



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!"



May and June 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.



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"Ghost image" ca 1930, NW corner of Hewitt and Wetmore

1. **Docents/helpers/volunteers for May & June** - Our docents and volunteers keep the museum open on Sundays and throughout the week for special requests. Without their help, whether big projects or a small errand, things are 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 accessions are always needing reinforcements. For the months of May and June, a big THANK YOU goes to the following docents and volunteers: **Angie Rosenkranz, Lisa Schmidt, Marcia Day, Thora Boede, Scott Bower, Tim Quillen, Fred Cruger, Ron Chew, Regina Jones, Sarah Bower, John Scherrer, Tom Thorleifson, and Bob Ingraham.**

take a 360° panoramic picture of the city. That image was the capstone photo for the final project required to satisfy the grant received last year of a VR360 spherical camera and four virtual reality headsets. Check out the [Everett Time Travel photos here](#).
2-C. "Mobile Museums" workshop - On May 17, **Fred Cruger** participated in an online workshop called "Mobile Museums", intended to offer insight into how some organizations are bringing their museum to the public, rather than expecting the public to come to their museum . . . interesting concept, but frighteningly expensive implementations.

2. **May - Researching and sharing info** - We are always 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.

2-A. Moneypenny and Snohomish - To start things in May, we received a request from **Kylee Moneypenny** on the 1st for information on business/industry interests along the Pilchuck River that impacted the development of the early town of Snohomish. We offered details into the early water system, first mill interests, and other items that helped her flush out the "impact" on Snohomish. Kylee is a historian for [Equinox Research and Consulting International \(ERCI\)](#) in Mt. Vernon.

2-B. Climbing high in Everett - On May 15, **Lisa Labovitch** ([Northwest Room, Everett Public Library EPL](#)) accompanied **Fred** to the very top of the Bank of America building on the southeast corner of **Hewitt and Colby Avenues** in **Everett**, to

July 2023 Calendar

- July 2 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- July 4 - Tuesday, Independence Day
- July 6 - Thursday, "State of the City" 6pm Civic Center
- July 9 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- July 15 - Saturday, HPC History Walk, Monroe 10a-6pm
- July 16 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- July 22 - Saturday, Eagles, chainsaw carving, historic framed photos for sale, and motorized ice-cream!
- July 23 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- July 29 - Saturday, LOSCHO 3rd qtr mtg, Marysville
- July 30 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- July 31 - Monday, 7pm, Board meeting, City Hall
- Aug 5 - "Show 'n' Shine" & Rusty Junk sale at museum 10 am to 3 pm
- Aug 6 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open

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

2-D. The Wilkies at Monte Cristo - We received a request for old pictures of **Rosemay** and **Delros Wilkie**, who once ran the lodge at **Monte Cristo**. We provided the best that we have.

2-E. Postmaster Clara Monk - On May 24, we provided a few pictures and some articles on **Clara Monk** (a former **Granite Falls** postmaster) to **Barbara Arias**, Clara's granddaughter, whom **Thora Boede** had coincidentally befriended during a visit to **Rancho Mirage, California**. We provided far more information than she had anticipated.

2-F. Images to the City - Also on May 24, we provided a few pictures to the [City of Granite Falls](#) for potential use in their new web site that they are developing.

2-G. Virtual Tourism Roundtable - On May 25, we received an invitation to the Virtual Tourism Roundtable that was held on June 12 at 3:00 PM, hosted by the economic development folks at Snohomish County.

2-H. Moneypenny and Bridge #102 - On May 26, we received another request from **Kylee Moneypenny**, this time regarding the history of **Bridge #102** (the "**Falls Bridge**"), as she is providing historical research as part of the required process of replacing the bridge. We provided articles, pictures, and a link to the video that expresses our position in keeping (rather than removing) the current bridge after its replacement is finished. On May 28, we sent additional articles to **Kylee** that reinforce the importance of the bridge to the **Mountain Loop Highway** and the economic development of eastern Snohomish County. Her final report will be used to help determine the fate of the existing bridge when it will be replaced in the next two years. Then on June 21, **Kylee** sent a request for permission to use a number of

our images for her final report on **Bridge #102**. The request was of course granted. To see our video that promotes keeping the existing bridge rather than spending \$2M to remove it, [click here](#).

