

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 2017 NEWSLETTER

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1. **New Year's Resolutions** - Ending the month with the start of a new year - it's not too late to include the museum in your resolutions for 2018. Consider helping for the first time, or adding an extra event or docent duty to your schedule. We have had many who helped out in 2017, continuing a trend from the past several years. We love our docents and other helpers! Here is a list of those who helped in 2017, many with multiple times. Thank you to each and everyone!

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| Catherine Anderson | Bill Davisson | Don McGinnis |
| Jude Anderson | Marcia Day | Ed Miller |
| Norma Anderson | Dave Green | Rosie Miller |
| Tom Bergan | Linda Hall | Lonnie Peddycord |
| Olivia Bergen | Sharron Harper | Ted Peddycord |
| Ed Boede | Jackie Haverfield | Donna Perrigue |
| Thora Boede | Jim Haverfield, Sr. | Tamara Quillen |
| Danyl Bower | Matt Hughes | Tim Quillen |
| Sarah Bower | Bob Ingraham | Bill Rawlins |
| Scott Bower | Kendal Ingraham | Dee Saunders |
| Janice Carpenter | Robin Ingraham | Barbara Scherrer |
| Ron Carpenter | Shawn Ingraham | John Scherrer |
| Ron Chew | Eldon Kirstein | Tom Thorleifson |
| Jeff Craggs | Elsie Kirstein | Becky and son (from the December tree lighting) |
| Penny Cruger | Audrey Kristofferson | |
| Fred Cruger | Marilyn McEvers | |

Call **Marcia Day** to volunteer as a docent (360.691.2378) to schedule a date - free on-the-job training is provided, and where else can you meet people from around the county, the state, our nation, and the world in just one afternoon! Check this out - here are where our 2017 visitors live: **Snohomish County** - Arlington, Bothell, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Roesiger, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Silverton, Skykomish (US2 in King County), Snohomish, Stanwood, Sultan, Tulalip, Woodway

Washington State - Anacortes, Auburn, Bellevue, Bellingham, Blaine, Burien, Cape Disappointment, Cheney, Coupeville, Duvall, Granger, Issaquah, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park,

Montesano, Mount Vernon, Olympia, Redmond, Seattle, Seattle (Madrona area), Seattle (University District), Sequim, Shoreline, Tacoma, Tumwater, Woodinville, Woodland

Around the USA - Albany, OR; Annapolis, MD; Bismarck, ND; Copperas Cove, TX; Cordova, AK; Eureka, NV; Fayetteville, NC; Fullerton, CA; Granite Falls, MN; Helena, MT; Hilo, HI; Lawrence, KS; Miami, FL; Mokelumne Hill, CA; Oakland, CA; O'Fallon, MO; Paia, HI; Pottlatch, ID; Ranson, WV; San Marcos, TX; Sparks, NV; Tigard, OR

Beyond our borders - Chillawack, B.C.; Schaffhausen, Germany; Sooke, BC; St. Gabriel de Valcartier, Quebec; Stockerau, Austria; Surrey, B.C.; and Wollerau, Switzerland.

We had over 2,000 people entering our museum in 2017!

That includes Sunday afternoons, special requests, and the community events such as "Look What's Local", "Show 'n' Shine", "Railroad and Reunion Days", "Halloween", and the Christmas Tree lighting.

2. **Starting the month with a surprise** - On December 1 we were very happy to receive two china dishes that had been hand-painted and signed by **Caroline Roesiger**, the wife of **Richard Roesiger!**



The dishes were sent to us by **Jennifer Sims** from **Vacaville, California**. Her late aunt and uncle built a cabin on their property at **Lake Roesiger**, and her **Aunt Lydia** purchased the "lovely hand painted china plates and dishes" from Mrs. Roesiger, "a very talented artist." Jennifer

found the pieces among her late mother's possessions, and she followed the advice of **Monika Teuscher-Schramm**, the author of **In Search of Richard Roesiger**, by donating them to our museum. Look for these two very special additions in our lobby display case!



