



Newsletter

Spring & Summer 2006

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Springtime at the Museum.....



Photo by Criss Osborn

Thank you, Satsop
Bulb Farm

These lovely tulips that you see here were generously donated to the museum by the Satsop Bulb Farm. Aren't they a pretty picture, perched up in their bed? The planter was made from the railroad ties donated by Mark Winningham and assembled by Brooke and Brian.



Bear-skin rug with John and Jerry

that actually has quite a ring to it and Criss's Indian drum, complete with a lambs-wool drumstick that they thoroughly enjoy beating!

Last fall Liz Tarbox brought over several items she came across in an old trunk which had belonged to her uncle, Otto Streater. Both, her father, George Washington Streater, and her Uncle Otto, had served in the US Army during World War I. In the trunk, and now in the museum, were two army caps and a mess kit, vintage WWI and a circa 1920's Kodak camera, all having belonged to and used by her father.

Museum Web Pages

The Lake Quinault Historical Society and Museum has developed a "web page" on the Quinault Community Action Forum site. We have also contributed to the Quinault History page on that site. These may be viewed at <quinaulttrainforest.com>. Please note that our hours of operation need to be updated to Memorial Day weekend and weekends through June. Then we plan to be open Tuesday through Sunday from July 4th to Labor Day, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We traditionally take Mondays off for good behavior. We are pleased to offer special tours of the museum upon request throughout the year. To schedule a tour or for more information you may call Criss Osborn, (360) 288-2583, Kathleen Praxel, (360) 288-2417 or Phyllis Miller, (360) 288-2317

What's New

Every so often we receive something new to display in the museum. Our latest acquisition is a bear-skin rug donated by Pat and Dave Black. This little fellow, a black bear cub, was enjoyed by their children and grandchildren for many years and now has a permanent home here in our museum. He will be joining our river otter and beaver pelts as one of our "hands-on" displays

that the children enjoy. Other favorite touchables include the large Clearwater School bell

Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser

For the last two years we have had a table at the Christmas holiday bazaar which is held each year at the Quinault School. The bazaar is attended by many community organizations including the Timberland Regional Library, the Community Circle and the Museum as well as school clubs and individual participants. This year we offered our "Bite of History" cook-booklets, large holiday swags which were freshly made from Noble Fir boughs, and a collection of vintage Starbuck's "bears" as well as our misc. bookmarks, dishcloths, pictures, etc. For our effort we made over \$200.00.

Meet Brooke and Brian

If any of you are admiring the new planters and landscaping in progress, and wondering who is responsible, then “Meet Brooke and Brian.” They started on the back side yard and hillside last fall with initially clearing out debris, cutting back overgrown shrubbery, and general clean-up of a long-neglected yard. With lots of encouragement but very little help from the rest of us, they are continuing to develop a yard that we will all enjoy and proudly display.



Brian, Brooke and John unloading railroad ties

Brooke has supplied many of the flowering bulbs, taken from her own yard and replanted in ours. She wants to reseed the lawn areas this year but needs topsoil in order to do a decent job since the existing lawns seem to be sitting on rock piles. Therefore, topsoil is on the top of our wish-list. Thanks to the generosity of Mark Wunningham for supplying the railroad ties, Brian and Brooke, with the help of board member, John Clayton, made planters for both sides of the building. With additional ties, Brooke is in the process of landscaping the area next to the firehall. Thank you, folks, for all your help. It's looking good!

Garage/carport



Wow! These are heavy!!

As you can see, the carport in the background is in poor shape and is in need of removal, preferably by us and not Mother Nature. This is on the agenda for things to do this summer. We have artifacts that need to be displayed outdoors and many should be under cover so we do plan on rebuilding as soon as we can. In the meantime we are still doing the renovation of the back rooms and kitchen.

The Lake Quinault Museum will be open on weekends in June and 6 days a week, Tuesday through Sunday, July 1st through Labor Day. Hope to see you at the Museum

Members and Memories

Our primary means of support is our membership and fortunately, each year we have been able to sign up a few new ones. One of our most recent is Mollie (Rehm) and John Sandberg who, after finding out about our museum from Mollie's cousin, Larry Easter, (Spring, 2004 newsletter) sent us a delightful letter along with their membership. Mollie spent many summers at her parent's vacation home about a quarter mile past the museum. She worked at the Quinault store and Quinault Lodge and taught swimming lessons for several seasons in the early 50's. John, son of Jane Sandberg who was a teacher at the Humptulips school for many years, worked summers at the Forest Service. John was a 1947 Quinault graduate, along with Inis (Ashenbrenner) Paull, Dorothy (Marston) Esses, George Carlyle and Carl West. Carl joined the Marines after graduation and was killed in the line of duty in the Korean War several years later. Mollie and John were married in 1953, worked in the field of education and are now retired and living in Florida. We will see them one of these days, wandering in out of the rain, to renew old memories...."Lake Quinault holds a special place in our hearts and we look forward to visiting the museum when we visit the Northwest again.

By Phyllis

A Bite of History

Members, don't forget that we have our "*Bite of History*" cook-booklets available, either at the museum or by order. Not only do they have long-lost recipes of years gone by but also feature art graphics of our earlier years, including the Old Quinault School, the Amanda Park and Quinault Mercantiles, Halbert's Tourist Park, (Bergman's in the 1940's-1960's and now known as the Rain Forest Resort Village) the Neilton General Store and Eudies Lunch. Most of the graphics are circa 1920's and 1930's. Lots of memories there, folks, so you'd better get them while they're hot!!!

To order "*A Bite of History*" contact board members at these numbers: (360)-288-2583, 288-2317, or 288-2417, or write to: Lake Quinault Historical Society, P.O. Box 35, Quinault, WA 98575. Suggested donation: \$8.00 plus postage.

Museum Visitation

Approximately 1300 people visited the Lake Quinault Museum over the past year. All those who chose to make a comment were very supportive and complimentary. They encourage us to continue restoring the "Old Quinault Post Office" and expanding the displays.

The visitors, again, came from all over the nation and the world. A few places noted in the guest book are: Germany; the Netherlands; Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada; Sydney, Australia; Dallas, TX; Key West, FL; Helsinki, Finland; South Africa; and the Hoh River, WA.

By Criss

Restoration Update

We are moving right along with our major restoration. There is a floor and walls now in the back room. The "imaginary" wall is in and ready to shingle and the saloon doors that Jerry made are ready to hang. With just a couple of days of painting, we should be ready for the floor covering. Then we're "home free!" The following step will be to address the kitchen, bath and back outside wall. Hopefully, this will all be completed this summer.