



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!"



## March 2022

**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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### April 2022 Calendar

- April 2 - Swedish Genealogy [virtual workshop](#) 7am-2pm Central Time
- April 3 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- April 10 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- April 15 - Passover
- April 17 - Easter
- April 17 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- April 24 - Sunday, noon to 5pm, Museum is open
- April 25 - Monday, 7pm, Board meeting, City Hall

1. **Masking mandate lifted** - In February, **Governor Jay Inslee** and **Secretary of Health Umair Shah** announced that the statewide orders requiring face coverings in public will be ending. The mandate for events with more than 500 people expired on February 18 and then the broader orders ended March 21. This is for most indoor settings, including K-12 schools and childcare facilities. Masks will still be required in health care settings such as hospitals, outpatient and dental offices, long term care settings, and correctional facilities. So, for the **Granite Falls Museum**, masks are not required, but of course, optional masking is welcomed.

2. **Yes to Show 'n' Shine and Railroad Days!** - On March 1, we received word that the primary contact for [Show-n-Shine](#) this year would be **Mayor Matt Hartman**. At the end of the month on the 28th, more information was received from the City that **Deputy City Manager Jeff Balentine** and **City Manager Brent Kirk** will assist **Mayor Hartman**. These three will be supporting the [Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce](#) as the Chamber transitions leadership during these "post-COVID" times. [Show 'n' Shine](#) is the first Saturday in August, and [Railroad and Reunion Days](#) is the

first Saturday in October. Sponsors are already being sought for **Show 'n' Shine**. All business or organizational questions about these two events or about the Chamber in general can be directed to [City Hall](#) for now. The museum will be open for each of these events, and we are already preparing for a "**Rusty Junk**" sale (of old and unique items) during that first weekend in

August. We are planning to host the **Alumni Dinner** for **Railroad Days** on Friday, September 30. **Ron Chew** attended the [Granite Falls Alumni Foundation](#) meeting on March 22 to officially confirm our intentions.

3. **STQRY webinars on demand** - On March 7, the week-long webinar series from [STQRY](#) (formerly [OnCell](#)) started. The sessions were recorded and can be reviewed online anytime by [clicking here](#). "This year, **STQRY** invites you to join industry experts and explore how your business can achieve growth through curating highly immersive digital experiences. You can get inspired by this week-long webinar series with topics spanning content creation, augmented reality, multimedia storytelling, tourism marketing and more. Whether you are a tour operator, museum curator, destination marketer, tourism professional, or someone simply interested in the future of digital experiences, this is the series you don't want to miss." The recorded sessions are free.

### 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!)

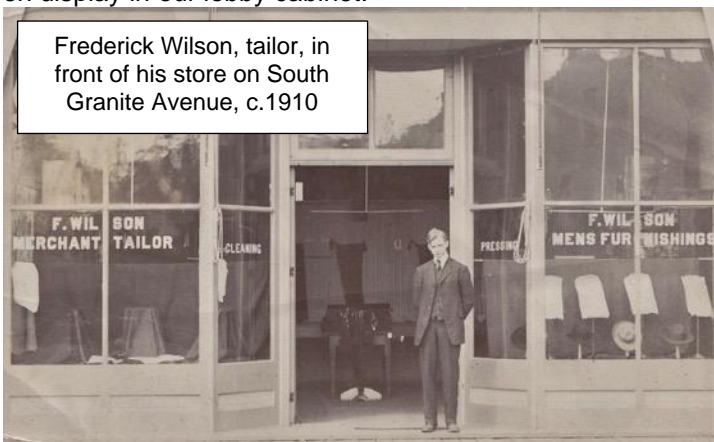
1. online - use our PayPal link
2. by mail (check), PO Box 1414, Granite Falls WA 98252
3. at the museum (cash or check), Sundays, noon - 5PM



**4. Quite the coincidence** - On March 6, museum visitor **Joe Hutchinson** brought in a real surprise! He had a small knife, which appeared to be an old, all-metal, single bladed, very heavily spring-loaded (i.e. tough to open, snaps closed), stainless-steel pocket knife -- and get this -- it was engraved with "Granite Falls Merc. Co.!" The knife had been given to him by the Mackie family from here in Granite Falls. This



knife donation is a true coincidence, since we've been in recent contact with Dick Kelly, whose great uncle owned and operated the Granite Falls Mercantile store over 100 years ago! Dick stopped by in town during the month and was able to take an "after" picture of the tailor shop to compare it with his grandfather's picture from about 1910. The knife was put on display in our lobby cabinet.



