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February 2018 NEWSLETTER

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1. New Treasurer - On January 31st, Scott starting taking steps to transfer Treasurer responsibilities to Fred. As simple as that seems conceptually, a few formalities need to be satisfied for bank signature responsibility, etc. It should be completed by month-end.

2. Christ's Community Church - On February 4th, Connie Mace and Charlene Webb presented the museum with an updated copy of their published History of Christ's Community Church (originally built as the Union Congregational Church on Pioneer Street in 1901). Later in the month, we received the original pulpit from the church as a loaned item for our collection. The pulpit was made in 1901 by Campbell Robe and Lay Preacher Mr. Resigue for the dedication of the Church. During the heavy snow of 1916, George Wilder and his 14-year-old son Richard entered the church and rescued the pulpit and a few other things prior to the roof collapsing from the weight of the snow.



3. USFS and Monte Cristo - On February 5th, Tom and Fred attended the second public meeting held by the

USFS regarding the future of Monte Cristo. There is an outspoken element that would prefer to see the entire region shut off as wilderness area. Then there are private property owners and heritage organizations that would prefer to see it maintained in an orderly fashion, but accessible to the public as a heritage site. The practical ramifications surround the "road access" question, and whether the road constructed for the cleanup should be used for future access, since the original rail bed road has been blocked by clay slides and floods. [Click here for the original overview and announcements about the meetings.](#)

4. Yea, Jackey! - Jackey Anderson, the museum's intern, has continued to work throughout the month on many accessions going into PastPerfect, as well as on a large collection of images to be loaded into the new system offered by SmallTownPapers (STP) to non-profits (for free online collection search and display). This STP system will be the subject of the keynote speech at the March 17th [LOSCHO Malstrom Award](#) luncheon in Marysville.

5. Crossroads High School requests - On February 5th, GFHS responded to a request from Laurie Roughton, teacher at [Crossroads High School](#), with suggested names from early Granite Falls that could be researched by her students. She was particularly interested in what they could do online through our web site and through the online mapping system. Information was given which will be a good start for her students.

6. Mapping info to Amec Foster Wheeler - Then on February 6th, GFHS provided mapping information to a project archaeologist at Amec Foster Wheeler in Seattle, to help with some work they are doing in Lake Stevens.

7. Live the SnoCo Life magazine - On February 7th, GFHS received a request from Jessica Coronado, editor for [Live the SnoCo Life](#), a monthly magazine that is all about local



choices and options in Snohomish County. Their March issue is all about history, and they wanted to know if we were interested in participating in a feature for the issue. Jessica (aka the "SnoCo Gal") and her daughter Isabella (aka the "SnoCo Kid") visited the following Sunday to gather information and left a copy of her magazine for us. By the way, Isabella is already a published author, with a very thorough article on Funko in Everett in the most recent issue.

8. Jorgensen properties still not settled - Also on February 7th, Fred received a response from the attorney handling the sale of the Lois Jorgensen property, to whom several notes were written in December and January. She said in her reply, "Hello Fred: I have received several contacts from you, thank you. The ball is in my court related to legal process. I will contact you next week as to the next steps." Late on the following Friday, we heard something . . . (see #13 below).

9. The Museum and the City's new Civic Center - On February 8th, the City contacted GFHS to ask about minimizing the separation between the museum and the parking lot to be installed as part of the new Civic Center. The City is willing to take responsibility for landscaping the 5' strip and was wondering if we minded the landscaping being on the museum property. They also wanted some details regarding where we would most like to see power and/or water connections as we plan our expansion. They are striving to make the parking lot equally useful to the museum for events.

10. Diesel Donkey vs. Steam Donkey - On February 9th, GFHS was asked if we'd be interested in pursuing the antique skidder that was owned by Fred Anderson. Had it been a steam donkey, we'd have found a way to plan for it as part of the Civic Center layout. But it was diesel-powered, making it somewhat less of an attraction. It's still available . . .



