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Westport-South Beach Historical Society Newsletter

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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 in our maritime community.

## Meet our Newest Board Members

**Jessica Ably** lives in Grayland and has taught in the Ocosta School District for over twenty-five years. She became involved in the Historical Society and the museum and lighthouse activities because of taking students there on field trips and appreciating what these treasures provide to our community. She is currently Chair of the Nominations Committee.

**Patricia Bonina** is general manager and chef at Half Moon Bay. She has been in Westport for nine years. Originally from Oklahoma, she lived in Portland but was eventually attracted to our coastal community by the surfing activities. Serving as an assistant coach for fast-pitch softball, Patricia was attracted to service on the board by the opportunity to become more directly involved in the community and support its activities.

**Stephen Irving** has lived in Westport over seven years since he and his wife, Leslie, moved here from Seattle and purchased the historical Glenacres Inn. Steve was immediately attracted to the history of Westport and the South Beach and responded enthusiastically when encouraged to accept a position on the WSBHS board. Known for his interest and participation in community theater, his recent performance in the Grayland Players' presentation of *South Pacific* showed another aspect of Steve's creative talents and community spirit.

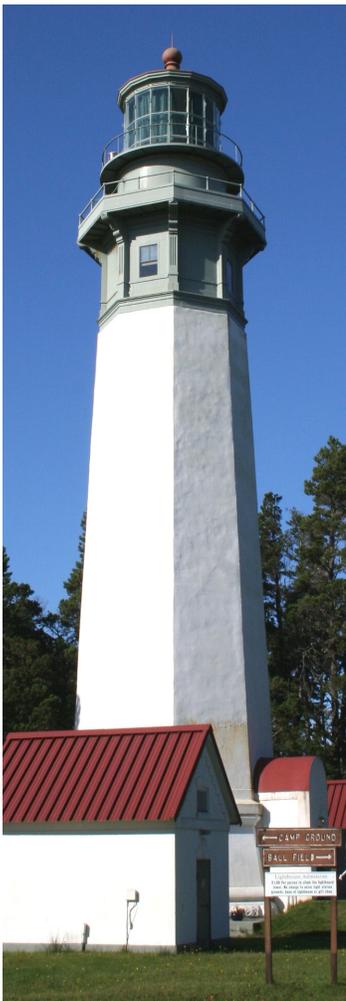
**Brook Priest**, now manager for the Islander, Vacations by the Sea, and Half Moon Bay Restaurant, has lived in Westport for seven years. She has been especially enthusiastic about the local lighthouse and responded eagerly to the invitation to join the WSBHS board and pursue community involvement. Her special contributions to the historical group include technological skills and organizational support.

**Leslee Lindstrom** has lived in North Cove about 1½ years, having moved here from Tacoma, where she was born and raised. Her family actually homesteaded there in 1898! Leslee was attracted to the beach when she returned to Washington from Arizona, where she had lived for five years. Though she didn't know anyone in the area when she moved here, she was soon spending time at Yarn 'n Darn Things where, one day Fran Allen met her and invited her to visit the museum. Soon she was volunteering and helping Bobbi Willard with various clerical tasks. When her background in bookkeeping surfaced, she became our contract accountant.

**Dann Sears** brings special knowledge and skills to the board from his experience as director of the Aberdeen Museum of History. He has been a resource for information and creative ideas about museum operations and planning, as well as community relations. An avid South Beach enthusiast, Dann has been warmly welcomed to the board and historical society activities.

## Talented WSBHS Board Members in *South Pacific*

If you were among the lucky community members to see the Grayland Players' production of *South Pacific* in one of their six performances during May, you saw two of our dedicated board members shining in their stardom. **Chris Kerr** and **Steve Irving**, along with the rest of the talented cast, delighted the crowds with their acting skills in this long-loved Rodgers and Hammerstein musical favorite. Grayland Players, we're proud of you all!



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**President's Letter by Sam Martin****Short and Sweet**

Welcome to new members and businesses who have joined us during our May membership drive. Over the past few months, we have formed a new set of business membership benefits and updated our individual/family membership categories. Board members and volunteers helped with phone calls, membership appeal tables around town and at events, and a mass mailing to the Westport, Grayland, and Tokeland post offices. The membership drive will continue through June. Current members are encouraged to find one or two more new members to join!

New membership also means new volunteers. Volunteerism will be a continuing priority in 2013, with a focus on the recruiting and training part of our work. Our volunteer/watchstander appreciation dinner at Christmas, and monthly breakfasts, recognize their valued contributions. Summer events like the Old Fashion 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, Run 4 the Light, and full-time open hours at the museum and lighthouse all happen because of our volunteers. Please sign up at the June membership potluck.