Frederick Wilson, tailor, in front of his store on South Granite Avenue, c.1910



Dick Kelly in front of his grandfather's tailor shop in March 2022

**5. Bridge #102, the "Falls" bridge** - Funding for a new bridge over the "Falls" has been secured, and planning for its construction is well underway. On March 27, **Fred Cruger** sent a nine-minute video to a distribution list including County Council, County Tourism, County Public Works

(roads, ADA, etc.), County Parks & Rec, the Stillaguamish Tribe, and the Snoco Historic Preservation Commission describing the proposal to keep the old Bridge #102 after a new replacement is built alongside the old bridge.

**6. Juleen photographs** - On March 9, we received another big batch of Juleen photographs from the Everett Library for identification if possible. It happened that we had a good copy of one of the Juleen negatives that was almost destroyed, so we sent that to the library. There were a half-dozen other photos we could place/describe.

**7. County Tourism** - On March 14, we received word from County Tourism that they had decided to no longer pursue the designation of "Upper" or "Lower" Stillaguamish-Sauk River Valleys -- just plain "Stillaguamish-Sauk River Valleys" (SSRV) going forward. That will impact any banners we lay out in the future for the City. The first County Tourism roundtable can be reviewed at [this link](#). Two days later we received a notice from County Tourism: "Save the date for our second quarterly Snohomish County Tourism Partner Roundtable on Thursday, June 9 from 10-11 am. We look forward to discussing the Strategic Tourism Plan, goals for tourism in 2022, and the gold standard of tourism. An agenda will be sent out as we get closer to the roundtable date."

**8. Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Grants** - On March 15, **Tom Thorleifson** and **Fred Cruger** attended the March meeting of the [Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission](#). The primary discussion subject was reviewing the **Granite Falls Hardware Store** building as a possible candidate for the [County Historic Register](#). County archeologist **Gretchen Kaehler** had visited the building and taken a number of pictures inside and outside. The 2022 grant recommendations went forward to the County Council on the following day, and were approved, which means we have \$17,500 to spend on digitizing early Snohomish County newspapers currently held in the [Sno-Isle Library](#) in Snohomish! Those earliest newspapers are extremely brittle and would not last much longer, so digitizing them will be a tremendous asset for all historians in the area.

## 9. Sharing

**9a. Canyon Creek Lodge lime kilns** - On March 6, **Fred Cruger** helped guide a couple local history explorers to view the old lime kilns near the old **Canyon Creek Lodge** site. It was a short, but productive, hike.

## Docents and volunteers for March 2022 Thank You!

Angie Rosenkranz	Marcia Day
Barb Scherrer	Regina Jones
Bob Ingraham	Robin Ingraham
Fred Cruger	Ron Chew
Jamieson Haverfield	Scott Bower
John Scherrer	Tim Quillen
Lisa Schmidt	Tom Thorleifson
Duffy	



**9b. Historic Everett visits** - On March 8, we hosted four visitors from [Everett Museum of History](#) at our museum. They truly enjoyed seeing the various displays, and the visit resulted in several new lifetime memberships! **Gene Fosheim**, one of the visitors, sent a short note describing his impression of our museum: *"It just blew me away. I've visited museums in all fifty states and yours is just maybe the best small town Museum in America."* Other visitors included **Joni Smith**, **Jack O'Donnell**, and **Neil Anderson**.



Neil Joni Gene Jack  
Everett historians at the 1894 phone booth

**9c. WEBELOS** - On March 11, **Tom Thorleifson** and **Fred Cruger** hosted a group of 11 **WEBELOS** scouts, 13 parents, and a few siblings at the museum. The goal was to show them some of the ways problems were solved mechanically "back in the day". **Tom** created some railroad switching wye problems for them to solve, while **Fred** offered a great model demonstrating "high lead logging" using small pulleys on string and a piece of dowel as the spar tree.



Troop 42 WEBELOS and families

**9d. School visits scheduled** - On March 16, we confirmed with **Mrs. Bennison**, a 3rd-grade teacher at **Monte Cristo Elementary (MCE)**, that all of the third-grade classes can visit on May 31st through June 3rd. Previsits to **MCE**, which includes all eight classes, are scheduled from May 24-27.

