

ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUMS

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

ORCAS ISLAND

The Historical Museum

The Crow Valley School



HISTORICAL MUSEUMS



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# ABOUT ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUMS

The Orcas Island Historical Society first consisted of artifacts displayed on William Langell's front porch beginning in 1951. Property for a permanent museum site was donated in 1955 by Wesley Langell, a location the facility continues to occupy today. Next, various island families donated six original homestead cabins built during the 1870s and the 1890s to the Society. Volunteers disassembled the structures at their original sites, then moved, reconstructed and linked the structures together to create the main museum facility. These cabins are now over a hundred years old, and not only house the collections, but are considered important historical artifacts in themselves. Each cabin serves as a space for interpreting specific aspects of island history as told through the life stories and material culture of the Native American and early European-American settlers of this area.

The Crow Valley School Museum was donated to the Society in 2011 from Richard Schneider and Bud McBride. Originally built in 1888, it is one of the finest examples of an intact one room school house in our state.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*To educate, inspire, connect and involve our community and visitors in the stewardship of our unique island history.*

## VISION STATEMENT

To lead the Orcas community and our visitors forward to a better future through excellence in programming, exhibitions, events, historical, genealogical and archaeological research and activities that inspire and involve islanders and visitors.



# YEAR IN REVIEW IN STATISTICS

Weeks Open	48	Visitors	14,000
Days Open	332	Website Visits	20,688
Members	182	Research Requests	62
New Members	19	Facebook Likes	1215
Volunteers	81		
Volunteer Hours	1381		

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

It was another successful and historic year for Orcas Island Historical Museums. Each year, as our visitor numbers slowly and steadily grow, it brings me pride to think of all the individuals who experienced Orcas history through our organization.

I'm happy to report that for 11 months of the year our welcoming and warm docents invite visitors to learn some of the stories and history of our beloved island. Our docents engage in conversations to make connections, deepen understanding, and to cultivate appreciation.

The experiences our docents provide helps to bring Orcas history alive and gives power to our history and to our stories.

The heart of Orcas Island Historical Museums is our docents, volunteers, board, members, donors - they literally keep our doors open. I feel fortunate to be employed here within a community of people that value history and work hard to share it.

Thanks to all of you for your support of Orcas Island Historical Museums

Brittney Maruska  
Executive Director



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

I love statistics! Here's one that seems quite appropriate to our membership. 86% of survey respondents when asked about why they have a membership to a museum of their choice is that they want to support the museum. No other reason, and I am sure this is true of you, our valued members!

We love our little Museum and Crow Valley Schoolhouse. We believe that history must be preserved and shared. We see that, through the Annual Report, finances and leadership are stable and sustainable. Policies are being implemented and goals being achieved through STEPS (Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations) and our 3 year strategic plan created in 2018.

We can get excited for the future of our museums! Thanks to community support, donors, and you, our members, we can move forward with new exhibits, much-needed building repairs and renovations, the restoration of our Heritage and



Memorial Gardens, and new programs for visitors and residents. Collections are carefully being inventoried and research continues to be a valuable service to the public.

Through the email Chatter, postcard invitations and announcements, and press in local media, everyone is better informed of what is happening. Volunteers are valued and recognized. Some things are changing, for the better, but the pie booth, History Matinees, and wonderful off-island visitor experiences are staying the same. Stay tuned to all that 2020 is bringing and thank you for keeping Orcas history alive!

Carol Kulminski  
Board President



# Financial Overview

## Balance Sheet

### Assets

	FY 2018	FY 2019
Cash Accounts	43,092	34,091
Investments	885,801	957,452
Restricted Funds	63,324	71,421
<b>Totals</b>	<b>992,217</b>	<b>1,062,964</b>

### Liabilities

	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Statement of Activities

### Revenue

	FY 2018	FY 2019
Membership	9,214	9,460
Fundraising	527,693	43,701
Store Sales	7,468	6,781
Grants & Investments	47,992	136,953
Programs	21,957	22,505
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>614,324</b>	<b>219,400</b>

### Expenses

	FY 2018	FY 2019
Office Operations	33,248	23,083
Fundraising	8,953	8,191
Store	4,284	4,441
Building	7,385	7,833
Programs & Staff	80,273	74,619
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>134,143</b>	<b>118,167</b>

# 2019 Auction Recap



ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUMS  
requests the honor of your presence at our

## *Vintage Vows Fundraiser*

Our Annual Auction featuring an historical wedding reenactment of  
Bill McLachlan and Edith Lehmann in 1916

**Saturday, May 11**

**Orcas Center 3-6pm**

Tickets \$60 non-members; \$50 members  
at [orcasmuseums.org](http://orcasmuseums.org) or 360-376-4849  
(purchase by May 1 for \$10 discount)

Sponsored by:



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***And a big thanks to all our attendees, winners & volunteers!***

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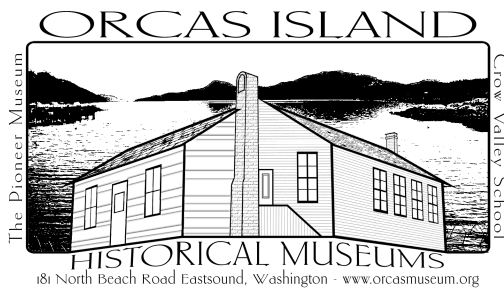
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