



# Anacortes Museum News

Winter 2015-16



*Above, the clock in front of the H.L. Dodge Jewelry Store (now Burton Jewelers' clock) is pictured on a snowy day in 1916. The H.L. Dodge Jewelry Store originally was located at 514 Commercial. On the right, a fortunate young girl is pictured with a Christmas tree and treasures in this undated photo by Ferd Brady (Anacortes Museum, Wallie Funk Collection).*

## *Festive Holiday Gathering and Annual Meeting*

Please join us for light refreshments and good cheer at our annual holiday reception, hosted by the Anacortes Museum Foundation, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Anacortes Museum, 1305 Eighth Street. At the reception we will honor this year's Volunteer of the Year, Karen Thomson.

The celebration is preceded by the Anacortes Museum Foundation's annual meeting and election at 6:00 p.m. downstairs. Members will vote on Foundation Board officers, with nominations accepted from the floor. The following have agreed to stand for election: Tom Thompson, President; Jeff Weldon, Vice-President; Barbara Larson, Recording Secretary; and Jim Taylor, Treasurer. We thank outgoing Vice-President Eric Erickson for his time of service.

Remember, Foundation membership renewals are due each January. Those who would like to join or whose memberships have lapsed can simply join or renew at the gathering. Memberships support museum efforts to preserve, interpret and share the history of Fidalgo and Guemes islands. Benefits of membership include discounts at our museum stores and on photograph purchases, a newsletter subscription and free admission to the *W.T. Preston* stern-wheel steamboat.

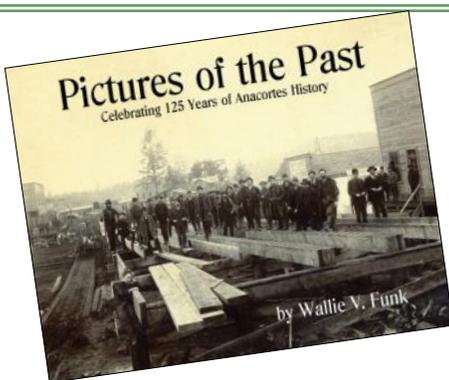
## Thank you to the Anacortes Museum Foundation



Every year at this time we pause to reflect on the many contributions the Anacortes Museum Foundation has made to the Museum during the year. This year's highlights are:

- The Foundation provided funds to publish "Pictures of the Past: Celebrating 125 Years of Anacortes History." Coupled with funds from the Foundation's Nancy Werner Mathews publications fund, the book was printed and released in May. AMF provided refreshments at the book release party and assisted with book-selling and the silent auction of large scale photo prints.
- With a donation from the Rodeffer Family Trust in the amount of \$5,000, the Foundation purchased the five Bill Mitchell murals located inside and on the grounds of the Museum. Additionally, at a cost of \$1,000, the Foundation purchased the "Conductor" mural which is mounted on the Train Shed at the Depot. AMF will participate in the care and maintenance of the murals owned by the Museum.
- AMF explored the viability of a "Vintage Garage" at the north end of the Depot Plaza to house historic vehicles. An updated property survey resulted in the discovery of an irregularity in the property line that would restrict the building site. At this point the project is on hold.
- AMF and Anacortes Noon Kiwanis provided \$744 to support the annual hosting of the Museum's popular online database of over 20,000 photos and documents.
- Purchased a small electric pressure washer for spot cleaning on the *W.T. Preston* at a cost of \$65.
- Provided refreshments for the opening of the Wallie Funk fishing photo exhibit at the Maritime Heritage Center.
- Purchased at \$500 a flatbed scanner with negative and slide scan capacity for use at the Maritime Heritage Center.
- *W.T. Preston* video was transferred to a format to enable embedment on the Museum website for a fee of \$75.
- Provided Bret Lunsford, Museum Educator and Maritime Curator, \$1,095 for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter tuition at University of Washington for a Museum Studies Certification program.
- And the AMF is hosting the Museum's annual Holiday Party.

