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1. Sundays Noon to 5:00 PM - always open! - These are our regular hours, but we gladly open the museum for special requests. The Granite Falls Historical Society has a group of docents who take turns on a regular basis to help make sure the museum is available to visit on Sundays and those special days. Because of our volunteers, custodial and maintenance needs are met, and the behind-the-scenes archiving and cataloging take place. Technical assistance from a few key members keep the computers, printers, phones, and wi-fi functioning. A big thank you to November volunteers: John and Barb Scherrer, Ron Chew, Tom Thorleifson, Fred Cruger, Scott Bower, Tom Bergan, Thora and Ed Boede, Norma Anderson, Rosie Miller, Tim Quillen, Bob and Robin Ingraham, Marcia Day, and Regina Jones. We would love to include more docents for the coming months. If you haven’t had time to help out as a docent or for other needs at the museum, call Marcia Day at (360) 691-2378 to sign up for docent duty, or get in touch with one of the GFHS board members by leaving an email or voicemail message: info@GFHistory.org or (360) 691-2603. During the month of November, we had 48 people stop by the museum from these places: Granite Falls, Everett, Marysville, Kenmore, Arlington, and Lake Stevens.

2. Tree Lighting - The annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Saturday, December 7, at 5:00 PM, but come early to hear the High School band serenade us, Buzz Inn, along with holiday vendors next door at the Civic Center. Santa has made time to visit us again and will let people have pictures taken with him, for free! Tree lighting preparations began early in the month. Fred and John checked out the lights on the big tree, and concluded that no new strings had to be raised to the top, but that installing several strings around the base would greatly enhance the effect. On November 27, John, Thora, Marcia, and Robin worked to get the Christmas decorations up, after the 11 tubs were found in the temporary storage area. Light testing and final details in the decorations will happen throughout this next week in preparation for the big event on Saturday.

3. Crazy Hat Contest - Santa arrives at the Museum right before the 5:00 PM tree lighting. The Crazy Hat Contest will start at 4:45 PM while the high school band is still playing. The contest categories are broken down into these groups: 2nd grade and younger • 3rd-5th grades • middle schoolers • high schoolers • band • Sonus Boreal Choir • parents/adults.

4. Grange Open House - The Grange will host a Christmas Open House this year (not a potluck or gift exchange) from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18, at the Granville Grange, 9401 - 163rd Ave NE, Granite Falls 98252. Everyone is invited. A variety of finger foods and desserts will be provided, along with coffee and tea (or bring your own drinks).

5. HPC Grants available - On November 4, we received word that the Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) grant applications would open on November 18 for projects to be completed in 2020. The deadline is January 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The Historic
Preservation Grant Program supports projects that promote the public's access to county history. Funding is available for professional development, public education, capital improvements, or collections enhancement. GFHS and many others have made use of these grants to help fund work such as newspaper digitization, building restoration, museum equipment, and publishing books, pamphlets, or other printed/digital works. You can find the 2020 grant application at this [webpage](#).

6. Caboose stove - Also on November 4, Jakob Erickson confirmed that he would bring an old caboose stove to the museum. We can clean it up for use as an end table in the new Civic Center. It has been cleaned, and casters have been added to a permanent plywood base. It is scheduled for painting over the 4-day weekend, possibly at the beginning of December. The picture shown is the caboose after cleaning but before getting mounted on the base with casters. The rolling base will make it easy to relocate the cast iron stove (it's heavy enough!) to the new City Hall. After it finds its new home, the stove can easily be moved whenever neccessary.

7. Drum sharing with the Granite Falls High School Band - On November 5, Tom visited the band to tell the story of the long-lost bass drum from 1938 (see previous newsletters: [June #13], [July #19], [August #3], [September #20], and also the "Back in the Day" story). The drum was brought to the school so the students could see it. The story was unraveled for them, along with a set of images that included old yearbook photos. Afterwards Tom was treated to a complete performance of their 3-movement selection they had been practicing for a band competition - - without using sheet music! And while using their marching steps/movements (in place)!

8. Corner Tavern - On November 5, we received word that Fred Schule (owner of the building that was once the Corner Tavern) is interested in remodeling, and would like to follow early designs that we might have in pictures. While the building is likely too modified to be included for grant help or placement on the county historical register, it would be nice to restore the traditional styling it once had. We'll provide appropriate pictures.