We received two grant awards this quarter Grays Harbor Community Foundation. These will pay to restore and expand our educational program and reprint *Washington's Westport* in time for the City of Westport's Centennial year.

Unfortunately, we did not receive a special capital projects grant offered by Grays Harbor Community Foundation to add safety and access improvements to the lighthouse. However, because these projects are very important, we have decided to allocate our own funds for this purpose.

Our staffing plan for three leadership positions has evolved into three staff and one busy board president. Instead of hiring a half-time public relations person for the next few months, I will spend my summer vacations a volunteer, doing public relations tasks while refining the new PR position. I will also be helping with the new education program and improving our new volunteer recruitment program. The staff salary saved will go towards the educational program staff hours, temporary clerical help, and other priorities.

Another evolving project is the formation of a Lighthouse Restoration and Management Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will conduct research and propose new ideas and plans related to the needs and priorities of the lighthouse. They will create a master plan for the lighthouse and support the board of directors and strategic planning committee. Committed WSBHS members who have championed the cause of the lighthouse for the 10 years we have owned it can volunteer for the Advisory Board by contacting me at 268-1131 (home phone) or [samacct@comcast.net](mailto:samacct@comcast.net). We also intend to invite representatives from community organizations, businesses, and government agencies who are already important supporters of our lighthouse development.

Shortly and Sweetly Yours,  
Sam Martin, WSBHS Board President

**Westport South Beach Historical Society Business Sponsorships**

WSBHS has created a new business membership plan for 2013. After much discussion by the Board of Directors, a special committee was created to look at ways to offer the business community a little more for their annual memberships. Below are the membership categories and descriptions of benefits. We hope that the additional benefits will increase participation in the new Business Sponsorships.

**Helmsman Sponsor:** Cost \$60.00 annually. Sponsorship includes business name on Map handed out at the lighthouse and museum, business brochures displayed in both locations and ten admission passes.

**Navigator Sponsor:** Cost \$120.00 annually. Sponsorship includes business name on Map handed out at the lighthouse and museum, business brochures displayed in both locations, acknowledgment in quarterly newsletter "The Foghorn", rotating advertisement on museum website and twenty five admission passes.

**Captain Sponsor:** Cost \$500.00 annually. Sponsorship includes business name and logo on Map handed out at the lighthouse and museum, business brochures displayed in both locations, acknowledgment in quarterly newsletter "The Foghorn", rotating advertisement on museum website, plaque displayed in museum entrance for one year, one McCausland Hall rental per year and seventy five admission passes.

**Admiral Sponsor:** Cost \$1000.00 annually. Sponsorship includes business name and logo on Map handed out at the lighthouse and museum, business brochures displayed in both locations, rotating acknowledgment in the quarterly newsletter "The Foghorn", rotating advertisement on museum website, framed plaque displayed in museum entrance for one year, one McCausland Hall rental per year and one hundred fifty admission passes.

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**Change in your contact information? Don't forget to tell us!**

Every quarter, as the newsletters are sent, several are returned for inaccurate addresses. These include both email and postal mailings. Additionally, some phone calls to members or supporters in recent months have reached "no longer in service" messages. PLEASE REMEMBER to let us know of any changes. We want to make sure you receive, *The Foghorn* and other information provided by the WSBHS. Send changes to Bobbi Willard at [Westportmaritimemuseum.com](mailto:info@Westportmaritimemuseum.com) or call her at (360)268-0078. Please leave a complete message with whoever answers your call or on the voicemail system. Or, send a change of address notation by postal mail to the Westport South Beach Historical Society, P.O. Box 1074, Westport, WA 98595.

**Proposed By-Law Amendments****The following amendments to the by-laws for the Westport-South Beach Historical Society will be voted on by members at the October quarterly meeting:**

Article II **GOVERNMENT** Section 1. provides for “seven (7) directors” while Article VIII of the Articles of Incorporation provides for only six (6). Typically, Articles of Incorporation do not state the number of directors; that is a function of By-Laws. That said, Article VIII of the Articles of Incorporation provides as follows:

The number of the directors of this corporation shall be six, and the names of the directors who shall manage the affairs of the corporation until the second Thursday, October 19, 1988 and until the successor directors are elected by the members in accordance with the bylaws are listed on the attached continuation of Article VIII.

So arguably, the By-Laws at Article II Section 1. supercede Article VIII of the Articles of Incorporation in providing for seven (7) directors as opposed to six (6).

