



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!"



July 2023

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. **Show 'n' Shine** - It's almost here! The **42nd Annual Granite Falls "Show-N-Shine"** is this Saturday, August 5th from 10am to 3pm! The [Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce](http://www.granitefallschamber.com) is sponsoring the event, with over 240 vehicles already pre-



registered! There will be all makes and models of vehicles including cars, trucks, motorcycles, as well as food, music, food trucks, entertainment, vendors, raffle prizes, and plenty of awards. This is a charity fundraiser with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the [Granite Falls Boys and Girls Club](http://www.granitefallsboysandgirlsclub.org). For more information about this community-wide event, go to the **Show 'n' Shine** webpage at: <https://granitefallswa.com/sns/>

2. **"Rusty Junk"** – The museum will hold its **"2nd Annual Rusty Junk"** yard sale this Saturday from 10am to 3pm. 100% of all proceeds go towards the functioning of your community's award-winning, all-volunteer Museum. In addition to the **"Rusty Junk"** sale the Museum will be open during the day's festivities. Stop on by to say "hi", tour the Museum, or find a unique antique in the **"Rusty Junk"** sale. Have you ever seen a window-mounted swamp cooler for an old automobile?

3. **Museum potluck summer picnic** – The **Museum Board** announced the date and time for our annual summer potluck picnic. It will be Sunday, August 13, starting at 5:00 pm (right

August 2023 Calendar

- Aug 4 - Friday, "Rusty Junk Sale" setup 10:30 am
- Aug 5 - Saturday, Show 'n' Shine, Rusty Junk Sale, and museum open 9am-3pm (final setup 6:30 am)
- Aug 6 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- Aug 13 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- Aug 13 - Sunday, 5pm Museum summer potluck picnic at the museum, everyone welcome!
- Aug 15 - Tuesday, Alumni Foundation mtg, 6:30pm at the GF School District Office
- Aug 20 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- Aug 21 - Monday, 7:30am, Chamber networking
- Aug 24 - Evergreen State Fair in Monroe opens
- Aug 27 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- Aug 28 - Monday, no Museum meeting
- Sep 3 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- Sep 4 - Monday, Labor Day
- Evergreen State Fair, August 24th – September 4th**
- Railroad and Reunion Days October 6th - 7th**

after our normal Sunday visiting hours of noon to 5pm) at the museum. Bring some food to share, and be ready for some fun times. Mark your calendar - - it's only two weeks away!

4. **End of June items** – At the end of June there were a few items that did not make it into the May-June newsletter:
- 4-A. **Passport Office video** - On June 26th, we renewed the hosting of the Passport Office video created with that 360° camera. Visitors to the Passport Office often walk over to the



Museum afterwards while they're in town. You can watch the presentation here: <https://fusion.realtourvision.com/139488>
4-B. Everett "Time Travel" - On June 27th, we created an mp4 video of a "walkthrough" of the Everett "Time Travel" tour created in partnership with the [Everett Library](#). The library requested a video for their permanent records, and it was then delivered to the library on July 27th. That 360° tour can be viewed at <https://fusion.realtourvision.com/174670> See item 2-B in the [May-June newsletter](#).

4-C. Saving Bridge #102 (the "Falls Bridge") - Also on June 27th, we received a copy of a letter being sent from the City to County Council members asking that they consider saving Bridge #102 (the "Falls Bridge") when its replacement is built in the next couple years. The default plan as of today is to



simply dismantle the existing bridge when the new one is completed. Perhaps we can save the bridge, with maintenance support being offered by the City.

4-D. Bush House - On June 28th, **Tom Thorleifson** and **Fred Cruger** used the 360° camera to photograph the inside and outside of the [Bush House](#) in [Index](#). They enjoyed a tour of



the historic building and had lunch at the newly-opened restaurant in the hotel. The restoration of the hotel is fantastic! Then on July 14th, the online tour of the **Bush House** was completed from pictures that were taken. It can be viewed at: <https://fusion.realtourvision.com/186042>

4-E. Edmonds Tribune newspaper digitization - On June 29th, we received word from **Corey Smith** ([Sno-Isle Genealogical Society](#)) that they are almost ready to have the *Edmonds Tribune* newspapers digitized by [SmallTownPapers](#) (STP), and are counting on us to partner with them much as we have done with the [Sno-Isle Library](#) in **Snohomish**. We will soon

Dues

GFHS is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff. We function solely on the dues and donations that we receive from our members and friends. All monies (100%) are used for programs and paying our bills. Dues are very reasonable. Consider joining our museum!

