



# FogHorn

Westport-South Beach Historical Society News Letter

2nd Quarter 2011

## Strategic Planning Committee Builds Timeline



*The mission of the Westport South Beach Historical Society is to preserve and interpret the history of the South Beach, with an emphasis on natural resources and advocating for preservation of our local historic structures.*

The Strategic Planning Committee has been busy this year, working to implement the current Strategic Plan. Chairperson Debi Eberle has worked on putting a timeline together that shows volunteers and Staff the years projects and activities that we all have to look forward to. A conceptual timeline was shown to the Board of Trustees in January and the go ahead was given to proceed. On February 8th the committee met to work on the timeline which is now on a large poster board for all to see at the Museum. Committee members Peggy Coverdale, Sam Elwonger, Debi & Pete Eberle met with Randy Beerbower and worked on concepts and actions that need to be scheduled and tracked through the year. Some of the major items to be tracked are Whale-of-a-Sale, Pool Party ticket Sales, Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration, Run for the Light, Nominating Committee search for Board Candidates, and Museum Displays inventoried by the Collections Committee. Other projects slated for this year include, Creating a Restoration Plan for the Lighthouse, Facilities maintenance Plan for the Museum, Membership Drive, Plan to have The Grays Harbor Light Station named Washington's State Lighthouse, and setting up an endowment fund again. Many of our normal operating functions are also tracked, which include Volunteer training, periodic committee meetings, cleaning and caretaking events around the museum and lighthouse, and gift shop annual stocking for sales. The committee Plans on meeting several times a year to update and review all of the actions taken. We would like to see more volunteers participate which will help to expand our visions for the future. Please stop by the Museum and check out our work and give us your ideas, or just email us if you have any ideas.

## Whale-of-a-Sale an Enormous Success!

A group of Historical Society members call themselves THE OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH. That is because once a month they all meet at a designated place and have lunch together to plan the next WHALE-OF-A-SALE. Headed up by Thor Lauritzen, this group has been meeting for 8 years! This year's sale far exceeded their expectations. We took in \$1,913 plus change! The two day sale on April 16 and 17 took place in McCausland Hall. The majority of the donated items sold during the two-day sale. Items that remained were split between the Tokeland Fourth of July sale and the West-

port Senior House. Before this distribution, a number of quality items were selected for use by the Museum and for the upcoming Old Fashioned Fourth of July Silent Auction. Thus, we actually exceeded \$2000 in total intake.

Thank you! to all who worked for the past year on the sale: Thor Lauritzen, Dorothy and Lavern Adkins, Colleen Berger, Charlie Marxen, Peggy and Vern Coverdale, Sam Elwonger, Rex Martin, Doris Mack, Tony Mack, Helen Peters, Lindy Tisdale, and Jean Tweedie among other volunteers.

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possible. We look forward  
to seeing you at one of  
our future events!*

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## From the Executive Director

“Never a dull moment here at The Maritime Museum”



It seems like we always have something new and exciting happening here.

We made front page news in *The Daily World* with our recent fireside chat - AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH FISHERMENS' WIVES. More than 40 guests attended. Nancy Dodson and Janet Heikkila found great speakers, one of whom was Janet herself. Nancy facilitated the evening. Everyone who attended appreciated the candor and humor of the presenters; many thanks to them and Nancy for an informative and entertaining evening.

The OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH deserves much credit for their dedication to produce the Whale-of-a-Sale fundraiser. Under the leadership of Thor Lauritzen, the group was all business: signs were made, the event was advertised in the local papers, and McCausland Hall was buzzing for a week prior to the sale with the Lunch Bunch group's work to organize and price items. The sale netted a whopping \$2000! Everyone had fun in the team effort to raise money for the Society.

