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JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

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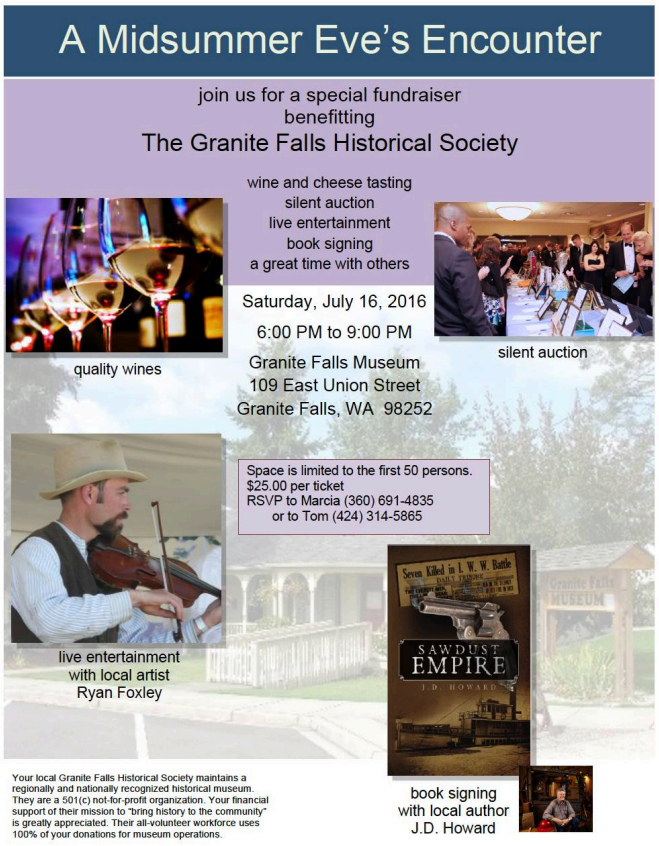

1. "A Midsummer Eve's Encounter" update - The plans and work are unfolding, and people have been signing up to attend and to help for our July 16 special fundraiser. Tickets are only $25 and includes all entertainment, wine, cheese/snacks, the chance to bid on some special silent auction items and to get an autographed copy of the book, Sawdust Empire by J.D. Howard.
Still needed:
a few more to buy tickets to attend
a few more to sign up to help before, during, or after
a few more to help secure silent auction items
Contact Marcia (360.691.2378 marciad@irgpt.com) or Robin (425.308.3584 robinsielk@aol.com)

This will be a great event, with wine tasting (many different bottles already secured), live entertainment with the museum's own Ryan Foxley, book signing by local author J.D. Howard (Sawdust Empire, an historical fiction of the Everett massacre), and a silent auction with various unique items. Sadly, there will be no $1.00 raffle for a new 2017 4x4 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup with advanced noise reduction technology.

Plan on coming, and invite your friends and neighbors. Space is limited, but seats are still available. It will be a great evening with lots of fun things to do.

2. New Intern - GFHS has a new intern, Emily Cannon! Emily is a senior at the University of Washington and will be working 12-14 hours per week at the museum for the next three months. Her initial system training and orientation has been completed, and she is already helping to straighten out our accession files from 2013-2016, entering new accessions, and getting ready to help with the historic mapping system and the historic asset inventory. Her first work day was Monday, June 27. Stop by the museum during the week and you will get a chance to meet her. Her help is very much needed, and her time at the museum under the mentorship of Fred will provide Emily with valuable learning experiences. Emily will graduate with a bachelor's degree in Culture, Literature and the Arts.

3. June's monthly meeting - We had a special guest at our meeting on Monday, June 27. Sheyenne Koen, our Mary Bayh scholarship recipient for 2016, stopped by to talk to our members about her high school experiences and her college plans. He mother was also in attendance. Sheyenne is a very capable young woman who has already proved herself to be deserving of the scholarship. She has already earned her Associate of Arts degree as a Running Start student at Everett Community College, and has been accepted into the Western Washington University School of Education program at their Everett branch campus.