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

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

submit for reimbursement for the *Snohomish Tribune* and be able to help with the *Edmonds Tribune*.

4-F. Historical photos for sale - On June 30th, we printed and framed a number of locally historical pictures for sale at the chainsaw carving event at the [Eagles](#) here in town. There were a few pictures each of various subjects, such as logging,



railroading, scenery, old downtown, etc. There are a few pictures left that will be available at the **Museum's "Rusty Junk"** sale this Saturday for **"Show 'n' Shine"**.

4-G. Debugging efforts with STP - Also on June 30th, we received word from [SmallTownPapers](#) that they have been working on a fix to an unusual flaw in the newspaper OCR (Optical Character Recognition) process that we uncovered while using their search capability. The fix will improve the process for newspaper pages that are physically damaged.

5. Docents/helpers/volunteers for July - We appreciate our docents and volunteers who maintain the museum and keep it open on Sundays and during the week for special requests. With their efforts, work is accomplished to keep the museum open and available to the public. If you would like to help, please email or leave a voicemail. Docents, custodial work, yard maintenance, and archiving always need routine upkeep. For the month of July THANK YOUs go to these docents and volunteers: **Angie Rosenkranz, Lisa Schmidt, Marcia Day, Thora Boede, Scott Bower, Tim Quillen, Fred Cruger, Regina Jones, Sarah Bower, Ed Boede, Tom Thorleifson, Ron Chew, Dennis Hayek, and Bob Ingraham.**

6. Researching and sharing info - We continue to stay busy as we look for information, find answers to questions, and share what we find. It's always amazing to receive so many varied requests throughout each month.

6-A. Bridge #102 analysis - On July 11th, we received an additional request from Kylee Money Penny for photographic



support of her analysis on Bridge #102. Hopefully, her report will support keeping the bridge! See items 2-A and 2-H in the [May-June 2023 newsletter](#). [Click here to view the video](#).

6-B. CZUR vs flatbed scanning - Also on July 11th, we provided technical advice on flatbed vs. [CZUR](#) scanning in response to a request from **Sue Walde** ([Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society](#)) regarding [PastPerfect](#) software.

6-C. HistoryWalk and Archaeology Roadshow - On July 15th, Tom and Fred participated in the “**HistoryWalk and Archaeology Roadshow**” in the Longhouse at the [Monroe Fairgrounds](#), sponsored by the [Historic Preservation Commission](#). It was scheduled to coincide with a large event at the Fairgrounds, but that event was unfortunately cancelled



at the last minute, so foot traffic was light. It was fun nonetheless to visit with the various participants from heritage organizations across the county.

6-D. Old aerial photos for research - On July 16th, **Shannon Kennedy** again visited the museum, interested in researching property west of **Granite Falls** using historical aerial photographs. They were listed in the index, but the boxed set of 1960-era photos we rescued from the old **Everett** mill seems to be missing the necessary ones.

6-E. Diffley – who, what, where, when? - On July 28th, a mother/daughter team from **Spokane** stopped at the museum, based on recommendations from the [Everett Library](#). They were researching ancestors named **Diffley**, and found that we had a lot of material. They left with great pictures, maps, and documents, and made a great donation to GFHS.

6-F. Melang family - On July 30th, a visitor researching her ancestors in the **Melang** family found great material and is returning next Thursday for further research, explaining that she would like to become a museum docent, as well!

7. Collecting and preserving - Our mission is to collect and to preserve history, which we love doing!

7-A. Lindgren/Cameron visit in Index - On July 3rd, **Fred** visited **Louise Lindgren** and **David Cameron** in **Index**, taking to them a full set of digitized files that were created by our **CZUR** scanner of the many years of work that **Louise** created and saved. In a digital form, they are all now fully searchable!

7-B. Only one more! - On July 20th, we received word from [SmallTownPapers](#) that the *Snohomish Tribune* newspapers through 1935 have been uploaded. Only one more box to go!