As the weather continues to improve, we see more visitors at the Lighthouse and the Museum. But, the need for volunteers to keep the facilities open is increasing. Teresa Albrecht, our Operations Director, works tirelessly to schedule watchstanders. We find that if volunteers can commit to a certain day of the week or month, it is easier for Teresa to fill the schedule. Many thanks to the recent volunteers, who include John and Nancy Ballard, Nancy Dodson, Warren Linderman, Jack Stewart, Rex Martin, Irene Raynor, and Peggy Coverdale. Watchstanding can be one of the most important roles in keeping the Lighthouse and Museum open, and it is fascinating to meet people from all over the world. Interested? Please phone 268-0078 to find out more about our volunteer opportunities.

The Society was recently given an important collection of more than 140 "Harbor Lights" limited edition Lighthouses. These were donated by Gretchen Lamb of Aberdeen. There are plans to feature the collection in our temporary exhibit space in the Officer of the Day room. This donation has an estimated value of more than \$10,000. Thank you, Gretchen Lamb! *(Continued on page 4)*

## Wonderful Turnout for Ruth McCausland Book Signing

Former longtime Tokeland resident, regionally well-known author, and founding member of the Westport-South Beach Historical Society, Ruth McCausland, autographed copies of her just released book, "Coastal Washington Backyard Birds" at McCausland Hall on Sunday, May 1st.

This collection of articles is from her long-running "For the Birds" newspaper column and is the companion book for "Coastal Washington Shorebirds & Waterbirds."

Ruth moved to the Olympia area a number of years ago to be closer to her son and she doesn't make it down to the South Beach as often as she would like, making this a very special opportunity for fans of her writing and bird enthusiasts to meet her and get her latest book. Many of Ruth's Society friends also stopped by to say "Hello."

All proceeds from sales of her books at the museum go the Westport-South Beach Historical Society.

## Message from the President



With the coming of the "busy season" we are going to be contacting all the local members to ask if you would be willing to stand watch at the museum or lighthouse. We can not remain open unless we have watchstanders to greet and assist our visitors. If you have stated in the past that you will not be available to help I apologize in advance for the call you will be receiving but we need to update our list of willing workers. And speaking of willing workers our biggest income making event is coming up quickly. The 4th of July festival we present will be on Monday this year and we need people who will share their holiday with us to man the

food line and help with the games. Are you a face painter? We really need someone with the paints and ability. The children love it. We need plants, single layer cakes and "coffee shop" type of baked items as well as items for a silent auction. We provide our own 4th of July party after the festival is over and we need someone to put together a dinner for us (not provide the food though but to coordinate the food) and other hands to help the whole event take place. We are the only event going on that day until the fireworks in Tokeland. Please call me if you are willing to help.. We really need you.

Thanks,  
Peggy Coverdale, President, 268-9072

### Painting Donated

A beautiful and unique painting of the Grays Harbor Lighthouse and tall ship *Lady Washington* by artist Cathy Peek, using an old chart of Grays Harbor as the canvas, was donated by **David and Carolyn Hoyum**.  
Thank you David and Carolyn for this wonderful gift!

## Calendar – May - August 2011

### MAY:

- Lighthouse & Museum open DAILY, 10AM to 4PM
- May 1st Book Signing with Author Ruth McCausland, 1 to 3pm @ McCausland Hall-refreshments provided
- WSBHS Board Meeting -- May 10, 6PM @ McCausland Hall
- *Lady Washington* & *Hawaiian Chieftain* @ Westport Marina May 13-18

### JUNE:

- Lighthouse & Museum open DAILY, 10AM to 4PM
- WSBHS Quarterly Membership Meeting Potluck -- June 8, 6PM @ McCausland Hall--Special photography show provided by Mike Coverdale
- Rusty Scupper Pirate Daze at Marina District & Museum Grounds June 24- 26

### JULY:

- Lighthouse & Museum open DAILY, 10AM to 4PM
- Annual Old Fashioned 4th of July Festival, July 4, Museum Grounds
- WSBHS Board Meeting--July 12, 6PM @ McCausland Hall
- Eastside Street Rods Show & Shine Contact: 800-345-6223

