MAY 2012
Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society
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Seattle WA 98108

MAY SUNDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM:
MARITIME PLACE NAMES PLUS HONORING
THE ANNUAL MEDAL OF MERIT WINNER
AND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

PSMHS Classified Ads

SHIP MODEL RESTORATION. Clipping, repairing, rigging, and/or recon-
struction of ship models in any condition or size. Thirty-five years experience in res-
oration, appraisal, and conservation. For a museum quality restoration contact: Gary
White, The Ship Model Depot, 235-952-6612 or gary391@q.com $1/2

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aloha@alaskamaritime.html. Telephone: 907-227-7837 1/2/12

QUALITY USED NONFICTION BOOKS
Biography, history and some nautical. No
Death of Books, 253-851-3627 $1/2

MAY AFTERNOON MEETING:
SUNDAY
MAY 6, 2012
MOHAI McCurdy Gallery
2700 24th Avenue East
Seattle, Washington

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USE FORM ON PAGE 3
TO MAIL IN YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!
* BUFFET AT 2:00 P.M.
PROGRAM AT 3:00 P.M.

PROGRAM:
MARITIME PLACE NAMES PLUS
MEDAL OF MERIT AND
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
AWARDS

RICHARD BLUMENTHAL WILL
ENLIGHTEN US WITH HIS
RESEARCH ON THE VARIOUS
CURRENT AND HISTORIC NAMES
IN OUR WATERS. IN ADDITION
WE WILL BE HONORING AWARD
WINNERS JIM McCurdy
 AND JUDY KEBBEKUS
* YOUR RESERVATION FORM
MUST BE RECEIVED
NOT LATER THAN NOON ON
MAY 2, 2012
OR CALL PAT HARTLE
AT 206-938-2397 OR
PATHARTLE@COMCAST.NET
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
RESERVATION CHANGES ONLY

PSMHS online: www.pugetmaritime.org

RICHARD BLUMENTHAL has recently completed a manuscript entitled
Maritime Place Names, Inland Washington Waters. Over the past few years
he has collected current and historic place names in our waters, identified
the charts where the names first appeared, who was responsible or the
name, and the early settlement history of the location. His manuscript includes
(with some exceptions) all salwater names listed on current nautical charts as
well as a host of variants and local names. With some exceptions, his
manuscript will contain the name of every island, rock, bay, channel, inlet,
shoal point, strait, peninsula, canal and tombolo in our inland waters. Most
creeks or streams that empty into our waters are excluded.

Dick will interact with our audience by passing out charts of Captain
George Vancouver’s journey through our inland waters. He uses these
charts during the presentation to describe Vancouver’s path and give the
audience a picture of Vancouver’s work product, i.e., his chart. He will also
include a couple of the charts from the Charles Wilkes expedition. If you have
an interest or taste for local geography this will surely entertain and inform you.

We Honor and Salute James G. McCurdy and Judy Kebbekus

Once each year we meet to honor our Medal of Merit Winner and
salute our Volunteer of The Year. 

Jim McCurdy is being presented the “Maritime Medal of Merit
Award.” He has been a strong supporter of PSMHS for many years as well as
being a prominent member of the shipping industry. Jim was President of
Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company from 1959 to 1973
following in the footsteps of his father Horace W. McCurdy. The family
has been involved in building ships since the 1870’s and 1880’s when his
great-grandfather assisted in the construction of the steam tugs RICH-
ARD HOLYOKE and TYEE. In more modern days they oversaw the
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[continued from front page] construction of the Black Ball Ferry COHO. Washington State Ferry EVERGREEN STATE and the destroyer USS TURNER JOY.

Jim has been a great source of information for the many authors published in The Sea Chest Journal. It is an honor to be able to present this award to Jim McCurdy from our membership.

Commencing from Everett, our “2012 Volunteer of the Year” Judy Kebbekus has worked for many years behind-the-scenes as the PSMHS Record Management Volunteer. Her duties included organizing the corporate records and administrative files dating back to 1948. In 2010, Judy was instrumental in developing a Records Retention Policy to help our organization properly manage our files. Judy is one of those rare volunteers that just make organization appear out of chaos. Thanks to her, files of historical importance to our organization are now accessible.

Membership News
We thank the following new members and members who have recently renewed their membership at an upgraded level:
NEW MEMBERS: Michael Charters, Frank Immel and Vaughn Sherman.

UPGRADED MEMBERSHIPS: Peter Haug, Paul Heine, John Kelly, Rick Kirsten, William Lundquist and David Powers.

Behind the Scenes:
by Karen Marshall, Executive Director
New Post Office Box
With our office moving to Georgetown, we are closing our PO Box at Queen Anne and have moved to the Georgetown Post Office.

Effective immediately, please change your records and send all mail (EXCEPT MAY DINNER RESERVATIONS) to:
PO. BOX 81142
Seattle, WA 98108

There is no mail delivery at our new physical location.

While we are moving...
If you try to contact us, please be advised that we may not be able to answer you promptly. Email and telephone service will most likely be disrupted between April 23 and May 11. Our phone number 206.324.1126 x 41 is not expected to change. Email addresses remain the same.

2011 Annual Fund Donors
(Since March 1, 2012)

$499+. Peter & Elva Schmidt
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PSMHS Membership Application

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I live would like to receive information about how I can remember the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society in my/lucr estate planning or planned charitable giving program.

MAIL TO: PSMHS MEMBERSHIP,
PO. Box 81142, Seattle, WA 98108 (Include your check)

When will the new Maritime Research Center open?

We hope to have our research services reopening in June. Our archives, books and photographs will be available first and ship plans at some point after that. Our Facebook page and website will have updated information, including detailed location information.

News from the Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council

The PSMHS, along with other members of the Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council and the maritime news website Three Sheets Northwest, have jointly launched the Northwest Maritime Heritage site www.threesheetsnw.com/maritimeheritage. The online resource allows users to quickly find all of the region’s historic ships, lighthouses, maritime museums, archives and events to help them explore the region’s nautical past.

The new site will make it easier for members of PSMHS to discover all the other amazing maritime heritage sites in our region. For those who don’t yet know about the fantastic resources of PSMHS, this is a new tool to draw people to us.

This new effort, created with our fellow maritime museums, historic ships and other maritime sites, is designed to help better inform and educate the public about the Northwest’s maritime history and at the same time use technology to help increase regional tourism.

PSMHS Afternoon Meeting Reservation

CLIP AND MAIL FOR MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012
RESERVATION DEADLINE:
NOON ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012
Name(s):

Telephone:

Total Number (at $25 per person):

Total Amount of Check:

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

Call 206-338-2397 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 may 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.

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