3. Collecting and preserving - Our mission is to collect, and collect and preserve we will!

3-A. GFHS Scholarship history - On May 2, **Tom Thorleifson** finished assembling a history of our scholarship activity through the years, with names and amounts for each year since we started in 2005.

3-B. LaQuee and Burk photos - On May 7, we received updated biographical information of **LaQuee** and **Burk** family member photos from **Kathleen Burk**.

3-C County Tourism - On May 10, **Fred Cruger** participated in the Snohomish County Tourism Strategic Planning Meeting that was focused on "attractions" in our area. Focused meetings are being organized by **Katherine Woodhouse** of [Otak](#), the consultant firm hired by Snohomish County.

3-D. Tito's Vodka - On May 11, **Scott Bower** provided details to **Matt Crittenden** of "[Tito's Handmade Vodka](#)" confirming our status as a non-profit, enabling them to send us a \$500 donation that had been recommended by the [Buzz Inn](#) as part of a "thank you" for the wall decorations we provided the restaurant. If you haven't been to the **Granite Falls Buzz Inn** lately, go and check out the new images in the hallway on your way there for something to eat like their all-day breakfast or their sliders appetizers.

3-E. Granite Falls High School Eco-Car - On May 15, we received great pictures and information on the history of the Eco-Car team and history of the "ShopGirls", along with their



primary advisor Michael Werner, from Dave Green and his family. This is a great start to having accurate historical information on this internationally known group of students.

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.

3-F Snohomish Tribune and SmallTownPapers progress - On May 25, we received word from [SmallTownPapers](#) that they have now digitized and uploaded the first seven years of **Snohomish Tribune** newspapers involved in this year's project (1921-1927). Everything looks good, as we are working to digitize through 1940 using the \$19,500 grant. They are prepared, and **Jude Anderson** has additional years boxed and ready to ship from the [Snohomish Library](#) as soon as **STP** needs more material on which to work. We received a request on May 26 from the county about providing information to a reporter interested in the effort.

3-G. E&MC model railway preservation - We received word on May 27 that **Didrik Voss** plans to dismantle his incredible **Everett & Monte Cristo Railway HO-gauge** model train layout. He is offering us whatever portion we might be interested in, while he is also offering the layout to the group who will be establishing a new layout in the old bus depot near the Everett train depot.

4. Keeping current with the community and world - Taking the opportunity to find out more about what's going on and responding as needed!

4-A. Challenge Coin - On May 2, we provided some images and other information to **Police Chief Tom Dalton** in order to create a new "challenge coin" that features the [Granite Falls Police Department](#). While we were at it, we also sent **Louise Lindgren** an early picture of **David Cameron** that was discovered while scanning the Darrington USFS files.

4-B. Alumni roster - Also on May 2, **Tom Thorleifson** sent the 1973 Class roster of **Granite Falls High School**, along with date/time and contact details for the **2023 Railroad Days Dinner**, to the **Granite Falls Alumni Foundation** as help for their planning. 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 your calendars, and be looking for more details in the next newsletters. Contact person is **Sarah Bower**: rddaysdinner2023@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at: (360) 691-2603.

4-C. Forest Service road/trail closures - On May 4, we got notification that a number of trails and roads will be closed for various portions of this summer to enable much-needed maintenance to be performed. They include the trail to the Ice Caves and the road/trails to **Heather Lake** and **Mt. Pilchuck**.

The **Mountain Loop Highway** is still closed between **Barlow Pass** (mile 31) to the **Bedal Gate** (mile 36) as of July 1, with no known opening date because of damage to that section of the road.

4-D. Bylaws and policies - On May 8, we received a request from the [Darrington Historical Society](#) for a copy of our bylaws and policies that they might use for ideas because they are restructuring their own organization. We provided both.