7-C. “New” artifacts for the museum - On July 30th during the regular Sunday noon to 5pm hours, we received a donation from **Bill Rawlins** of a “cone-shaped log puller” which was a



heavy iron device designed to fit on a sniped log so that it could be dragged by horses (see image above). Shortly after, **Denny Somerville** brought in two fire department hose spanners (see image below). The log cone is on the floor by the spar tree. **Denny's** hose spanners are at the fire fighter's



display by the hand-crank siren. Look for them on your next visit. **Denny** already has two very unique items donated to the museum – an old “hit and miss” engine” in the Blacksmith

July 2023 Visitors					
In-person Visitors			Online Visitors		
location	places	# visitors	location	places	# visitors
Washington State	10	60	Washington State	68	176
2 other states	2	2	17 other states	31	66
1 foreign country	1	1	6 foreign countries	12	12
TOTALS:	13	63	TOTALS:	110	254
Palm Desert, CA			Finland, Germany, England,		
Naunhof, Germany			Canada, Ukraine, and Pakistan		



Shop area, and an old outboard motor in the lobby area. Each are beautifully and fully restored.

8. Keeping up with business – Throughout the month there are things that need to be accomplished that deal with the administration and paperwork of this non-profit, and other items such as meetings or consultations to keep things in good working order. Here are July's experiences:

8-A. Railroad and Reunion Days planning - **Sarah Bower** started creating the **Railroad and Reunion Days Dinner** announcement on July 22nd. She has been gathering and sorting all the existing equipment and supplies during the month as she continues to prepare for the big **Railroad Days Dinner** event for the **Granite Falls Alumni** on October 6th.

8-B. Sharp House work - Also on July 22nd, **Robin** and **Bob Ingraham** finished the rail installation on the west and south sides of the **Sharp House** porch. The house looks nice now . . . all we have to do is finish removing the stacks of temporarily stored material from the bedroom and bathroom . . . and straighten out the living room . . . and the kitchen. It's amazing how much stuff was compressed in the **Sharp House's** back room that we removed to allow for the addition to the main building!

8-C. Free! Anybody want an antique pump organ? - We received an offer of an 80+ year old pump organ in excellent condition. Although we don't have room anywhere for it at the museum, it would look great in any place (we already have the organ from the **Catholic Church** in town).

Tom sent out notices to **LOSCHO** members regarding its availability. It's still available for free (that's a real deal!) and it can be picked up in **Edmonds** right away. Email **Tom** at tthorleifson@comcast.net.



8-D. ESRI (the GIS people, also known as the map people) - On July 20th, we received our annual invoice from **ESRI** for \$109, which covers our license to use their mapping tools for our historical map overlays, etc. These are world-renown great tools that came in handy for a new aerial map for the planner at **City Hall**, from whom we received reimbursement for our technical expertise.

8-E. Great work by STP - Finally on July 30th, we provided detailed examples of some OCR anomalies that occur in the OCR process at **SmallTownPapers**. They recently made an improvement that corrected some problems identified earlier during the scanning of the *Snohomish Tribune*. The newly-discovered issues do not occur often, but we've been lucky enough to find examples that can be used to design a fix. STP is quickly resolving each of the issues that have been found.

Also, they recently completed uploading 1921-1937 issues of the *Snohomish Tribune*, which GFHS has helped to facilitate.

8-F. AASLH Annual Conference - On July 5th, we received notification from **AASLH (American Association for State and Local History)** that "the AASLH 2023 Annual Conference is taking place on September 6-9 in Boise, Idaho. This year's conference features one workshop and three sessions that will help you and your organization prepare for the United States' 250th anniversary in 2026."

8-G. Busy Treasurer - On July 8th, **Museum Treasurer Scott Bower** started the necessary process to renew our status as a current business with the **WA Secretary of State**. The online gymnastics were completed on the 13th. Scott then forwarded

10. Books on local history

Available at the **Granite Falls Museum** and [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

1. [The Everett and Monte Cristo Railway](#), by **Woodhouse, Jacobson, and Peterson** (historical non-fiction), \$40 museum
2. [French Peter - Journey to Hat Island](#), by **J.D. Howard** (new, historical fiction), \$17 paperback on Amazon
3. [Heart's Gold](#), by **Joan Rawlins Husby** (historical fiction), \$16 paperback at the museum
4. [A Logger's Daughter: Growing Up in Washington's Woods](#), by **Joan Rawlins Husby** (biography, historical non-fiction), \$16 paperback Amazon
5. [Margaret Callahan "Mother of Northwest Art"](#), by **Brian Tobey Callahan**, (biography, historical non-fiction, art), \$28 museum
6. [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
7. [Pilchuck Valley Reflections](#), by **Dorothy Jean Schroeder** (historical non-fiction), \$20 paperback at the museum
8. [The Pride of Monte Cristo](#), by **J.D. Howard** (historical fiction), \$16 paperback, at Amazon
9. [Sawdust Empire](#), by **J.D. Howard** (historical fiction), \$15 paperback Amazon
10. [Shellback](#) by **Jeanne-Marie Osterman** (poetry), \$15 paperback at the museum

the latest announcement two days later on the 10th - - our little museum's assessed value jumped so much that the larger total is across the IRS threshold, thereby condemning us to a lifetime of the full, Form 990 submittals. Form 990 has so many more requirements!