### AUGUST:

- Lighthouse & Museum open DAILY, 10AM to 4PM
- Annual Tuna Classic Competition-- August 7 @ McCausland Hall & Museum Grounds
- WSBHS Board Meeting--August 9, 6PM @ McCausland Hall
- 6th Annual Run For The Light--August 13, Registration: 8:30AM Race: 10AM @ McCausland Hall
- International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend--August 19<sup>th</sup>, 5PM through 5PM August 21<sup>st</sup> - From the Lighthouse Grounds

### Volunteer Thank-Yous

- The board members of the Westport-South Beach Historical Society for their unfaltering belief in our organization and continued dedication while attending numerous workshops throughout the Holidays
- Helen Hegg** for sharing her energy and knowledge with our board and staff at a number of workshops
- Jim & Gerry Trobaugh** for watchstander duty at the Lighthouse & Museum as well as many other helpful projects
- Thor Lauritzen, Peggy & Vern Coverdale** for decorating the community Christmas Tree
- Doug & Jackie Wentz, Cathy Tyler & family** for decorating the buildings on the Museum grounds for the Holidays
- Mayor Michael Bruce** for his tree lighting services, photographs and moral support
- Rex Martin & Sam Elwonger** for watchstander duty over New Years
- Greg Barnes**, City Maintenance Supervisor, with his help in getting our directional signs placed
- Fire Chief **Dennis Benn** and crew for their help with moving chairs from the Lens Building to McCausland Hall after the Grays Harbor Emergency Management meeting
- Rex Martin & Mike Albrecht** for their efforts in producing this issue of the Fog Horn
- Larry & Macy Jorenby** for watchstander duty at the Museum & Lighthouse as well as many other helpful projects

## From the Executive Director *(continued from page 2)*

One of our Society's founding members; former longtime Tokeland resident and well-known author, Ruth McCausland, was on hand to autograph copies of her just released book, "Coastal Washington Backyard Birds," at McCausland Hall on May 1st. This collection of articles is from her long-running "For the Birds" newspaper column and is the companion book for "Coastal Washington Shorebirds & Waterbirds." It was so nice to see so many of Ruth's longtime friends who came out to wish her well. Nearly \$900 was generated for the Society from the sale of books during the two-hour event. I would like to thank Ruth and Barb Aue, Editor of the *South Beach Bulletin* for this wonderful gift. And I would like to set the record straight...Ruth is only 91 years-young.

Please mark your calendar for these coming events:

- The Museum will host part of the Rusty Scupper Pirate Daze, Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26. We will have some vendors on the Museum grounds and two bands will play from the gazebo on both Saturday and Sunday.
- We will once again host our annual OLD FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY on the Museum grounds. Plan to join us for traditional activities for young and old alike.
- We will be hosting the RUN 4 THE LIGHT annual race, August 13. This event has grown to nearly 200 runners from all over the State.

There is a place for all our members to participate with our day to day operations. I would be pleased to help anyone interested in participating at a greater level. We are happy to match volunteers' talents with the Society's needs.

Kindest regards— Randy

## Important — Your Help is Needed!

It is becoming more and more difficult finding enough people who are willing to volunteer as **Watchstanders**. Without this much-needed help, there are times when nobody is available to assist visitors to the Museum and the Lighthouse.

Also, the time for our **Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration**, one of the biggest events of the year, is rapidly approaching. We desperately need volunteers to help out on this important occasion.

Please call 268-0078, e-mail, or stop by the Museum for more information and to find out where you can help. Thank you.

## 2nd Quarter Membership Meeting and Potluck

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Second Quarter Meeting on June 9th. The meeting and potluck will be at 6 PM in McCausland Hall. We have a special program planned featuring area photography by **Mike Coverdale**, titled "A Journey through Our Area."

## Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration



The Maritime Museum in Westport invites you to come and celebrate the 4th of July on the grounds of the Museum at the Marina in Westport.

Come and enjoy the food, games, cake walk, raffle & silent auction at family-friendly prices!

For more information, call 360-268-0078.



