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SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER MEETING! SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER MEETING! SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER MEETING! SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER MEETING!

Our first PSMHS “Road Trip” meeting will be Sunday, October 4th. We’re going to visit the newly redone Puget Sound Navy Museum in Bremerton. It is located just a few steps from the Washington State Ferries terminal and we are advising all from the east side of the Sound to take the 12:45 P.M. ferry to Bremerton from the downtown Colman Dock. There is no football or baseball scheduled for that Sunday and there should be plenty of parking near or under the viaduct. Of course, we will provide directions if you prefer to drive.

Bill Galvani, director of both the Naval Undersea Museum at Keyport and the new Bremerton Naval Museum will be our speaker and will host a tour of the facility and possibly the “basement.” A buffet deli luncheon will be served. The trip/visit should be fun and very interesting. Mark the date October 4th. More in the October newsletter.

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We have a wonderful Vashon and Maury Island history-focused program set for our September dinner meeting. Longtime member and The Sea Chest author and editorial board member Dick Warren will bring his 1969 articles from The Sea Chest about the history of Dockton to life through a comprehensive slide presentation.

Dick is a Seattle native and a chemical engineering grad of the University of Idaho. Before retiring, he was a principal with the well-known engineering firm of Kramer, Chin & Mayo. Working in the public works field, he originated the Stormwater Drainage Utility approach to funding and managing urban drainages, which is now used all over the nation.

The authors of the book, Building Washington, Paul Dorpat and Genevieve McCoy, say Dick’s dedication to public works history was the “force” behind the book project. The book won the 1998 Governor’s Award.

Still active in Maury Island heritage efforts, Dick has been involved with the new Dockton Historical Trail scheduled to open in September.

In addition to Dick’s program, our new Society executive director, Greg Hunt, will be introduced. See article below about Greg and his new Society role.

Join us for our fall kick-off program at the Swedish Cultural Center—cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. Make your reservations now.

Society Executive Director Hired

After a several-month-long search hiring process, the PSMHS has named its first fulltime executive director. Gregory Hunt, a seasoned non-profit organization professional and retired Navy civilian executive, was selected from among 80 applicants for the position by a hiring task force of board members. The task force was chaired by John Hough and included Chuck Fowler, Roger Ottenbach and Tim Beaver. Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) deputy director Martha Aldridge participated on the final interview committee. Hunt’s employment was approved by the full Society board at a special meeting on July 31.

“We are very fortunate to have an executive director with Greg’s leadership capabilities and experience,” said Society board president Fowler. “His background [continued on page 2]

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Fowler noted that new executive director role was vital as the Society raises its professional and public visibility and major funds, partners with the MOHAI to develop the new Armory museum at Lake Union Park, and assumes a greater leadership role within the maritime heritage community.

Hunt was most recently executive director of the Leadership Kitsap Foundation, a Bremerton-based career and community development program for young executives. His prior experience was as a senior manager of business operations for Group Health Cooperative, business planning and development consultant, and during a 20-year career an operations manager for various commands in the Western Pacific region.

Beginning work on August 3, Hunt will be meeting with Society volunteers, MOHAI board and staff members, key Society members and supporters, maritime heritage organization partners and others during his first few weeks on the job. He will be introduced to the membership at the September 2 dinner meeting at the Swedish Cultural Center.

"With Greg leading our operations and working closely with the board, the Society will be able to build on its 60-year-long maritime heritage legacy and take an even more important role in the future," Fowler said.

Third Annual Golf Tournament to Benefit Society to be Held on Monday, September 14

One of the Society’s valued corporate partners, Global Diving & Salvage, will be hosting its third annual golf tournament benefiting PSMHS on Monday, September 14, 2009, at the Plateau Club golf course in Sammamish. The focus of the event will be to raise funds in support of PSMHS, but more importantly, to raise awareness and encourage participation in the planned major new museum project at South Lake Union Park.

It is Global and PSMHS’s intent to ensure there is a maritime theme for the museum, and this event helps expose other leaders in the maritime industry to our collective goal. In 2009 the tournament raised $35,500 for PSMHS, and this year’s golf tournament hopefully will surpass last year. Please join us in support of this premier event with your participation.

For information on how you can participate in this event please contact George Osborn at 253-759-0146 or e-mail georgeosborn@comcast.net. You can also contact Cynthia Powell, Global Diving at 206-623-0621 or e-mail cpowell@gldiving.com.

Jim Cole Honored

Former President of PSMHS (1979-1981), Jim Cole has been made a Fellow of The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. This status is given to those members of the Society who have made significant contributions to naval architecture, marine engineering and to the marine industry. During Jim’s career he has been the project manager of a team that designed a tuna seiner

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Obituaries

Norm Blanchard: The Puget Sound Area has lost one of the foremost boat builders and a long time member of PSMHS. Norm Blanchard was one of the most respected wooden boat builders on the West Coast. He passed away on July 9 in Redmond where he lived with his wife Mary. Blanchard Boat was started by his father in the early 1900s and Norm worked all his life with the company. Blanchard Boat was very famous for building the 26 foot Blanchard Senior Knockabout and the 20 foot Blanchard Junior. These were built to last and are still running about.