Article II **GOVERNMENT** Section 3 provides as follows:

The officers and board of directors are responsible for hiring and firing the director of the corporation’s programs required for the operation of the museum, and evaluating the implementation of those policies, budgets, programs. The museum director reports to the officers and board of directors through the president. The museum director is responsible for recommending policies, programs, special displays and budgets necessary for operation of the museum to the officers and board of directors, and for implementing those policies, programs and budgets. The museum director is responsible for appointing and supervising other employees, volunteers, and committees necessary to museum operations.

Proposed:

The officers and board of directors are responsible for the hiring, supervision, evaluation and termination of the executive director of the corporation. The executive director is responsible for the implementation of the policies, programs, special displays, events and budgets necessary for operation of the museum and lighthouse, and for recommending changes and additions to such policies, programs, special displays, events and budgets. The executive director is additionally responsible for appointing and supervising other employees, volunteers, and special committees (other than the standing committees provided for in Article VIII) necessary to museum and lighthouse operations. The executive director reports to the officers and board of directors through the president.

At the discretion of the officers and board of directors, an alternative management model of the corporation may be adopted to include, but not limited to, a co-director model of two or more co-directors whose individual duties and responsibilities shall be assigned as deemed necessary by the officers and board of directors for the operation of the museum and lighthouse. The co-directors report to the officers and board of directors through the president.

**Article III ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section 1. provides as follows:

All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in October to hold office for two (2) years. The president and vice-president shall be elected to serve beginning in even numbered years; the secretary and the treasurer shall be elected to serve beginning in odd years. All officers’ terms of office shall commence on the first day of January and end on the last day of December. All officers may be reelected to not more than (1) term in each office, for a total of two (2) consecutive terms. A term as an officer does not apply to the restriction on consecutive terms for directors. Officers may be reelected to a position previously held after two (2) years out of that office. In the case of a vacancy arising in any office, the officers and board of directors at any scheduled meeting of the officers and board of directors may fill it by appointment of an eligible person for the unexpired term.

**Proposed:**

All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in October to hold office for two (2) years. The president and vice-president shall be elected to serve beginning in even numbered years; the secretary and the treasurer shall be elected to serve beginning in odd years. All officers’ terms of office shall commence on the first day of January and end on the last day of December. All officers may be elected to not more than three (3) consecutive terms in each office. Officers may be reelected to a position

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previously held after two (2) years out of that office. A term as an officer does not apply to the restriction on consecutive terms for directors. In case of a vacancy arising in any office, the officers and board of directors at any scheduled meeting of the officers and board of directors may fill it by appointment of an eligible person for the unexpired term.

Section 2 provides as follows:

Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting in October to hold office for three (3) years. All directors' terms of office shall commence on the first day of January and end on the last day of December. Directors may be reelected to not more than one (1) consecutive term. A term as a director does not apply to the restrictions on consecutive terms for officers. Directors may be reelected to the board of directors after two (2) years absence from the board. In case of a vacancy arising in any seat, it may be filled for the unexpired term at any meeting of the officers and board of directors.

Proposed:

Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting in October to hold office for (4) years. All directors' terms of office shall commence on the first day of January and end on the last day of December. Directors may be elected to not more than three (3) consecutive terms. A term as director does not apply to the restrictions on consecutive terms for officers. Directors may be reelected to the board of directors after two (2) years absence from the board. In the case of a vacancy arising in any seat, it may be filled for the unexpired term at any

### Another Whale of a Sale Success!

Once again, a big thanks to the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for their leadership in creating a Whale-of-a-Sale that brought in over \$2500 for the Westport-South Beach Historical Society and topped last year's total by several hundred dollars. On April 20 and 21, McCausland Hall was filled with shoppers and treasures for sale in displays that reflected the ever present skills of the work team in organizing the event. The items donated for the sale varied from furniture to china dishes, toys and puzzles to books and CDs, tools to electronics, and framed pictures to an amazing donation of over 300 commemorative thimbles. A special attraction was a collection of baseball caps collected over the years by Vern Coverdale, a long-standing member of the Bunch. His widow, Peggy, donated his hats. A bake sale occurred simultaneously at the hall, free coffee was available for everyone, and visitors engaged in lively conversations as they browsed the aisles and tables.

In spite of the high quality of the inventory, several items remained when the sale ended. Some things were set aside for the silent auction to be held during the Ole' Fashioned Fourth of July event. Furniture items were retained for possible furnishing of the volunteer room at the museum, and other treasures were boxed and donated to The Tokeland/North Cove Chamber of Commerce for their annual garage sale and parade on the Fourth of July.

