



LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
**QUINAULT**  
AND MUSEUM

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# Newsletter

## Spring & Summer 2010

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It was the evening of April 5, 2000 that a group gathered at the Library to discuss creating a historical society and museum. We did so and shortly the Lake Quinault Historical Society and Museum came to be and made its home on the lower floor of the Quinault Forest Service office building. It soon became apparent that this modern office space just didn't have that old-time ambiance that was fitting for a museum of our stature, so we started looking around for more appropriate housing. Obviously, we didn't need to look far. Directly across the street was the "Old Quinault Post Office", just sitting there collecting dust. Actually, at this point in time it was being used as a storage facility by the Quinault Lodge who bought the building several years prior. Wow, did that old building look good to us! Granted, it was a bit weary and there was obvious work and restoration to be done but we were up to the task! From February 2001 to May 2002 we were in negotiation with Aramark/Lake Quinault Lodge to acquire the building. It was May 1, 2002 that we obtained a lease agreement for the building with the provision that ownership eventually be bestowed to the Historical Society.

Restoration began, starting with the foundation and drainage and then moving on up to the structure. The exterior building and the inside "great" room were completed two years later and on Saturday, May 13, 2004 we opened our doors to the public. Work was in progress as we tackled one room at a time, proudly showing off our back display room during our summer season of 2007.

Tragedy strikes. The December 3, 2007 windstorm dealt us a terrible blow when a tree fell through the roof of our new display room. The room was demolished. We removed all the artifacts which remarkably fared well, and had to start over. Finally in June, 2009 we were back in business with two rooms open again. Now the kitchen is completed with new cabinets, sink and counters and the back "mud room" will be finished for this season's opening. We will soon be a three-display-room museum! Our next step is upstairs! "We're moving up!"

During all of this time we were anxious to say, "The building is ours!"

### "THE DEED IS DONE"

ARAMARK/Lake Quinault Lodge, has officially transferred the deed to the Old Post Office building (Lake Quinault Museum) to the Lake Quinault Historical Society. Final papers were signed in April between ARAMARK and LQHS, with professional guidance from attorney, Jim Parker of Hoquiam.

Lake Quinault Historical Society board members would like to thank Tom Northup, Jim Parker, Lake Quinault Lodge representatives, and Forest Service personnel for their efforts in achieving the deed transfer.

And to ARAMARK/Lake Quinault Lodge, thank you so very much for your generosity and for all of the support you have given us throughout the years.

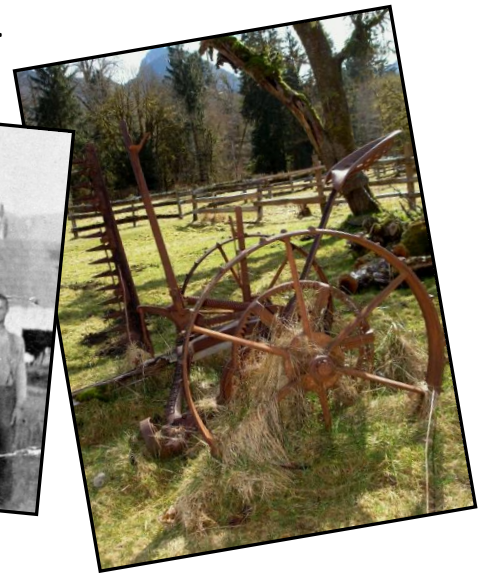
In recognition of this momentous occasion the LQHS board would like to invite community, friends and neighbors to an Open House scheduled for mid-July, honoring ARAMARK/Lake Quinault Lodge.

Join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Afternoon of Every Month  
At Lake Quinault Lodge  
for

## Recollections ... of the past.

For the benefit of our community history and the  
Lake Quinault Historic Society.

Come for a couple hours of casual conversation as we hear stories of the old days, those famous and maybe infamous, people who helped settle the valley and stories of the times before European man came to the Quinault Valley. Hear about Jasper Bunch getting trapped by his own bear trap; John Olson's Dad wrestling with a mountain lion, learn where the homesteaders actually lived in the valley and hear about their trials and tribulations in their pioneering lifestyles.



Join us in conversation, recollections, as it were, and bring with you those physical "re-collections" of family photos and any aspect of life in this valley: Old family journals, letters, poems, and stories. Let's share the past today so that the Lake Quinault Historic Society can capture these wonderful events for you and your children and their children.

Coffee and munchies will be served.

Feel free to play a game of cribbage while we talk by the fire place.