3. Community Christmas Tree lighting - On Saturday, December 2, the Christmas Tree lighting was a huge success, with new lights blazing and the high school band



music outdoors, and with the carolers and refreshments inside, **Santa** made a big hit with lots of pictures taken!

The event was possible only because of the weeks of planning and plenty of help

by many. Thanks to Ed and Thora, Scott and Sarah and Danyel, Jude and Catherine, John and Barbara, Bob and Robin, Ron, Tim, Ed Miller, and Tom T.

Special thanks go to **Erin Howard**, the Granite Falls High School bandleader, for bringing the band out to play for us, and to **Holly Gramse**



for coordinating with the [Northern Sound Choirs](#) "**Sonus Boreal**" carolers for providing wonderful choral renditions



of many Christmas favorites.

In addition, we thank the following:

- **Rick Weaver** for donating 4 hours of excellent service in the boom truck bucket on a cold November morning to replace the lights on the big tree,
- **KEMP WEST** for donating the use of their boom truck,
- **Fred Meyer** (Marysville) for giving us a BIG discount on the majority of our new lights,
- **Lowe's** (downtown Everett) for donating additional lights,
- **IGA** for supplying 20 dozen cookies and 6 gallons of cider,
- **Playa Bonita, Buzz Inn,** and



IRG Physical Therapy for donating gift cards for the crazy hat contest,



- and, of course, for **Santa** stopping by during his busy December time to flip the switch on the lights and pose for pictures with all the kids (young and old!). ([See Nov newsletter items #7 and #15](#))

4. Archeologist visi-

tor - On December 12, an archeologist from Equinox spent a number of hours at the museum using our mapping system to research several properties. She focused primarily on the property to be used for the development of the new Granite Falls Civic Center, across the alley from the museum. She was quite impressed, and recently submitted a request to purchase our system for their continued use. ([See November newsletter #10](#))

5. Camp Silverton-Waldheim work party - On Thursday, December 14, a work party was held at **Camp Silverton-Waldheim**. Tom was able to attend and help implement some clean-up and repairs for several of the damaged buildings, and to secure other buildings from unauthorized



use. This was the first step toward a concerted effort to revive the camp as a public camping facility, hopefully funded in part by a 2018 grant from Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission. As it was reported last month,

Adrienne Hall is spearheading the effort to complete a grant request by the end of January. ([November #2](#))

6. Regional Tourism leadership meeting - On Friday, December 15, Tom was able to attend another of the Snohomish County Regional Tourism meetings, wherein efforts for the coming year are focused on specific regions and specific items from the newly-completed [Tourism Plan](#). It should be noted that the heritage grants ascribe greater credibility to any applicants who support both preservation and tourism in a single project!

7. Christmas Party at the Scherrers' place - On Saturday December 16, our annual Christmas party was held at the Scherrer homestead. There was a nice crowd with plenty



of great food with delicious desserts. It was nice to sit and chat in a comfortable setting with old friends. Thanks go to John and Barbara for opening their home and preparing it for the large group, which braved the cold, wet weather.

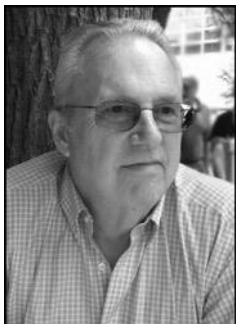
8. HPC show and tell - On December 19, the Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met to enable various heritage groups present the results of their projects funded by grants in 2017. Nine of the 12 organizations were able to "show and tell" about their projects, with GFHS among those presenting. We were given \$4000+ to receive training and to improve our

computing power, thereby enabling new online maps to be shared with the general public. Anybody can now go



online with a desktop/laptop, smart phone, or tablet to find some amazing historical maps. Check out these two links: "[Exploring Early Snohomish County](#)" "[Snohomish County First 100 Years](#)"

9. Remembering Bill Davisson - Sadly we learned that our great friend and benefactor, **Bill Davisson**, passed away suddenly on December 19. Bill spearheaded the construction of our museum building 10 years ago and continued to support the organization throughout the years. His memorial service is scheduled for Memorial Day, 2018. You can find his obituary in the Everett Herald on December 27, or you can [view it online here](#). He is survived by his wife Carolyn, his two daughters, his son, and their families, including grandchildren.



