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throughout the community, state, and across all borders:
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June 2017 NEWSLETTER



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1. Visiting the classrooms - On Thursday, June 1, Tom Thorleifson visited [Monte Cristo Elementary School](#) and spoke to the third-grade students about their museum

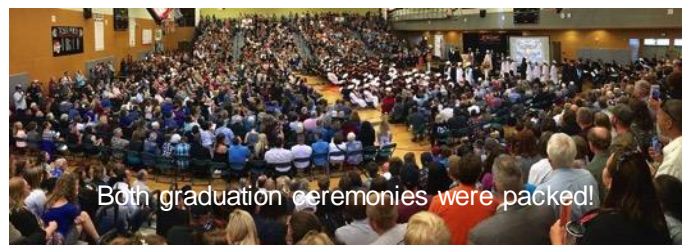


visit. He brought a few artifacts, mentioned the history of the Granite Falls Museum, and showed some images depicting the evolution of the school buildings in Granite Falls. Students were extremely polite and attentive for the extended visit, and followed up by writing some interesting questions that were sent to Tom which he gladly answered for them.

2. Classrooms visiting the museum - On June 6th, 7th, and 8th, the Granite Falls Historical Society hosted a veritable army of 3rd graders at the museum. Jackie Haverfield, Thora Boede, Tom Thorleifson, and Fred Cruger acted as hosts and story-tellers. The students were remarkably well-behaved and attentive, with a number of them promising to return with members of their families. With the realignment of grade levels at the two elementary schools, all third-grade classes were able to attend this year, with two classes visiting each day for a total of 6 classes. It was a busy week with many curious and polite kids.

3. Other June docents, helpers, and visitors - For the month of June, in addition to Thora, Jackie, Fred, and Tom these other people also helped, either as docents or volunteering in some other way, some more than just one time: **Norma Anderson, Tom Bergan, Scott Bower, Ron Chew, Penny Cruger, Marcia Day, Bob and Robin Ingraham, Elsie and Eldon Kirstein, Rosie Miller, Ted and Lonnie Peddycord, Tim Quillen, John and Barbara Scherrer.** Counting the school classes (including teachers, parents, and students) we had 232 people at the museum from these places: **Arlington, Bellingham, Everett, Granite Falls, Granger, Lake Stevens, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mount Vernon, Redmond, Seattle, Snohomish; Albany, OR, and Miami, FL.**

4. Scholarship recipients - Our two scholarship recipients, Jacob Kerst from [Crossroads High School](#) and Jordon Heppner from [Granite Falls High School](#),



were unable to visit at our general meeting held on June 26. Each sent a very nice email explaining their circumstances, with assurances that they can make the July general meeting. Jordon received the Mary Bayh

Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. He plans to become a math teacher. Jacob Kerst received the Granite Falls Historical Society Scholarship and plans to attend Western Washington University. They were awarded the scholarships on May 30 by GF Historical Society President John Scherrer and Board Member Tom Thorleifson at the GF School District Awards Night.

5. Changes in the neighborhood - Clearing of the property on the north side of the museum has begun. The trees have been removed by the City, which included some fairly large trees. The large trunks were left in sections and the City donated the wood to the



museum. Some of the wood is too good for firewood, so it will be cut into small lumber. Bob Ingraham and Scott Bower worked together to remove the large rounds. The blue house will be demolished the first part of July, thus leaving the lot clear of all obstructions for future city use.

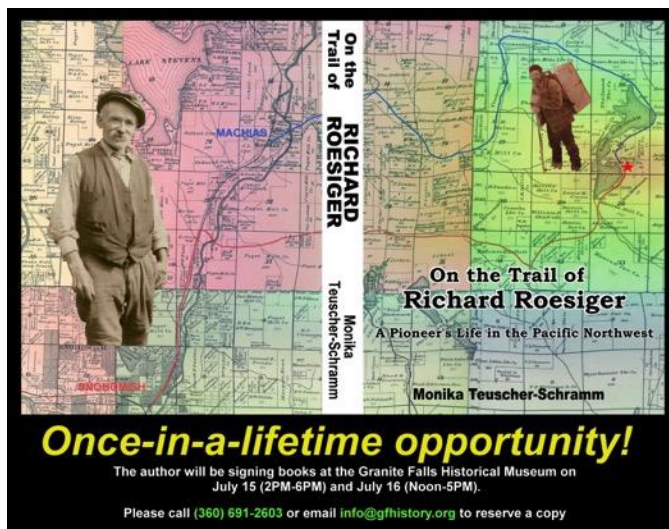
6. The "One Spot" saga continues - Since we do not officially "own" the property on which the "one spot" sits, we have not yet asked the attorney to take any action regarding a formal letter to the owner of the adjacent lot. All parties involved, including the City, are well aware of our concerns regarding the illegal fence and the necessary sewer access. (see [May newsletter, #7](#))

7. Chamber of Commerce breakfast - On June 13, Tom and Fred represented GF Historical Society at the GF [Chamber of Commerce](#) breakfast networking meeting. For the end-of-meeting drawings, Fred gave away one of our historical T-shirts, and Tom won twice - - some



chocolates he shared with others at the meeting, and a \$50 VISA card he donated to the museum. The [Chamber of Commerce](#) is a valuable asset to our community. Their next event is "[Show 'n' Shine](#)" on Saturday, August 5. The museum will be open that day.