9. Out and about - GFHS looks for opportunities to bring history to the people and let them know about our museum. •• History Fair. On November 6, Tom signed up for a table at the History Fair for December 10 at the Everett Library.
•• CF-SC. Then on November 7, we received word of local workshops and grants that the Community Foundation of Snohomish County (CF-SC) will host. They included an invitation for GFHS to provide our advertising as part of their window decorations. We sent a request, and hope to hear back from them at the beginning of December.
•• LOSCHO. The League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO), of which Granite Falls Historical Society has been a long-time participant, will hold their annual meeting on January 11, 10:00 AM, at the Waltz Building in Snohomish. The meeting is open to the public.
•• Malstrom. The 2020 Malstrom Awards Luncheon will be in Granite Falls again, only this time it is at the new Civic Center. The luncheon is planned for Saturday, March 14, from 11:30 AM. The guest speaker this year is Slobodan Mitrovic, Senior Archaeologist & Museum Manager with the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe. The judge will be Michelle Sadlier, an architectural historian with Cardno in Olympia. This event is also open to the public as LOSCHO honors those who have contributed to the history of Snohomish County during 2019.

10. Keeping in the know - GFHS looks for opportunities to be informed about things that affect our museum and our community, especially if any input to decisions might help. •• Mountain Loop Feasibility Study. On November 6, Tom and Fred attended the public meeting on the potential improvements on Mountain Loop Highway, including the paving of the 14-mile gravel stretch of road. The consultants laid out four options, ranging from “do nothing” to “pave it like a 40mph road”. They went as far as to recommend neither of the two limits (“nothing” and “40mph”), but rather to choose between “some improvements” and “25mph paving”. There were many other potential improvements, as well, involving trailhead parking, etc. They solicited comments until November 22. You can find out more [here](#).
•• Darrington Ranger District. On November 7, we received word that the Darrington Ranger District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is beginning a public scoping period for a project on the Verlot side called the South Fork Stillaguamish Floodplain and Riparian Enhancement Project. This project would decommission a portion of the Gold Basin Campground to restore floodplain processes.
A description of the project and information about how to provide comments are available on the project website. The scoping period will end on December 9.
•• Snohomish County tourism. On November 18, Fred attended a meeting with the new Snohomish County tourism consultants. After over a decade of service from the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau, the county decided to go out on a competitive bid for the services. The Tourism Bureau chose not to bid, so a new consultant will start providing services in 2020. Although they are headquartered in Bend, OR, several of the principals come from this area,
so they are quite familiar with Snohomish County. For some tourism information about Snohomish County, click here.  
- AASLH. On November 18, we renewed our membership with the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). This continues to give us good discounts on a variety of items, plus strong links into national programs that can benefit our museum.
- HPC. On November 19, Tom and Fred attended the monthly meeting of the Snohomish County Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting. Items discussed were:
  1) that grant applications opened on the 18th,
  2) that all projects from 2019 were nearing completion and would present results at the December meeting,
  3) that the Bush House in Index would likely be the third building on the County Historic Register, and
  4) that the results from the 2019 Historic Structures Survey should be ready by the end of November, to be reviewed by several HPC members so that it could be returned to the consultant to be finalized by the end of December.
- GrantsMagic. During the month, Tom, Fred, and Regina registered in a class on grant writing in preparation for the submittal of a grant request for our new construction. The course offers one lesson per week, for a total of eight weeks, and is currently on Lesson #6. It’s an interesting exercise, offered by Maryn Boess, an expert who has spent her long career on both sides of the fence—as a grantee and as a grantor! For more information on GrantsMagic, click here.

11. Key Bank - On November 8, we received a request from Key Bank to entertain a couple of the regional bank employees at the museum. We did so, and they really enjoyed the museum. The biggest discussion item was whether they might be able to help us in some way. It was suggested that when we proceed with our new construction, an easy-to-use construction loan might be of benefit. They agreed to look at what might be possible to ease any administration burden on our end.
16. Odds & Ends -

- **Granite Falls Video.** On November 2, we received word from Catherine Anderson that GFHS was included on a portion of the "Frightening Falls", the 2019 Granite Falls Halloween video that can be found [here](#).

- **New modem!** On November 11, Comcast installed a new modem for our internet access, clearing up a couple small problems, and improving speed. This seems insignificant, but taking care of this issue makes work at the museum use less time and effort.

- "Virtual" visitors. With our recently added "webcounter" GFHS had 171 "virtual" visitors in November from 11 places within Washington, 18 states, and 7 countries.

17. The First Baby Born in Monte Cristo -

Stories of the past as I remember as told to me by my father, Theo Addison Cleveland. by Theo Maurice Cleveland

My father, Theo Addison Cleveland, was born in 1897 at Monte Cristo, a mining town near Barlow Pass. In fact, he was the first baby born in Monte Cristo. He was delivered by a young Doctor Carroll who was the sole medical doctor in Monte Cristo. Doctor Carroll later became Chief Medical Officer for King County. Years later in the late twenties, my father made it a point to meet up with Doctor Carroll in Seattle and they became very close friends and made many fishing trips together.

