



# San Juan Historical Museum

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## **San Juan Historical Museum**

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## **Your membership and support are needed!**

It has been a busy year in Friday Harbor celebrating the unique 100 year history of our town. With the centennial events we have learned a great deal about the history of our town and all the people and events that have made it a wonderful place to live and visit. The museum is proud to have been an active participant in many events, programs and activities that have made this centennial year so special.

In our nearly fifty year history, it has been our mission to interpret and preserve our island's rich heritage. Our museum possesses an extensive collection of historical items that display and interpret the history of Friday Harbor and San Juan Island. We are unique in that we can illustrate living history through our extensive collections - especially the historic structures on our grounds.

Our assets are many: the histories of the Coast Salish Peoples, oral histories of prominent island residents and thousands of historic photographs, documents and artifacts. Our grounds encompass historic structures which house artifacts and exhibits that bring our collective history to life. Visitors can view the 115 year-old King farmhouse, a carriage house, root cellar, milk house, the 1890's Scribner log cabin and the original 1894 San Juan County jail - all in one place.

The work of the museum is vital to the community and furthers the visitor experience to our shores. While our funding comes from various sources, we rely heavily on the support of individual donors and businesses. Through the generous support of our members, we are able to develop new exhibits, lectures and programs, maintain the photographs and artifacts entrusted to our care, preserve our historic buildings, and much more.

Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership today. With your museum membership you help us to preserve our island history and invest in a community asset you can be proud to share with family, friends and visitors.

Lastly, volunteers are always needed for a variety of events and projects as well. We can fit you with an activity that will interest you and make good use of your time. If interested in volunteering please let us know!

## Past events

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### Friday Harbor 1900—1930 Exhibit at the San Juan Community Theatre

A lobby exhibit at the San Juan Community Theatre in partnership with the Town of Friday Harbor. Using artifacts, photographs and vintage advertisements the exhibit showed changes that occurred over time from 1900 through the 1930s. An estimated 1100 people viewed the exhibit during the run of the play *Our Town*. A special thank you to Sandy Strehlou of the Town of Friday Harbor, Vikky Dauciunas of Vikkyd Productions, Merritt Olsen and theatre staff for their vision and support.

### Silver Tea and Quilt Show

A twist to an annual event happened with a display from our collection of nearly 60 historic quilts. Karen Alexander, Past President of the Quilters Hall of Fame visited the island and gave expert interpretation of quilts dating from the 1840's to the 1940's. Jazz pianist David Bayley provided period music and donated proceeds from the sale of his CD, *Island Time* to the museum.

### Lectures

Museum Trustee Barbara Fry gave a jovial and entertaining lecture on the Oregon Trail, entitled *The Westering of America*.

As part of Historic Preservation month Boyd Pratt gave two lectures: *The Disputed Islands* and *The Interdependence of Culture, History, and Landscape and Historic Barns of San Juan County*.

This fall, Boyd returned with a new topic, *Kilns and Quarries: Lime Making in the San Juan Islands*, detailing the lime making industry in the San Juans.

### Encampment Weekend

Battery D Pig War era reenactors displayed camp life on the museum grounds. The firing of the Battery D Howitzer was a highlight of the event.

### Fireside Chat at Lakedale Resort

Long time islanders regaled the audience with wonderful stories about living on San Juan Island. The setting was perfect on the deck of the lodge at Lakedale Resort.

### Back to the Farm Fundraiser

The King farm returned to its roots for an evening of good old-fashioned fun. Jason Black lent his barbequing expertise with succulent roast pork and musical entertainment was provided by David Bayley, Rhianna Franklin, Dick Rich and the Island Country Boys, and Mike Cohen & Friends. Generous businesses and individuals donated items for live and silent auctions.

### Sam Buck, Sr. Night

An entertaining evening was had by those in attendance as Sam, Sr. gave us insight about his family's place in the San Juans and his years of service to the community in real estate development. Sam capped off the evening with singing a little ditty for the audience to showcase his fine singing talent.

### Images of America—Roche Harbor

Author and museum trustee Richard Walker, gave an informative photo presentation from his book on the history of Roche Harbor.

## Upcoming events

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### Old-Fashioned Holiday Celebration

*December 2, 5:00 pm*

A kick-off to the holiday season. The island tradition continues. Join us for good cheer, chili, apple cider, holiday desserts, caroling and music by Kirk Fuhmeister and friends. Fun for all ages, even though Santa will not be in attendance this year.

### Lewis & Clark and the Voyage of Discovery

*Date and time forthcoming*

Join popular islander and museum trustee Barbara Fry for a look at the *Voyage of Discovery* and the opening of the American West.