Monthly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 2:00-4:00



*Lake Quinault Lodge*  
*The Rest Comes Easy.*



## Recollections

Starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of December, 2009 we have been co-hosting the monthly “recollections ...of the past” with the Quinault Lodge. What started out as an idea has turned into an invaluable history-saving opportunity for the Museum and a pleasant afternoon of visiting and remembering the ‘days of old’ with long time friends and neighbors. The first couple of times we were in the lobby sitting by the fire but soon found that the solitude of the ballroom was better suited for our need. With the aid of video cameras, we are recording these would-be-forgotten stories and memories. We are rediscovering where many of our landmarks got their names, the locations of the various homesteads, who was married to whom, their family trees, and “whatever happened to ....?” And old photographs are being shared and copied, bringing the past to the present.



Frank Slater, Sonny Brunstad and John Olson.  
Frank and his wife, Colleen, joined us in March.



The Gang's all here...

Terry O'Connor and his daughter, Jeanne Douglas, came to our January meeting, offering to help us with our photo collections. The timing was right fine and for starters, we've put them to work on our “recollections”. So, every month they drive out from Montesano and Jeanne does filming while Terry

contributes to the reminiscing. We are also delighted to have the expertise of photographer, Cheryl Barth, who came across us by accident, having visited the Lodge and observed our January activities. She has joined us regularly since then, coming from Forks where she has her studio.

We have also enjoyed the company of Jerry and Willa Jones, Clarice McDonald, Pat and David Dandurand, Jane Brunstad, Harry Creviston, Justine James Jr. and Tom Northup.



Photo by Cheryl Barth  
Terry O'Connor, MaryLou McDonald, Elizabeth Carlyle,  
May Torres, Elizabeth Tarbox and Harold (Sonny) Brunstad.



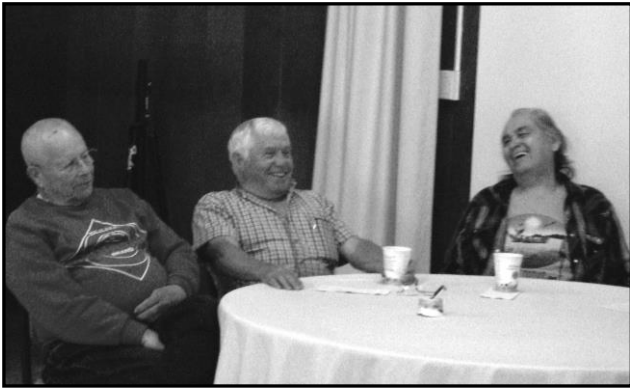
Elizabeth, Liz and  
May telling stories  
and more.....

“Thank you so very much” to the Quinault Lodge for co-sponsoring this program and cheerfully keeping us in coffee and cookies, Charlie Flannigan for his interviewing ability and attention to every detail ... and “special thanks” to Roger Blain, who came to us with the “recollections” idea and his continued support.



“It's about this big,” Sonny says to Liz... Photos by Phyllis

## Recollections, continued....



Terry, Jim and Justine....



Charlene, Elizabeth, MaryLou & John

In May we enjoyed the company of three old friends, all new to "recollections." Charlene (Higley) Boettcher, Jim Northup and Justine James shared many Memories and stories and we would like to think they had as good a time as we did. memories and stories

**"Recollections" is taking a 3 month hiatus and will return on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in September. We'll see you then!**

### Benefactor/Memorial Plaque

Fashioned from a birdseye maple burl and beautifully finished by local craftsman, Wes Johnson, this benefactor/memorial plaque decorates one of our large pillars in the Great Room. For a one-time-only \$200.00 donation we offer the opportunity to memorialize loved ones or become a benefactor.

For more information, write to us or contact Phyllis: (360) 288-2317 or e-mail: [phyllisandrodneym@hotmail.com](mailto:phyllisandrodneym@hotmail.com)



### "Criss's Cabinet"

Steve Rutledge, delivering the cabinet that he designed and built. As a memorial to our dear friend and fellow board member, Criss Osborn, it displays her numerous artifacts and creations, many representing our Native American culture.

Be sure to check it out. As Criss would say, "It's mighty fine!"



Steve Rutledge

Our kitchen is "looking good!"



### The Old School

We're looking for pictures of the old school and gym. We'd like to have views of the back side of the school showing the fire-slide and also interior pictures of both the school and the gym.

Does anyone remember the round hole in the middle of the stage curtain? I seem to remember a drawing of a skull and crossbones on the back of the canvas curtain around the hole... What was that all about? There must be a story here somewhere... Going up those outside stairs to the music room, Joe Holzner's little room which was down a step at the far end of the music room and from there, on out over the stage.

Ah, memories....

The Museum opened on Memorial Weekend to start off our 2010 season which continues through Labor Day, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. We are open daily from 12 pm – 5 pm and are closed Mondays. Dependent upon the weather and activity, we quite often continue through September. Please don't forget that we are happy to open by appointment as well so don't hesitate to give us a call. Phyllis: 360-288-2317 or Tobie: 360-288-2857