4-E. Darrington scanning project - On May 18, we received a request from writer **Adam Sowards** for information on why the scanning project in **Darrington** is so important and how/why **Granite Falls Historical Society** got involved. We provided information by email and both **Tom** and **Fred** spoke with **Adam** the next time when everyone spent another day of scanning in



Darrington on May 20. **Sowards's** article was published in the [Everett Herald](#) on June 14 and you can find the link [here](#).

4-F. VR360 final report - On May 23, **Tom** and **Fred** participated in the "final report" provided by the six libraries across the state that received grants for the VR360 cameras et al. Our project, "Time Travel in Everett" looked good in the online meeting. It can be viewed at: [Time Travel in Everett](#). See page 1, 2-B above for more information.

4-G. Carpenters in Granite Falls - At the end of the month on May 31, we received an inquiry from **Glenn Carpenter** about how his family might become life members. Glenn is the nephew of **Lytton & Florence Carpenter** (GFHS stalwarts), son of **Adrian Isaiah Carpenter**, and grandson of **Ai & Addie Carpenter**.

4-H. IRS Form 990 - On May 11, we received word that our IRS Form 990 for the 2022 tax year had been submitted to and received by the IRS. "The IRS has ACCEPTED the return. Congratulations." The annual requirements for all groups are important. IRS Form 990 and the Secretary of State (SOS) Annual Report have different deadlines for each organization.

5. Scholarships 2023 - On May 1, our 5-person scholarship committee consisting of **Regina Jones**, **Bob Ingraham**, **Fred Cruger**, **Lisa Stinz**, and **Tom Thorleifson**, finished ranking the 13 scholarship candidates we received for 2023. The final selections were submitted to the high school the next day on May 2. **Tom Thorleifson** and **Bob Ingraham** presented the awards at the official Scholarship Night ceremony held on May 31 at **Granite Falls High School**. We presented two scholarships. The

\$2000 Granite Falls Historical Society Scholarship was earned by **Alyssa Johnson**. The **\$2000 Mary Bayh Memorial Scholarship**, also part of the **Granite Falls Historical Society**, was earned by **Alexa Mace**. The two recipients each have plans after high school. **Alexa** plans on attending the [University of California at San Diego](#) to pursue a career in education teaching at the high school level. **Alyssa** is planning on attending [Everett Community College](#) and pursue a career in Dental Hygiene. Many **Granite Falls**

community groups, organizations, and individuals awarded **tens of thousands of dollars** to more than 25 seniors from [Crossroads High School](#) and [Granite Falls High School](#).

6. Penny Cruger Celebration of Life - A Celebration of Life for long-time museum member **Penny Cruger** was held from noon - 2:00 PM, Saturday, May 28, 2023, at the **Civic Center** in **Granite Falls**, with the **Museum** open afterwards for the guests to visit. **Penny** was an active member of the **Granite Falls**



Historical Society and was involved with the museum for over two decades. She was instrumental in the design and layouts in both the **Sharp House** and the “new” 2007 main museum. For years she used her talents for seasonal and special event decorating, and she knew how to organize for any gathering requiring any refreshments. Her Celebration of Life was well attended with plenty of food. Her legacy was obviously passed on to her family, based on the wonderful photographs, artifacts,

crafts, decorations, and the overall classy appearance of the room. Her family spoke fondly of her with humorous and touching anecdotes. Memorials in her name may be made to the Granite Falls Museum, PO Box 1414, Granite Falls, WA 98252.

7. School visits - On May 3, **Tom Thorleifson** confirmed the needed details with **Shawn Bennison**, third-grade teacher at [Monte Cristo Elementary School](#), regarding dates, times, and number of 3rd-grade students that will be visiting in early June. He later confirmed similar information with fourth-grade teacher **Shaleen Cook** regarding fourth-grade classes. We then approached the month of June getting ready for all the upcoming en masse student visits that had been organized. It's always exciting at this time of year! Then to prepare, on June 1-2 **Tom** visited the third-grade classes at [Monte Cristo Elementary](#). During the visits to the schools, the students were provided some background information on the museum, were shown an educational video about **Granite Falls** schools, and were further prepared for an enjoyable and productive museum visit. Those seven classes then visited the museum on June 5, 6, and 7. The following week on June 12, 13, and 14, all seven fourth-grade



classes visited the museum. The visits were hosted by **Fred Cruger**, **Marcia Day**, **Scott Bower**, **Regina Jones**, **Tim Quillen**, and **Tom Thorleifson**. The visits went well. The students were very curious and were actively engaged at the museum. There were 14 classrooms that visited, and a total of 407 students, teachers, and other adults.