Special thanks to the following: The Westport Arts Association loaned two display cases; Pepsico donated two large advertising banners; Levee Lumber and Westport Shipyard allowed the display of the banners on their chain link fences in advantageous locations; and six Coast Guard members from the local detachment pitched in to help move boxes, appliances, and furniture from the various storage areas to McCausland Hall. We especially appreciate the many community donors whose contributions made the sale possible. A giant-sized thanks must go to the Out-to-Lunch Bunch and the volunteers who prepared the displays and staffed the event: Thor Lauritzen, Dorothy and LaVern Adkins, Peggy Coverdale, Irene Raynor, Lindy Tisdale, Rex Paul Martin, Jean Tweedie, Tony Mack, Helen Peters, and Sue Shidaker.

#### North Oil House Converting to Gift Shop and Admissions Desk

The North Oil House at Grays Harbor Lighthouse is about to become our new Admissions and Gift Shop for visitors to the lighthouse. The phone line is completed, and we are ready to move in shelving, furniture, and inventory.

The grand opening of the new gift shop and admissions desk is tentatively set for Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. A second celebration will occur on June 30, when locals and visitors gather at the lighthouse to celebrate the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first lighting of Grays Harbor Light Station.

Of particular interest is a development that occurred during the digging of the trench for the telephone line: a great artifact was found! (See accompanying article.)

#### Corning Navy Hand Warmer Watch Mug Found Near Lighthouse

An interesting discovery occurred recently while a trench was being dug for the telephone lines to the North Oil House. This work was done in preparation for the conversion of the oil house to the new admissions desk and gift shop area for lighthouse visitors. Don Casey, who was digging the trench, came upon a Corning Navy Watch Mug. These mugs were used during WWII by Navy personnel. The design was intended to help the user keep their hands warm while enjoying a hot beverage during overnight or late-night duties. The mugs were heavy duty, measuring just shy of 3/8" thick glass, 3 1/2" tall, 3 13/16" in diameter across the top. The bottom of the mug has Corning's "glassblower" logo: "CORNING TM REG MADE IN USA" with a glassblower in the middle. This artifact is in good condition and has a few tiny chips at the bottom and one larger chip at top. Not bad for over six decades! In addition to thanking Dan Casey for his surprise discovery and donation of the mug to the museum, another thanks must be given to Tim O'Hara, a current workcamper, for filling the trench and sprucing up the turf in the yard.



## Looking back...history from the South Beach

### South Beach Memories of Our Departed Friends

The following is the first in a series of Foghorn special articles capturing memories of various South Beach residents. The articles came from interviews with several individuals who gave permission for their stories to be told. This first article captures some of the special memories shared in 2004 with Peggy Coverdale by Colleen Berger, former board member and longtime volunteer with the historical society, who passed away in 2012. The story is told in Colleen's words.

#### Elizabeth Street and Me

"My married sister lived on Elizabeth Street. It was the end of the civilized world. I used to visit and play in the sand behind her house. Since the houses were on the final dune, the ground sloped to the water from there. It was just like the Sahara Desert with no trees or bushes of any kind. We kids pretended to be lost in that desert searching for water- water – water. High tides occasionally did bring water into that area. My sister lost her house on the south side of the dune, not to water but to sand build-up. I remember when ditches were dug to provide dirt for a new road. It would go to the end of the peninsula. The road was named Montesano Street. Then a dock was built in that area. The year was 1929. Until that time boats anchored in Grays Harbor and crews rowed ashore in dinghies. "

"To the west of Montesano Street was similar sand and dune as far as the eye could see. No ditches, no natural streams, no wetland—just open spaces to the lighthouse, and on and on and on."

## Coming Soon.....

### Two Celebrations at the Lighthouse in June

You will have a chance to celebrate for several reasons at our lighthouse in June. **Saturday, June 1st** is the Grand Opening of the lighthouse Admissions Desk & Gift Shop. Please join us any time between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the North Oil House, new home for the Lighthouse Admissions/Gift Shop. Refreshments will be served, a membership information table will be available, a 10 percent discount on all gift items will be offered, and the lighthouse climb will be \$4 for each climber.

**Sunday, June 30th** will be the Open House Celebration for the 115th anniversary of the Lighthouse. Further details for that celebration will be posted soon.

### Old Fashioned Fourth of July Just Around the Corner

Long considered one of the most enjoyable community events in Westport, the Old Fashioned Fourth of July celebration is coming soon. Held on the grounds of the Maritime Museum on the harbor at 2201 Westhaven Drive, this event has something enjoyable and fun for everyone. Activities begin at 8 a.m. and last until 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 4.

