



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

## Newsletter

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Photo by Criss Osborn

### Starting at the Bottom

The Lake Quinault Historical Society is progressing well with our new museum site. Dan Chandler from Quinault has completed the foundation work and is beginning to do some renovating on the inside. It was decided that we move to the interior work at this time so that we could begin painting and getting it ready to move our displays from the

Forest Service building and hopefully have it ready for the up-coming tourist season. We will then continue to up-grade the exterior. We have many artifacts waiting to be added to our displays but at this time we are running out of room.

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If you have given us anything or have something you wish to donate or loan, please don't think we have forgotten about them. These will be exciting and new when we move to our new site. Please come and visit us in our new home.

When the weather improves we will begin to shingle the outside and also the roof. If anyone has time to volunteer, please get in touch by calling Betty Miller at 288.2308.

by Betty Miller

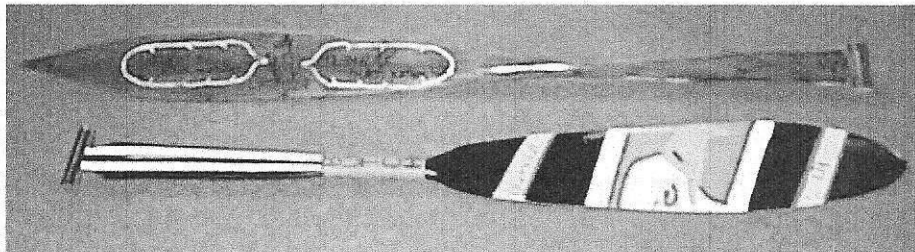
## *Museum Notes*

### **Signs to be placed on historical buildings and places**

John Clayton has offered several ideas on how we can improve the Hultine grave site on the South Shore of Lake Quinault. We are considering placing a sign by the road side that says "Pioneer Grave Site" so that it will be easily found, but first we must make sure that the site is secure from any vandalism. Anyone wishing to help with this project can call John. Other signs will be placed on historical buildings in the Quinault area.

### **Stand for floor loom**

Jerry Jones built and installed a stand for our folding floor loom so it can stand by itself instead of leaning on the table. Criss Osborn and Kathlee Praxel are working on making the loom functional and hopefully will have it strung for weaving in the near future.



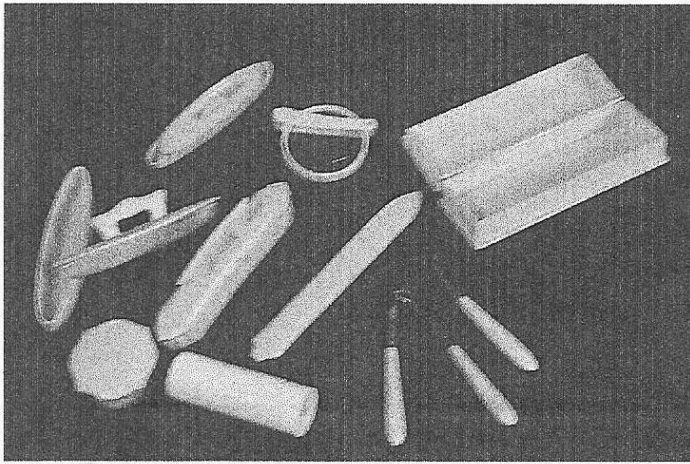
New paddles made for dugout canoes.

**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

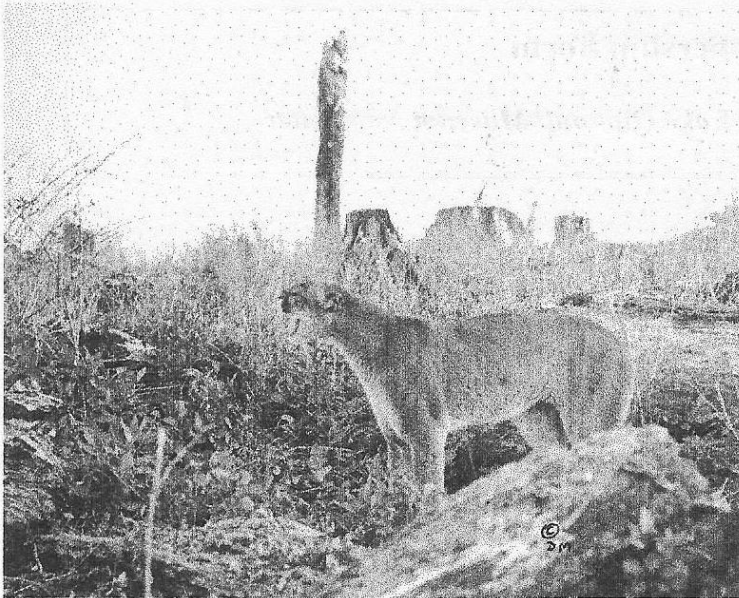


**Celluloid items donated by Irene O'Conner Berg**

Celluloid was the first plastic, that is, a plastic that evolved through chemical processing. It is also a true "thermoplastic" as it melts when heated and hardens when cooled. In 1869 John and Isaiah Hyatt were searching for a substitute for ivory for the manufacturing of billiard balls. They added camphor to cellulose nitrate to make

it more flexible and from that came "celluloid". The actual patent was registered by Jens Redlefsen and A.C. Hafely in 1893.

Celluloid is flammable and over years, light, heat and natural aging can alter the color. The items donated by Irene are in good condition and are on display in the museum.



### **Dell Mulkey Photo Exhibit**

The Historical Society is showing an exhibit of the Dell Mulkey photos that were given to the museum this last fall. The photos vary in their subject material from animals, to the Olympics, to dramatic scenes of Lake Quinault, and the chronicling of historic buildings in the area such as the Lake Quinault Lodge, Lochairie, the Lake Quinault Mercantile and of course, the Old Post Office. The photos are on

display in the Forest Service, downstairs and will be moved to the museum's new home, the Old Post Office, when renovation is complete.

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**Keith Magoon, Kathleen Praxel, Jerry Jones**

*"May, 1894 Claim jumping seems to be the order of the day at Quiniault Lake. Not less than six have been jumped this spring. Quiniault settlers have lived here for four long years without a road. Starting July 9th, each settler is expected to work ten days to build a wagon road to Humptulips". -  
- page 53, LAND OF TREES by Larry J. Workman*

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