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throughout the community, state, and across all borders:
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May 2016 NEWSLETTER

June 3, 2016

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1. Summer is ~~coming~~ already here! - It's been warm, and the grass is growing well and is actually looking quite green (see April 2016 newsletter, item #8). There are spots that are thin, but we'll wait through the summer season to see if over-seeding is required in the fall. **Jim Haverfield** loaned us his push reel mower to treat the new grass gently (with the rain and fertilizer, it's already been mowed four times). **Jim's** own newly-planted lawn is sprouting nicely as well (a few weeks behind us), so we'll return his mower and then convert our efforts to gas-powered machines. Now that the yard is looking nice, it's time for our turn with the street upgrades.

2. Plant Sale success - The plant sale that ended the month of April and started the month of May was a great success (see April 2016 newsletter, item #1.c.). The museum raised several hundred dollars, thanks to the instigation by **Lorrene Hintz**, organization by **Tim Quillen**, extra plant donations by **Ron Chew's neighbor**, artwork by **John Kuntz**, and DVD/BluRay donations by **Scott Bower**. There are still potted plants sitting between the main museum and the **Sharp House**. Those should be planted in someone's garden!

3. DAHP updates - Sounds exciting? Just what is DAHP? (see April 2016 newsletter, item #4) On May 2, the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) updated their online historical survey data, only for us to find it was missing all of the "date built" information for buildings across the county. It took another two weeks to straighten that out, but they posted a corrected version, so their data is now better than it has ever been – a great contribution to anyone surveying historic buildings! The new data has been added to our mapping system.

4. Books boxed - On May 2nd and 3rd, **Tom** and **Fred** packed up the books from the book sale held during the Chamber of Commerce's April "Look What's Local" event in strong moving boxes, and **Scott** and **Joey** showed up just in time to help move those 39 boxes of books to the Library for their book sale later in the month. We finally have room to move freely about the museum again!

5. Panel interview - On May 10th, **Fred** participated in a panel interview to select the vendor that will be used to update the **Strategic Tourism Plan for Snohomish County** in 2016. The updated plan should be released by October 2016, and will impact our access to tourism grants and cooperative efforts.

6. Bicycle Tourism and Outdoor Recreation - On May 16, **Tom** and **Fred** participated in the tourism workshop on "Bicycle Tourism and Outdoor Recreation", the last of three targeted workshops offered by the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau specifically to help the communities in the Sauk and Stilly River valleys.

7. GFSD/GFHS MOU - (what?) On May 19, **Fred** met with **Karin Manns** and **District Superintendent Linda Hall** to discuss their submittal of an application for a "21st Century Grant" made available to schools that have a community commitment to establish programs for elementary students and their parents, emphasizing underprivileged students. The museum (Granite Falls Historical Society, aka **GFHS**) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) with the Granite Falls School District (**GFSD**) that GFHS would support the program, potentially by offering history training sessions and museum tours or workshops.

8. Museum expansion planning meeting - And also on May 19, a planning meeting was held to discuss the possible museum expansion, laying out fundamental "musts" and "wants". It was decided to seek Board approval to have architect **Marty Reimer** work out a more detailed design that could be used to establish costing. Interior walls, external doors, power, gas, protective concrete, and decorative roof supports

were discussed. The Board approved this at the May 30 meeting, and **Marty** is to be contacted by **Bill Davisson**.

9. Tourism Workshop concluding session - On May 23, **Tom** and **Fred** attended the final wrap–up session of the tourism workshops, intended to identify specific action items for the organizations involved.

Fred had to leave early to take part in a county meeting discussing the archeological considerations of some work taking place on Mountain Loop Hwy, so **Tom** was left holding the bag to make any firm commitments.

10. Scholarship Presentations - On May 25, **Tom** and **John Scherrer** presented scholarship awards to the two students chosen by our Historical Society's Scholarship Committee and approved by the Board and the general membership. **Tyler Arp** received the GFHS scholarship, and **Sheyenne Koen** received the **Mary Bayh** Scholarship. Each scholarship is worth $2000, as our scholarship fund continues to remain healthy.

