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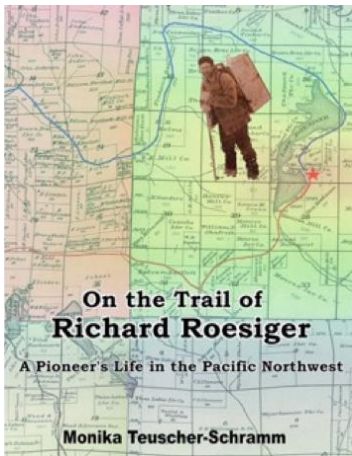


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1. **Richard Roesiger's diaries/journals** - The 500-page **On the Trail of Richard Roesiger** book is finished, and **Monika Teuscher-Schramm**, the Swiss author, submitted all the files to CreateSpace (Amazon publishing). The first 125 books have already been delivered to Granite Falls! The scheduled book-signing is **Saturday, July 15**, and **Sunday, July 16**, when the author will be in town. A flyer



will be sent to every mail stop on route 98290-R004, the route covering all of Lake Roesiger and the immediate area. Early book reservations have already started to come in just by word of mouth. It is apparent that if you want to get a book signed when Monika is here, you should preorder to make sure that a book will be here for you. (Why a Swiss author, you ask? Well, Monika is relat-

ed to Richard! She has compiled his decades of detailed diaries/journals into a fascinating true story of his life as a German emigrant and homesteader in Western Washington, specifically the Lake Roesiger area. And, yes, the lake is named after him!)

2. **Online historical maps available to all** - Our museum website was updated in April to include links to two prototype historical mapping applications. They are simple to use, whether on a computer, smart phone, or tablet. The first allows you to [explore Snohomish County ca. 1910](#), and the second shows [homesteads and maps from the first 100 years of the County](#).

Then another application was added in May to help the County construct a web site for the Historic Preservation Commission. <http://arcg.is/2qXddiZ> allows you to examine a subset of potentially historic items selected from the 2015 Historic Resource Scan (performed by a consultant

for the County) and augmented with sites identified by history-based organizations across the county. These map applications are easy to navigate and contain great amounts of information. Try them (after you finish the newsletter first!).

3. **Scholarship selections and presentation** - On May 8, the GFHS Scholarship Committee completed the process of selecting two graduating high school seniors, each of whom will receive a \$2000 scholarship. Ted Peddycord, Tom Thorleifson, and Fred served as the selection committee, and worked very diligently to choose from the 18 applicants. Tom and John Scherrer were the presenters at



the Awards Night on May 30, 7:00 PM, at Granite Falls High School. The Mary Bayh Memorial Scholarship goes to Jordon Heppner, who is going to Western Washington University to become a math teacher.

The Granite Falls Historical Society Scholarship was awarded to Jacob Kerst, from Crossroads High School. He is planning on attending Western Washington University to study biochemistry and also environmental science. Jacob is pictured here with Tom after the awards presentations. Congratulations to each!

4. **Everett Museum of History presentation** - On May 7, Fred Cruger delivered the main presentation at the Everett Museum of History annual meeting, held at the

[HiBulb Cultural Center](#) in Tulalip. The topic was the LOSCHO mapping system, which was very well-received. Some comments from the meeting: "Fred has mapped Snohomish County 35 ways from Thursday, and you have to see it to believe it!" and "Fred Cruger = Michelangelo with a computer!!"



5. **GFHS grant formally approved** - On May 3 the Snohomish County Council formally approved the grant recommendations made by the Historic Preservation Commission. That means that GFHS will receive financial support for the purchase of new computers and for expenses associated with delivering a presentation at the

ESRI Educational Conference in San Diego in July. With the information from the conference and the updated computers, GFHS will be able to successfully complete the online historic mapping project.

6. SnoCo HPC making things easier and better - On May 16, the Snohomish County Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) held its monthly meeting. These three main areas of discussion can very likely be planned and completed in the near future. This would make it much easier for everyone (County and historic organizations) to communicate better and be more efficient:

- a) Development of a web site for the HPC, the effort being led by Brielle Dodge, who lives in Granite Falls!
- b) Refinement of the grant process, with a conclusion that organizations that did not carry liability insurance need not obtain a policy simply to comply with the county stipulation that the county be named as an additional insured party during a project receiving a financial grant.
- c) The need for a written long-term plan for the HPC that addresses an accelerated use of grant funds, since the on-hand balance now stands at over \$600K.

7. Another update to the property updates - The current occupant of the property next to the "One-Spot" lot has started to move out, in the process placing even more items on the lot that belonged to Lois Jorgensen (soon to belong to the Museum and the Alumni Association). The owner is well aware of our need to clear up the sewer connection, as is the City. However, we may be able to interest the City in purchasing the lot. Discussions are very preliminary, but it would certainly ease some of the complications. We have not yet asked the attorney to take any action regarding a formal letter to the owner of the adjacent lot. Fred explained the current situation to the Alumni Association at their April 25 meeting.

8. History souvenirs for our visitors - A number of May museum patrons received electronic versions of pictures from our collection, ranging from old logging pictures, to Lake Bosworth pictures, to high school annual pictures of their parents. It's fun to see the smiles that come from having such material readily available! Check out the re-



search page on our website to find pictures, artifacts, newspaper articles, maps, and more. If you stop by the museum you can also look up anyone in the Granite Falls High School yearbooks as far back as 1919. By arrangement and for a nominal fee, a larger print can be made of

the pictures. High resolution images in digital format can be provided free of charge. The picture of the two people in the canoe is of Florence Ashe and her friend from Omaha, Margaret Doran, on Lake Bosworth about 1920. The tree topping shows Jess Phelps at 215 feet in the air while working for the Lake Bosworth Logging Company in 1924. I think he might be quite daring (or a little crazy)!



9. Sharing our historical information - The Everett Public Library received a request from one of their patrons to update their mapping system disc, so they are scheduled to visit GFHS on Thursday, June 1. A set of early USGS maps were added to the system to satisfy some special needs of that patron.

10. Classroom visits scheduled - The 3rd-graders from Monte Cristo Elementary are scheduled for a museum visit on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 6, 7, and 8. Two classes will come each day. Tom, Fred, Thora Boede, and Jackie Haverfield have volunteered to be a docent those days. Tom is scheduled to visit MCE on Thursday, June 1 for a pre-visit to prepare the students for their walking field trip.

11. May docents, helpers, and visitors - For the month of May we had these people helping as docents or as volunteers, some more than just one time: **Norma Anderson, Tom Bergan, Scott Bower, Ron Chew, Fred and Penny Cruger, Marcia Day, Sharron Harper, Bob and Robin Ingraham, Elsie and Eldon Kirstein, Rosie Miller, Ted and Lonnie Peddycord, Tim Quillen, John and Barbara Scherrer, and Tom Thorleifson.** In May we had 77 at the museum from these places: **Arlington, Bothell, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, Seattle (the Madrona area), Seattle (U. District), and from Snohomish.**

12. Mark your calendar -

- June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Museum open (docents needed)
- June 6, 7, 8 - Monte Cristo 3rd grade classroom visits
- June 26 - Board/General mtgs, 6/7 pm, The Village
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 15-16 - Book signing On the Trail of Richard Roesiger:

Saturday (July 15) 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Sunday (July 16) noon to 5:00 PM

August 5 - (Saturday) "Show 'n' Shine" - museum open

August 12 - Annual picnic (time and location TBD)

October 7 - (Saturday) "Railroad Days" - museum open

The Treasure Chest raffle! Stay tuned . . .