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JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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1. "A Midsummer Eve's Encounter" - On Saturday, July 16, our summer fundraiser ended in a huge success, thanks in most part to the great efforts of Marcia Day and Robin Ingraham who stepped up to co-chair this new event. The live entertainment by Ryan Foxley and the book signing by author Jim Cuthill were well received.



We are still adding up all the details, but between tickets, auction, and books, we did well financially. An enjoyable time was had by all.

2. Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce - On Friday, July 8, Tom and Fred met with members of the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce to discuss how our museum efforts might fit into their plans for tourism efforts in the Snohomish/Skykomish Valley. At the end of their visit, they requested that we attend their monthly meeting on July 18 to discuss in more detail what might be coordinated, particularly how they might use the historic mapping system to help them with their plans.

3. Healthy lawn - The GFHS grass is now able to handle the stress of power mowing, so besides watering during unusually dry spells, it seems like everything is moving forward. The initial fertilization seems more than adequate, since mowing is needed at least weekly. We suffered some minor setbacks due to



water line movement and sidewalk installation along Wabash Avenue, but that small area will be fixed soon. And, by the way, the plant sale that concluded on June 1 still has a few plants outside the museum waiting for someone's garden.

4. Expansion plans progressing - Marty Reimers, our architect, has completed a set of drawings that will be adequate for establishing "cost estimates" for the suggested museum expansion construction ([see June 2016 newsletter, item #10](#)). Marty understands our traffic flow, external appearance, and electrical considerations (break area, sink, etc.) and incorporated everything into the design. The cost was \$1800, which has been paid.

5. Motorcycles at the Museum - On Thursday, July 14, an over-40 motorcycle club that was camping at the Masonic Park visited the museum for a couple hours. They enjoyed themselves, then thanked us for the instructions on how to travel the back roads to the Pilchuck Yacht Club in Machias (their lunch stop).



6. New Intern - GFHS's new intern, Emily Cannon, ([see June 2016 newsletter, item #2](#)) has made great progress by helping us straighten out our accession files from 2013-2016 and entering new accessions. You may notice we can now see the floor in the projector/meeting room (just in time for the Midsummer Encounter)! Her efforts will now move to helping with the historic mapping system and the historic asset inventory.

7. Mapping presentation in Snohomish - On Monday, July 18, Tom and Fred met in Snohomish to present the historic mapping system to the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce at their monthly meeting. They were very interested, and ended up scheduling a full-blown training session in Snohomish for August 15. Meanwhile, they also expressed interest in participating in the county-wide Historical Asset Inventory if the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO) submits the winning bid.

8. Snohomish County Historical Asset Inventory - The Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 19, was canceled. The August 16 meeting will be dedicated to discussing the responses received to the Request For Proposal (RFP) issued by the county for proposals to conduct a county-wide historical asset inventory. The RFP was released on July 8, with proposals due on July 22. That due date was changed on July 20 (two days before the deadline) to the following Friday, July 27. The League of Snohomish

County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO) has submitted a proposal/bid to conduct the survey as a cooperative effort among historical organizations in the county. If LOSCHO receives the winning bid, each heritage organization (including GFHS) can receive part of the bid price based on their contributed work.

9. Facebook for Non-profits - On Thursday, July 21, Tom attended a workshop called "Facebook for Non-profits" sponsored by the Community Foundation of Snohomish County. The workshop was designed to improve overall results by any non-profit organizations when they use Facebook. There were good practical ideas offered in terms of how to structure a Facebook page, as well as how to encourage continual activity while building a "fan base".



10. Centennial Trail History Day - Centennial Trail History Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, and GFHS is earmarked for displays at the Machias trail head, which is an ideal location for us. An additional display area will be set up this year at the intersection of the Centennial Trail and the Whitehorse Trail. The Index and Darrington groups at that trail head would like to borrow the GFHS tent cover for the day, in the event of inclement weather.



11. Wabash Avenue is paved! - Wabash Avenue is the side street to the Museum, bordering the Sharp House on the east. It is part of the overall street improvement plan by the City of Granite Falls, and has been torn up in order to update utilities and to provide new sidewalks and street surfaces for better walking, driving, and parking. Final cleanup should involve some repair to our lawn and curb area, but all in all, the street looks great! They still have to set the herringbone paving stones on the 100 block of Wabash, but that should be done in the next few days.

12. July visitors and helpers - Many thanks to these members who helped as docents or in other ways during July:

Norma Anderson, Catherine Anderson, Ed and Thora Boede, Scott Bower, Ron Chew, Fred Cruger, Marcia Day, Jim and Jackie Haverfield, Bob and Robin Ingraham, Elsie and Eldon Kirstein, Rosie Miller, Tim Quillen, Dee Saunders, Barbara and John Scherrer, and Tom Thorleifson.

In addition, we welcomed 160 people from these places: Clearlake, Elk, Everett, Granite Falls, Index, Kennewick, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Mountlake Terrace, Oak Harbor, Seattle, Snohomish, Vancouver; Gilbert, AZ; San Tan Valley, AZ; The Dalles, OR; Texas; Sheboygan, WI; and Calgary, AB, Canada.

13. Coming events - Mark your calendar for these:

- Show 'n' Shine" this Saturday, August 6 - the museum is open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Docents are needed for the front desk, and servers are needed for our ice cream machine. We unveiled the ice cream maker last year for the first time at Show 'n' Shine, and it was a big hit.

- Docents needed Sundays noon to 5:00 pm (August 7, 14, 21, 28; and September 4, 11, 18, 25). Call the museum or email **Marcia** (marciad@irgpt.com) with the dates you can help.

- GFHS picnic Saturday, August 13, 2:00 at the Foxleys'

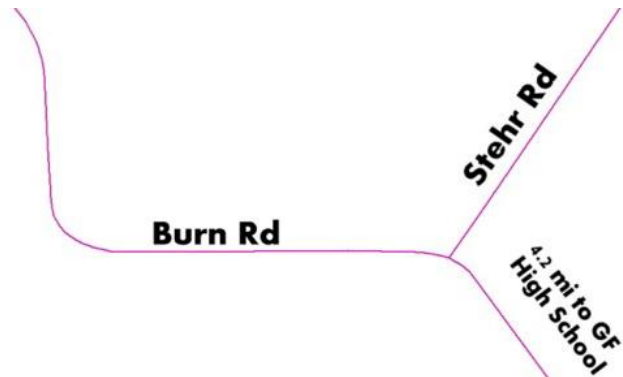
- August 29, Monday - no board nor general meetings

- GFHS at Machias Trailhead, Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. See Fred or Tom if you would like to help.

- Railroad and Reunion Days Friday, September 30, with Open House at the museum at 5:00 pm.

14. How do you get there from here (picnic directions)? - Directions to the annual picnic on August 13 at the home of the Foxleys (15314 Stehr Rd, Arlington):

from GF High School go 4.2 mi on Burn Road, turn northeast onto Stehr Road, go to the end of Stehr Rd, continue along the long driveway . . . and you'll be there! If you pass the old schoolhouse (now a church) on Burn Road, you missed the turn onto Stehr Road.



Our annual August potluck picnic starts at 2:00 pm in just two more Saturdays on August 13. It will be hosted by



Ryan Foxley and his family. Brats, burgers, buns, plates, utensils, condiments, etc will be provided. Please bring a pot luck item such as a dessert, salad, side dish, dessert, beverages, munchies, dessert, beer, pop, dessert . . . calories don't count! We will have the ice cream maker on site for another demonstration. Plan on chocolate!