



## Mukilteo: A Photographic Foray in the Fifties



Oil tanker unloading at the docks.

In 1955, five students at Rosehill School produced a photo album entitled "All Around Town." Mary Anderson, Britt Dudder, Shirley Grove, Calvin Papritz, and Mary Ann Peglow were the students who worked on the project, which is now part of the MHS collection. We would love to hear your comments and any of your memories evoked as you look at these photos.

Please call Ann Collier (425-315-0823) with any information you have about these photos.

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This Drug and Variety Store was on Park Avenue between the railroad tracks and the water.



Post Office in Mukilteo on Second Street. (This building is still there, next to Arnie's Restaurant.)



John Holtgeerts standing near a bus for the Mukilteo Everett Stages line.

John Petroff

## Message from our President

We have wrapped up a wonderful 2009 and 2010 is well underway. As an organization, we are experiencing many changes. The largest change of course is Lighthouse Park Phase 2. It is transforming our lighthouse grounds.



New traffic turnaround in front of the lighthouse. *Photo courtesy The Herald*

I encourage our members to peek through the fence or walk along the waterfront and check out what's going on. The work is easily viewed from a short distance.

The City is still targeting an August completion date. There is some chance for completion in July. We'll have to wait and see. We are still expecting a shortened tower and gift shop season. As we approach an opening date, we'll need our faithful volunteers! Please be ready to help when our shortened season begins. Until then, let's get some rest and relaxation, or enjoy one of our other volunteer opportunities!

Diane Tinsley is still running full speed with the Storytellers. For those who want to participate, you can assume a character from Mukilteo's history, create a story from what is known, and present that story in

costume. Christopher Summitt is an expert at this. I've had numerous opportunities to hear Christopher's stories. I never cease to be amazed at the research he does, the characters he brings to life, and his video presentations that capture the senses.

Would you prefer to tell a story in writing? You can do so right here! Our newsletter is an open forum for you! Contact John Krog or Nancy Joao and your story can appear in our next newsletter!

Do you like to travel? Rick Rigby has put together a trip to our state and nation's latest lighthouse. You have plenty of time to join us and make



Road Construction at the lighthouse. *Photo courtesy The Herald*

arrangements! In addition to the lighthouse, we'll be exploring territory first explored by Lewis and Clark, visiting museums in the Columbia gorge, and viewing monuments to the ingenuity and passion of early pioneers.

The Board and I



encourage you to enjoy the break or

be as active as you choose to be. And as always, we value your service!

We also want to thank the City of Mukilteo for providing us with office space in Rosehill Community Center.

John Petroff ♦

### MHS Schedule

- Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
MHS Membership Meeting,  
Rosehill
- Saturday and Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
and 11<sup>th</sup>, Trip to Clover Island  
Lighthouse
- Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am  
Mukilteo Pioneer Cemetery  
cleaning, in preparation for  
Memorial Day ♦

### Mukilteo Farmers Market

Mukilteo Historical Society is planning to set up a booth at the Mukilteo Farmers' Market this year at Lighthouse Park.

The market runs June 1st through September 30th on Wednesday evenings, 3 to 7pm. We plan to participate two times a month during this period. We will be selling items from the gift shop and promoting the many benefits of membership in MHS.

If you can help, please see Richard Rigby at an upcoming membership meeting. ♦

### Notes from the MHS Archives...

*By Ann Collier*

We want you to know about some of the recent and current projects using the MHS archives. Even while we do not have access to Quarters A, we have been busy!

Historic photographs of Mukilteo are being selected to be enlarged and reproduced for display on the wall of the Council Chambers at the new City Hall building. Mayor Joe Marine, Councilmember Emily Vanderwielen, and Debby McGehee from the Arts Council and the Park and Arts Commission are working on this project.

Interpretive signs on the topics of Japanese Gulch and the Founders of Mukilteo were designed during the Fall. MHS approved contributing funds for this sign project, being done in cooperation with the City of Mukilteo. MHS also applied for and received a grant from the Tulalip Tribes to help the city with this sign project. The City, with MHS help, is continuing to work on interpretive signs on Early Explorers, The Changing Waterfront, Point Elliott Treaty, Geologic History, and Native Americans.

The oldest building in Mukilteo may be the building at Second Street and Park Ave which was the N. J. Smith store and is now a Mexican restaurant. This building was the topic of research for Jennifer Gregerson's project in a Historic Preservation course. MHS archives provided photographs and information to aid in that project. Jennifer presented a program about her research at the February MHS meeting.

Steve Bertrand is working on a book of historic photos of Mukilteo to be published by Arcadia Press. He will be including many MHS photos not previously published. Steve plans for publication of the book during 2010 as part of the sesquicentennial celebration of Mukilteo's founding.

MHS has recently provided information

about the history of the area of the Mukilteo Community Garden for use in writing a grant for the garden. Did you know that there was once a Grange Hall in that area at 76<sup>th</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue? It seems appropriate to have that area still be a community meeting place!