8. Junk-Mail "Every Door Direct Mail®" - GFHS utilized the [United States Post Office's EDDM](#) mailing (aka "junk mail") for a special targeting of the book-signing flyer for [On the Trail of Richard Roesiger](#). On June 15th, the double-sided advertising was sent to 600 homes on Route 4 of Zip Code 98290. That covered all the homes surrounding Lake Roesiger plus a few others in the immediate vicinity. At the same time, the leader of the [Lake Roesiger Community Club](#) sent notices out on Facebook, and several other Facebook pages (i.e. the [museum page](#), the [Granite Falls Discussion](#) page, etc.) were updated with information on the book. At this point, we have taken reservations for 130 signed copies (about ¾ of those have already submitted payment), so Monika Teuscher-Schramm, the author, will get plenty of hand, wrist, and arm exercise on July 15-16. If you want a signed copy, it's best to preorder by calling the museum



at (360) 691-2603 (the voice-mail message is not very friendly sounding, but be assured that it is the museum), and a response is quickly made.

9. Research brings smiles - A number of June museum patrons received electronic versions of pictures and maps from our collection, including old logging pictures, downtown Arlington and Granite Falls maps, and pictures of their grandparents. It's fun to see the smiles that come from having such material readily available! People should know that our entire collection of photos and artifacts are searchable for anyone to see online. Some of the historic maps, including homesteads, are also available for viewing on your home computer, smart phone, or tablet. Just go to the "[Research](#)" button and choose the link you want. If you stop by the museum you can also look up anyone in the Granite Falls High School yearbooks as far back as 1919. Higher resolution photos of special images are available electronically at the museum, and can be printed for a nominal fee by appointment. (see [May, #2, #8](#))

10. **Wall map for City Hall** - [Granite Falls City Hall](#) requested a large wall map, and in return provided GFHS with a complete set of new ink cartridges and several rolls of heavy coated paper. Good deal for everyone!

11. **More prepping for the book signing event** - Kari Bray, a reporter from the [Everett Herald](#), visited GFHS on Tuesday, June 27 to discuss a feature article to be written on the Richard Roesiger book. Meanwhile,



photo of Richard Roesiger on computer screen during interview

announcements have been sent to organizations and individuals across the county who might be interested, and material has been submitted

for an article in the [Lake Stevens Ledger](#). We are certainly hoping for a great turnout for the book-signing on July 15/16! At the June GFHS General Meeting we discussed how many people we would need to be available to help, and it was decided to also include refreshments for our many anticipated guests. If you are interested in helping, please send an email to info@gfhistory.org or call (360) 691.2603.

12. **The Treasure Chest** - A "treasure chest" will be raffled off at the museum as a fund raiser to help cover operation expenses for our all-volunteer, not-for-profit, and nationally acclaimed, award-winning local museum.



This beautiful old piece of furniture will contain some mysterious antique items and other valuables and will soon be on display at the museum. Tickets are available now and the raffle ends on Labor Day. The chest will

remain on display and can be seen Sunday afternoons, the book signing days on July 15-16, and the August 5 "Show 'n' Shine". We will offer the tickets for \$1.00 each (or 6 for \$5.00, or 25 for \$20). All proceeds are used to keep the museum available to the public.

13. **SnoCo HPC** - [The Snohomish County Historical Preservation Commission \(HPC\)](#) held its monthly meeting on June 20th. The areas of discussion were:

- Development of a web site for the HPC
- Updated Heritage Grant process, so that applications can be taken this Fall (instead of next Spring) for projects to be completed in 2018.
- The need for a written long-term plan for the HPC, so that progress and projects can be judged against written goals.

The web site will be beneficial for all museums and heritage organizations within Snohomish County by having a comprehensive presence on the County website. For grant projects, changing the application deadline will allow more time for completion. In addition, the County Council has already approved a new annual "baseline" spending of \$200K for historical projects (compared to the \$75 given out in recent years). Having a long-term plan will help everyone by making sure money is spent wisely and money is available when and where needed. The Historic Preservation Commission is a tremendous partner with the heritage organizations within Snohomish County.

14. **Board members** - The current board members for the Granite Falls Historical Society serve a 3-year term and can be re-elected once. After taking a 1-year break, a previous board member can once again be elected to the board. With a total of nine board members and staggered 3-year terms, GFHS will need to elect three board members every year. Nominations and voting are just around the corner. Your current board members are: **President John Scherrer, Vice-president, Ron Chew, Secretary Robin Ingraham, Treasurer Scott Bower, Board Member Tim Quillen, Board Member Bob Ingraham, Board Member Marcia Day, and Board Member Tom Thorleifson.** Because of the By-laws, volunteers are needed to fill the open positions left by three board members.

15. **Mark your calendar** -

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Museum open noon to 5:00 PM

July 4, Tuesday - Independence Day

July 15, Saturday - **Treasure Chest** raffle begins

July 15-16 - Book signing with author Monika

On the Trail of Richard Roesiger

Saturday, July 15, 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Sunday, July 16, noon to 5:00 PM

July 31 - Board/General mtgs, 6/7 pm, The Village

August 5, Saturday - **"Show 'n' Shine"** - museum open

August 12, Saturday - Annual picnic (time/location TBD)

August 28, Monday - No GFHS meetings

October 7, Saturday - **"Railroad Days"** - museum open

Over 125 years ago, Richard Roesiger and his neighbors celebrated the 4th by doing what?