8. June - Researching and sharing info

8-A. Digitizing Snohomish postcards - On June 1, we received a request from **Taylor Russell**, the newest member of the **Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission** and researcher into the history of the **City of Snohomish**. She wanted help in digitizing a number of historical postcards. **Taylor** arranged to come to the museum on June 9 and she completed her task.

8-B. Van Valey House - On June 3, we received a request from **Steve Fox** ([Everett Museum of History](#)) for help in using the online tour of the **Van Valey House** in creating a web page on the **Scoop Jackson Room** in that house. Steve was successful in extracting the portion needed.

8-C. 360° images and VR headsets - Then on June 5, we received a note from **George Lightfoot** of [XRLibraries](#), the folks who provided the 360-degree camera and Oculus VR headsets.

They are looking for tools that would allow us to present material much as we did for the final project (“Time Travel in Everett”), but make it viewable using the headset rather than a flat screen from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. It would be an interesting way to present older pictures.

8-D. Property search - Shannon Kennedy visited the museum on June 11, interested in researching property west of Granite Falls using historical maps. She was successful the next day in downloading and printing maps from our online offering, and embarking upon a historical newspaper search.

8-E. Myrtle Lake info needed - On June 20, we received a request from **Tracey Boser** ([Stillaguamish Tribe](#) Historian) for any information we might have on **Myrtle Lake**, located near Mt. Higgins. The only info we had was that it was named after the wife of local homesteader **Frank Lawrence**. If anyone has information, please share!

8-F. Mill search reveals glitch - On June 21, we received a request from **Warner Blake** ([Snohomish historian and writer](#)) asking if we knew the name of a Granite Falls area mill owned by **C.L. Clemans**. We did find the name, but in the course of the research, found some anomalies in the OCR process used on the **Snohomish Tribunes!** We’ve reported those to STP, but have not yet heard the results of their investigation.

8-G. Snohomish GAR Cemetery gravesite search - Finally, on June 23, **Fred** spent a few hours at the museum and at the [Snohomish GAR Cemetery](#) with a visitor from **Spokane**, searching for the gravesite of **Hannah Wicklund**, the visitor’s grandmother, who died at home in Granite Falls in 1921.

9. June - Collecting and preserving

9-A. 2nd meeting, Strategic Tourism planning - On June 23, **Fred** participated in the second meeting of the **Snohomish County Strategic Tourism Plan Steering Committee**. The primary purpose was to summarize the inputs they’d received at the first meeting a couple months ago, with a focus on proposed “Mission” and “Vision” statements. It appears that the “Seattle NorthCountry” theme may be yielding to something more specific to Snohomish County . . . we’ll see.

10. June - Keeping current with the community

10-A. SOS Annual Report - On June 1, we received notice from WA Secretary of State that we must submit our annual report by

July 31 to maintain our “active” status as a Washington business/charity. We are ready for that!

10-B. Monte Cristo CERCLA Road - On June 5th, we received a short note from **Jim Sekulich** ([Doc’s Tavern](#) in **Machias**, property owner in **Monte Cristo**) reiterating concern regarding access to Monte Cristo for safe and necessary travel for property maintenance. Jim will be an important ally in lobbying for use of the **CERCLA** road.

10-C. HPC History Walk at the Fairgrounds - Also on June 5, we received confirmation from **Gretchen Kaehler**, [Snohomish County Archaeologist](#), that the 2023 [Historic Preservation Commission](#) “History Walk” will be held July 15, Saturday, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds in Monroe. **Granite Falls Historical Society** will have an indoor table display for fair visitors on that day – **Tom Thorleifson** and **Fred Cruger** are responsible for assembling the material for display throughout the day.