We thank you.



*"Pictures of the Past: Celebrating 125 Years of Anacortes History"*

By Wallie Funk

Hardcover, 192 pages  
Featuring more than 180  
historic photographs  
Cost: \$27 (tax incl.)

**Looking for some gift ideas?** The history lover on your Christmas list is sure to love something from the Anacortes Museum Foundation Store.

Local history books include Nancy Werner Mathews' "Lance Burdon: A Photographic Journey," Wallie Funk's "Pictures of the Past: Celebrating 125 Years of Anacortes History" and Bret Lunsford's "Croatian Fishing Families of Anacortes."

The Museum Foundation Store also has a selection of Anacortes salmon label mugs for \$8 each or four for \$30, and 12x36-inch salmon label posters, including the one pictured at right, for \$10 each (unframed) or \$20 (framed).





## Movies

In response to the popularity of our Anacortes Movie Night events, we have begun adding more old local films to our website. Now you can watch motion pictures from the Anacortes Museum Collection in the comfort of your home computer, or even on your smart phone.

What's playing? Marineers' Pageant events including downtown parades, water ski shows filmed from the Cap Sante Marine Stadium, and jalopy races shot in 1949 in the old swamp at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Commercial Avenue. See a variety of short movies used to promote Anacortes as a "Place of Promise" and feature locations and events from the 1950s, the 1970s and the 1990s.

There's also a documentary highlighting Anacortes' 1956 basketball championship game, featuring real game footage and an interview with Wallie Funk.

Visit the Anacortes Museum website to see all this ... and more coming soon. And if you have old Anacortes movies, please let us know.

The museum website is:

[http://www.cityofanacortes.org/museum\\_department.php](http://www.cityofanacortes.org/museum_department.php)



*Safeway (shown here on 10th between O Avenue and Commercial), was touted in promotions of Anacortes as a "Place of Promise."*

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## In the Carnegie Gallery

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**Kenneth Callihan's "Fishing" is part of the "All in the Same Boat" exhibit.**

January will be your last opportunity to see the current Carnegie Gallery exhibit, "All in the Same Boat, Anacortes in the Great Depression." This uplifting exhibit portrays the amazing community spirit that prevailed during this challenging time. Everyone was suffering, so people looked out for one another. They held fundraisers, organized workers' co-ops, and participated in New Deal programs. Despite the tough times, there were community dances and festivals, and businesses were creative in an attempt to attract attention and bring business into the area. The exhibit will be on display until late January.

**New exhibit coming soon ...** The Depression-era exhibit will be replaced by "1889; Blazes, Rails and the Year of Washington Statehood." A centerpiece of this exhibit will be an original 42-star U.S. flag. This exhibit will run until the end of April, when the Carnegie Gallery's new exhibit will open celebrating 125 years of Anacortes' incorporation.

"Anacortes Presents," in the Carnegie Gallery, is showing an exhibit of toy and miniature sewing machines collected and shared by Jan Sabin, Mr. Sew-Dandy.

Quilters and other stitchers will enjoy seeing tiny Pfaff, Bernina and Singer machines, plus other less known brands like Daito Denko, Romance and Rose Marie.



## Judy Hakins' retirement leads off staff changes at Museum

After thirteen and a half years of being "found in collections," Curator of Collections Judy Hakins hung up her white gloves at the end of October and deaccessioned herself. All puns aside, we wish her all the best in her well-earned retirement.

During Judy's years here she made great strides in taming the immense Wallie Funk Collection, and she earned kudos for keeping up with the processing of a never-ending stream of new donations. But her greatest contribution to the Anacortes Museum was the acquisition (through generous donors) and implementation of our Past Perfect collections database. With the recent upgrade to add online capability, more than 20,000 museum records entered by Judy (and Museum staff and volunteers) are now available to online researchers.

