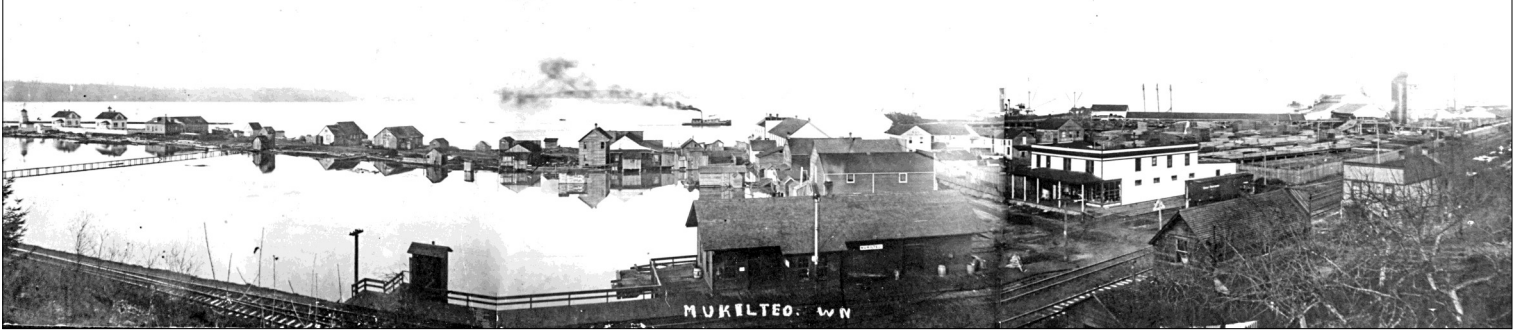




## Is Mukilteo Ready for Global Warming?

*A pictorial history of water management along Mukilteo's North Shore*

By John and Ann Collier



*The Mukilteo waterfront in the early 1900s.*

Taken in the early 1900s, the above composite of three photographs illustrates the challenge presented by the low land that stretches along Mukilteo's north shore. The photo shows the lighthouse and adjacent buildings on the left and the old railroad depot near the tracks in the center. Across Park Avenue is the large, white general store owned by the Crown Lumber Company, and further off to the right is the remainder of that massive milling and lumber exporting company.

As may be clearly seen, Mukilteo's north shore at high tide featured a prominent spit of dry land. Linguists believe this distinctive geographical feature was the source of the name *muckl-el-teo*, a word in Lushootseed that means "long and narrow, like the neck of a goose."

The prominent spit and the ease of landing canoes, along with the fresh water from nearby streams, made Mukilteo a good place for meetings, and so it soon became known as a good camping area as well.



*Tidal lagoon in 1940s.*

A photo from the 1940s shows the persistence of the tidal lagoon along Front Street near the lighthouse. The large home next to the lighthouse grounds belonged to the Losvar family who also owned the nearby boathouse. Partially pictured at the lagoon's edge is the Mukilteo Bus Barn, now occupied by the Diamond Knot Brewery and Alehouse.

The citizens of Mukilteo in the 1920s had built dikes and filled in some of the area for a baseball field, but persistent tidal surges eventually overpowered their efforts. When the state of Washington moved in massive amounts of fill dirt in the early 1950s, this area became Mukilteo State Park.



*Front Street during high tide in the early 1900s.*

Low land, high tides, and strong winds also affected much of old Mukilteo's business district along its two major arteries: Front Street and Park Avenue. The forlorn photo above shows Front Street during a high tide in the early 1900s, evoking images of flood victims anywhere, from Houston to Bangla-

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## A Message from our President

It's the time of year when the weather turns cold and stormy. We also reflect on our accomplishments during the previous months. In nature, autumn is the time when seeds are being scattered for new growth in the spring. This is also happening within Mukilteo Historical Society, looking towards what we want to accomplish in 2018. I am grateful for the opportunity to care for this organization in 2017 and I look forward to serving in 2018. Our conscientious and thoughtful MHS Board and members worked many volunteer hours and solved challenging issues. Their ideas to promote MHS, gain new members, prepare for the future, and continue to maintain traditions within the community inspired me.

MHS supports the community in many ways. Specific events include cleaning Pioneer Cemetery and planning the Memorial Day program, and supporting the Light-house Festival including the parade and the Pioneer of the Year and Citizen of the Year award ceremony.

