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PSMHS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2010

PUGET SOUND MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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**FEBRUARY SUNDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM:
WARSHIP UNDER SAIL: THE USS DECATUR
IN THE PACIFIC WEST**

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Medal of Merit Nominations Sought

At our May 5, 2010, dinner meeting the Society will honor an individual who has made major contributions to the preservation and promotion of the maritime history of Puget Sound or has rendered distinguished service to PSMHS. A single winner for 2010 will be selected by an anonymous selection committee. **George Osborn** and **Jerry Mattox** are Co-Chairmen of the Committee, but do not take part in the selection process.

Nominations should state why the nominee should receive this prestigious award. All nominations will be kept confidential, known only to the judges and the Award Committee. Past recipients of the Honorary Life Member and Medal of Merit awards are not eligible. A list of those recipients can be found in the "awards" section of the new Society website at www.pugetmaritime.org.

Nominations can be e-mailed to George Osborn at georgeosborn@comcast.net or mailed to George Osborn, 3823 N. Frace Ave., Tacoma, WA 98407. Nominations must be received by March 28, if e-mailed. If mailed postmarked no later than March 27.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Captain Ralph Staehli, Jr. received the 2009 PSMHS Medal of Merit Award. He was President of the Society in 1955 and 1956. On February 3, the Transportation Club of Seattle will honor Ralph with a Lifetime Achievement Award at their noon luncheon. It will be held at the Rainier Golf & Country Club. Ralph was President of the Transportation Club in 1960. Please let George Osborn know if you would like to attend the luncheon.

In October the Society will play an active role with its partner MOHAI in helping the Seattle Transportation Club to present a historical program on transportation in the Seattle area. Please save the date for a gala evening, Friday October 8.

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(MC CURDY ROOM)

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MENU: BUFFET

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PROGRAM:
USS DECATUR
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MOHAI'S HISTORIAN, LECTURER
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FEBRUARY PROGRAM: SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT MOHAI: USS DECATUR IN THE PACIFIC

On Sunday, February 7th, we will be at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) to enjoy a warm winter buffet and hear from MOHAI's own **Dr. Lorraine McConaghy**.

Her subject will be her recently published book, *Warship Under Sail: The USS DECATUR In The Pacific West*. The book is the result of an amazing amount of research, both in Seattle, and at the National Archives in Washington, DC, and many other sites.

The idea for the publication came from the two earliest drawings of Seattle, sketched by a young officer on DECATUR. Curious to find more detail of 1856 Seattle and what has been called the "Battle of Seattle," Lorraine developed a much broader story as she followed the historical wake of the Old Navy sloop of war.

Dr. McConaghy is MOHAI's historian, having joined the museum's staff in 1997. In addition, she is a lecturer in Museum Studies at the University of Washington. She completed her doctorate in United States history in 1993, and has researched, published and taught Pacific Northwest history ever since.

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Karen Marshall Aboard as Interim Executive Director

In December we were pleased to welcome **Karen Marshall** as our PSMHS Interim Executive Director.

With over twenty years of museum experience, Karen most recently was the Executive Director of the Skagit County Historical Museum in La Conner. Among the highlights of her tenure at Skagit was the development of exhibits, public programs and publications which received national recognition. Prior to that assignment she was Executive Director of the Anacortes Museum and the National Historic Landmark W.T. PRESTON from 1993 to 2000.

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Membership in the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society is open to anyone interested in maritime history. Membership is solicited and inquiries should be addressed to: PSMHS, P.O. Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109-0731. Monthly meetings are held September through June on the first Wednesday of each month. Meeting place and programs are announced to members by mail. The PSMHS Newsletter is published monthly, September through June, and is free to members.

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Sunday Afternoon At MOHAI

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Dr. McConaghy has received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching History, the DAR National Heritage Medal for Oral History, the AKCHO Charles Payton Award, and the Annual History Award from the Pacific Northwest Historian's Guild.

Our meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 7th. We will be meeting in MOHAI's McCurdy Room. The buffet will be served at 2:00 p.m. and will feature salad, clam chowder, our famous "tug-boat stew," breads, a dessert, coffee and tea. Our price per person is \$16. The program will follow at 3:00 p.m.

Join us and come away with a fresh look at early Seattle and a understanding of our "Old Navy."

Please use the coupon on Page Three to make your reservations. Last minute phone reservations are difficult to handle, so please make your reservations and payment early.

Interim Executive Director

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Karen was President of the Washington Museum Association for four years and has been very active in key historical and museum organizations. In June 2009 she received the WMA Board Award recognizing her contributions to the museum community. She holds a Master's degree in History Museum Studies from the State University of New York and a BA in American History from University of Puget Sound.

Speaking of funds...have you sent in your Annual Appeal donation yet? If not, perhaps this is a great time; start the new year off with a

In joining PSMHS, Karen Marshall brings a wealth of operational experience to our society. Her knowledge is ideally suited to assist us at this critical time as we review our collections and prepare to be part of MOHAI's move to South Lake Union.

A Word From Karen Marshall, Interim Executive Director

Hello Members! I am pleased to become part of the PSMHS family. My first few weeks were spent grant writing, meeting many of our dedicated volunteers, listening and learning. It is a joy to work at both Chandler's Cove and at MOHAI with such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable group who give so freely of their time and talents to support the educational and preservation mission of our organization.

If you've thought about volunteering as your 2010 resolution, please give me a call to discuss some immediate and future opportunities. A significant part of my time is devoted to plan and implement processes in preparation for the move of the PSMHS collections from the current site at MOHAI in 2012. My project for the next month is to work on administrative and organizational matters such as updating policies, procedures and our agreement with MOHAI. In addition, I am always looking for funding opportunities.

PSMHS was delighted to learn that we were granted \$5,000 from the **Kelly Foundation of Wash-**

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PSMHS Sunday Afternoon Reservation

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tax deduction! Do you have a suggestion for a possible funding source? Please give me a call; I would love to hear from you with suggestions, concerns or if you'd just like to say "hello." Since I work Tuesday through Thursday, the best way to reach me is by e-mail at: admin@pugetmaritime.org or by phone at 206.324.1136 ext. 41; I do check for messages if I am unable to answer. Thank you for your support of the PSMHS!

\$5,000 Grant Received

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ordinator, **Pat Hartle:** We have talked about this many times before. Because we work with a restaurant that must order food and staff to accommodate our needs, it is most important that our reservations are mailed in a timely manner.

As we prepare to move our collection as part of the relocation of MOHAI, we will need archival storage materials which will protect our items for future generations. The Kelly Foundation of Washington is just one of many granting organizations we will be approaching to assist in this project.

Please! Please! Please!

From your dinner meeting co-

As has been said often, we need to have the count by noon on the Monday before a dinner meeting date of Wednesday. My phone number is always on the coupon that you may have mailed away and it is on the front page in the lower left hand corner of this Newsletter and I am listed in the Seattle phone book.

Please help us work better with our restaurant partners.