10-D. U.S. Forest Service “Records Strike Team” - Finally on June 5, we received word from **Darrington** that the **USFS “Records Strike Team”** had arrived, and had started on their task of deciding which records to keep, or archive, or trash. Any extra scanning of materials at the USFS Ranger Station will be scheduled after the results of their analysis and work.

10-E. STP and old Snohomish Tribune newspapers - On June 9, we received word from [SmallTownPapers \(STP\)](#) that the most recent shipment of the **Snohomish Tribune** had been uploaded into [ArchiveInABox \(AIB\)](#), which means years 1920-1931 are now available online as a result of this year’s grant efforts. **Jude Anderson** is preparing to ship about six years of additional papers to STP, which will consume the remainder of this year’s grant funds.

10-F. More on the Snohomish Tribune - we received a note on June 11, from **Michael Whitney**, the current editor of the [Snohomish Tribune](#), asking for clarification on the newspaper digitization task. He planned to write a short article about the effort and it was published on June 28. Click [here](#) to view it.

10-G. Finalizing the 2023 scholarships - On June 24, **Tom** kicked off the paperwork effort supporting **Alexa Mace** and **Allysa Johnson**, our two scholarship recipients. It’s always a bit of a challenge coordinating the awards and the actual transfer of funds to the selected students/schools, but the whole process always works out smoothly.

May 2023 Visitors					
In-person Visitors			Online Visitors		
location	places	# visitors	location	places	# visitors
Washington State	7	32	Washington State	47	149
1 other states	1	2	20 other states	45	68
0 foreign countries	0	0	7 foreign countries	8	8
TOTALS: 8 34			TOTALS: 100 225		
Edinburg, TX			Canada, Finland, Germany, Pakistan		
			India, Mexico, Ukraine, United Kingdom		



June 2023 Visitors					
In-person Visitors			Online Visitors		
location	places	# visitors	location	places	# visitors
Washington State	14	*486	Washington State	57	173
3 other states	3	4	23 other states	55	85
1 foreign countries	1	1	8 foreign countries	15	24
TOTALS: 7 *491			TOTALS: 127 282		
*includes 407 school guests; Elgin, IL; Kingsland, GA; Washington, DC; Sweden			Australia, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Philippines, United Kingdom		



10-H. U.S. Forest Service visits - On June 25, we enjoyed a museum visit from two new USFS summer employees that were sent our way by **Marie Tharp** from **Verlot**. They are **Bronwyn Johnston** from **Washington, D.C.** and **Jennifer Morales** from **Sedro Woolley**.

10-I. Snohomish County Hotel-Motel Tax Grants - Also on June 15, we received notice that the **Hotel-Motel Tax Grant Cycle** opened June 14 for tourism grants. Any ideas would be much appreciated, since we've done well obtaining grants in the past to support local tourism.

10-J. Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission - Also on June 20, Fred participated in the June meeting of the **Snohomish County Historical Preservation Commission**. The primary agenda items were the July 15 "**History Walk**" at the Fairgrounds, a response to the **Bridge #102** issue, and an announcement of restoration work on **Red Bridge** along with its nomination to the [Snohomish County Historic Register](#).

10-K. Malstrom Award recipients - On June 22, we received a request from the [Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society](#) about the Malstrom Award winners that were announced on April 22, 2023. Four years of nominees were divided into two groups - (1) 2019 completion year, and (2) 2020, 2021, and 2022 completion years. Each year had the regular "project" and "publication" categories. The judges also recognized a fifth award, and also gave out two Special Recognition awards. A lifetime Service Award, voted unanimously by the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organization Board, was bestowed upon Lita Sheldon for her decades-long efforts and dedication to the preservation and sharing of history.

