

ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUMS

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

ORCAS ISLAND



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	14
Days Open	54
Members	195
New Members	23

Visitors	709
Website Visits	16,215
Facebook Likes	1,256

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings from your new Executive Director. As we are all aware, 2020 was far from a usual year. We all endured a global pandemic which forced us to develop different routines. The museum was no exception. Due to Covid-19 we were only able to be open fourteen weeks and during that time it was museum staff who welcomed visitors; tours were self-guided and exhibits touchless. Volunteers were missed.

The museum survived 2020 thanks to the excellent staff and one History Nook volunteer. I am proud to have inherited a museum in good financial condition thanks to the outstanding stewardship and work of the board of directors. Donors, privately and through The Community Foundation's GiveOrcas campaign, funded roof repair for the Pioneer Museum and future roof replacement for Crow Valley School. History columns were written for the local newspaper twice per month. The collections and archives continued to be preserved and digitized.

The Museum communicated with our museum members and email subscribers via our bi-monthly Museum Chatter. 2021 is proving to be an exciting year! I am learning so much about this wonderful community and forging connections. I am recruiting new volunteers of all ages. The Board, staff and I are working on new exhibits and are excited about our current collaboration with Peter Fisher on the new map exhibit at the Pioneer Museum. I look forward to a new roof on Crow Valley School and revitalizing the exhibit boards there.

Thank you for your continued support. We are so happy we can be together again as volunteers, donors and members are the soul of the museum.

Nancy Stillger - Executive Director



FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Orcas Island Historical Museums were very quiet in 2020... closed to the public, no events, and after October, no Executive Director. Brittney and her husband, Eric, moved to Bellingham and even though everyone wished her well, but it was hard to lose such a good director.

Debbie Durand stayed on as the sole office staff. The Board of Trustees consisted of myself and four other members. It was the winter months, so we thought there wouldn't be much to do. We were so wrong! There was an annual appeal, grants to apply for, roofs to repair, and reorganization of the Pioneer museum for a time when it could reopen. And, of course, there was the search for a new Executive Director!

I cannot say enough positive things about how the Board became united and focused on meeting the needs of the museum. We recognized how essential Debbie was in keeping it all together. We literally could not have done it without her!

Then the Orcas Island Historical Museums went from quiet to exploding when we hired Nancy Stillger as our Executive Director and added two new Board members, Antoinette Botsford and Bonnie Morris. We hired Terri Vinson to handle research requests and information about collections.

The Pioneer museum is now open and Rebecca Johnson is giving tours at Crow Valley School (a new roof is scheduled for the school this summer). There are so many new and exciting future events planned! My hope is that all of you will stay connected, volunteer, and continue to help with your financial support. Visit often, read the Chatter (contact the office if you are not receiving it) and learn all about what is going on as we preserve, share, and keep Orcas history alive!

Carol Kulminski
Board President

Financial Overview

Balance Sheet

Assets

	FY 2019	FY 2020
Cash & Reserve	105,512	114,602
Invested Funds	461,457	526,471
Endowment	496,185	546,772
TOTAL	1,063,154	1,178,845

Liabilities

FY 2019	FY 2020
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Statement of Activities

Revenue

	FY 2019	FY 2020
Membership	10,175	7,520
Fundraising	28,179	67,723
Store Sales	6,834	1,945
Grants & Investments	56,240	3,479
Programs & Administration	22,505	5,035
Misc	474	795
Operating Rev.	124,407	86,497
Investment Gains	96,335	115,701
Total Revenue	220,742	202,198

Expenses

	FY 2019	FY 2020
Office Operations	23,083	11,925
Fundraising	8,191	500
Store	4,441	1,542
Building	7,833	8,843
Programs & Administration	74,619	69,421
Total Expenses	118,167	92,231

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