Other accomplishments of MHS in 2017 include:

- Peter Anderson and Margaret Summitt worked with Jacob Milner and Matt Entinger of the City of Mukilteo to measure Pioneer Cemetery and then create a map. Margaret wrote detailed information about the pioneers, which was added to a software program with public access. This was later published in book form and 100 copies were printed.
- Eric Richstad launched our new website update, including the structure to ensure that it is kept current.
- The Board approved the installation of the full Clover system in the gift shop, which included new training for all volunteers.
- The Board is now working with the *Mukilteo Beacon* to advertise events.
- New avenues were found to recruit new members which resulted in increased membership.

The City of Mukilteo received a grant to paint the outside of Quarters A and B, which included refurbishments of the porch of Quarters A. It looks amazing.

Here are some of our volunteer efforts over the year:

- Becky Owensby is our staffing coordinator. 1481 volunteer hours were spent in the gift shop and lighthouse over the season.
- Nancy Joao and Sue Anderson spent around 1100 hours to keep the gift shop stocked and running.
- Kris Hoffman and Marianne Anderson hosted about 625 people on 16 special tours of the lighthouse.
- Mim Loree, Cindy Francis, and Candy Sterling staffed 16 weddings.
- Peter Anderson and Pat Friedrich worked diligently in the archives each week. Historical photos were provided to local businesses. One example is the Harbour Pointe QFC remodel.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to work with the smart, generous, and fun people of MHS. I appreciate working with the City of Mukilteo to accomplish mutual goals. Thank you to the 2017 Board members who accomplished so much and taught me a lot. Thanks to all of you who have given me the grace and perspective to fill this role. My special thanks to John and Ann Collier and to Lisa Romo-Bremerthon for their mentorship.

Happy Holidays. See you in 2018!

Joanne Mulloy, President ♦

## MHS Calendar



Saturday, December 2, noon to 4 pm.  
**Gift Shop open.** Free gift wrapping with purchase. Light Station.

Saturday, December 2, 6:30-8 pm, **Holiday Potluck**, Christiansen room, Rosehill.

Saturday, December 9, noon to 4 pm.  
**Gift Shop open.** Free gift wrapping with purchase. Light Station.

Wednesday, January 3, 9 am, **Inventory**, Gift Shop, Light Station. ♦

## Attention, Members!



The MHS 2018 membership drive has launched! Per our MHS by-laws, membership dues are payable in advance on or before January 1 of each calendar year.

Avoid the last minute rush! Renew or join today. Dues received between now and December 31, 2017 ensure that your membership is in good standing for all of 2018.

You can use the membership application included in this newsletter.

Mail your payment to:

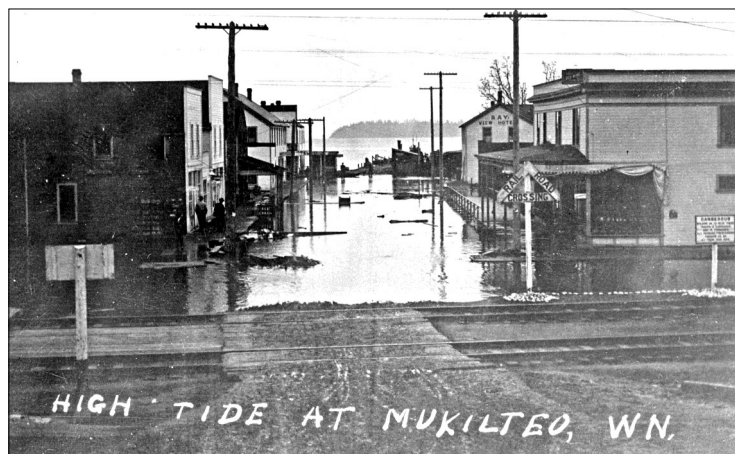
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Or bring your payment to the next General Membership meeting. ♦



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desh. Study the picture: is the woman in the window saying something to the men in the boats? Is the man with the long pole in the center serving as a “Venetian Gondolier” for the well-dressed passenger standing next to him?



