

ANACORTES MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD & COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2019

The meeting was convened at 9 a.m. Board members attending were: Dean Brazas, Lewis Jones, Libby Walgamott, Gib Moore (arrived late). A voting quorum was met. Joining the meeting were Bret Lunsford, Elaine Walker and Linda Yerby from the museum.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Please refer to Bret Lunsford's comprehensive Director's Report attached to these minutes.

Highlights from the report are as follows:

- Corin Noronha has been hired as a Docent and will be splitting his time between the Carnegie Building and the Maritime Heritage Center, working weekends to keep the facility open to the public during the off season. This will be a good pilot project to determine if there is interest by the public for weekend visitation during the winter. Libby said having someone there on Sunday will be helpful for cruise ship visitors as the stores on Commercial are closed on Sunday. Corin continues his work on the Bill Mitchell documentary.
- Anacortes American editions from 1890 to 1922 went live online on January 15. The system is very responsive. The museum will be doing a pop-up exhibit about newspaper history in Anacortes starting on March 13, 2019, the 140th anniversary of Anacortes receiving its name at the post office.
- Kate Clark will be implementing a History Club to promote the exhibit and encourage interested people to participate in processing oral histories and photos. There is also an opportunity for people to make corrections on the digitized Anacortes Americans where the OCR software incorrectly interpreted the text.

Libby Walgamott suggested the museum contact the service clubs and other organizations to tell them about the History Club event.

- Time Travel Sound Session events will begin on Saturday, January 19. Volunteer docent Al Bofenkamp will be hosting the event with DJ Dan Greenwald and Kate Clark and will present music and radio programming from the 30s, 40s and 50s.
- Charles Gilkey has loaned the museum photos of the tugboat industry for scanning. These photos will provide the groundwork for a Maritime Heritage Center exhibit on tugs.

- Dave Margeson and Bret Lunsford will be meeting with the Tom Deach of the Guemes Island Historical Society to discuss the logic of having ties with the museum. Deane Brazas expressed an interest in participating in this.

COLLECTIONS:

The collections recommended for acquisition by Curator Elaine Walker were approved by the Collections Committee. *M/S/P (Moved /Seconded/Passed)* Thanks to Elaine Walker for her research to assist us in understanding the relevance of donations to the museum.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business having been discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Yerby
Acting Secretary

ANACORTES MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT – January 8, 2019

CURRENT

- Welcome to new Advisory Board Member Deane Brazas. Thanks to all returning board members.
- Bunny Heiner is the new Chairperson of the AHPB - board members are the same as last year with new roles.
- Anacortes Museum Foundation is the most changed of the Anacortes Museum's three associated boards. Returning board member Arlene French was elected President. Tom Thompson will continue on the Executive Board as a member at large. New board members are Eric Petersen, Carol Werner Berard and Nick Stowe.

WINTER 2019

- MHC will begin weekend hours at the end of January, staffed by former intern and new Museum Docent Corin Noronha. The W.T. Preston won't open until April.
- Anacortes American's 1890 to 1918 will officially be accessible on January 15th. We are planning an exhibit, events, and workshops to celebrate and promote this incredible new history tool.
- Insulation and vapor barrier have been installed.
- Meeting in Feb. planned with plywood mill employees to discuss future exhibit
- Causland Memorial Park centennial planning
- Wonderland Walk and Holiday exhibit opening – great response
- Elaine and Bret are finalizing collections plan for 2019
- Kate and Bret are finalizing education plan for 2019
- Oral history collection is a joint effort to inventory and make accessible
- Time Travel Sound Session events almost “sold out”
- Dedication of new AHS mural in early February.
- Starting a history club for volunteer researchers at the museum.

SPRING 2019

- Brochure and marketing campaign implemented with LTAC funding

FALL 2019

- Open next Carnegie Exhibit: Historic Photographers of Fidalgo Island.

