FEBRUARY 13TH AT MOHAI
SUNDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM: A LOST WHALER FOUND

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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 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 Mattos 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 Mattos at jermattos@msn.com, or mailed to George Osborn, 5825 N. Flace 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!

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.


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

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 Anchorage.

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

Our condolences to all the families.

Past Newsletters Wanted for Our Archives

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–