10. Mountain Loop tourism - On December 20, the **City of Granite Falls** was asked to provide a simplified legislative agenda for their forays to Olympia. Among the three focal points chosen was an emphasis on the importance of the Mountain Loop tourism to our city, specifically mentioning the re-opening of **Gold Basin**, the adoption of **Camp Silverton-Waldheim** as a public camping facility, and the paving of the 14-mile gravel portion of **The Mountain Loop** beyond **Barlow Pass**.

11. GF Museum at the GF Chamber - On December 21, Tom attended the monthly meeting of the [Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce](#) and briefly brought them up to speed on the efforts surrounding **Camp Silverton-Waldheim** and the city priorities. He is scheduled to provide more details at the January meeting on the 18th.

12. Lois Ashe Jorgensen properties - On December 30th, an email was sent to the probate attorney supervising the sale of the Lois Jorgensen properties. The "One-Spot" parcel closed on October 12 for \$100K, and the parcel near Blue Bridge closed on October 13 for \$50K. The third lot (downtown) changed ownership December 22 with no sale indicated. The note sent to the attorney requested an update regarding when we should expect finalization of the process, and have access to the funds generated for our community.

13. "Do you know anything about..." - Numerous requests for "help" were received during December, ranging from historic details of specific properties, to technical help with creation of images and banners, to detailed recommendations for employment regarding former museum student assistants/docents. Requests came from individuals and businesses, local and state agencies, and from Granite Falls to the Atlantic seaboard. Every one was successfully addressed, often to the surprise of the requestor! If you have a question, call or email us!

info@gfhistory.org or 360.691.2306 (to leave a message)

14. 2017 end-of-year letter - The end-of-year letter was created and mailed to 200 museum patrons. If you have not received yours, there are still several available at the museum. If you want to review it electronically, simply go to the museum website at www.gfhistory.org, click on "News and Events", then click where it says "Click here for newsletters", and finally select the button that says "2017 year-end". Or, click [here](#). (See November item #14)

15. December docents, helpers, and visitors - In addition to the information provided in items #1 and #3 above, here are the specifics for December:

We had 205 visitors from these locations - Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Seattle, Silverton, Hilo, HI; and O'Fallen, MO. The following people helped out as docents (in addition to those mentioned earlier): Ed and Thora Boede, John and Barb Scherrer, Tom Bergan, Ron Chew, Marcia Day, Fred Cruger, Tom Thorleifson, Norma Anderson, and Rosie Miller.

16. Calendar and Odds & Ends -

Sunday, 1/7/18, noon - 5PM, regular Museum hours
Sunday, 1/14/18, noon - 5PM, regular Museum hours
Saturday, 1/20/18, LOSCHO annual meeting, 10AM, Hibulb Cultural Center, Tulalip
Sunday, 1/21/18, noon - 5PM, regular Museum hours
Sunday, 1/28/18, noon - 5PM, regular Museum hours
Monday, 1/29/18, 6PM GFHS Board Meeting, and 7PM GFHS General Meeting, GenCare "The Village"
Tuesday, 1/30/18, 5PM, Heritage Grant application due

• **Docent scheduling** - Even though there have been many helpers, we still need to have docents sign up for our weekly Sundays, noon to 5:00 PM. The calendar is now ready for January-March signups. Leave a message on the museum's phone (360.691.2603) or email **Marcia Day** at marciad@irgpt.com with the dates you can help. You don't need to be an "expert", and where else can you meet wonderful people from all over?

• **At the last GFHS Board/General meetings** held in November, the Board and General membership confirmed **Regina Jones** as one of three new Board members to start 2018. There are two more vacancies for someone to enjoy the company of the current Board as decisions are made to guide our museum into the next year. Let someone know by calling 360.691.2603 (leaving a message) or by emailing us at: info@gfhistory.org

• **Did you know** - there are 4 living generations of Granite Falls High School graduates in the **Scherrer** family?