

ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUMS

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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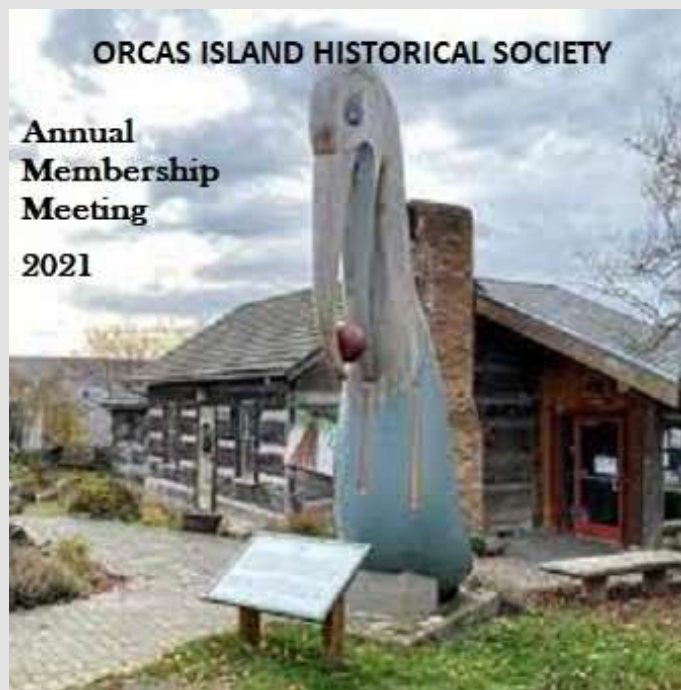
The Historical Museum



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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 Indigenous Peoples and early European-American settlers of this area.

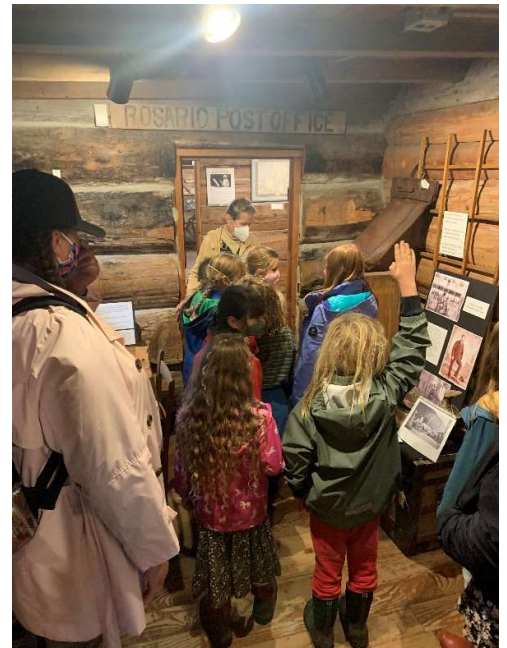
The Crow Valley School Museum was donated to the Society in 2011 from Richard Schneider and Bud McBride. Originally built in 1888, it is one of the finest examples of an intact one room school house in our state.

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	43
Days Open	167
Members	213
New Members	18

Visitors	5902
Website Visits	13,980
Facebook Likes	5,745

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to all museum supporters. This March marked my one-year anniversary with the museum, and what a year it has been! While still navigating the Covid-19 challenges of no large in-person events, mask mandates, planning hurdles and so many Zoom meetings, we successfully educated, preserved and documented our unique island history.

Thanks to the generosity of members, donors and volunteers, highlights of 2021:

- Locals and tourists alike enjoyed our collaboration with Peter Fisher on the Mapping Orcas exhibit. His incredible reproductions of historic and current maps enabled visitors to journey through our islands from an historic, tourist, and scientific viewpoint. Many came to see the late Jean Putnam's exquisite ink and watercolor maps of the region commissioned for different clients (thank you to those that lent their artworks).

- Leaking roof at the Eastsound Pioneer Museum fixed.
- Entire new roof at Crow Valley School.
- Technology issues almost all resolved in our offices.
- School tours for the children of Orcas, private tours Road Scholar and Lewis and Clark College alumni.
- A small but mighty staff and fantastic volunteers that patiently shared knowledge with me.

Thank you for your ongoing support and care for our heritage. 2022 is becoming an exciting one where we will open our Bison Antiquus exhibit, showcase refreshed cabin displays, and have a full season at Crow Valley School.

With gratitude for all you do!

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, it was hard to lose such a good director. One of the best decisions that the Board of Directors made was to hire Nancy Stillger as our Executive Director. You may, or may not know, that the museums went for almost 5 months without a director. The exhibits and programs like Orcas Voices came to a halt. Now we are moving forward with great enthusiasm and energy!

I want to thank our very active Board of Directors and say how proud I am to be their president. Along with Tony Ayer, our Vice-President, and Bruce Culver, Treasurer, we were joined by Bonnie Morris who became our secretary, and then the talented Antoinette Botsford, Rachel Riddle and Jesse Fabrikant. We are a strong, skillful group with fun and productive meetings. You are invited as guests to any monthly meeting to see if you too would like to become a member of the Board.

We hope you enjoyed the [Annual Membership Meeting for 2021](#) video where we took the opportunity to meet some staff, board members and volunteers in both the Crow Valley School Museum and the Pioneer Museum. I invite you to visit the museums soon to see the new gift shop and exhibits and meet our amazing office staff and volunteer docents. Perhaps you will decide that you would like to become more involved in your Orcas Island Historical Museums and become a part of preserving our rich history.

Carol Kulminski
Board President

Financial Overview

Balance Sheet

Assets

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Cash & Reserve	105,512	114,602	114,619
Invested Funds	461,457	526,471	559,164
Endowment	496,185	546,772	630,332
TOTAL	1,063,154	1,187,845	1,304,115

Liabilities

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
	-0-	12,500	13,884 (PPP2)

Statement of Activities

Revenue	FY 2019	FY2020	FY 2021	Expenses	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Membership	10,175	7,520	4485	Office Operations	23,083	11,925	19,317
Fundraising	28,175	1,945	18,347	Fundraising	8,191	500	1946
Store Sales	6,834	3,479	9,754	Store	4,441	1,542	3,186
Grants & Donations	56,240	67,723	78,362	Building	7,833	8,843	9,427
Programs & Administration	22,505	5,035	23,065	Programs & Administration	74,619	69,421	61,627
Misc	474	795	188	Building Cap Exp			99,926
Transfer in from Invest. Funds	-0-	-0-	67,534	Total Expenses	118,167	92,231	195,429
Operating Rev.	124,407	86,497	201,735				
Invest. Gains	96,335	115,701	116,204				
Total Revenue	220,742	201,198	317,939				

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