My grandfather, Addison Cleveland, operated a saloon in Monte Cristo. My grandfather was instrumental in starting the Monte Cristo Miners' Union No. 200, W.F.M., Monte Cristo, Washington and was a member in good standing.

He met my grandmother, Elisabeth Spence. They were married in 1896 and lived in Monte Cristo until after the flood that took most of the railroad out.

They moved down to a farm along the railroad right of way above Granite Falls somewhere below the Wayside Mine. My grandfather at that time was working for Sumner Iron Works and for the owners of the WAYSIDE Mine.

Later my grandfather moved the family into Granite Falls and he then worked for Sumner Iron Works building lumber mills, mining operations, and logging equipment all over the Northwest, Canada, and Russia.

My grandmother had a way about training animals. She had a Saint Bernard - Newfoundland mix dog she named Dash. She would tell Dash to go down to the saloon in Granite Falls and get my grandfather. When Dash came through the swinging doors, my grandfather would tell the bartender to wrap up a bottle of beer and he would give it to Dash and tell him to take it home to my grandmother. When Dash came home with the bottle of beer my grandmother would tell Dash, "I told you to bring Add (my grandfather) home!" When Dash came through the swinging door the second time he grabbed my grandfather by the wrist and home they went.

My father told me that he and Dash would be walking down the street by Chappells Store and a little pip squeak dog would always come and yap and yap at Dash, and Dash paid no attention. Dad said you could tell Dash didn't like the little fart. One day as dad and Dash came down by Chappells Store the little dog came out yapping and Dash picked the dog up in his mouth. Dad said the dog's head was sticking out one side of Dash's mouth and the tail out of the other side. Dash carried the dog down the street and finally let him loose, didn't hurt the dog at all but it must of put the fear of the devil in him because that little fart never bothered Dash again.

Dad told me stories of some of his school days. One time the teacher, at the start of the year, asked the class for everyone who plays a musical instrument to hold up their hand. He said a few of the kids held up their hands, and one of his friends held up Chad Woolly's hand. The teacher asked the different students what they played - - some piano and some violin and other instruments. When the teacher got to Chad she said, "And Mr. Woolly, what instrument do you play?"

"OOh. Well... ahh take a whirl at the phonograph now and then."

Dad said this same kid, Chad, always chewed tobacco. One day it slipped out of his back pocket and hit the floor. The teacher said, "Chad, give me what you dropped." Chad answered back, "No. This here tabacca is for men only. I got some home for women if ya want some."

After my dad finished high school in Granite Falls, he went to work in the woods. The state went dry, (no alcoholic beverages) and several of my dad's acquaintances got together and formed an association. There were six fellows. I remember some names: Lon Merrick, Johnny Bolongie, Spiddey, my dad, and two other fellows. I can't remember their names. I remember my dad said one was a bank robber from Montana.

The association bought a service station, towing, repair, and gas station down in Everett on the corner of Walnut Street and Summit Street. They then built a complete underground distillery a few miles above Granite Falls. They made an agreement with Chappells Feed and Mercantile to have a set of keys and make their own pickup of corn and sugar in the middle of the night for their supply of products to make their product. They ran two, twelve-hour shifts and as a result were producing eighty (80) gallons every 24 hours. A lot of their products were sent to Alaska via fisherman and most of the rest was sold to speak-easies and wholesalers. One day Lon's brother Bob, who was a Snohomish County Deputy Sheriff, came to talk to Lon and told him that the Sheriff wanted a percentage of the take. Lon told his brother Bob, "Bob, you took an oath to uphold the Law. You realize that you and the Sheriff are worse criminals than we are, and we didn't take an oath! You come after us, we will kill you!"

My dad said they were coming out with a full load of "Moon" and just below Granite they noticed a Sheriff car with the lights on. My dad's acquaintances got the Sheriff's Department involved and formed an association. One day Lon's brother Bob, who was a Snohomish County Deputy Sheriff, came to talk to Lon and told him that the Sheriff wanted a percentage of the take. Lon told his brother Bob, "Bob, you took an oath to uphold the law. You realize that you and the Sheriff are worse criminals than we are, and we didn't take an oath! You come after us, we will kill you!"

Dad said all the guns came out and fortunately the deputies backed off.

Dad said shortly after that incident he decided sure as hell it wouldn't be long before the Feds would be notified through the Sheriff's Department. Dad decided he had better quit and disappear.

Dad said about two months later the Feds hit. All were convicted and sent to federal prison, except Lon who bought himself out, and my dad who had dissolved his partnership in the business and gone to Grays Harbor to work in the woods.