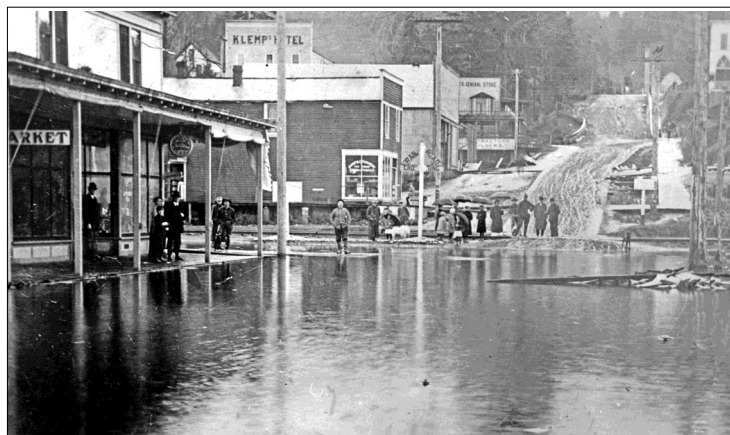
*A flooded Park Avenue at high tide.*

Aptly named “High Tide at Mukilteo,” this stark picture shows a flooded Park Avenue, looking north from the railroad tracks to the town dock and Puget Sound. Note the elevated boardwalks connecting the Crown Lumber store on the right with the Bay View Hotel beyond it (compare to the composite photo above). On the left is Chandler’s Drug Store along with several other shops.



*Looking south on Park Avenue at high tide.*

The photo above shows the view looking south on Park Avenue at high tide, with a train stopped on the tracks. The Bay View Hotel is on the left, and just in front of the train is the Crown Lumber Company general store. On the right is the Butler Hotel and restaurant. Above the tracks and up the muddy hill to Second Street is the Nazarene Church. Is the “gondolier” in the boat offering a ride across the avenue to the ladies in front of the hotel?



*Another view looking south on Park Avenue at high tide.*

Now we are again looking south on Park Avenue. Coming down the muddy road we see again on the right a partial view of the Nazarene Church. On the left is part of N.J. Smith’s Mukilteo General Store and the nearby Klemp Hotel, then Brennan’s store, and finally the Crown Lumber Company general store. Look closely at the people standing on the raised railroad bed. The women and children have umbrellas while the men demonstrate their toughness (or stupidity) by wearing only hats!



*A big wave hits the former Taylor's Landing restaurant.*

With lots of fill dirt, new walls, more drainage, and better civil engineering in general, water has been brought under much greater control along the north shore. But natural forces have not disappeared. The postcard pictured above is titled “A Bit of a Blow at TAYLORS LANDING waterfront restaurant at Pier 1 in Mukilteo, Washington.”

The current Ivar’s restaurant occupies the same area. In October 2003, nature struck again with winds clocked at 65 mph, a surging high tide, and a rogue wave. It took more than a year to re-build Ivar’s due to the extensive damage and today’s

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## Cemetery Corner

By Margaret Summitt

On the large marker that bears the names of Peter and Mary Gravelle is the name Robert Windborn (sic) and the dates 1833-1898. Who was he and where did he come from?

He was baptized James Robert Wenborne on 17 February, 1833 in Chislehurst, Kent, England, son of Thomas and Susannah (Holdaway) Wenborne. His father, Thomas, was a Master Carpenter. Robert was the middle child of seven.

Robert and his elder brother Frederick appear in the 1841 England and Wales Census as members of the household, residing in Bromley, Chislehurst, Kent. Frederick and Robert, however, are not listed with the family in the 1851 Census. They may already have come to America.

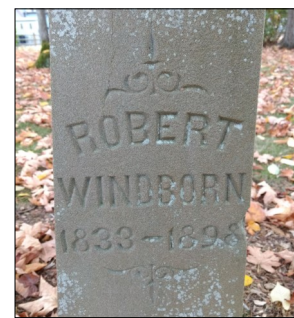
Robert Wenborn declared his intention to become a U.S. citizen on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, 1853 while residing in Jefferson County, Washington Territory. In 1860 he was single, listing his occupation as lumberman, and living with Frederick in Seabeck, in Kitsap County. Frederick was a gardener in the household of John Longfellow. Frederick and his wife Emma had two children, Mary and Robert J. Wenborn, and later relocated to Nanaimo, B. C.

In 1862, Robert Wenborn sued the Territory of Washington for the recovery of money and personal property. He was living in Jefferson County at the time. Also in 1862, Robert contributed \$10.00 for the relief of disabled soldiers in the Federal Army.

Meanwhile, back in England, things were not going well for Thomas Wenborn. The firm of T. Wenborn and Son (Carpenters, Joiners, and Undertakers) had gone bankrupt. Thomas and his son George Noel Wenborn were prisoners of the debtors' court. *Little Dorrit*, a novel by Charles Dickens, describes the Marshalsea Debtors' Prison of the time. Thomas and his son George were brought before a judge on July 18, 1860. Thomas died in July 1866 in Chislehurst.