## King House Restoration



*Rays of sunlight hit the underside of the King house for the first time in 115 years.*

Earlier this year the James King farmhouse was slowly lifted off of its 115-year-old foundation that had seen better days. The original foundation of cedar logs and fieldstone was failing from dry rot and structural problems had begun to develop. At a rate of one foot per 45 minutes, the house was raised nine feet. Four feet of soil was then excavated and after a months time, the house gently came to rest on a new solid foundation.

The house has had five additions in its lifetime. Beneath the old island fir floor joists were in remarkably great shape. During the excavation process, a few interesting trinkets were found. Several bottles of different colors and sizes, horseshoes, a few pieces of china and numerous rusty nails.

The next step will be painting the house including repairs to windows, which is slated to happen next spring. Special thanks to Atlantis Construction, Nickel Bros. Moving, AW Beyers Excavation and Richard Lawson Construction for a job well done.

The farmhouse, built in 1894, was once part of the expansive 445-acre James King farm. The farm had cows, sheep and a large orchard. The orchard consisted of approximately 300 apple and pear trees and was located where the present day baseball field is. In 1966, Mr. George Peacock generously donated the home and grounds to the San Juan Historical Society for use as a museum.



*Concrete being pumped for the new foundation.*



*Cribbing and steel beams supported the house during the project.*

## An update on the barn project



Plans have been in the works to put a new wing on the southern part of our barn to match the wing added in 2005. We have received a grant through the Washington State Historical Society Heritage Capital Project Fund to supply matching funds to complete the project. The project was originally slated to be completed in June of this year.

With the deteriorating condition of the King farmhouse we were forced to act and add the new foundation sooner rather than later. We have been given an additional two year extension to complete the project by June 2011.

This past summer we cleaned and organized the barn to make it more usable and accessible. The new wing now houses two displays. The Friday Harbor Fire Department exhibit commemorates the 100 year history of the Friday Harbor Fire Department. In the coming year a permanent exhibit will be developed featuring the life of island pioneer Jim Crook. The exhibit will showcase his weaving equipment and personal artifacts. Funding for the Jim Crook exhibit is being provided by a San Juan County Historical Preservation Grant and a Lighton Fund Grant from the greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

## Give the gift of history this holiday season

Gifts for the history buffs on your list are available at the museum. Some perfect choices are:

*Images of America—Friday Harbor*, by Mike and Julia Vouri and the SJ Historical Museum.

*Images of America—Roche Harbor*, by Richard Walker.

*Hose Carts and Hydrants*, by Rick Galer. A history of the first 100 years of the Friday Harbor Fire Department.

## *In Memoriam*

### **For May Boyce**

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Patricia Taylor

### **For Matilda Jane King Higgins**

Kenneth Higgins

### **For Gale Carter**

Betty and Charles Nash

### **For Nourdine Jensen**

Irene Vandersluys

Betty and Charles Nash

## Memberships

The following individuals and businesses have renewed or become new members of the Society. We truly appreciate your support in helping us to preserve the history of San Juan

Island. Memberships are a vital source of revenue for the museum. We could not continue our work without your support and involvement!

*Thank you!*

Donna and Eugene Alexander  
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## Our Superstar Volunteers

Volunteers at the museum fill numerous roles and are valued for the work they perform. Quite simply, we could not do our work without our wonderful volunteers.

While all of our volunteers are valued and appreciated, the following deserve special mention. The following volunteers, Rick Galer, Vikky Dauciunas, Diane Timm, Jim Cahail and Ramona Jones have gone above and beyond in their efforts on behalf of the museum. Each has contributed greatly to the success of our museum efforts.

To **Rick Galer**: Thank you for your overall generosity, hard work, furniture refinishing expertise and morning visits.

To **Vikky Dauciunas**: Thank you for your design expertise, vision, and many helpful ideas.

To **Diane Timm**: Thank you for selling all those Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor books!!!

To **Jim Cahail**: Thank you for keeping the grounds well groomed this summer and for your heavy lifting assistance.

To **Ramona Jones**: Thank you for your decorating prowess, sense of style and "all of the little things" that make a big difference.

### *From the Friday Harbor Journal - 1930's*

| KING'S<br>Saturday Specials |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Grapefruit each             | 4c  |
| Miracle Whip                | 45c |
| Karo, dark 5 lb. can        | 37c |
| Alber's Minit Oats          | 22c |
| Ground Beef lb.             | 15c |
| Ham, sliced lb.             | 25c |

Buy at King's and Save Money! Prices are Always Right!

**King's Market**

## News and happenings

### New Museum Website

An updated museum website is up and running. The website will be evolving with new content added frequently. Check it out at [www.sjmuseum.org](http://www.sjmuseum.org). Thanks to Mary Kate Panaro and Ian Byington of ByDesign for their creative efforts and design flair.

