



Log Cabin Museum

# SMAA Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The holidays are upon us! Those of us at the Gallery want to share our unique place and our timeless gifts with you. Have a fun bunco evening, come trick or treating, or invite a friend to our Christmas Tea. The shopping in December will be artsy and craftsy! Hope to see you all soon.

Sally Shuster

## From The Museums

By Mary Peterson

As September comes to a close and we start readying the Log Cabin for Christmas, we can look back on our summer season with pride. I'd especially like to thank Diane McPhee who took over the challenging job of securing and scheduling volunteers. She accomplished her duties wonderfully. Each of our Log Cabin docents greeted dozens of visitors, introduced them to our family of manequins and showed off our artifacts, making all who crossed the threshold feel welcome as they stepped into the past. We've hosted many out of town and out of state visitors as well as scout troops, church groups, and school children, and will continue to open our doors during the winter and spring to any and all requests. We've received many donations, both in cash for the new roof and in the form of artifacts. Thank you all for your generosity.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the loss of Virgil Reames, the guiding light and wonderful curmudgeon of both of our museums. As one of the Grumble brothers he was a special, irreplaceable presence at the Log Cabin and my personal mentor. He instilled in me a love of local history that never would have been awakened without his amazing knowledge, love of the area, and sense of humor. His influence and handiwork can be found not only at the Log Cabin, but also upstairs at the Gallery in the Historical Museum. He did everything from developing and enlarging vintage photographs to building scene backgrounds to creating a huge three dimensional map of the mosquito fleet route, and even building a coffin. He and my husband Alan, worked, traveled, laughed, and argued with each other and spent many hours at the Log Cabin solving ( but mostly identifying) the problems of the world. We miss you Virgil. You will always be a part of the museums and our lives.

The Historic Home and Garden Tour quilt raffle was very successful bringing in approximately \$1000 in profit. Thanks to all of you who bought tickets to help fund projects at the Log Cabin Museum. The winner of the drawing is Carolyn Powers who was very pleased to take away this beautiful quilt.



## Important Dates to Remember! (details on insert)

### Artist Receptions:

Sunday, October 12, 1-4 pm. South Kitsap Artists  
Sunday, November 9, 1-4 pm. Mary McInnis

Artwalks-downtown Port Orchard and Gallery  
Saturday October 4, 2-5 pm. Zombie Apocolypse  
Gallery artists- Melba Moran & Louise Cothary  
Saturday November 1, 2-5 pm. Steve Abbott

Bunco at the Gallery, Friday, October 17th  
6:30 pm. appetizers, 7 pm game starts

Halloween Trick or Treat, Friday, October 31, 4-7pm  
(details below)

Chocolate Festival—Pavilion, Downtown Port Orchard, November 7-9

Annual Membership Meeting and Christmas Party-  
Saturday, November 29, 5:30 pm. Meeting, 6 pm- shopping

Christmas Tea— Saturday December 13, 1 pm.

Pictures with Santa at the Log Cabin  
December 6th & 7th, 13th & 14th

South Kitsap Artists Association meet on the 4th Monday evenings of the month at the Gallery  
For information call Roy Carr at 360-876-5336

## TRICK OR TREAT AT THE SIDNEY ART GALLERY

On October 31st, Friday, from 4 pm to 7 pm the Sidney Art Gallery will be hosting Trick or Treat along with the downtown merchants. We will have a scavenger hunt upstairs in our museum which is fun for all kids. There will be TREATS, of course, and pictures with a friendly witch. So, bring your kids and grandkids downtown for some Halloween fun.

# ~SIDNEY GALLERY PRESENTS~



“Getting Ready for the Show”

**October-** The South Kitsap Artist’s Association (SKAA) will be displaying their art during the month of October. This group of talented artists has been meeting for over 50 years participating in many art shows, art walks, galleries and have art hanging in varied businesses. There will be over 40 pieces of original art in all types of mediums including oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolor and photography. This is a judged show with a reception on Sunday, October 12 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

The month of **November** will feature the art work of Mary McInnis. Mary was born in Richland, WA and grew up in West Seattle. She now resides in Port Orchard. She had an early interest in art, attending the Cornish School while in junior high. She continued to explore making art, stage work, choral, film and photography through high school. She continued with art, stage, choral, photography and design in college, culminating in a Bachelor of Arts in painting at the University of Washington in 1987. Mary works with pastels, oils and acrylics. Her show opens on November 4th and closes November 22nd with a reception on November 9th from 1 pm to 4 pm.

“Coastal Sunset” by Mary McInnis



In **December** we will be featuring the arts and crafts of some of our members, volunteers and artists. The gallery will be filled with a wide variety of Christmas art that will make wonderful gifts for family members and friends. This show will open on November 25th. We will be closed on November 27th for Thanksgiving and then reopen on the 28th. Our annual membership meeting will be held on the 29th and Christmas party to follow. Our Christmas display will be showing during the month of December. Come find that unique Christmas gift for that special someone at the Sidney Art Gallery.

Letters to Anna  
By Mary Peterson

September, 1934

Dear Anna,

I hope this finds you and your family in good health.

We've been lucky this summer except for Charles and his chronic ear problems. Why his earaches start up in the spring and dog him through summer is somewhat of a mystery but they start like clockwork every year around the middle of June. Mother Orchard blames it on swimming in the cold waters that surround us and maybe she's right but that doesn't explain the lack of problems with the others that join him in the bay every-day.