The recipients for the 2019 - COVID era are:

*****MALSTROM AWARD:** **Tulalip History Project (THP)**, by Lita Sheldon, Tulalip Tribes, submitted by Margaret Riddle and Richard Hanks - THP (www.tulaliphistory.com) went online in November of 2020, bringing together Lita's work in collecting, preserving and sharing Tulalip and Snohomish County history. Lita, the current head of the Tulalip History Project, has offered multiple programs on Tulalip history, its leadership and the families which made that possible through video presentations.

*****MALSTROM AWARD:** **Modern Everett**, by Steve Bertrand, submitted by Historic Everett - a 160-page non-fiction book detailing Everett's growth since 1893.

*****MALSTROM AWARD:** **Archive In A Box**, by SmallTownPapers, submitted by Fred Cruger - an online flexible database designed to meet the needs of historical and genealogical organizations.

*****MALSTROM AWARD:** **"Crossing the Road"**, by the City of Lynnwood History & Heritage Board and the Lynnwood-Alderwood Manor Heritage Association, submitted by Cheri Ryan - "A chicken-themed journey through Lynnwood history", this comic style book it is an innovative way to connect community members, especially students, to Lynnwood's history and heritage.

*****MALSTROM AWARD:** **"Baggy's Boys"**, By Steve Bertrand, submitted by Steve Bertrand - celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 1920 Everett High School football team's national championship.

*****SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** **Northwest at Home Videos**, by Everett Public Library - Northwest Room, submitted by Margaret Riddle - due to COVID closures, Northwest Room

Historian Lisa Labovitch creatively offered a series of online programs that can be viewed by anyone, any time, for free, including materials from the library's special collections as well as showcasing the work of other individuals and heritage groups.

*****SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** **The Pride of Monte Cristo**, by JD Howard, submitted by Susan Harrell - a 380-page historic novel set in 1896-7 at the mining town of Monte Cristo.

*****LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD:** **Lita Sheldon**

11. 1972 Time Capsule - Also on June 11, **Brian and Gina Gilvey**, museum visitors from **Georgia**, had a description of a time capsule that **Gina's** dad placed in 1972, about six miles east of Granite Falls . . . and so began a search that seems to have concluded (unsuccessfully) with a metal detector scan on the side of Road 4100 on June 25. Details of the search are available [here](#). The search started just a few days after their visit from Georgia on June 17, when Tom and Fred dove to the south side of Green Mountain, then hiked Old Robe Trail in search of the waterfall next to which the elusive "time capsule" might be buried. The trail has a number of tree falls across the trail that had to be navigated, and the salmonberries and blackberries are closing in at spots. Caution signs at one point vigorously discourage any further travel to the railroad tunnels. Fred and Tom poked around a little and took some pictures, and agreed that a metal detector would be needed for the next trip. Then on June 19, a new map to the time capsule was received, indicating it was placed on Green Mountain on the Canyon Creek Road rather than south of the Green Mountain or the south side of the Mtn. Loop Highway! So, on June 23, Tom and Fred explored an area along Rd 4100 (Canyon Creek Road that goes behind Green Mountain and towards Three Fingers) based on the new map to the "time capsule". The hoped-for waterfall was right where it was marked on the map. They poked around this new area, but finding the time capsule would definitely require a metal detector. The search continued on June 25 when Eric Cruger, Cameron Cruger, and Steve Hoidal used a metal detector at that same waterfall area on Rd 4100. Despite covering a large area (both horizontally and vertically), they did not find the 3"x18" aluminum cylinder. Disappointment! The next step is to figure out if there is a next step. Stay tuned.

12. Event Planning - Looking ahead to the things that make our community a great place to be!

12-A. Show 'n' Shine - The Granite Falls summer car show for 2023 has been confirmed! [Show 'n' Shine](#) is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2023! The museum always participated in some way for all community events, and we are already



preparing to have the museum open during this summertime gathering. We are also planning to have another "rusty junk" garage sale of odds 'n' ends, surplus items items, and old books and documents. If you need a 1923 tractor manual, we have it! Rumor has it that there will be even more entrants, based on last-year's record-breaking numbers and the number of vehicles already registered. **Show 'n' Shine** - - It's right around the corner!

