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covering so many aspects of our rich Seattle and King County history. Please visit History House, enjoy the exhibit, and mention to their staff that you are a member of our Society.

PSMHS Artifacts Fascinate at Burke Museum Exhibit

Two stone artifacts from the Hickman Bequest generated great interest among U.W. Burke Museum archaeologists and ethnographers at their recent annual open house to identify objects presented by the public. Our artifacts were identified as a stone age Alaska Native American limestone adze and “war pick.” These are part of a collection made by Capt. Ed Hickman on his Klondike gold rush voyages which includes beautifully woven baskets, scrimshaw, ancient bone objects, carved wood objects, a Russian samovar, and fine paintings of the famous Gold Rush steamers SS QUEEN and SS JEANIE. The QUEEN painting is a wood carving executed in shallow relief.

PSMHS In Support Of YMTA

YMTA career days, February 15th, was once again hosted by the Odyssey Maritime Museum and supported by members of PSMHS. Over 700 students from King County schools visited and met local maritime business representatives and viewed industry vessels. PSMHS assisted in coordinating safety briefings and vessel boarding.

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2006 Fundraising Campaign Tops Out at Over $20,000

Additional contributions were received since December 31st which has brought the total for our 2006 Fundraising Campaign to $20,285. The additional contributors are listed below. The Society thanks each of you for your generous contribution.

Harry Dearth, Roger Sherman, Mike Tencov, Gary Sverson, Norman Smith in memory of Tom Sandry, and John Lippman in honor of Eric Lindgren.

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The Wicklands created a line of ship models based on actual historical plans, had them produced offshore by accomplished craftspeople, and retail them widely at an affordable price. What began six years ago as a new venture selling a half dozen different ship model designs has now (continued on page 2)
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become a significant small business with an inventory of 35 separate sail and powerboat designs ranging in price from $45 to $500. Among the familiar Pacific Northwest ship and boat models in the Sail Classics fleet are the VIRGINIA V, WAWONA, ADVENTURESS, ODYSSEY, a Lake Union Dreamboat, and a new addition, the LADY WASHINGTON.

The Wicklards will give us an inside perspective on the quality ship model business, how it is both similar and different from "scratch" or kit model building, and its place in the maritime merchandising and collectibles field. Join us and bring a friend and prospective new member to this fascinating program about modeling maritime history in miniature. [Excerpted in part from "Model Citizens," Sea Magazine, Feb., 2007]

Chuck Fowler Appointed To Maritime Heritage Task Force Advisory Team

Chuck Fowler, 1st Vice President of PSMHS, was appointed to the Maritime Heritage Task Force Advisory Team at their meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. This appointment acknowledges the active volunteer role Chuck is playing with PSMHS, MOHAI and PNWMHC in mov-

ing our local and regional maritime agenda forward. There was unani-

mous agreement that Chuck would be a great asset to the group.

The Task Force Advisory Team and the Maritime Heritage Alliance (two groups named by the Seattle/ King County Maritime Heritage Task Force in their report of December of 2005) have decided to meet jointly from this point forward. At their next meeting the groups are expected to take formal action to merge and to redefine their goals for the coming year.

Congratulations Chuck as this appointment is so vital for the future of our own Society and will strengthen our relationships with the City of Seattle, King County, as well as the maritime and historical organizations in our community.

Members Upgrade Level of Membership

We thank the following members who have renewed their annual membership dues at an elevated level during January, 2007: PATRON: Mike Foley, John Gose, Irving Haug, Peter Haug, Paul Heine, Colin Hermans, Richard Warren. SPONSOR: Terry Richardson, Rondy’s Inc., Gordon Tweit, David Walker.


Please Report Changes of Address Promptly

Attention all PSMHS members. If you move or change your mailing address, please notify Karl House, Membership Secretary. This will insure that our records are kept current and that you will continue to receive your PSMHS Newsletter and The Sea Chest. Change of address should be sent to PSMHS, PO Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109.

Society Represented at History House Exhibition of King County Museums

On Saturday, February 4th, George Osborn, Carol Greene, Pat Hartle, and Jerry Maiox representing PSMHS attended the opening of the History House Exhibition on King County Museums. There are 34 unique King County and Seattle museums that are participating in the exhibition at History House. Carol Greene prepared our display which well represents our Society. At the grand opening ceremonies all of the participating museums were given a Certificate of Appreciation, a beautiful history poster done by History House Board Member Doug Keith, and a booklet briefly describing each of the participating museums and the hours that they are open. Our certificate, poster, and guide are at Chandlee’s Cove.

History House is located in Fremont at 790 North 34th Street, right under the Aurora Bridge, two blocks south of The Troll. The exhibit will run through September 2, 2007. History House is open between noon and 5:00 P.M. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free, but they gladly accept free will donations. It is an interesting exhibit.

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