Among the popular attractions will be music, crafts, food, games, a cake walk, raffle, and silent auction. Prices are family friendly. The harbor setting makes this one of the most memorable days in Westport for both volunteers and visitors. For more information, call the museum at 268-0078.

### Notice to Local Green Thumbs!

The Westport-South Beach Historical Society is soliciting donations of plants to the plant sale that will be conducted July 4 as part of the Maritime Museum's Old Fashioned Fourth of July event. We invite donations of indoor and outdoor, potted and bedding, plants. Donors can bring the plants to the museum campus July 1-4 during the hours of 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. or pickups can be arranged by calling the museum at 268-0078 or Thor at 268-9831. Pickups before July 1 can also be arranged. We appreciate all donations!

#### JUNE:

Lighthouse & Museum open DAILY, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Grand Opening of New Lighthouse Admissions/Gift Shop – June 1, 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
FogHorn Distributed—June 1  
Volunteer Breakfast—June 4, 9 a.m. @ McCausland Hall  
WSBHS Board of Trustees Meeting--June 11, 6 p.m. @ Museum Board Room  
WSBHS Quarterly Membership Meeting Potluck--June 12, 6 p.m. @ McCausland Hall  
Rusty Scupper Pirate Daze—June 21, 22, and 23 @ Museum Grounds & Marina District  
115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1st Lighting of the Grays Harbor Lighthouse – June 30

#### JULY:

Lighthouse & Museum open DAILY, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Volunteer Breakfast—July 2, 9 a.m. @ McCausland Hall  
Annual Old Fashioned 4th of July Festival – July 4 @ Museum Grounds  
WSBHS Board of Trustees Meeting--July 9, 6 p.m. @ Museum Board Room  
Foghorn Work Team Meeting, July 19, 9 a.m. @ Museum Board Room

#### AUGUST:

Lighthouse & Museum open DAILY, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Washington Tuna Classic (Rental)-- August 2 thru 4 @ McCausland Hall & Museum Grounds  
US Coast Guard Birthday--August 3  
Volunteer Breakfast--August 6, 9 a.m. @ McCausland Hall  
FogHorn articles due--August 10  
WSBHS Board of Trustees Meeting--August 13, 6 p.m. @ Museum Board Room  
8th Annual Run 4 the Light--August 10, Registration: 8:30 a.m. Race: 10 a.m. @ McCausland Hall  
International Lighthouse Weekend--August 16, 5 p.m. through 5 p.m. August 18 @ Lighthouse Grounds

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## Volunteers' Corner by Bobbi Willard, Operations Manager

There's an old Simon and Garfunkel song that says "it's all happening at the zoo". Judging by our calendar of upcoming events, I'd say it's all happening at the Westport Maritime Museum and the Grays Harbor Lighthouse. With all the events planned, many more volunteers are needed to help organize and participate. We will be discussing events at the Volunteer Breakfast on Tuesday, June 4th at 9:00 a.m. in McCausland Hall and sign-up sheets will be available. I hope to see you there!

Also, we have several new volunteers and I'd like to welcome them officially. Our new lighthouse workcampers are Tim and Mindy O'Hara and Vanessa Rick. Museum workcampers are Pat and Shirley Cannon along with Don and Joanne Kellogg. I'd also like to acknowledge the addition of recent local volunteers: Jovanna Bryan, Eileen Correa, Pete Mason, and to welcome back, Brian McClure, Jeff Andrews and Nicki Kollar. The success of our organization wouldn't be possible without our dedicated volunteers and I appreciate each and every one of you. Thanks, everyone. See you on the July 4th?

### How YOU can help for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event...



#### Six easy things you can contribute to the success of our 4<sup>th</sup> of July fundraising event:

- Sign up at the Volunteer Breakfast on June 2nd to work on July 4th (Bobbi Willard 268 - 0078)
- Donate plants or help prepare plants for the plant sale. (Thord Lauritzen, 268-9831)
- Bake cakes or buy cake mixes and frosting for the cake walk (Bobbi Willard, 268-0078)
- Donate or solicit special items for the Silent Auction items (Peggy Coverdale, 268-9072)
- Select and purchase kids game prizes (small inexpensive dollar store packages) (Bobbi Willard, 268-0078)
- Create an enticing raffle basket, a theme of your choice (Monica Henion, 268-1979)



Please contact the committee chairperson identified for additional information about the preparation and/or delivery of your donation.