12-B. Evergreen State Fair 2023 – We hope that museums will again be invited to have a table/booth at the [Evergreen State Fair](#) this year. It will be held August 24 - September 4, 2023, with August 30 as a day off. Last year we chose to staff a table on whatever days we wanted, with the offer extended to any other museums or historical societies in Snohomish County. The **Evergreen State Fair** is an amazing event and has over 300,000 visitors for the 11-day shindig.

12-C. Railroad and Reunion Days - [Railroad and Reunion Days](#) is held the first Saturday in October to commemorate the first train to arrival in Granite Falls on October 13, 1892. The museum is already planning to host the **Alumni Dinner** on Friday, October 6, with the venue dependent on how many people will attend. In 2019 we had a cozy crowd of 90+ people in the newly-opened Civic Center for restarting this old tradition. COVID changed things for two years. Last year we were "back on track" after COVID, and for 2023 we are happy to host this dinner again for the Alumni Foundation, participate in the Grand Parade, and have the museum open for the community on Saturday. The contact person for the dinner is **Sarah Bower**: voicemail at: (360) 691-2603 or email rrdaysdinner2023@gmail.com.

13. Independence Day, 1891 - These excerpts are taken from **On the Trail of Richard Roesiger**, by author Monika Teuscher-Schramm. Her book is based on 39 years of the meticulous diaries from the late 1880s written and safeguarded through the years by Richard Roesiger, Monika's granduncle and homesteader on Lake Roesiger. These 4th of July diaries were used in the Museum's June 2020 newsletter.

First, from a letter Richard wrote to his parents in Germany, dated June 18, 1891, from Ortrand, WA (his post office at Lake Roesiger, named after his hometown in Germany), translated into English by the author:

"...The next 4th of July, the biggest national festival in the USA, will be celebrated here in our settlement. Someone requested that I give the oration. Since most of the settlers in the region are born Americans, it's a big honor for me (a German). It proves that I'm a citizen and patriot and that I'm very far away from imperial and royal ideas.

"...The 4th of July is, namely, the birthday of the largest republic on this earth, for on July 4th, 1776 the settlers of the 13 colonies declared their independence from King George of England. The struggle for freedom followed, the English were trounced, and the Republic of the United States of America was founded...

"...I have a good home, good land, from which I can build everything on, I'm independent, have a school and post office on my land, I'm an orator, postmaster, and the devil knows what. Have good prospects and the goodwill of the settlers."

Explanations by the author, Monika: "Concerning the mentioned 4th of July party, Richard writes in his journal that there's going to be a picnic and he'll give a speech. In the local paper there's an article about the coming festival on the waterfront where Lake Roesiger is mentioned for the first time in an official publication.

"As appointee of the Common Sense Club Richard inspects the festival grounds at the end of June. He has a stage for music and dancing built and tables and benches arranged. He even has swings built for the kids. He buys a dozen U.S. flags for 50 cents. Primarily, he concerns himself with preparing his patriotic speech."

Fourth of July, 1891. Independence Day.

From Richard's diary: *"Chas E. Kittleson's shooting 4 a.m. woke me up. I jumped out, grapped my Winchester & refolver, and fired a volley of 19 shots. Chas E. Kittleson wouldnt stop - so I reloaded twice and fired 25 shots more. Jingo! **Legte mich wieder in den Kahn and schlief bis 9 a.m.** (Lay down again in the barge/tub [bed] and slept until 9 a.m.), shaved, dressed. Winchesters spike all over - - I couldn't keep quiet and fired 3 rounds = 33 shots out of my carabine. A Total of 77 shots. Holy smoke!"*

Monika: "That's Richard Roesiger's commentary to the 'fireworks show' on Independence Day. It's the same kind of enthusiasm he showed for New Year just six months ago. Then he shot off a round, and to outdo CH who was also firing in acknowledgement, RR reloaded and shot into the air some more.

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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** continues to keep the yard looking beautiful, the front garden area has been weeded, and the watering season has begun. **Marcia's Home Decorating** has managed to keep pace with each holiday period, recently installing an Independence Day - July 4th theme in the main building! 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

"Little Museum That Could!"