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Newsletter

353 South Shore Road, Quinault, Washington 98575

Quinault Racing Canoes

Lake Quinault Museum recently acquired on loan, these racing canoes from Justine James. The "**Hoquat**" was made by Taft Williams in Queets in 1934 as a shovel nosed river canoe. The "**Quinault**" was made by Jim Bryson and Esau Penn in 1950 and sold to David C. James Sr. Both canoes have been extensively modified over the years in order to race with 25 horse power modified Mercury engines.

Early canoe races occurred on the 4th of July celebration at Taholah and on Quinault Fishing Derby Day. The Derby Day race started in Taholah and came up the Quinault River and across the lake with the finish line at the Lake Quinault Lodge and later at the Rain Forest Resort.

Seventh Grade Visits Museum

Teacher Jolene Powell and her seventh grade class visited the museum this winter to learn about local Quinault history. The students were given a "hands-on" tour by museum volunteers who demonstrated how irons were heated on a wood stove, how a treadle sewing machine works, and other everyday items used by area pioneers. Criss Osborn's baskets and drums were a highlight of the tour. The class chose topics to research and included in our newsletter is student Travis McConnell's article.

We enjoyed meeting the 7th grade class and would like to extend an invitation to all the area schools to come and visit.



Lookouts in the Olympics

In 1897, the Olympic Forest Reserve was created. Once the building boom began, the demand for wood increased rapidly. Logging became a major industry and with it an increased chance of fire. Therefore, a system of fire lookouts was created. Some of the lookouts in the Quinault area were, Finley Peak, Higley Peak, Lone Mountain, Raft Ridge, Colonel Bob, and Pete Miller's Treehouse.

The first lookout built in the Olympic National Forest was on Finley Peak in 1915 on a forested ridge of 3,419 feet. Its view was in to the Quinault Valley and on to Matheny Ridge. The lookout was a log cabin with a roof that looked like a pyramid. It stood until 1947.

Another lookout is the Colonel Bob Lookout. It was constructed in 1932 on a rocky knob in the wilderness. Colonel Bob was named after Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll. The lookout was abandoned in 1946 and was partially destroyed by snow in 1966. In 1967 the Forest Service decided that the lookout was a safety hazard so they burned the remainder of the lookout down.

One of the coolest lookouts, in my opinion, was built in the Cook Creek area in 1927. A ladder was spiraled around the fir tree with 180 steel spikes driven into the tree. At the top of the 152 foot fir Pete built a seven by seven foot cabin. In 1940 a steel tower lookout located nearby acquired the tree house's place.

None of these lookouts are manned anymore because it is too wet and there isn't as much slash burning going on anymore. In logging's prime, lookouts were very important to protect our forest resources.

by Travis McConnell

March 29, 2001
Seventh Grade
Lake Quinault School

Memories of Mine

There was a little girl, back in 1950, that carried her lunch to school in an old blue lunch pail, "just like the one daddy use to have". It wasn't a new pail as it had been used for several years by Jerry Campbell, and had been kindly given to her by Jerry's mother, Esther. When all the other kids were sporting bright new plastic pails with scenes of Little Lulu or Roy Rogers, hers was the plain tin pail with a dome lid which held the thermos, complete with cork stopper. Oh, the mortification! However, she kept this little pail all these years and now it has made its home in the museum, proudly sitting under the old school desk.

Question: who was the little girl?



Read the Newsletter to find the answer!

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Recollections

..."April 26, 1926...Plans for the second annual barbecue and water sports carnival at Lake Quinault are being made according to Frank L. McNeil, owner of the Hotel Quinault, who came to Hoquiam on a business trip today. The barbecue will be held in July and enough beef to feed 10,000 persons will be roasted he said."

- Excerpt from the Daily World's,
"World Gone By" column



Can you identify this photo?

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Guest Accuses Museum of Fake Egg!

A comment in the guest book by Adam McGilvra of Deer Island, Oregon several months ago stated "the eggs are fake, model neat"! Obviously he was referring to the model bacon and egg display in the old time cast iron skillet. You're right Adam, the egg is fake, as are the two strips of bacon. We thank you for your close scrutiny and the compliment to our display.

The museum has welcomed visitors from all over the world. To date the guest book lists signatures from China, Denmark, Austria, New Zealand and from almost every state in the U.S.

Answer to "who was the little girl
- Phyllis (Marston) Miller

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Check It Out!

Our most recent edition joining our growing number of artifacts is a homemade wooden masonry trowel, believed to be used in the construction of the fireplace at the Quinault Lodge in 1926. This little gem was hiding in the attic of the lodge, snuggled up next to the chimney. Was it trying to stay warm for the last 75 years or was it merely lost in the shuffle? The trowel has emerged into Quinault society, to be viewed forever more.

Summer Schedule

**Museum open 7 days a week
Memorial Day to Labor Day
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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