



LAKE
QUINAULT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND MUSEUM
353 South Shore Road,
Quinault, Washington 98575

NewsLetter

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY / ARAMARK SIGN LEASE FOR OLD POST OFFICE

We will soon have a new home for our museum. ARAMARK has donated the "Old Post Office" building to us and the paper work will be final as soon as negotiations with the Forest Service are completed on the lease. This building has been reported to be in existence since 1889 and the Quinault Historical Society would like to restore it. We are in the process of seeking grants to help with restoration and maintenance.

Our plans are to rebuild the porch on the front, paint the outside and get the yard in good condition. We have had two high school boys, Michael Miller and Mike McKowan helping with the clean up outside - there is much more to do and volunteers who have a couple of hours of free time are welcome.

2001 Annual Report and Summary

The year 2001 started out with a January 8 front page feature story of the museum in the Daily World. The article included several color pictures of the museum and its members as well as its formation, progress and goals.

From Memorial Day through Labor Day we were open seven days a week with a volunteer assistant present. The rest of the year we were open Monday through Friday for self-guided visits or tours by appointment. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers we presented an enjoyable and informative respite for tourist and locals alike. Our volunteers included: Elizabeth Carlyle, Catherine Silves, Clarice McDonald, Linda Patterson, Ashley Maestas and last but certainly not least, May Torres, the gal everyone loved, who had history beyond these walls and who greeted guests with a smile three days a week. To round out this list of workers were the members, Kathleen, Betty, Phyllis, Criss, Tom, Keith and Ron.

At our February 22nd meeting we began the quest to obtain the old Quinault Post Office building for a permanent home for the museum. The building belongs to ARAMARK who, via bobby Rotter of the Quinault Lodge, agreed to lease the building to the museum. Negotiations are in progress.

We've continued to collect artifact and local historical literature as past and present members of the community become interested and involved in our endeavors. Our collection includes two racing canoes, the "QUINAULT" and the "HOQUAT", on loan from Justine James; a "White Frost" ice box, circa 1910, an 1890 Smith Premier typewriter, and a Cliveden loom.

Our visitors, over 5000 to date, have been very enthusiastic and complimentary. They have come from all parts of the United States as well as around the world. Our guest book lists people from as far away as Puerto Rico, Finland, Israel, Australia, France, England and Beijing, China. Several tour groups visited the museum this last year. Fortunately we had prior notice and had additional volunteers on hand to assist and serve cookies and coffee.

In January we enjoyed Jolene Powell's seventh grade class for a couple of hours of eager history gathering, resulting in midterm reports. Pictures were taken, snacks were served and everyone received a museum button. The following day another excellent article featuring the students and the museum appeared in the Daily World, picture included.

We have a general membership of 49, not including 7 benefactor/corporate sponsors and 8 memorials. Steve Rutledge gave us a handmade wood donation box from which we received a fair portion of our income. In addition to the donations, memberships, sponsors and memorial, we applied for and received \$2000.00 from the tourism fund. Our year-end treasure report showed a balance of \$6088.50.

With the completion of year 2001, we are still working on the 501C(3) but are making progress. We are looking forward to another successful year and our volunteers are eagerly awaiting the tourist season. Guess the museum grows on you.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Miller

Elected Officers for 2002

President, Betty Miller

Vice President, Criss Osborn

Secretary, Phyllis Miller

Treasurer, Ron Petrick

**Board Members: May Torres, Tom Northup,
Keith Magoon, Kathleen Praxel, Jerry Jones**

IRS Grants Non-Profit Status

**Note: Through the efforts of Criss Osborn and
Betty Miller our 501 C3 status is now official.**

Membership Form

All members receive the *Lake Quinault Museum Newsletter*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Benefactor.....\$200.00 or more

Sponsor.....\$50.00

family.....\$30.00

member.....\$20.00

New _____

Membership Renewal _____

Gift Membership _____

Detach and mail with your check to: Lake Quinault Museum, P.O. Box 35 Quinault, WA 98575



Old Quinault Post Office and Quinault Mercantile circa 1930's/40's
Photo by Del Mulkey

August 1889 - Joseph N. Locke is first white to post a claim on land in the valley above Lake Quinault.

September 1891 - "Since the railroad has commenced running into Cosmopolis, the citizens of the burg have been annoyed somewhat by the noise. One said he was going to move to Aberdeen where it is quiet."

January 1934 - . At 9:00a.m., clear skies provide background for a spectacular meteor fireball, "the size of the moon," which sped over Lake Quinault, creating a flash of light and thunderous roar.

- *Land of Trees*
by Larry J. Workman