

**CONCRETE HERITAGE  
MUSEUM ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER  
Summer, 2011**



Dedication of the Superior Office Building –  
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concreteheritagemuseum/](http://www.stumpranchonline.com/concreteheritagemuseum/)  
(With thanks to Dan Royal, webmaster)

**Monthly Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
7:00 pm at the Museum**

**Contact a board member for information:  
OFFICERS**

President: Robin Wood 826-3075  
Vice-President - Lyle McClure 826-3547  
Secretary - Gail Boggs 853-8347  
Treasurer - Cheri Cook-Blodgett 853-8533

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
REMINDER!**

*We thank you for your past support,  
and hope that you are still able to  
contribute to our work. We are  
proud of our Museum, our activities,  
our building, and our growing  
collection.*

*New VOLUNTEER HOSTS are always  
welcome. Contact any board  
member, and learn more about how  
to volunteer at the Museum on  
Saturdays during the summer!*

Concrete Heritage Museum is open for the season! If you haven't been to the museum in some time, or have guests coming to visit this summer, plan a Saturday afternoon to visit us from noon to 4 p.m.

You can make an appointment to visit the museum or do research in our library outside of our regular hours by calling Robin at 360-826-3075 or e-mailing Dan Royal at [concreteheritagemuseum@stumpranchonline.com](mailto:concreteheritagemuseum@stumpranchonline.com)

**JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL POTLUCK  
PICNIC AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING,  
AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> (Thursday) AT THE  
CONCRETE SENIOR CENTER (6:00 PM)**

**Ghost Walk** We are looking forward to the 2011 weekend walks in October. Hosts are needed at the Museum--use your imagination, and come dressed as a historical character for one or more weekend evening events. This is our annual combined project with the Chamber of Commerce, and is very popular with visitors (and fun for the hosts!) Val Stafford is the organizer--contact her through the Chamber of Commerce (360-853-8767).

Your current membership expired/will expire on:

**2011 - 2012 SEASON --- OUR 16<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
( OR RENEWAL )**

RETURN THIS PAGE TO:

**Concrete Heritage Museum  
P O Box 445  
Concrete, WA 98237**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
Business  
name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to "Concrete Heritage Museum".

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (annual)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 FAMILY or BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP (annual)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Additional amount enclosed for Building  
Fund. Thanks to you, we keep the work going!

\_\_\_\_\_ I can volunteer to help with Museum projects.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_ Day, or \_\_\_\_\_ Evening

*We rely on the caring people in our local community to support the Museum. Your membership pays for insurance, electricity, heating, advertising, and other annual expenses.*

*We are NOT supported by tax dollars, but we ARE a 501(c)(3) organization and your contributions are tax deductible.*

**Interior work on the Sockeye garage and future restroom** is progressing, although slowly. We have found a plumber, and Don Payne has agreed to do the excavation work.

Please contribute to our building fund to help complete this necessary project this year. **THE OUTHOUSE IS OUTDATED – WE NEED A RESTROOM FOR OUR GUESTS AND OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!!**



The **Sockeye Express** tour vehicle belongs to the Museum again, after officially being transferred back to us by the Town of Concrete in February. It needs brake and engine work, and insurance before it can be used; we hope to be able to coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce on this project. In the meantime, it is on "static display" in the garage. It's encouraging to note that the "Imagine Concrete" visioning group has included the Sockeye's reincarnation as one of their Historic Preservation initiatives. We hope they can provide some good ideas to get it back on the road!

Although the Sockeye is not available for tours this summer, we encourage you to pick up a copy of the **Concrete Walking Tour** at either the Chamber of Commerce or the Museum, and enjoy an enlightening tour of the town while getting some exercise. The 16-page booklet is free, and makes a great souvenir for friends or family members.

The **Centennial Limited Edition reprint of "So They Called the Town Concrete"** is produced by Dan Royal. Copies are on sale for \$25.00 at the Red Apple, or order copies by mail from the Museum. It makes a great gift! We still have the \$15.00 basic edition copies for sale as well.

**New donations:** Bob Keith's family donated a model he made of the Rockport ferry and a framed picture of old Concrete. Clarice Tingley donated a 1930 CHS class picture that includes Jack Hoover. She also donated a copy of her book, "Wildcat", about tugs on the Skagit River.

A large packet of old photographs was donated by a Mr. Jess Lewis from Manchester, Tennessee via Concrete Herald editor Jason Miller. They turned out to be **photos of the construction of the Lower Baker Dam**, dated 1924-1925, and all in good condition. Puget Sound Energy will be scanning them and copies will be made for the Museum.

**Cascade Loop:** Robin and Gerry Wood are among the people featured in a new tourist booklet/CD combo pack, available at the Chamber of Commerce.

**New cabinets:** John Boggs donated some new map-type cabinets for the office to store some oversize items from our collection/archives. He is working to publish a file plan for our office files and to separate them from archive material. John is also working on an accessions policy, and would appreciate any comments.

Our annual **Bow Hill Rest Area fundraiser** was held on the weekend of June 25/26, raising just under \$500. A number of other fundraisers have been held earlier this year, including cupcake sales at Mardi Gras, an Easter bake sale, and a bake sale at the Saturday Market. If you can help, or donate baked goods for future events, contact Robin Wood.

Many thanks to **Alberts Red Apple Grocery** for over \$11,800 in contributions over the last ten years of the 1% receipt return program! We will miss this valuable assistance, now that the program has ended. Thank you all for saving all your grocery receipts so faithfully over the years, and thanks to Gail Boggs for tallying up and submitting them for payments.

Our **monthly meetings at the Museum** have been well-attended this year. There's always something new to discover about our past, and we hope that members-- and prospective members-- will continue to attend! Encourage your friends to join us, monthly on the second Thursday at 7 pm. Many interesting discussions and presentations about local history have been shared during the year. We have also coordinated with the Concrete Theatre on two local history films created by Todd Warger and David Lawrence as part of the Thursday evening community presentations.

**JOIN THE CREW!**



**Concrete Cement Plant crew – photo from S. Hager**