March 2022 Visitors					
In-person Visitors			Online Visitors		
location	places	# visitors	location	places	# visitors
Washington State	9	71	Washington State	36	149
2 other states	3	5	20 other states	40	63
0 foreign countries	0	0	8 foreign countries	13	21
TOTALS:	12	76	TOTALS:	89	233



Since we were unable to host elementary classes in 2020 and 2021 because of COVID, it is exciting to have our young visitors once again take a walking field trip to the museum. There are openings for other classroom visits, so encourage your child's teacher to consider this wonderful opportunity. They can contact the museum to make arrangements, either by phone or email.

#### 10. Odds & Ends -

**10a. Sauk-Suiattle Museum** - On March 2, we received word that our friend **Slobodan Mitrovic** (our primary contact at the [Sauk-Suiattle Museum](#)) would be leaving permanently for the East Coast, and he recommended **Kevin Joseph** (Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Historic Preservation Officer) and **Thomas Decoteau** (Sauk-Suiattle Cultural Properties Manager) as good contacts going forward. Best of luck in the future with your cross-country move, **Slobo**!

**10b. Darrington Historical Society** - On March 3, we heard from the [Darrington Historical Society](#) that a local chapter of the [Forest Fire Lookouts Association](#) has been discussing replacing the **Mt. Pilchuck** lookout with a restored/replica structure. No further details have been forthcoming.

**10c. Moving Day in Everett** - On March 19, **Fred Cruger** and **Tom Thorleifson** helped the [Everett Museum of History](#) pack the contents of a number of file cabinets into boxes, in preparation for their move from storage in the **Culmbach Building** in Everett to their almost-finished permanent home in their "under-restoration" museum building! They're getting close! Below is a Kinsey image of the trestle in Robe that we did not have. Everyone helping that day had to force themselves not to look into the files or through the pictures, or the work would never get done! A picture of the Robe trestle was taken to remember that Everett has it.



Trestle at Robe

**10d. Museum decorations** - On March 27, **Marcia Day** decorated the museum for Easter! Needless to say, it was Marcia who also decorated last month for St. Patrick's Day! This happy little bunny is just one of many items colorfully displayed throughout the museum. Thank you, Marcia!



**10e. Northern Pacific signs** - We received some original Northern Pacific signage from the new owners of the Snohomish house on the Centennial Trail that was often mistaken for the old railroad depot. The previous owner had collected railroad memorabilia for years, decorating his house and yard to give it the realistic look of an old depot. People often thought it was a public museum. The new owners are from old-time Granite Falls families, and they donated some of the signs to our museum.



**10f. Other County museums in the news** - March ends with [Everett Herald](#) newspaper articles about the **Monroe** and the **Mukilteo** museums. A front-page article was published in the March 31, 2022 edition about the [Mukilteo Historical Society's](#) efforts to safely store and preserve their artifacts as well as digitizing negatives and old photos. They were

awarded a grant from the [Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission](#). You can read all about **Mukilteo Museum's** work by clicking the link below. Two days earlier, an article featuring the [Monroe Historical Society's](#) efforts was also on the front page of the [Herald](#). **Monroe** is restoring the original library at the old City Hall and will be using it for museum displays and a community meeting room. Learn more about **Monroe's** work by clicking their link below.

[Mukilteo Historical Society, 3/31/22 Everett Herald article](#)  
[Monroe Historical Society, 3/27/22 Everett Herald article](#)

### 11. More museum activities -

The items above are extracted from dated email contacts with outside organizations, but there are other museum activities that don't necessarily involve email (or involve too many emails). During March, more progress was made in sorting, accessioning, and storing donated books and papers. We've received much-needed assistance from **Sarah Mach**, who is using the experience as training for a museum-oriented career. We are now bringing material in from the Sharp House to be digitized and filed. During the month of March we garnered another four life memberships. Our museum meeting room is starting to look more like a meeting room rather than a storage closet, but the new light switch just failed (and it is really dark in there without any windows!). Upcoming projects include a detailed budget and the ever-more-complex 2021 tax return (we must now use a full Form 990). Many thanks to **Ron Chew** who did the first mowing of the Museum's lawn areas (front, side, and back) at the very end of March. It confirms that the moss is indeed healthy and will need some serious work in order for the grass to survive through the spring and early summer.

## Books on local history

Available at the **Granite Falls Museum** and/or on [Amazon.com](#).

1. [The Everett and Monte Cristo Railway](#), by **Woodhouse, Jacobson**, and **Peterson** (historical non-fiction), \$40 paperback at the 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 paperback at the 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.com
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

### Donating to the museum

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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
4. shopping at **Amazon**, **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.
5. NEW! Mail Zone Auto Licensing Center, (SR 92 at 84<sup>th</sup> Street NE) has a donation box for the museum.