

**Maritime Heritage Center & W.T. Preston
reopen weekends in April**

The *W.T. Preston* sternwheeler and Maritime Heritage Center reopen the first weekend of April. Spring hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. They are open daily, except Mondays, after Memorial Day.

Look for a new exhibit at the center this summer! The *W.T. Preston* and Maritime Heritage Center are in the 700 block of R Avenue, next to the Depot Arts & Community Center.

2013 Foundation Board members elected

All four Anacortes Museum Foundation Board members ran unopposed and were unanimously re-elected at the annual membership meeting on Dec. 11. They are: Tom Thompson, President; Roger Born, Vice-President; Barbara Larson, Recording Secretary; and Jim Taylor, Treasurer.

We are very grateful to you all for your ongoing commitment to the Anacortes Museum.

In memoriam

We were saddened to learn that Nancy Mathews, a great friend of the Anacortes Museum, passed away on March 9.

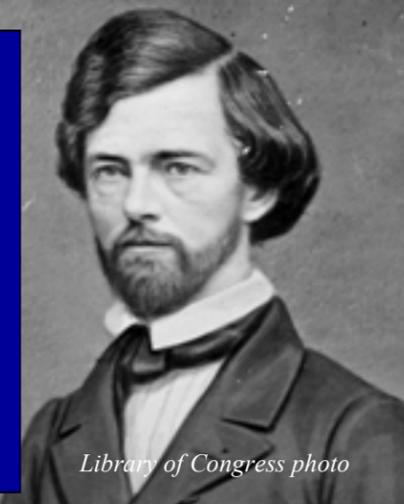
Nancy served many years on the Anacortes Museum Advisory Board, until stepping down recently due to illness. She was a dedicated researcher and a cheerful presence. We will miss her.

YOUNG MAN IN A HURRY

The Life of Isaac Stevens and the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

This exhibit on Washington Territory's controversial and ambitious first governor continues through June at the Anacortes Museum.

The Anacortes Museum has added material on the city's own Civil War veterans.



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This newsletter is produced by the staff of the Anacortes Museum and edited by Elaine Walker

Anacortes Museum Foundation

Through memberships, the Anacortes Museum Foundation supports and assists the educational and preservation goals of the Anacortes Museum.

Become a Member – Support Local History!

*Benefits of Annual Membership
& Annual Membership Categories*

- ◆ FREE admission to the *W.T. Preston* and Maritime Heritage Center
- ◆ 10% discount at the Museum store
- ◆ Invitation to exhibit openings and special events
- ◆ Quarterly Museum newsletter
- ◆ Discount on select special events

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The Carnegie Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The Research Library is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

The Anacortes Museum & Maritime Heritage Center exist to preserve and interpret the history of Fidalgo and Guemes Islands, and to nurture in the community an awareness and appreciation of its heritage.



Anacortes Museum News

SPRING 2013



Clothing styles have changed, and today's kids have baskets or buckets instead of paper bags, but otherwise the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Causland Memorial Park has changed remarkably little in the past 50 years. The photo is from the Anacortes Museum's Wallie Funk Collection.



Volunteer Cotty Howe, above, put the finishing touch on the museum's front office renovation by building and installing beautiful new mail slots, replacing a stack of unsightly plastic trays. We appreciate his fine work, as well as his generous gift of time and

You officially qualify as an Anacortes oldtimer if you remember visiting the Children's Library on the ground floor of the Carnegie Library building. Finding the old hours still posted on one of the three windows we uncovered (below) was one of the happy surprises encountered during the restoration of our Research Library this winter. For more about the renovation efforts, turn to the next page.



Be sure to check out our 'new' collections processing area!



Anacortes Museum Director Steve Oakley caught staff by surprise two days before Thanksgiving, when we found he had spent the weekend tearing holes in our office walls. The long-delayed office and Research Library restoration had begun!