Diesel Donkey
(smell the fumes?)



Steam Donkey
(see the steam?)

11. Mountain Way Elementary - On February 13th, GFHS committed to several presentations for all the 1st-grade classes at [Mountain Way Elementary](#). The presentations will be given March 13th. Tom has been coordinating with Gretchen Allred, one of the teachers at the school.

12. GF Chamber hosts "State of the City" message - On February 15th, Fred attended the [Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce](#) meeting at The Village. The meeting was dedicated to a presentation by [Granite Falls City Manager Brent Kirk](#), discussing the 2018 capital projects spread across the city. Major street and sidewalk improvements, as well as a new Civic Center are planned. There will be

plenty of detours and road closures throughout the entire Summer season, but the many improvements will be



incredible! Thanks are due to Brent for his continued success in grant funding! From the map image you can see that there will be a parking lot north of the museum, and the Civic Center will be on two lots - - the existing food bank lot and the vacant lot between it and the current police department.

13. More on the Jorgensen properties - On February 16th, we heard again from the attorney handling the sale of the Lois Jorgensen property. She was concerned about the "name" of the Granite Falls Alumni Foundation. In Lois' will the recipient was specified as the "Granite Falls High School Alumni Association", and we'd already told her that it was changed to the "Granite Falls Alumni Foundation" when they established their formal non-profit status a few years ago. Her concern was that it had never been the GFHSAA (it had only been the GFAA). Arrggghhh . . . The naming dates/details were sent to her on February 19th, but we've heard nothing since.

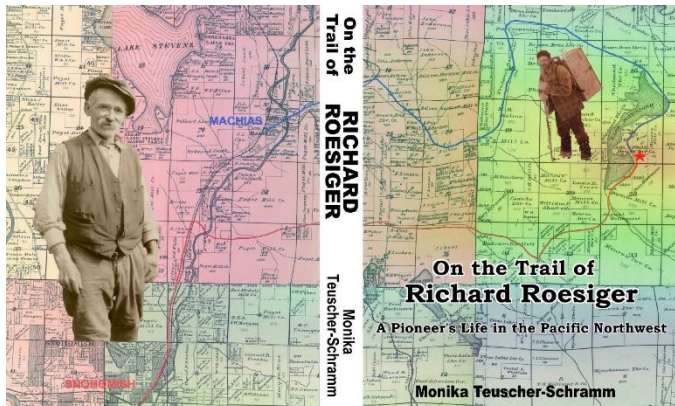
14. Mapping disc updated for SVGS - On February 18th, GFHS updated the mapping disc for the [Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society \(SVGS\)](#), and agreed to hold a training session for their librarians on March 27th, followed by a presentation to their general membership on April 11th. SVGS hosts the annual genealogical conference at [Byrne Performing Arts Center](#) at Arlington High School every summer, and it always draws a good crowd with renowned speakers.

15. Snohomish County HPC meeting - On February 20th, Tom and Fred attended the monthly meeting of the [Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission](#). The meeting was dedicated to choosing which Community Grant applications would be recommended for funding. \$100K in "small grants" was recommended, and \$100K in "large grants" was recommended, to be forwarded to the County Council for approval. No decisions are final until Council approves, but several grants in which GFHS is interested (and had helped to prepare) were recommended for funding by the commission. This year there were 38 applications compared to 14 last year.

16. More mapping requests - From February 21st to February 25th, GFHS responded to several requests for mapping information and/or pictures. Only once did we come up short, when asked for Camano Island early maps

showing mills. Our mapping software unfortunately only covers Snohomish County, but covers it exceptionally well.