Recently MHS received an e-mail asking for information about the Dietrichs family which lived in Mukilteo in the early 1900s. Long-time residents were asked to provide information to help with this family genealogy request from England.

MHS is participating in the Historic Snohomish County Maps project, initiated by the Granite Falls Historical Society, and has received a hard drive which contains township maps, city maps, aerial photos, homestead maps, modern plat boundaries, etc. Several MHS volunteers attended a workshop to learn how to use the software.

Historic photos have recently been selected for display at the Silver Cloud Inn.

Of course, the MHS archives are also being used by MHS members Christopher Summitt and Diane Tinsley as they work on projects for the Mukilteo Sesquicentennial. ♦



### Mukilteo Historical Society Trip

MHS is planning a trip to Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving from Rosehill on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am sharp. After a stop in Yakima for lunch, we will drive on to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in

The Dalles, Oregon.

Saturday night will be spent in The Dalles, Oregon with dinner at one of their fine restaurants.

On Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, after a complimentary hot breakfast at the hotel, we will depart at 9:30am for The Dalles Dam Visitor Center. From there we will drive to the Maryhill Museum of Art, where we will tour the museum and enjoy a picnic lunch on the grounds.

We will stop at the replica of Stonehenge built in 1918 on the way to the highlight our trip, the Clover Island Lighthouse in the Tri-Cities. This lighthouse recently opened for operation. We will stop once more in Yakima for dinner on the way back to Mukilteo.

The cost for this trip is as follows:

\$25/person to be paid to the driver of the vehicle you are riding in to help cover gasoline.

Dinner in the Dalles \$7 to \$24 approximately.

Maryhill entrance fee \$6 to \$7.

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center entrance fee \$6.50 to \$8.

Hotel – Shilo Inn - The Dalles, Single - \$94.95

\$85.00 with AAA discount

2 queen bed - \$109.95

\$103.46 with AAA discount.

You must make your own hotel reservations at the Shilo Inn, 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way, The Dalles, Oregon 97058, 451-298-5502 or 800-222-2244.

Please contact Richard Rigby for more information. ♦

## MHS By-Law Revision Proposals

The following revisions to the Mukilteo Historical Society By-Laws were presented in writing at the February Membership meeting. They will be voted on at the March Membership Meeting.

Article II – Mission - **remove** “wedding parties” from last sentence. With revision, sentence to read:

“In cooperation with the City of Mukilteo, provide access to the Light Station for groups and special events on a prearranged basis with volunteers scheduled to staff the various locations.”

Article V, Officers, *Section 3, Duties of Elected Officers:* d. Secretary - **add** after last sentence

“Another Board member will act as a backup to the Secretary.”

Article V, Officers, *Section 3, Duties of Elected Officers:* e. Treasurer - **add** after last sentence

“Another Board member will act as a backup to the Treasurer.”

Article VII- Meetings - **add**

“Section 3 - Annual retreat – This meeting is to set the direction of the Society for the coming year. It is to be attended by the officers and directors, prior to first membership meeting in January, at a convenient location. Chair persons invited as requested.”

Article VII - Meetings – **add**

“*Section 4 - Quarterly meetings with the City of Mukilteo* - Meet with the City of Mukilteo to foster mutual cooperation with common goals and address Society concerns.”

If you have any questions on these proposed revisions, please contact Nancy Joao. Remember to attend the March meeting, so your vote will count. ♦

Mukilteo Historical Society

## Storytellers

Upcoming events for March 2010-June 2010 are part of the "2010 is the Mukilteo Sesquicentennial Year" to Celebrate J D Fowler's and Morris Frost's official Mukilteo homesteading actions

### March 31, 2010

Everett Newcomers Exploring Local History, noon-3:00PM.

### May 26, 2010

First 2010 Mukilteo Art Guild "Open Mic " Session at the Red Cup Café presents Mukilteo Sesquicentennial stories about early Mukilteo featuring city founders, pioneers, lighthouse keepers and more between 6:00 - 8:00 PM (619 4th St., Old Town Mukilteo) (Note that this is on a Wednesday to coincide with the Farmers' Market in 2010)

### May 30, 2010

Decoration Day (Original Memorial Day) Remembrance Program, to honor all veterans, at the Pioneer Cemetery, 513 Webster St., Old Town Mukilteo, 1:00 - 2:30 PM.

### June 6, 2010

Ten Year Remembrance of the Mukilteo Japanese Memorial that was dedicated on June 9, 2000 in Centennial Park at 1126 5th St, Mukilteo Ceremony is from 2:00 - 3:30 PM at 1126 5th Street, Mukilteo.

