This past year Foss Maritime celebrated its 125th anniversary. Founded in Tacoma in 1889 by Norwegian immigrants Thea and Andrew Foss, today the Puget Sound-based company has marine transportation and harbor services operations throughout the world.

Paul Stevens, Foss president and chief executive officer, will review the venerable company’s impressive history and discuss its future at the Wednesday, March 4 Puget Sound Maritime meeting at Ivar’s Salmon House, beginning at 6 p.m. He will outline both the challenges and growth opportunities for Foss, in a rapidly changing maritime industry, across regional and world economies.

Stevens has more than 30 years of maritime operations and management experience, and before joining Foss holding company Saltchuk Resources in 2000, spent most of his career with Matson Navigation Company in Hawaii, where he became executive vice president responsible for day-to-day management including marketing, pricing and container operations. A graduate of the University of San Diego, he received a Master’s degree in International Management from the American Graduate School, now part of Arizona State University.

Stevens also attended the Executive Management program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Foss has been a strong supporter of the Youth Maritime Training Association (YMTA) career education program for K-12 students from the program’s beginning almost 20 years ago. Norm Manly, the founder of the organization worked for Foss while developing the program to expose school aged children to the opportunities in maritime related fields.

Recently, the company renewed its commitment to YMTA for 2015 by funding the Norm Manly
Always Safe, Always Ready.

Scholarship for a maritime career-bound student as well as provided additional funding to PSM to administer the YMTA program.

NEW PSMHS BLOG – COMING SOON!

PSMHS’s social media volunteer, Eleanor Boba, will be starting a blog for the society. Eleanor explains, “The blog, tentatively titled Inside Passage, will be a place for us to post short articles of interest to our membership and the maritime history community. I would like it to be a way of showcasing our collections, as well as our collective wisdom!”

Inside Passage will serve a multifaceted role: as an online exhibit space, an open forum for discussion, and an outreach tool. Featuring short articles on current events or history, photos and objects from our collection, and personal histories of some of PSMHS’s members and volunteers, this blog will be a public forum where we can engage potential members and reach a broadened audience. Each post will consist of a few paragraphs and/or photos that will advance our mission to preserve and share Puget Sound’s maritime past to help inform its future.

If you would like to suggest a topic or submit a short piece for one of these blog posts, please email us at newsletter@pugetmaritime.org. Look for our announcement of the first post on our website (www.pugetmaritime.org), Maritimes e-news, Facebook, and Twitter!

ANNUAL FUND REPORT

We thank the following donors for their support during our 2014 Annual Fund Drive. All donations go toward our general operating costs, expansion of our education programming/oureach, and collections care – all of which help us to meet our goals and fulfill our mission! Thank you to these January donors.

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Terry Richardson
MEMBERSHIP REPORT - JANUARY

We would like to thank the current members listed below who renewed their memberships in January and welcome the new members listed in bold.

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Peter Haug

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Steve Lloyd
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Rich Meyer
Jan Neilson
Barbara Sexauer
Bernard Willder

Apprentice
Michael Walsh

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Diane Spaulding (in memory of Philip F. Spaulding)
Shirley Will (in memory of Ralph Staehli)
Anonymous (in memory of Bruce V. Reagan III)
March MEETING
IVAR’S SALMON HOUSE

CLIP AND MAIL FOR March 4th MEETING
RESERVATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 2nd

Name(s):

Telephone:

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Total # Attendees @ $35 per person:

Total Amount of Check Enclosed: $

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PSMHS
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Questions? Email: program@pugetmaritime.org or phone Pat Hartle at 206-938-2397. Thank you.

Reservation and Cancellation Policy:
Refunds will not be given unless the cancellation is made 48 hours prior to the program to cover our catering costs.

Reserve Early:
Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a meal.

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Newsletter Deadline

The April newsletter deadline is Wednesday, March 4th. Please send content via US Mail, or email to newsletter@pugetmaritime.org.