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FEBRUARY 13, 2011

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BUFFET AT 2:00 P.M.

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PROGRAM:

A LOST WHALER FOUND
JOIN HISTORIAN AND EDUCATOR
JANET OAKLEY AS SHE TELLS OF
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**FEBRUARY 13TH AT MOHAI
SUNDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM:
A LOST WHALER FOUND**

On July 16, 1858 several ships from San Francisco entered Bellingham Bay. The Fraser Gold Rush was in full force and each vessel unloaded scores of miners anxious to head north into Canada. One of the ships was the 348-ton bark, ANN PERRY. Along with 200 hopeful miners she also brought bricks and building materials for the T.G. Richards' building. Her arrival and departure were noted in the *Northern Lights*, but after a few mentions over the years in maritime news, she seemed to disappear, showing up only as a line in history books.

In 2006, while managing a History Channel project in the schools, Bellingham historian and educator **Janet Oakley** discovered that the records were misspelling her name for 150 years. Once her true name was uncovered—ANN PARRY—a quick hop across the country via the Internet and a whole new story of the old bark unfolded. It turned out ANN PARRY was a storied whaler out of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and later became a coastal trader between San Francisco and Puget Sound. Built in 1825, her life reflected the development of coastal trading on the West Coast. She was the last ship to arrive in San Francisco during the Gold Rush. Since the discovery, Oakley has been to Portsmouth and Salem, Maine, to see her original journals and logs as well as track her activities in California. The bark's connection to the Northwest reveals new history about our area. Artist **Steve Mayo** painted the bark arriving in Bellingham Bay in 1858.

Janet Oakley was the curator of education at the Skagit County Historical Museum for nearly 11 years. She writes for Historylink.org, teaches a course on Pacific Northwest history for City University and writes curriculum for schools and historic organizations. For the past 14 years she has presented hands-on demonstrations at English Camp for the National Park.

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PSMHS Classified Ads**SHIP MODEL RESTORATION.**

Cleaning, repairs, re-rigging, and/or reconstruction of ship models in any condition or size. Thirty-five years experience in restoration, appraisals, and conservation. For a museum quality restoration contact Gary White, The Ship Model Dockyard, 253-952-4612 or garyw39@aol.com 4/11

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Marine, maritime, nautical, naval books and ephemera bought, sold and appraised. Mention PSMHS for a 10% discount. SeaOceanBooks.com at 3534 Stone Way North, Seattle. 206-675-9020. 4/11

SHIP MODELS FOR SALE OR LEASE.

Museum quality, built by Errol "Earl" Anderson: WANDERER, tug, static; POLITKOFKY, tug, static; BLACK PRINCE, sternwheel, static; WILD GOOSE, yacht, r/c yms. All with display cases, are in 3/8"=1" scale. Viewing call 425-788-6803 for appointment. E-mail sawdustinc@hughes.net. 4/11

Past Newsletters Wanted for Our Archives

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1971; 1972 – January, October, December; 1973 – January, October; 1975 – September; 1976 – March, April, June, October; 1977 – April, May, June, September, November, December; 1978 – All issues except January; 1979 – All issues except January; 1980 – April, May; 1982 – January; 1986 – January, December; 1987 – April.

We Receive Two More Grants Totaling \$9,600

In December we had doubly good news. The first piece of good news is that we've been awarded \$3,600 to help defray the cost of exhibit casework in the Maritime Gallery.

The second piece of good news is that we have received a prestigious "We the People" grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This grant is a special initiative to encourage and strengthen the teaching, study and understanding of American history and culture through the support of projects that explore significant events and themes in our nation's history and culture and the advance knowledge of the principles that define America. This grant focuses on the L.H. Coolidge, Lee & Brinton and L.E. Geary ship plans collection.

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Membership in the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society is open to anyone interested in maritime history. Membership is solicited and inquires 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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February Afternoon Program at MOHAI

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Plan to join us and bring a friend. This is another of our casual Sunday meetings in MOHAI's McCurdy Gallery. We will start at 2 P.M. with our warm Winter Buffet of Tugboat Stew, Fisherman's Chowder, salad, brownies, etc. The program will begin at 3 P.M. Please use the coupon on Page 3 to make reservations. See you at MOHAI.