8-H. LOSCHO Board meeting - On July 29th, **Tom** and **Fred** attended the quarterly meeting of the [League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations \(LOSCHO\)](#) at the **Gehl House** in **Marysville**. They provided a demonstration of some of the 360° camera tours (*Everett Time Travel*, *Bush House*, etc.) and played the video describing the situation with *Bridge #102*. There were no pressing matters affecting GFHS.

9. Mini reunion - On July 18th, a few folks met for an impromptu "mini reunion" at [Playa Bonita](#). **Dean Steinke**, a long-time supporter of the [Granite Falls Museum](#) and member of the Granite Falls High School Class of '58, had an opportunity to visit from his home in **Blaine** to see old friends. A handful of guests were invited, but we had more than a handful in attendance! A few came to say "hi" at the beginning but couldn't stay. Others came by later. It was good to meet up with so many of his friends from high school, the museum,



and around town. Those who were able to get a seat included: **Bill Rawlins '57**, **Tom Thorleifson**, **Dean Steinke '58**, **Cheryl (Motter) Bratcher '56**, **David Riesner**, **Gordon Day '61**, **Leella Day**, **Dan Perrigoue**, **Nona (Nelson) Anderson '62**, **Donna (Steinke) Perrigoue '51**, **Claire Peterson**, **Dave Perrigoue**, **Thora Boede**, **Ed Boede**, **John Scherrer '62**, **Ron Chew '64**, and **Fred Cruger**.

10. To be noted - All of the items in this newsletter are extracted from dated email contacts with outside people and organizations, but there are other museum activities that don't necessarily involve email (or involve too many emails). **Chew's Landscaping Service** has continued to provide yeoman duties in maintaining the appearance of our lawn, the

front garden area and the house sides have been weeded, and the lawn/garden watering season continues. Extra yard work was provided by **Ed** and **Thora Boede** at the end of the month, and the grounds are looking pretty good for such a dry summer. **Marcia's Home Decorating** has managed to keep pace with each holiday period and maintained the July 4th-patriotic theme in the main building throughout the month. Our all-volunteer board and others are always helping, whether it's in the public view or behind the scenes. The Board continues to be involved, functioning well together to always make the right decisions for our museum.

Granite Falls Historical Society Board Members for 2023

Bob Ingraham (1st term, serves through 2023), **President**
Ron Chew (1st term, serves through 2025), **Vice-president**
Robin Ingraham (2nd term, serves through 2025), **Secretary**
Scott Bower (2nd term, serves through 2024), **Treasurer**
Open (1-year student term through 2023)
Tim Quillen (1st term, serves through 2022)
Regina Jones (2nd term, serves through 2023)
Marcia Day (1st term, serves through 2023)
Angie Rosenkranz (1st term, serves through 2024)
Lisa Schmidt (1st term, serves through 2024)
Tom Thorleifson (1st term, serves through 2025)

10. Reminders

Railroad and Reunion Days October 6 – 7, 2023

The **Alumni Dinner**, honoring the Class of 1973 (their 50th-year reunion), will be held in **Granite Falls** on Friday, October 6, 2023, with check-in time at 5:30 PM. The dinner is for **ALL alumni** from any year, as well as **GF School District** staff and teachers. Mark you calendars, and be looking for more details in the next newsletters. The contact person for this event is: **Sarah Bower**: rrdaysdinner2023@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at: (360) 691-2603.

"Show 'n' Shine Saturday, August 5, 2023

Kudos to **Dave Griggs** and the **Granite Falls Chamber** for organizing the **2023 Show 'n' Shine**". Make sure to stop by your Museum for a tour and a chance to find a treasure at the **"Rusty Junk"** yard sale! See you Saturday!

Your opinion counts!

Please fill out the survey if you have any ties to Granite Falls -- live in town or the surrounding area, own property or a business in the area, shop or visit the area, etc. Scan or click the QR Code:



Donating to the museum

You can donate 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 from noon-5PM
4. shopping at **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.

Check these out!

Over the last few months several presentations have been made. Here are some online links to explore:

[Granite Falls Passport Office](#)
[Bush House, Index](#)
[Granite Falls Bridge #102](#)
[Everett Time Travel](#)
[Van Valey House, Everett](#)