agendas and Zoom links, please email [Allison Campbell](mailto:Allison.Campbell@wsnhs.org), Heritage Outreach Manager for WSHS.*

**6. Collecting and preserving (A-D)** - The following are some items in the month of December dealing with preservation or collection of historical items.

**6A. Field trip to Granite Falls Bridge:** On December 8, **Tom Thorleifson** and **Fred Cruger** accompanied **Herald** reporter **Ben Watanabe** and photographer **Olivia Vanni** on a close-up visit of Bridge #102 (the Falls Bridge). **Their article** appeared on the front page of **The Herald** the following Sunday, December 12. They included a "poll", and public interest ran about 3 to 1 in favor of keeping the old bridge.



**6B. American Legion Cemetery images:** On December 16, we received some images of pictures from **Chuck Smith, American Legion Cemetery Sextant**, that he will drop off for scanning later. They included one logging picture and a number of early cemetery pictures.

**6C. American Legion Cemetery grant:** On December 22, we got news that the grant sought by the **Granite Falls American Legion** for improvement to the cemetery was approved! It's a \$25,000 grant to improve cemetery access through use of an automated gate. Congratulations to cemetery **Sextant Chuck Smith!**

**6D. 1882 map of Snohomish City Stillaguamish Road:** On December 23, **Steve Fox** sent us an 1882 map showing the "Snohomish City Stillaguamish Road". This map will be geo-referenced and placed into our electronic map collection. Thank you, Steve, for thinking of us. Old maps are hard to obtain.

**7. Taking care of business (A-C)** - Odds and ends as we take care of the items that happen every now and then.

**7A. Community Fund of Snohomish County** December 1, we received a note from the **Community Fund of Snohomish County** (managers of our Scholarship and Endowment Funds), saying, "The Community Foundation of Snohomish County would like to thank you all for your incredible work this past year. We know that you continue to put your communities first in all that you do and know that your work is ongoing, difficult and emotionally exhausting. Thank you again."

**7B. ESRI** - On December 6, we were notified that we needed to pay for more "credits" at **ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute)**, the "Science of Where", where all of our maps are stored online. It costs us \$100 for several years' worth of storage – good deal!

**7C. Group visit arranged:** On December 9, the Marysville [Windsor Square Retirement Community](#) scheduled a group visit for January 25.

**8. Granite Falls Bridge #102 replacement** - On December 3, we received a note from **Snohomish County Councilman Nate Nehring** in response to our plea to preserve the existing Falls Bridge when the replacement is built in a couple years. He said, "Thanks for reaching out, Fred. I appreciate it. I will reach out to our Public Works Department about the preservation of the existing bridge. I'd love to come out and see the Historical Museum when the new addition is open. Have a great weekend! Nate." The plea to keep the bridge also was sent to the Everett Herald, to spark some public interest. (See [November 2021 Newsletter, item #7, page 5.](#))

**9. Shellback award** - On December 20, we received word that the book *Shellback* by Jeanne Marie Osterman was selected as one of the top 100 Indie Books of 2021. It's a fascinating book covering the history and life of her dad, John Osterman, a long-time museum friend and the son of the man who founded the mill that ultimately became Miller Shingle Mill.

**10. January 2022 Calendar -**

1/1 Saturday, New Year's Day  
1/2 Sunday, noon - 5 PM, regular Museum hours  
1/9 Sunday, noon - 5 PM, regular Museum hours  
1/16 Sunday, noon - 5 PM, regular Museum hours  
1/17 Monday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, holiday  
1/17 Monday, 5 PM, 2022 HPC Grant deadline  
1/23 Sunday, noon - 5 PM, regular Museum hours  
1/25 Tuesday, 11 AM, Windsor Square visit  
1/30 Sunday, noon - 5 PM, regular Museum hours  
1/31 Monday, 7 PM, Museum meeting, (at Museum)

**11. Docents/helpers/volunteers** - We are always very thankful for how our docents assist visitors and how others do so much behind-the-scenes work to keep the museum functioning. Thank you to our December docents, helpers, and volunteers: **Ron Chew, Marcia Day, Scott Bower, Fred Cruger, Tom Bergan, Jamieson Haverfield, Tom Thorleifson, Lisa Schmidt, Bob Ingraham, Regina Jones, and Robin Ingraham**

**12. Visitors** - For December, we only had 18 **in-person guests**, hindered by COVID, snow and cold weather, and Christmas falling on a weekend. The visitors expressed their gratitude and showed enthusiasm during their visits. Visitors came from these places: **Mount Vernon, Everett, Lake Stevens, Granite Falls, and Snohomish**. Our **online visitors** totaled 210 people who came from 53 places within Washington State, 20 places from 18 other states, and 4 total



foreign places including **Norwich, England; Mumbai, India; Bergamo, Italy; and Sao Leopoldo, Brazil**. Again, we provide online access to our collection so that it is possible to fulfill our purpose "**to make it available to the greatest possible extent**", literally reaching the world beyond Granite Falls and Snohomish County.

**13. Books on local history:** The following are local history books that are available at the Granite Falls Museum and/or on [Amazon.com](#). To see reviews for each book, check out the [November 2021 newsletter, item #11, pages 5-7.](#)

[The Everett and Monte Cristo Railway](#), by Woodhouse, Jacobson, and Peterson (historical non-fiction)  
\$40 paperback at the museum

[French Peter - Journey to Hat Island](#), by J.D. Howard (new, historical fiction)  
\$17 paperback on Amazon

[Heart's Gold](#), by Joan Rawlins Husby (historical fiction)  
\$16 paperback at the museum

[A Logger's Daughter: Growing Up in Washington's Woods](#), by Joan Rawlins Husby (biography, historical non-fiction)  
\$16 paperback Amazon

[Margaret Callahan "Mother of Northwest Art"](#), by Brian Tobey Callahan (biography, historical non-fiction, art)  
\$28 paperback at the museum

[On the Trail of Richard Roesiger, A Pioneer's Life in the Pacific Northwest](#), by Monika Teuscher-Schramm (biography, historical non-fiction)  
\$30 paperback on Amazon.com

[Pilchuck Valley Reflections](#), by Dorothy Jean Schroeder (historical non-fiction)  
\$20 paperback at the museum

[The Pride of Monte Cristo](#), by J.D. Howard (historical fiction)  
\$16 paperback, at Amazon

[Sawdust Empire](#), by J.D. Howard (historical fiction)  
\$15 paperback Amazon

[Shellback](#), by Jeanne-Marie Osterman (poetry)  
\$15 paperback at the museum

**12. Donating to the museum** - You can donate anytime to the museum (a tax deductible, 501(c)(3) non-profit) in four ways:

**1. online** - use our [PayPal](#) link

**2. by mail** (check), PO Box 1414, Granite Falls WA 98252

**3. at the museum** (cash or check), Sundays noon - 5PM

**4. shopping at Amazon, Fred Meyer, or IGA** - a portion of your purchases can be directed to the museum at no extra cost to you. Click [here](#) for the link.