Report From "Behind The Scenes"

Karen Marshall, Executive Director

With the arrival of 2011 there is a new sense of anticipation and urgency within the walls of MOHAI. In addition to the excitement surrounding the upcoming exhibits at Montlake and the development of the new exhibits at the Armory, the reality of being prepared for the move is hitting home.

While I am so pleased that many of the Society's projects in preparation for the move have received grant funding, we are always hungry for dollars. If you haven't already sent in your tax-deductible contribution why wait? Jump start your charitable giving in 2011 by resolving to give to PSMHS above and beyond your membership dues.

Thanks to all of you for your support of our activities! Please contact me if you have any questions about what is going on "behind the scenes."

Medal of Merit Nominations Sought

At our May 2011 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 the Society.

The winner for 2011 will be selected by an anonymous selection committee. **George Osborn** and **Jerry Mattox** are Co-Chairmen of the Awards 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 Society website at www.pugetmaritime.org/Awards.

Nominations can be e-mailed to George Osborn at georgeosborn@comcast.net or Jerry Mattox at jermattox@msn.com, or mailed to George Osborn, 3823 N. Frace Ave., Tacoma, WA 98407. Nominations must be received by March 8, 2011, if e-mailed. If mailed, they must be postmarked no later than March 11.

End of Year Fundraising Appeal Update as of January 1

Thanks to the 39 members who have donated a total of \$7,500 to our end of year appeal as of January 1. It's never too late to donate funds. We greatly appreciate your support!

PSMHS Membership Application

Individual/Family Membership \$40
 Associate (Libraries, Museum, Non-Profit) \$40
 Sustaining Member \$50
 Sponsor \$75
 Patron \$100
 Corporate Membership \$500
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I/we would like to receive information about how I/we can remember the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society in my/our estate planning or planned charitable giving program.

MAIL TO: Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society,
 PO Box 1165, Bothell WA 98041-1165 (Include your check)

PSMHS Afternoon Meeting Reservation

CLIP AND MAIL FOR MEETING
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2011

RESERVATION DEADLINE:
 NOON ON WED., FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____

Total Number [at \$20 per person]: _____

Total Amount of Check: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PSMHS
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PSMHS DINNER MEETING,
 P.O. BOX 9731, SEATTLE, WA, 98109-0731

Call 206-938-2397 or pathartle@comcast.net for changes,
 cancellations or questions. Guests are always welcome.
 Please include payment.

Reserve Early and Notify of Cancellation. A member who makes a reservation and then does not attend a dinner or give notification of their cancellation in a timely manner (48 hours) will not be refunded their money for the dinner. The Society must pay for the number of meals we have reserved in advance, regardless of the number of meals actually served since the caterer orders several days in advance. Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a meal.

Membership News

We thank the following members who have recently renewed their membership at an upgraded level.

We welcome new member **Craig Brown** and new corporate member **Lake Union Drydock Co.**

Richard Beuthel, John Braitmayer, Robert Eisentrager, Rogan Faith, John Gose, Colin O Hermans, Lancelot M. Jefferson, Tad & Joyce Lhamon, Jonathan Lyle, J. E. Peterson, Ralph Staehli, David Walker, Dick & Vanetta Warren, C. S. Wetherill, USCG Ret., Bruce Whittemore, and George Willock.

We also received a memorial contribution from **Virginia Sandry** in memory of Society founder **Tom Sandry.**

Memorials

Captain Bert Holmes, a long time member of the Society. He was former Master on COHO and INDIAN but retired as a Puget Sound Pilot and served as President of the Pilots Association.

Dave Milholland, also a long time member, was in the fishing community and well known for his large collection of engines in his personal museum at Anacortes.

Scott Seifert was President of PSMHS in 1972 and a contributor to *The Sea Chest*. Scott was an announcer for KXA in Seattle as well as a news broadcaster for KING & KOMO. Back in the 1970s he did the Safeway Stores TV ads. He was a contributor to many maritime historical preservation efforts, including the VIRGINIA V, Northwest Seaport and various yachting organizations in the Pacific Northwest.

Our condolences to all the families.

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We are looking for missing newsletters to complete our collection. If you have any of the following, please give Karen a call or an email: admin@pugetmaritime.org;

1967 – all issues after March; all issues for 1968-