By Christmas, the office had new carpet and paint. Gone were ugly acoustic ceiling tiles, long-abandoned ductwork, 1970s blue paneling, and an ugly tangle of wires. An antique bookcase replaced ugly shelving, and custom mail slots replaced plastic trays.

Next came the real challenge — the jam-packed research area. Bret Lunsford moved newspapers into our archives and set up files and a research table in the Carnegie Gallery. Books were shelved in a hallway.

Westminster Presbyterian Church offered a corner of their basement, a generous gift of space that allowed us to store furniture and other non-artifacts out of our way. This extra space allowed us to stay open to researchers, with only brief closures during the project.

The restoration uncovered three blocked windows. On one, Children's Library hours were still posted — a sign hidden at least 40 years. Old brown carpet hid

the glowing fir floor. We enjoyed it briefly then reluctantly recarpeted it (to dampen noise and retain heat), leaving it safely protected for the future.

There were unpleasant discoveries; decay, soggy insulation and damaged flooring and window sills were dealt with by Steve Oakley. Contractors handled electrical wiring, carpeting and plastering.

The work, which restored the room to the graceful proportions envisioned in 1909 by architects Cox, Piper and Carder, was made possible by a generous donation of \$6,000 in memory of Orrie Rodeffer. Also contributing funds and other resources were the City of Anacortes (especially IT), the Anacortes Museum Foundation, the Fidalgo Finderskeepers chapter of Questers, volunteer Nick Hatton, Cotty Howe and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Thank you all!

An empty Research Library offered us a rare opportunity to re-evaluate how the museum is organized. We're excited about the changes we've made so far.

You are invited to come in to take a look. Be sure to share your ideas about how we can serve you better.

Explore local mysteries, preservation at entertaining slide shows

Where did Peter Puget sleep on Fidalgo Island when he spent the night here in June of 1792? Do you know why there were once two trestles across Fidalgo Bay? What happened to the first cannon in Causland Park? When was the Seafarers' Memorial constructed, and what was its original location? Which restaurant in town was once an 1890s train depot?

These questions and more will be discussed (and possibly answered) at this entertaining slideshow through Anacortes History & Mysteries. Compiled from actual research questions and some nagging inconsistencies of local trivia, follow the thread of these mysteries toward surprising historical discoveries.

See if you can find some of the answers before the show by visiting the Anacortes Museum's online photo database at <http://museum.cityofanacortes.org>.

Anacortes History & Mysteries
7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17

Historic Preservation in Anacortes
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 15

At the Anacortes Public Library

Historic Preservation in Anacortes: Take a virtual tour of historic Anacortes structures and their multiple uses and locations. A slideshow of then and now photographs will present familiar buildings and residences in their original form. We will see buildings that

have been preserved and restored, appearances that have been drastically altered, structures that have been moved from where they were built, and buildings that are now only pictures and memories. Remember that at <http://museum.cityofanacortes.org> you can research historic structures 24/7.

Special Feature: The May 15 show will spotlight the latest addition to the Anacortes House History Program: The Eliza Blackinton Wilson House at 1801 9th St. See photos of the house and hear from the Kerschbaums on the details of researching their historic home.

Bret Lunsford, Education Curator

Men of Mystery: Do you know these guys?



The four portraits above are originals or copy work by Ferd Brady's Anacortes Studio. Clockwise from top left: A man in a cowboy hat, c. 1900; a Salvation Army officer, c. 1930s; an Anacortes Post Office employee, c. 1930s; and a gentleman with a moustache, c. 1890s, whose portrait was made for "Mrs. Hensler." In the large photo, above right, an unknown man reclines on an unknown donkey. Both are wearing hats. Photos are from the Anacortes Museum's Wallie Funk Collection

More photos of unidentified Anacortesians can be viewed at <http://museum.cityofanacortes.org>. We'd love your help identifying them!

Test your knowledge ... Can you identify the men in these mystery photos??

If you can identify any of them, please call the museum at (360) 293-1915 and ask for Judy or send an email to hakinsj@cityofanacortes.org.

Judy Hakins, Curator of Collections