

News from the Museums

As you are safe at home and looking for things to keep you busy, if you are cleaning out boxes and paper or going through photos, please keep us in mind when you find cool, old things and information.

Once things settle down again, we will be starting our museums wide inventory. We have completed the conversion of the old database to a new database and the comparison on paper of the two sets of information. The current and future members of the History Committee are all looking forward to helping identify what we have, what we think we have and what we don't know we have in our database.

From Sidney Avenue, looking north. 1920



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Thanks to our dedicated volunteer, Lori Huser, the Log Cabin Museum has been open many Sundays over the winter. We are sprucing up for the 2020 season beginning in May. The year is 1920. The influenza of 1918 is far behind us and people are venturing out, business is flourishing, and the future looks bright.

Upstairs at the Sidney Museum, we are replacing the track lighting and adding additional electrical outlets, finishing up the Geiger Pharmacy, and planning new exhibits along the walls. We have barber equipment from long-time barber Ernie

Mereno to display as well as the Days of '49, Myhre's and displays from fraternal organizations.

We are looking forward to having a night of storytelling and you will be invited to come see old photos and share stories with the people who remember when. . . . **So start saving up your stories to share.**



Log Cabin Museum

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brighter days are ahead of us! At this time, the Sidney Art Gallery & Museum and Log Cabin Museum are closed for the protection of volunteers and the community. We are following the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" mandate. Once lifted, we plan to fully clean and paint the gallery in the upcoming weeks. It will be a big job for a very small handful of us. We know that many of you are willing to help, but we will be keeping the work force small to protect everyone.

The Great Give is starting April 1st! This has been one of our best fundraisers over the past couple of years. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. The money will help to keep us going in this time when we are not bringing in any revenue due to the shut down.

We are still planning fun gatherings, only later in the year. This includes our Semi-Annual Tea (June), our Helen Norris May open show (May or June), pictures with the Easter Bunny (but probably in July or August) and many more once the Stay Home, Stay Healthy has been lifted and it is safe for our membership, volunteers and artists to come back "In to the Out"!

We have ordered the lighting for the Museum and have let the electrician know we will be using them when we are able to do so again. Before we do that, we need to find a Lathe and Plaster specialist, if you know of any, please email me at luella.hauenstein@gmail.com.

We miss all of you greatly and can't wait for the opportunity to see each of you once more. In the meantime, please stay healthy and safe.

Thank you,
Luella Hauenstein
President

Stay Home/Stay Healthy

Wash Your Hands



WWI Red Cross Nurse Bertha Goddard standing in front of Log Cabin on Sidney Street in Port Orchard in 1917. During WWI the Log Cabin served as Red Cross head quarters and nurses and volunteers rolled bandages that were shipped to Europe



ART SHOWS/RECEPTIONS

April—show cancelled, no reception

May—show postponed until June, no reception

June—49.5 Helen Norris Open Art Show, reception Saturday, June 20, 1 pm to 4 pm. We will be sending out the brochure shortly.

EVENTS

Facebook—If you follow us on Facebook, be sure to look out for some of our artists who are posting work both new and old.

The South Kitsap Artists Association meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm at the Sidney Art Gallery. April meeting cancelled.

Pictures with the Easter Bunny—rescheduled. This is a new event and unfortunately we are going to be rescheduling it for later in the summer.

Ladies Night Out on Bay Street—June 5, 5pm to 8pm. We are featuring special treats and a fun felted, button giveaway.

June tea—June 13. You'll be ready for an afternoon out with friends! Call to make your reservations as space is limited.

Port Orchard Night Market—June 20. We will be open until 10 pm. Also, reception for the Helen Norris Open Art show.

CLASSES

All classes are currently cancelled. We will let you know as soon as they can be rescheduled.

Wine, Beer, and Cookies: Fun and Fundraiser in One Event!

February 29, 2020—Maria Amburn

Doesn't that sound like a strange combination, wine, beer, and cookies? Yet, a panel of gallery members, board members, and guests were able to preview and coordinate which Girl Scout cookies would go with a particular wine or beer. The flight of beverage was placed on a tray and served to patrons supporting the cause, which was to raise funds to replace the lights in the upstairs' museum.

I personally attended, bringing with me four friends. We had such a good time, tasting wine and munching down our cookies. A couple of my friends said they hoped this event would become a regular thing at the gallery. Another told me that she wasn't sure she would like the cookie thing...she loved it!

Just so you know, the Sidney Museum and Art Gallery folks are regularly planning new events. Stay tuned for their next gathering!

Kitsap Great Give

The Kitsap Great Give is usually a 24-hour, online giving event organized by the Kitsap Community Foundation and is scheduled for April 21 to celebrate Kitsap's spirit of generosity and support the work of our community's non-profits. Your gift made through the Kitsap Great Give website will be magnified by bonus funds and will also help us qualify for prizes from the event. Because of the shut downs caused by coronavirus, the 2020 Kitsap Great Give is starting early this year and you may donate to all of your favorite non-profits beginning on April 1. You can donate to the Sidney Museum and Arts Association at <https://kitsapgreatgive.org/profile/s/sidney-museum-and-arts-association>.



Photo by Dakota Corbin on Unsplash

Membership Recognition Committee Formed

Four committee members met on February 25, 2020, to brainstorm on a method to recognize the members of the Sidney Museum and Art Association. The committee members considered: How big would a model need to be to display 200+ names; where would the model be displayed in the art gallery building; what would it cost to maintain throughout the years; what method will make it easier to replace names, as members come and go; and what would be practical to do while being "artsy." The committee planned to meet in April at the gallery, to have a visual of the walls as they work on a model. The committee members are (alpha order, first names) Aaron Schosso, Elissa Whittleton, Jane Radabaugh, Maria Amburn, and Sally Shuster.

Membership contest!!! Check out the enclosed flyer.

And membership is a great gift for friends and family!

Volunteers

We are SO appreciative of our incredible and talented volunteers. We have several volunteers that are on leave for various reasons, many of whom took two days a week. More volunteers are very much needed. There are several opportunities in the near future to start volunteering: Port Orchard Night Market; Ladies Night Out and the Log Cabin. If you are interested in becoming a regular member of our amazing volunteer community, please contact us at smaasidney@gmail.com.

New Members

Welcome new members:

Karsten Boysen

Arthur Cothary

Deanna Guariz

All of the students who entered the annual Student show and their teachers were provided with complimentary memberships.

Membership Renewals

We are picking up the mail at the post office for the interim. You can also renew your membership online at our website at

<http://sidneymuseumandarts.com/members> or use <https://www.paypal.me/sidneymuseumandarts>