## Wish List

- Sponsors for Old Fashioned 4th
- **Watchstander Volunteers**
- Help at the **Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration**
- Digital Camera (Collections Committee)
- Lawn care equipment, i.e. a weed wacker
- Display racks for lighthouse collection
- It's not too early to be thinking of Rummage Items for next-year's Whale-of-a-Sale

## Whale-of-a-Sale Report

### Whale-of-a-Sale, April 16 and 17, 2011

Once the committee was formed, the group checked signs and began publicity by March 1st. We also reserved the McCausland Hall for the entire week in advance of the Saturday and Sunday sale. It was decided to hold the sale to be held on the same weekend as the Crab Races to hopefully draw customers from that area.

Within two weeks of the sale a couple of the committee members called local members to remind them of the sale, when they could bring stuff and also that we were having a bake sale with whole items and single serving items. We planned to have free coffee but buy the bake goods.

The hall was not rented within two weeks of the sale so we started early and it was really good to have the extra time. Some folks had brought items that had been stored in the basement of the museum and we could set up the tables and get those items sorted in advance. By Tuesday prior to the sale we were ready to price items. We sorted by similar types of items on each table. After we priced these items we pre-priced anything that came in before putting them out on the proper table.

The whale-shaped signs were put out on Friday before the sale. We feel they need darker letters and would be seen better at eye level rather than in the ground. We had one sign with red arrows that was in a frame to set down by

the Crab race tent.

**Westport Beach Escapes** made up a little notice and put into each of their rentals for the week-end and the **Breakers Motel** ask for flyers. We did make up one and the master is in Randy's computer. We also took some to the Crab Races tables where people paid but it was suggested that we make a lot of flyers and take the time to take them to all of the local motels etc.

We made \$1,913.12 for the society and we were all pleased with our efforts.

We contacted the Tokeland Parade committee to see if they wanted our left over items. As I write this I don't know if they will come tomorrow (Monday) to get them. If not we will contact Salvation Army or a similar source.

We put in a lot of hours but we all enjoyed it. We went out to lunch every day and treated ourselves as we worked. The committee was there at all times during the sale; two at the cash box; two or more in the kitchen at the bake sale and the rest walking among the people or just being available to help with questions and carrying items out to cars.

The society president sent a thank you letter to the South Beach Bulletin thanking the community for their support.

Thor Lauritzen, Chairman

### Donations – Thank You!

- **Dick & Lavon Branshaw** - 30 cup coffee maker
- **Sue Shidaker & David Schmitt** - Computer & Spring Board
- **Jim Mason/Masco** - Christmas Tree (and Thank You **Colleen Berger** for facilitating this)
- **Brook Maples-Priest** - donated \$60 for an advertisement placed in *The Daily World* Bridal Guide promoting the Museum and Lighthouse for weddings
- **Mike Coverdale** - Laser printer, still in the box, valued at \$649
- **Peggy Coverdale** - Elton Bennett Print for raffle prize - generated \$95
- **House Bros Portables** - free use portable for event...to be used as raffle prize
- We received many, many donated items for the Whale-of-a-Sale - Thank you to everyone who donated items and their time for this very successful event!
- **Larry Jorenby** - Hardware for the Nyhus Street door and a brand new lawn mower to be used at the lighthouse
- **Randy Beerbower** - Door chimes for Museum doors, plywood for Whale-of-a-Sale signs, a toaster & other items for the galley
- **Gretchen Lamb** - 138 "Harbor Lights" limited edition Lighthouses valued at \$10,350

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## Thank You Westport

The City of Westport LTAC (Lodging Tax Advisory Committee) provided grants funding our promotional brochure (\$1,500) and advertising for the Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration (\$1,000).

## Volunteers Needed

- **Watchstanders** for the Lighthouse for June and September
- **Help at the July 4th Celebration**
- Computer Techs
- Carpenters
- Data Entry
- Writers

There are 31 words (or combined words) in this 4th of July puzzle. They may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, but not backwards. Many you will see at the **Museum's Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration**. Check the Museum & Lighthouse website for the solution.

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