Stepping up to assume the Sisyphean job of Collections Curator is Elaine Walker, who has been the Museum's Administrative Assistant for four years. Elaine is eager to tackle the challenge and looking forward to the change of pace.

Finally, filling the post of Administrative Assistant is Linda Yerby. Linda is a familiar and cheerful face at the Museum. She joined the staff in January as the Saturday docent, after donating her time as a volunteer here for about two years.

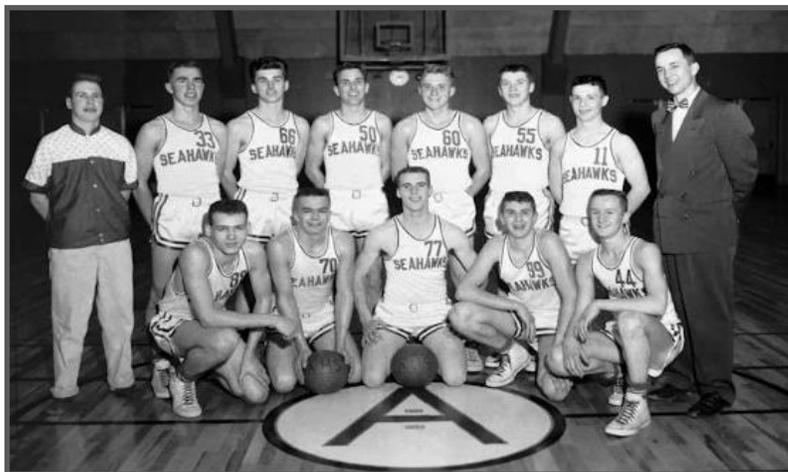
Annual dues are due in January.  
Thank you for your support!

## Ross, Christiansen join Preservation Board

Bob Ross and Gunnar Christiansen were officially appointed to the Anacortes Historic Preservation Board on Nov. 2, following the approval of Mayor Laurie Gere and confirmation by the Anacortes City Council.

Bob Ross will complete a vacated term that expires in December 2017. Ross is principal architect and managing member of Ross Architecture Northwest.

Gunnar Christensen will complete a vacated term that expires December 2015, and a three-year term that expires December 2018. Christiansen served in the Navy and previously worked in engineering with Washington State Parks, where his job included work with historic structures. He currently works for City of Anacortes Engineering.



## 1956 Anacortes Seahawks Basketball Team

Visit the Anacortes Museum website to watch a short documentary film that sets in motion Wallie Funk's take on Anacortes basketball, produced and edited by Bret Lunsford and Mitchell Babarovich.

To receive your newsletter via email,  
contact [yerbyl@cityofanacortes.org](mailto:yerbyl@cityofanacortes.org)

## Anacortes Museum Foundation

Through memberships, the Anacortes Museum Foundation supports and assists the educational and preservation goals of the Anacortes Museum.

### Become a Member – Support Local History!

#### Benefits of Annual Membership and Annual Membership Categories

- ◆ FREE admission to the W.T. Preston and Maritime Heritage Center
- ◆ 10% discount at the Museum store
- ◆ Invitation to exhibit openings and special events
- ◆ Quarterly Museum newsletter
- ◆ Discount on select special events

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| Senior (65+)/Student .....  | \$10     |
| Individual .....            | \$20     |
| Family .....                | \$35     |
| Business/Organization ..... | \$50     |
| Sponsor .....               | \$100    |
| Life .....                  | \$250    |
| Donation .....              | \$ _____ |

New Member     Renewal

(Contributions tax deductible to fullest extent of law)

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Please make checks payable to: Anacortes Museum Foundation.  
Send to: 1305 8th, Anacortes, WA 98221. Thank you!



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The Carnegie Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The Museum Office is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

The Anacortes Museum and Maritime Heritage Center exist to preserve and interpret the history of Fidalgo and Guemes islands and to nurture in the community an awareness and appreciation of its heritage.