The website was made possible through funds received from the Town of Friday Harbor Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Grant Program.

### Collaboration with Orcas and Lopez Island Historical Museums

The San Juan, Orcas and Lopez Island Historical Museums have joined together to create a website showcasing the historical museums of the San Juan Islands. Check it out at [www.historicsanjuans.org](http://www.historicsanjuans.org). Funding was awarded by a San Juan County Lodging Tax Grant.

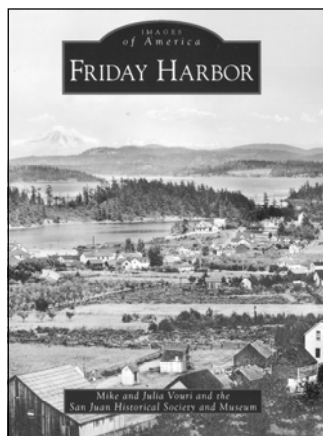
### Oral History Project

Museum volunteer Vikky Dauciunas applied for and was awarded a grant from the Washington Women's History Consortium to have our oral history collection digitized. The scope of the project was to make a conversion from cassette tapes to digital files stored on CD, DVD and in MP3 web-ready audio files. In addition, the files were transcribed for easy reference.

Vikky has now completed the components of the grant which was to digitize 20 female subjects. As an added bonus, Vikky digitized 6 male subjects pro bono, because she saw the need to update the archival format of those important subjects as well.

Through her company, Vikkyd Productions, Inc., Vikky professionally records personal histories. We thank Vikky for taking on this project, for her generous donation of services and for making our oral history library more accessible.

## *Images of America—Friday Harbor* and ... the coming sequel!



Since its release last February, over 2000 copies of our Friday Harbor book have been sold! Our deep gratitude goes to Ted Middleton and Rob Roy McGregor whose donations made the book possible.

Thank you to all who have purchased copies directly from the museum. By purchasing the book from the museum the greatest

portion of the sales price stays at the museum.

A sequel is in the planning stages, and will cover San Juan Island. Mike and Julia Vouri will once again pen the book to be published by Arcadia Publishing. *Images of America—San Juan Island* will be available in the late summer/early fall of 2010.

## San Juan Story Collection

The museum has continued our partnership with the San Juan Island Library on a new digital online collection. Additional partners on this project are the Town of Friday Harbor and San Juan Island National Historical Park.

We asked islanders to bring in treasures they had hidden in their attics, basements, closets, scrapbooks, nooks and crannies so that pictures could be taken and stories could be recorded to tell the story of what it means to live on our island from the turn of the century to the recent past. The community responded in fine fashion by bringing in some real treasures.

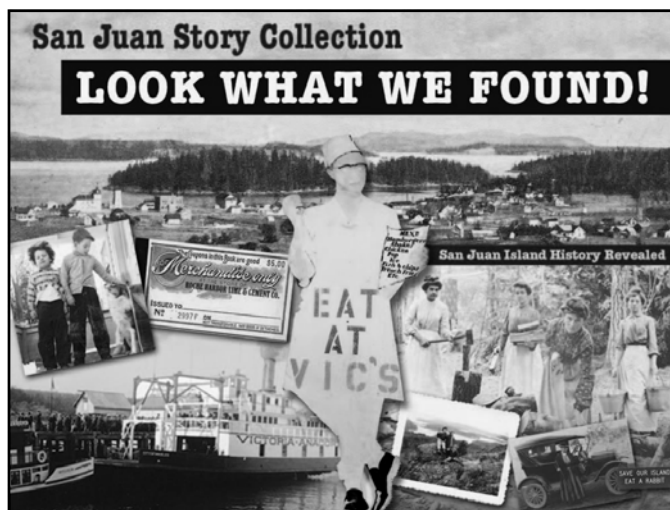
With these community contributions we created the San Juan Story Collection, a collection of images shared by our community for our community. The actual items in this collection remain in the ownership of the individuals and families that contributed. By allowing us to scan their items, they have provided access for years to come to resources that were otherwise not available to the community.

Thank you to all who contributed for their giving spirit. We are proud of this collection and excited to see it all come together. Items in the collection include photographs, audio clips, letters, postcards, a cookbook, a diary, signs, paintings, and much more.

In September the collection was presented to the community at the library. Those in attendance learned about the collection and heard great stories by the very people who contributed items to the collection.

If you happen to run across items of interest you would like to share we would like to hear from you! The collection can be expanded and enhanced. Please contact the museum if you would like to contribute and to view the collection go to: [www.washingtonruralheritage.com/sanjuan](http://www.washingtonruralheritage.com/sanjuan)

Thank you to all those who contributed to the collection and those who worked putting the collection together.



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