### July 17, 2010

Second Annual Mukilteo Waterfront Art Festival in the Mukilteo Lighthouse Park from 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

Contact Diane Tinsley for information about the programs offered monthly in 2010. ♦

Break in at Cape Meares  
Lighthouse

Cape Meares Lighthouse in Oregon was vandalized recently. The Mukilteo Historical Society voted at the January membership meeting to donate \$1000 towards the immediate repairs to the lantern room glass. Here is the letter sent to the President of the Friends of Cape Meares Lighthouse on January 18, 2010.

Dear Alicia Knowlton,

As President of The Friends of Cape Meares Lighthouse, reporting the damage done to your lighthouse and grounds must have been one of the most disheartening announcements you have had to make. But I do thank you for contacting me with the upsetting news and links on Mon. morning. Seeing shards of red glass and pieces of the prisms on the lantern room floor was heartbreaking. And knowing that this was, in fact, the *second time* the lens has been damaged is unbelievable!

The Lighthouse community is always shocked, saddened and angered when any kind of vandalism is done to any lighthouse anywhere in the world. That this senseless act hit so near our “backyard” has really touched a sensitive nerve here in Mukilteo. (A chain-link fence on two sides of *our* lighthouse grounds is in the process of being replaced with a wooden split-3-rail fence. We are all worried about this soon-to-be easier public access.)

On a happier note, I am delighted to inform you that the Mukilteo Historical Society is donating \$1,000.00 towards the immediate repairs to the lantern room glass. (Check enclosed) As you know, the weather must be kept out before *any more* damage occurs. We hope this helps and many others will also contribute to this urgent preservation of our maritime history.

Sincerely,  
The Mukilteo Historical Society,  
Bev Schreiber, MHS Director ♦



Mukilteo Mayor, Joe Marine, and the MHS Storytellers

### **2010 Mukilteo Sesquicentennial Vintage Style Show and Dessert**

Saturday, February 20, 2010, over 100 people enjoyed the Mukilteo Sesquicentennial Vintage Style Show and Dessert which was held at the Harbour Pointe Retirement Center.

Christopher Summitt did a fantastic job as the Master of Ceremonies. The MHS Storytellers were also represented by Mas Odoi, Robert Smith and John Petroff. ♦

### **Mukilteo Historical Society Programs and Guest Speakers 2010**

Ellen Koch, Sheila McGillivray, and Richard Ribgy have arranged the programs and guest speakers for the entire year 2010. Mark your calendars to ensure you do not miss any of the many interesting topics.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** - Barbara George from the Snohomish County Museum of History in Everett will update us on

progress of the museum at its new site in the Carnegie Library in Everett.

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** - Jim Godwin, Garden Manager, and other gardeners at the Mukilteo Community Garden will present information about current and future plans for the garden and its contributions to the Mukilteo Food Bank.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - "Lou Morrow Remembered". Mary Lou Morrow was a teacher at Rosehill in the 1920s and contributed much to the Mukilteo Historical Society over the years. Ed Morrow, her son, and his wife Betty will share their memories of Mary Lou.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - "Jetty - Natural History of a man-made Island". Dr. Thomas Murphy of Edmonds Community College and a member of Beach Watchers will share research and history along with the use of this present-day man-made Island.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** - Heather McCartney, Director of Planning and Community Development for the

City of Mukilteo, will update us on the Phase II completion of Lighthouse Park.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** - "Memories of Mukilteo" presented by Ann Collier. Long-time residents of Mukilteo will be featured as they share their memories of growing up and living in Mukilteo.

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** - Valerie Steel, President of Historic Everett, will tell us about a feasibility study exploring whether part of the Washington coast should be designated as a National Heritage Area.

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** - "Lighthouses 101" Bev Schreiber, local lighthouse artist, will share information about the different construction types of lighthouses.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - John Petroff, MHS President, will talk about volunteer hours and present recognition. Nancy Joao, Chairman of the MHS Directors, will give the highlights of this past year and set the course for next year.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** - Eileen Pridmore, Ellen Koch and Nancy Joao, your Christmas Party committee, have set the date. More information to be provided at a later date.

Membership meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, except December, starting at 7 PM at the Rosehill Community Center, Art Room, Lower Level.

**Programs start at 7:45**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



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Mukilteo Railroad Depot with gas tanks in the background. (Does anyone know when the depot was removed?)



The Mukilteo Volunteer Fire Department Station was also used as "City Hall" at that time. It was located on Park Avenue.



Mukilteo Building Supply on Second Street. (This building stood where Arnie's Restaurant is now located.)



The Ferry Terminal in the 1950's

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The Mukilteo Garage on Second Street

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Return this form with your payment to:*

**Mukilteo Historical Society - 304 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 101, Mukilteo, WA 98275**

Individual - \$15  Senior (65) - \$10  Senior Couple - \$20  Family - \$25

Corporate - \$50  Sustaining - \$100  Benefactor - \$300  Life - \$500

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**2010 Membership Dues due January 1<sup>st</sup>**

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