4. June visitors and helpers - Our docents and other helpers make it all happen! We would not be able to be open for our community and the curious to visit if we did not have volunteers. Many thanks to these members who

helped in some way during May: **Norma Anderson, Tom Bergan, Scott Bower, Ron Chew, Fred Cruger, Marcia Day, Jackie Haverfield, Robin Ingraham, Bob Ingraham, John Kuntz, Rosie Miller, Tim Quillen, John Scherrer, and Tom Thorleifson**. In addition, there were 112 people from these places: Arlington, Bothell, Bremerton, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Roy, Shoreline, Snohomish, Lake Havasu City, CA, and Costa Rica.

We have a continual need for volunteers to help as docents during regularly scheduled hours of noon to 5:00 pm on Sundays. Call the museum or email **Marcia** (marciad@irgpt.com) with the dates you can help. Don't forget the need to help on Saturday, July 16 with the museum fundraiser!

5. Lawn and street update - The museum lawn is actually looking quite green, although a recent close crew-cut may have clipped a few bald spots. The grass is now able to handle the stress of power mowing, so outside of water during unusual dry spells, it seems like everything is now moving forward. The initial fertilization seems more than adequate, since mowing is needed at least weekly. While

the grass seed was germinating and filling in, the City's street improvements were in full swing. Part of the newly seeded lawn had to be torn up for access to the gas and water connections. They have been altered, as a side effect of all the work going on to improve Wabash Avenue. As a result, water was off for several days, including the weekend and our regular Sunday hours. Water was back on June 27 by 8:30 am.

6. Monroe - On Saturday, June 4, Tom and Fred delivered a training session on the historic mapping system for the folks in Monroe. About 10 people attended the training, and after the formal session, two PCs were loaded with updated software and several of the Monroe folks sat down to use the system. Their software includes a special map layer showing historic buildings inside the Monroe city limits.

7. Plant sale - The plants sale concluded on June 1, but there are still plants outside the museum waiting for someone's garden. We sold a few more to add to the overall total money raised. Stop by and see if something interests you. They have been watered and cared for and are ready for a permanent home.

8 School visit - On Monday, June 6, Tom visited Monte Cristo Elementary School as a "pre-visit" for two classes scheduled to visit the museum. He garnered from them an interesting set of written questions regarding Granite Falls history, all of which showed both a remarkable level of curiosity and a surprising level of detail. Then on Wednesday, June 8, Tom, Fred, and Jackie Haverfield hosted the Monte Cristo students at the museum. Their behavior was extremely good, and their level of attention was great! On those few occasions when they seemed to mentally wander from the discussion, it was not because of "drifting" but rather because they saw something of specific interest that took priority. It was a real pleasure to host such a fine bunch of students! The two groups of students, teachers, and chaperones totaled about 55 people.

9. Congresswoman DelBene invite - Emails were sent on Saturday, June 18, to our various congressional representatives and invited them to visit the museum this summer during their break. Congresswoman DelBene's office acknowledged the invitation on June 23, so we just might have a congressional visitor this summer.

10. Mr. Architect - On Tuesday, June 21, Fred met with our architect, Marty Reimers, to discuss all the items raised at the May 19 planning session regarding our potential museum expansion. Marty will take several weeks to complete a set of drawings that will be adequate for establishing "cost estimates" for the construction. Marty understands our traffic flow, external appearance, and electrical considerations (break area, sink, etc.), as well as our current cost constraints.

11. SCHPC - On Tuesday, June 21, Fred attended the Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission (SCHPC) meeting, where the primary item of discussion was the upcoming "historic asset inventory". A first draft of the "Request For Proposal" RFP was forwarded to commissioners on June 23, and returned to the county on June 24 with edits and comments. The RFP should be released by the end of the month, a reasonable period allowed for response submittals, then a selection made. The inventory is expected to be completed by year-end, which does not leave much time. Depending on who submits the winning proposal, the inventory could be a revenue possibility for various heritage organizations in the county, including GFHS.

12. Coming events - Mark your calendar for these:
July 16, Saturday - "A Midsummer Eve's Encounter"
July 17, 24, 31, Sundays - museum open, noon - 5pm
July 25, Monday - July meeting, 6pm board, 7pm general
August 6, Saturday - "Show 'n' Shine" - museum open
August 13, Saturday - GFHS picnic, 2:00 @ Foxley's
August 29, Monday - no meetings
September 10, Saturday - GFHS at Machias Trailhead
September 30, Friday - Railroad and Reunion Days Open House at the museum