We followed the directions of our neighbor, Mrs. Stickler and filled a small piece of cotton wool with black pepper, dipping it in oil and sticking it as far as possible into the offending ear. Charles experienced almost immediate relief which caused Mother Orchard to admit that "the old harridan may have a few good ideas after all."

Old Mrs. Stickler and Mother Orchard have never been friends. "She's common" says Mother Orchard, refusing to elaborate. I think it has something to do with Mrs. Stickler's habit of wearing long johns summer and winter. They poke out of her sleeves, the collar of her housedress and extend below her hem. "Common" possibly, but she was a God-send with Charles' ear problems.

Lewis is well and has spent the summer trimming the lower limbs from the trees that hang around and over our home. It had gotten to the point that we were afraid the first fire in the fireplace this fall would start a conflagration. He's spent hours hacking ivy from the tree trunks then climbing high off the ground to position himself in such a way that he can reach the offending limbs and cut them off without being knocked to the ground as the limbs fall. With the exception of scraped knuckles and knees and many aches and pains the following day, he's gone without injury.

Teddy has been saving all the big limbs and is building his own log cabin down by the creek. He won't let his brother and sister go near it, insisting that they wait until it's finished. We discovered last week that the odd and ends that were disappearing from various rooms in our house were being secreted to Teddy's cabin. Yesterday he just about collapsed from exhaustion after his fourth trip up from the ravine, arms laden with "borrowed" pans, plates, an old bedspread and for some unfathomable reason, the crystal and silver pickle jar that usually sits on the buffet. When his foraging was discovered (by Charles who built himself a spying platform in one of the trees that hang over the ravine) Teddy was made to return everything he'd taken back to the house. His argument that "it had taken weeks to steal the stuff and it wasn't fair that he had to return it all in one day", fell on deaf ears.

So...life goes on in Port Orchard. We heard just last night that telephone calls can now be made all the way from New York City to London, England. Do you suppose, Anna, that one day we'll be able to ring each other up and talk instead of sending letters?

I can't imagine it! Take care,  
Amelia

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~Hours~  
Tuesday -Saturday 10 am to 4 pm  
Sunday 1 to 4 pm

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## The Two Virginias

By Lynne Little

Big Fork Montana gave SMAA a big gift 82 years ago, **Virginia Collins**. Her grandparents had homesteaded there and Virginia was a part of the community through her Valedictorian Senior year in high school. Alfred Collins played on the city basketball team and Virginia was always in the crowd cheering him on and romance was born. They were married in 1950 and raised 2 boys and the boys give them 4 grandchildren. Al was in construction and they were looking for a permanent home to raise their boys. A motel was available for sale in Port Orchard and they decided to buy it in 1971. This motel became their home and business for years to come. A decision to sell it in 1999 led to retirement here. Retirement was never an issue as Virginia was quick to volunteer in many organizations. Besides joining SMAA and being an active member for many years, she has been a Friend of the Library and, for 47 years, a member of Soroptimist. She has been the Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year four times. Virginia has served on the Board of Directors of SMAA and held the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chairman and currently Volunteer Coordinator. She volunteers to sit the Gallery several times a month and needlework is her greatest hobby. Thank you Virginia!

**Virginia Minor** was originally from Providence Rhode Island but was raised and graduated from high school in Akron Ohio. She met her future husband Howard Minor through mutual friends and they were married in 1942. Howard went into the service and then on to Dental School in Cleveland Ohio. A friend, Dr. Boehme wanted them to come here to Port Orchard and set up practice. Porter Clinic was purchased and the Minors moved here in 1952 and settled in Manchester in 1954. Together they built an office building in downtown Port Orchard and in 1963 after the children, 2 sons and a daughter, were older Virginia went to work full time at the dental office. After 50 years in 2003, Howard and Virginia retired. Virginia joined SMAA when the then president, Susie Strode needed a ride to meetings and Virginia has been an active member ever since. She has held many positions with the President being the highest. But also she has been active in Soroptimist for 47 years and held many offices there. Virginia has been named in the past, Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year and for her in our organization, we are grateful.

## Holiday Closing Days for the Gallery/Museum

**November 27th– Thanksgiving**  
**December 13th– Christmas Tea**  
**December 25th-Christmas**  
**January 1st– New Years Day**

## Scholarship winner

The Sidney Museum and Arts Association (SMAA) is pleased to announce the recipient of our 2014 Olga "Toni" Nelson Student Art Scholarship, Elizabeth Wolfson, graduating senior from South Kitsap High School. Elizabeth has a varied and exceptional art background and comes highly recommended by her teachers. Her art interests are in watercolor, acrylics, photography and ceramics. She plans to attend Olympic College in the fall where she will pursue her double bachelors degree in illustration and teaching. SMAA is also proud to sponsor her in a series of watercolor painting classes with Olga "Toni" Nelson to encourage her in her love of art.



(L.to R: Pam Heinrich, Toni Nelson, Elizabeth, Sally Shuster)

**Santa's Workshop!** The last Santa's Workshop will be October 24, Friday, from 5 pm to 7 pm. at the Gallery. Bring any of your projects you are making for our Christmas Show. If you don't have a project, there are plenty of us who can give you something to work on. There won't be any workshops in November or December. We usually order pizza this evening and welcome any who would like to come.

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