ONGOING

- Bill Mitchell short documentary being filmed by Corin Noronha.
- Correspondence received from Vicki Stasch with recognition of our successful marketing
- Scheduling of meetings with Guemes Island Historical Society to discuss collaboration

TD 2018.096 Christina Nystrom McElroy 10/29/2018 (mailed)
Description: Three letters/memoranda to the Crew of the W.T. Preston with original signatures of Capt. George S. Murch. One dated 1945, one 1962 and one undated. These were kept by donor's father, Robert Nystrom, a crew member. Total items: 3

TD 2018.097 Lyndall Collins 11/5/2018
Description: Booklet – "The San Juan Dispute; A Thrilling Period in U.S. History; 1852-1872." No date. Journal Print, Friday Harbor, Wash. Total items: 1

TD 2018.098 Paul Marlow offered 12/4/18
Description: a model of the Beatrice Baer, a cannery tender from Anacortes that donor's uncle, Capt. Keith Belch (USN) built as a boy in Anacortes. "My guess is that it was built around 1912, a time when kids actually had woodworking skills and creativity. The hull is carved out of a single bolt of red cedar and the boat has an electric motor."
"My grandfather Alexander Belch came to Anacortes about 1902. He died in the early 1930s and the family spread to the winds. He was the Superintendent of the Santa Anna cannery in Alaska. My father left in 1932 to attend the U of W, one of 3 out of his high school class." Total items: 1

TD 2018.099 Brian Adams/Skagit County Fair 12/11/2018
Description: Photo album of theaters and entertainers (including hot-air balloon daredevils at Skagit County Fair) in the Skagit County area from 1919-1928, compiled by Kenneth G. Sewell. Includes Empire, Rialto and Rose theaters of Anacortes; Star Theater (formerly Pastime), 616 1st St., Mount Vernon; Construction of the Mission Theater, 520 Main St., Mount Vernon; Rex Theater, 609 1st St., Mount Vernon; the Grand Theater, Burlington (Fairhaven Ave. near Cherry); Dream Theater, 216 Woodworth, Sedro-Woolley; Ideal Theater, Stanwood; American Theater, Bellingham; Vernon Theater, 507 S. First, Mount Vernon; Victory Theater (unknown location); others not labeled. A great collection of early theater images. Also some photos of unidentified people in Causland Park and memorabilia of his friends and his participation in a theater workers union.
Kenneth Sewell, at 18, was an operator at a motion picture house and lived in Mount Vernon (1920 census). He lived in Anacortes in 1935 and was a projectionist in Seattle, per 1940 census. "The Motion Picture Projectionist" magazine of March 1928 lists him as an Anacortes resident.
Total items: TBD

TD 2018.100 Eric Erickson 12/04/2018
Description: DVD (244MB) of PowerPoint presentation on railroads, logging and transportation, which was given at Anacortes Senior College by Eric Erickson and Judy Hakins in November 2018.
Total items: 1

TD 2018.101 Dennis Cooley 12/05/2018
Description: Book – "Ships of the Inland Sea" by Gordon R. Newell. Includes W.T. Preston. Stories of many regional ships.
Total items: 1

TD 2018.102 Tom Ozretich 12/05/2018
Description: "How Paper is Made: An Overview of Pulping and Papermaking from Woodyard to Finished Product. 3 CD "multimedia training tool."
Total items: 1

TD 2018.103 Andy R. Tubbs 12/06/2018
Description: Curtis Coal Dock Ledger #1 showing the various activities of the dock from June 13, 1903 to Oct. 14, 1903. Purchased by Mr. Tubbs in Canada.
Total items: 1

TD 2018.104 Museum 12/21/2018
Description: 3 boxes of posters, photos, ephemera, books and City records that had accumulated in the office of Anacortes Museum directors.
Total items: Many (to be counted)

TD 2018.105 Carolyn Nore 12/18/2018
Description: Copies of images of 7 photographs and 72 photo postcards, scanned by Anacortes Museum from originals loaned by Carolyn Nore.
Total items: 79

TD 2018.106 Charles Gilkey 12/26/2018
Description: Copies of images from 3 photo albums (loaned to the Anacortes Museum for scanning), reflecting tugboat history and the history of the Gilkey family in Edison and Anacortes. Includes Gilkey Bros. Towing Co. and many other tugboats photographed by Charles Gilkey. If published or exhibited, images should include credit: Courtesy of Gilkey Brothers/Mark and Charles Gilkey.
Total items: TBD

TD 2019.001 Mark Kiser 1/3/2019
Description: Access badges for PAF's Nushagak Cannery in Alaska. A bronze shield-type badge #617 was for a fisherman's access, and an orange button/badge #143 provided access to a cannery worker. Donor believes IDs may have been used to control access to meals in the company dining room.
Total items: 2