In 1869, George Noel Wenborn, having gone into business as a victualler, was out of business again, and liquidating his assets to satisfy his creditors. He was still in debt in 1884.

This background adds poignancy to the fact that Robert Wenborn, as evidenced by the broken tree limbs at the base of his grave marker, was a member of the fraternal order of Woodmen of the World, an organization dedicated to helping men resolve their debts at the time of death. Although according to the 1880 Census he had been married, at the time of his death in 1898 he was single again. He had worked all his life as a logger, but likely he still had creditors. Due to the charity of Peter Gravelle, Robert has his grave marker, which is mute testimony to the difficulties of his life. ♦



*The name Robert Windborn appears on one side of the Gravelle marker. The marker likely memorializes Robert Wenborn.*

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more stringent building codes.

Modern technology and greater knowledge helped Ivar's re-build successfully. As we have seen, the natural conditions of the north shore are formidable, but Mukilteo has a record of adapting to and overcoming them. But will this continue? Is global warming something radically new, or just more of the same?

The City of Mukilteo and several other agencies have spent a lot of time and money on studies that buttress the argument that the destructive challenges of nature will be overcome as Mukilteo moves forward to re-develop its north shore. But no one can know for sure. ♦

## Keep Washington Shining!



Support Washington lighthouses. When you purchase a Washington Lighthouse license plate, a portion of the fees helps fund restoration projects at 12 non-profit lighthouses, including the Mukilteo lighthouse.

For details, go to:  
<http://washingtonlighthouses.org/> ♦



## Congratulations to 2018 MHS Officers and Directors

**President:** Joanne Mulloy

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Sally Morrison

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Alex Bonner

**Secretary:** Margaret Summitt

**Treasurer:** Al Friedrich

**Director:** Eric Richstad

**Director:** Peter Anderson

**Director:** Candy Sterling

**Director:** *vacant (finish out 2 years of term)* to be determined

**Director:** *vacant (3 year term)* to be determined



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Select **Mukilteo Historical Society** as your charity.

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### Upcoming Speakers

Plan now to attend MHS meetings in 2018. Tentative speakers include:

January 11	Chuck Fowler, "Tall Ships on Puget Sound"
February 8	Rick Huey, Mukilteo Terminal Environmental Project
March 8	Mukilteo Garden and Food Bank
April 12	Glenn Bachman, Port of Everett Commissioner, Update on Port Activities
May 10	Peter Anderson, MHS Archives Update
June 14	Michael and Drew Scherping, Memories of Living at Mukilteo Lighthouse
July 12	Kathleen Neely, NOAA NW Fisheries Service Center
August 9	Ann Collier presents the Mukilteo Pioneer of the Year
September 13	Mayor Jennifer Gregerson presents the City update
October 11	Chad Kaiser, Lighthouses and Lenses
November 8	Joanne Mulloy presents the MHS Annual Review



### From Days Gone By:

The October 2, 1996 *Mukilteo Beacon* included a photo of a tile in the lighthouse floor with this story:

Last April, owners of personalized tiles installed on the floor of the Mukilteo Lighthouse were intrigued by one tile that read, "Keena Make me Happy Forever. Marry Me. Jason."

Hoping Keena might make an appearance during the tile unveiling open house held that day, members of the Historical Society decorated the tile with a heart-shaped, helium-filled balloon. But the mystery couple didn't show up.

On Sunday, the last day of the summer lighthouse viewing season, Jason finally brought Keena to view her proposal tile—his fingers, no doubt, crossed behind his back.

Keena said, "Yes!"



### From the Treasurer...

As of October 31, 2017, the following cash assets were included in the Mukilteo Historical Society bank accounts:

Bank of America Operating:	\$47,845.16
OpusBank Money Market:	\$4,027.00
OpusBank CD:	\$10,222.12
OpusBank CD:	\$31,284.59

The reconciled Statement of Activities for the period ending September 30, 2017 lists a net income of \$8,671.41. The 2017 Final Financial statements will be presented at the February 2018 General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Friedrich, Treasurer





## MUKILTEO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Keepers of the Mukilteo Light Station*

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please review the membership categories below carefully. As a member you will receive a membership card, quarterly newsletter and a 10% discount in the gift shop. Your donation is tax deductible.

Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Return this form and your payment to:

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

#### MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- ☐ INDIVIDUAL - \$15    
 ☐ SENIOR (65 OR OVER) - \$10    
 ☐ SENIOR COUPLE - \$20    
 ☐ FAMILY - \$25  
☐ CORPORATE - \$50    
 ☐ SUSTAINING - \$100    
 ☐ BENEFACTOR - \$300    
 ☐ LIFE - \$500  
☐ DONATION ONLY – Please provide your name and address so we may acknowledge your donation

#### APPLICANT #1 DATA\*:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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#### APPLICANT #2 DATA\*:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant\*

Please check the volunteer opportunities each applicant would like to help with:	#1	#2
<b>Archives/Trunk Treasures</b> – Collect & archive all documents, photos and artifacts relating to the history of Mukilteo. Organize exhibits. Present Trunk tales throughout the community.		
<b>Garden</b> – Join our group of gardeners or adopt a specific garden bed at the light station.		
<b>Gift Shop</b> – Help to price, stock and maintain inventory. Operate credit card processing terminal and cash register.		
<b>Lighthouse</b> – Become a lighthouse tour guide.		
<b>Maintenance</b> – Liaison to Board about Light Station/Pioneer Cemetery issues and plans.		
<b>Publicity</b> – Advertising (Beacon/Herald/etc.). MHS Newsletter, Membership mailing (Sunshine)/emails/phoning, MHS website.		
<b>Special Tours</b> – Assist with docent tours, field trips & visiting groups.		
<b>Weddings</b> – Welcome guests & provide tours for wedding guests.		

*\*Please use a second application form for more than two applicants in family memberships.*

For office use only: Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Added to Membership Roster ☐ Membership Card Sent

## Gift Shop News



Thank you to all the volunteers who made this past season at our gift shop one of the best. Many of you stepped up again and again to fill vacancies. You continued to do this willingly as we struggled with a shortage of help in both the gift shop and the tower.

With your help gift shop sales stayed strong, resulting in empty shelves as our regular season came to a close. The annual buying day at the Seattle Gift Show in January 2018 will be busy working to restock our gift shop with new and interesting items.

Top selling items this past season included new mugs with lighthouse designs, stuffed animals from a new supplier, and children's books. With this in mind and two 2018 catalogs in hand, orders for next year are being finalized. There are potentially more **new** mug styles, more lighthouse-themed ornaments, and kitchen towels.

Sue found a supplier for pewter bells that are made in the U.S. We are working with them on the possibility of a custom bell with our beautiful lighthouse on it. Please keep in mind that we continue to look for suppliers for jackets, fleece vests, and lighthouse replicas.

When you visit the gift shop in December, check out the clearance rack for recently marked down items. Remember—the gift shop will be open the first two Saturdays in December for your shopping pleasure. You can have your purchases gift wrapped free of charge!



In January, please join us for inventory of the gift shop on Wednesday, the 3rd. We will start at 9 am and we usually finish up by noon or shortly thereafter. As always, the only requirements for helping with inventory are the ability to count and have fun doing it. The more volunteers we have, the faster it will go. Please come when you can and stay as long as possible.

Thank you again from your gift shop buyers.

Sue Anderson and Nancy Joao. ♦

## Special Lighthouse Visitors

Special tours had a busy year. We scheduled 16 tours, hosting approximately 625 visitors. Tours included students from both public and private schools. We had senior tours from Spokane and California, a military reunion group, and 40 Austrian exchange students hosted by Kamiak High School, to name a few.

We enjoyed two groups from Edmonds High School's Special Needs program. They were so excited. One young man exclaimed when he reached the top of the lighthouse that he'd been waiting his whole life for this chance!

We want to thank our stalwart volunteers for all of their help: Mary Dulin, Al and Pat Friedrich, Cindy Francis, Karen Carpenter, Jan Yeager, and Alex Bonner. We are looking forward to 2018!

Marianne Anderson and Kris Hoffman ♦



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#### Newsletter

*Mary Dulin – Editor*

#### MHS Website

*www.mukilteohistorical.org*



**Happy Holidays**

## *Please Join Us*

*The Annual MHS Holiday Potluck will be held in the  
Christiansen room at Rosehill*

*Saturday, December 2 from 6:30 to 8 pm.*

*Meat and drinks will be provided.*

*Bring a dish to share, and celebrate the season with your MHS friends.*

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