11. On the Trail Again - GFHS has been asked by the County to again staff a trailhead on the **Centennial Trail** (as we did last year), in an effort to "bring history to the people" to complement our normal "bring visitors to the museum". Tentative date is Saturday, September 10. GFHS is recruiting additional participation from groups in Darrington and Index.

12. Monore Mapping Workshop - A mapping workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at the **Monroe Historical Museum**. Anyone is welcome to attend – it's basically a user - training event presented by **Fred** to their mapping system users, introducing some special map layers added to help Monroe survey their buildings.

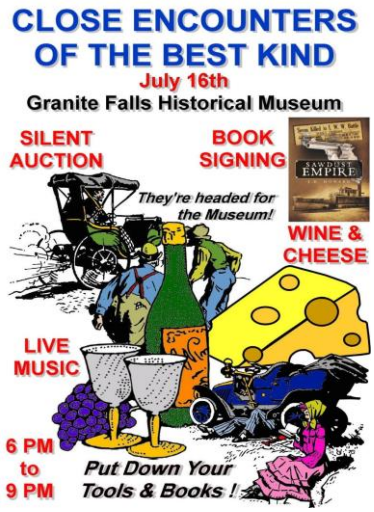
13. Clasrroom visists - Two third-grade classes from **Monte Cristo Elementary** are scheduled to visit the museum Wednesday morning, June 8. Docents are needed for the 9:15 am and 10:00 tours. **Tom** might be calling you to help as a docent, or you could just surprise him and show up. **Tom** will make a "previsit" to MCE on Monday afternoon.

14. May Docents and Helpers - Without the help of our docents and other helpers, we would not be able to be open for our community and the curious to visit. Many thanks to these members who helped in some way during May: **Norma Anderson, Scott and Joey Bower, Ron Chew, Allison Craggs, Fred and Penny Cruger, Bill Davisson, Marcia Day, Bob and Robin Ingraham, Ed and Elsie Kirstein, Rosie Miller, Ted Peddycord, Tim Quillen, John and Barbara Scherrer, Tom Thorleifson**. In addition, there were 81 people from these places: Arlington, Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Langley, Seattle, Snohomish, and Milwaukie, OR; O'Fallan, MO; and Alberta, Canada.

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.

15. Membership - The dues, along with donations and fundraisers, give us the financial base to function as a museum and as the community's historical society. The all-volunteer Board and members accomplish so much with so little. The annual dues are only $15 a person or $20 for a family membership. Students (high school and beyond) are eligible for a free membership.

16. "A Mid-summer Eve's Encounter" - This is our next big event and is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This will be a wine and cheese fundraiser, with live entertainment, a silent auction of quality items, a book signing with a local author, and a raffle basket drawing. We will need some help that day to set up and clean up, as well as serve. If you are not available, we are also looking for quality gift or service donations from individuals and businesses. If you can help, contact co-chair **Marcia Day** (marciad@irgpt.com 360-691-2378) or **Robin Ingraham** (425-308-3584 robinsielk@aol.com). This event is open to the public, but space is limited to the first 60 people. Tickets are only $25, and if you would like to purchase one, let **Marcia** or **Robin** know, or let **Tom** know (tthorleifson@comcast.net 425.314.5865). Credit cards can be processed for tickets by contacting **Board Treasurer Scott Bower** by email: rollingb@comcast.net



June Meetings are on Monday, June 27, 2016, held at GenCare "The Village" on North Alder Aveneu. The Board Meeting starts at 6:00 PM in the "Vitality Room" and the General Meeting is in the dining hall at 7:00 PM.

17. Find out more - To see what goes to the local press and online newspapers, you can visit these online sites:
"Back in the Day" – recent stories about GF history.
GFHS Calendar of Events – recent and coming events.
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