17. Richard Roesiger, over 150 years old, goes digital, and is nominated for an award! - The League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO) annual [Malstrom Award luncheon](#) will be held on March 17 at the new Marysville Historical Museum. One of the items nominated in the "Publications" category is the book titled [On the Trail of Richard Roesiger](#), which recognizes the book's value as documentation of Snohomish County



history. We were happy to hear from the author, Monika Teuscher-Schramm, and also see in the [Everett Herald newspaper](#) that the book is now available as an eBook from Amazon! Some people like to have a regular book to hold and read, while others are very comfortable with an electronic version they can more easily carry around and read while traveling or waiting in line somewhere. This biography of Richard Roesiger has gone digital!

18. And mapping comments - GFHS received a number of nice comments throughout the month from folks using the online maps. If you haven't already done so, but think you might be interested, be sure to give them a try! You can find them on our website by selecting the "Research" button and then select "Overlay historic maps of Snohomish County". Or, you can just click [here to explore Snohomish County ca. 1910](#) or click [here for homesteads and maps from the first 100 years of the county](#). The maps can be viewed on computers, tablets, or smartphones. You just need wi-fi access and a browser. Navigation is very straightforward, with just 5 commands: "+" to zoom in; "-" to zoom out; "move" by clicking and dragging the map; "search" by entering a town, address, or name in the search box; or "home" to go back to the start if you get lost, just by clicking the little house icon.

18. Docents, Helpers, and Volunteers - Our museum can't function without the people who donate their time and energy to make things happen. Our docents faithfully keep the museum open Sundays from noon to 5:00 PM on a regular basis, by making our visitors feel welcomed, and by answering as many of the questions as they can. Don't forget to sign up with Marcia (new docents are welcomed) - - all you need to do is email her at marciad@irgpt.com or leave a message on the museum's phone 360.691.2603. A big thank you to the following who have helped out in some way during February: Jackey Anderson, Norma Anderson, Tom Bergan, Ed and Thora Boede, Scott Bower, Fred Cruger, Ron Chew, Marcia Day, Bob and

Robin Ingraham, Robin Jones, Eldon and Elsie Kirstein, Ted Peddycord, Tim Quillen, Rosie Miller, John and Barbara Scherrer, and Tom Thorleifson. There were 55 people during February who stopped by the museum, coming from Arlington, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Mukilteo, Seattle, and Sultan. Many other "visitors" contacted us by phone and by email.

19. Board/General meetings - At the GFHS meetings on February 26, there were several things of interest.

- First, a 7½-foot, 2-man falling ("felling") saw was brought to the Board meeting by Jack Welsh and his son Travis. Jack bought the saw from Lloyd's Hardware in Everett in



1983, and it's never been used. He is donating it to the museum and will provide a plaque for display purposes.

- The Museum's annual Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th. The Co-chairmen are Ted and Ron.
- Discussions were held on fundraising ideas and on the museum expansion plans.
- Your 2018 Granite Falls Historical Society Board is listed here:

President John Scherrer
Vice-president Ron Chew
Secretary Tom Thorleifson
Treasurer Fred Cruger
Marcia Day
Bob Ingraham
Regina Jones
Ted Peddycord
Tim Quillen

- The next Board meeting (open to all members and those interested) is Monday, March 26, 6:00 PM, at GenCare "The Village" (Vitality Room) on N. Alder across from Crossroads High School. The General meeting follows at 7:00 PM in the Dining Room.

20. Calendar and Odds & Ends -

March 4, noon - 5:00 PM, Museum open
March 11, noon - 5:00 PM, Museum open
March 11 - Daylight Savings Time begins ("spring forward" and check batteries!)
March 13, 9-11:30 - at Mountain Way Elementary
March 17, 11:30-2:00 - Malstrom Awards Luncheon
March 18, noon - 5:00 PM, Museum open
March 25, noon - 5:00 PM, Museum open
March 26 - GFHS Board and General meetings
April 9-14 - Chamber "Look What's Local"
April 14 - Museum Spring Clean-up Day

From the *Granite Falls Record*, February 23, 1928: "There are plenty of staggering figures to prove that prohibition is a failure."