

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

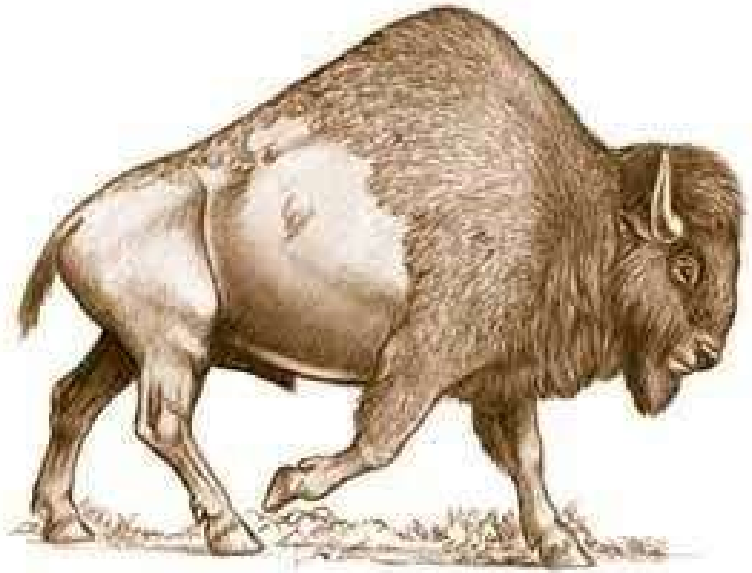
## ORCAS ISLAND

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 through 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 human stories and material culture of the region.

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 STATISTICS

Weeks Open	45	Visitors	6528
Days Open	170	Facebook Followers	1,819
Members	185		
New Members	19		

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings – I sit here in August of 2023 after 2 and half years as your director reflecting back on 2022. As you can imagine, it seems a long time ago!

I am so proud of my small but mighty team that has grown and continues to grow, thanks to the support of members, donors, volunteers and grants. In 2022 we made huge progress in celebrating AND documenting our island’s rich history:

- We opened the *Bison Antiquus* exhibit! This professionally designed exhibit has not only drawn new visitors, but inspired many to return who have not visited our museums in a long while.
- Continued to grow our partnerships with local schools.
- Hired **Meryl Roepke** as our Research Assistant. Meryl recently received her Master of Library and Information Science degree with a specialization in archives and is spearheading our revitalized Collections Committee. We are going through 70 plus years of thousands of artifacts, photos and more and determining their condition and actual relevance to our collection. Meryl and **Terri Vinson**, our Collections Specialist, make a great team caring for all we have to preserve and continue to collect.
- Moved and revamped the Museum Gift Shop thanks to many volunteers.

My goals as we move forward are many. Primarily, I would like to be more proactive and less reactive in documenting our history. This means gathering history that is happening now and making sure we have covered eras we are lacking in (primarily the 1950s forward). I would like more engagement with locals. 2023 has already moved us forward in that direction. We have recently hired a new staff person **Michelle Hassebrock** to support our team. **Carol Kulminski** has stepped up to be our Volunteer Coordinator. **Debbie Durand** continues to be our Administrator and “jack of all trades” superstar. The Board of Director’s is united, engaged and helping us move forward.

Stay tuned for new exhibits and programming. We cannot do it without you. You have each made a difference somehow. Make an appointment with me and let me know your thoughts and ways you think you can help. We always need something!

In gratitude,

Nancy Stillger - Executive Director



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

2022 was a pivotal year for the Museums. As our community came alive again after Covid-19, the Museums fully reopened with a renewed vision for our future. Under the guidance of our new (at that time) Executive Director Nancy Stillger and the help of many volunteers and donors we were able to accomplish much. One of the Museums' Board of Director's primary goals is to attract new visitors to the Museums including many locals that have said they have not visited the Museums in a long time, if ever.



Highlights of 2022 include:

- Opening the Bison Antiquus exhibit
- Partnering with local schools
- A successful auction to meet our financial goals
- Community events – lectures and hands-on programming
- Stepping up our level of professionalism with priority on improved technical systems and staffing

In 2023 we are building on the work that was begun in 2022 to make the Eastsound Museum and Crow Valley School more relevant to the Orcas Island community. We have established more community partnerships with the library and schools, more educational programs and more care of our collection of artifacts, photos and documents. And, importantly, while preservation of our early history is ongoing, we are looking toward gathering more of the rich history of Orcas Island as it continues to be written every day.

We are so grateful to our dedicated volunteers who greet our visitors at both locations, build our exhibits, provide building maintenance, create fundraising events and tend our beautiful garden. Our Board of Directors provide direction to “keep the wheels on the wagon”, reach out to the community and support fundraising events. And you, our members, are integral to keeping history alive. We hope we continue to earn your support.

**Bonnie Morris**  
Board President



# Financial Overview

## Balance Sheet

### Assets

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Cash & Reserve	114,602	114,619	164,929
Invested Funds	526,471	559,164	458,133
Endowment	546,772	630,332	559,647
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,187,845</b>	<b>1,304,115</b>	<b>1,182,709</b>

### Liabilities

FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
12,500	13,884 (PPP2)	-0-

## Statement of Activities

Revenue	FY 2020	FY2021	FY 2022	Expenses	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Membership	7,520	4485	3,130	Admin & Operations	13,468	14,573	14,430
Admissions	5,035	23,065	20,696	Payroll	66,542	61,627	105,131
Grants & Donations	67,723	78,362	130,856	Utilities & Maint	8,843	9,427	22,356
Fundraising	1,945	18,347	43,804	Fundraising	500	2,742	12,570
Store	3,479	9,754	13,033	Store	1,542	3,186	7,878
Misc	795	188	474	Programs, Exhibits	1,336	3,948	20,296
Transfer in from Invest. Funds	-0-	67,534	20,000	Capital Expense		99,926	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>8,6497</b>	<b>201,735</b>	<b>231,993</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>92,231</b>	<b>195,429</b>	<b>182,661</b>

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Fran MacMillan  
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Mark McKinley  
Mary Nash  
Linda Peth  
Dolly Prince  
Richard Rogers  
John Slater  
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