



MUSEUM NEWS

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Summer 2000

We're Now Online, Check Us Out! www.polsonmuseum.org

An especially big thank you goes out to Museum volunteer Dale Larson for the countless hours he put into creating our new website. We'd love to hear your feedback as we continue to refine it.

Open House - Vintage Car Show Saturday, July 15

This Saturday, the Polson Museum and the Twin Harbors Vintage Car Club are hosting an afternoon car show in conjunction with Hoquiam Parks' River Festival. From 11:00 to 4:00, car club members from Harbor-area and regional clubs will be displaying their vintage, classic, hot rod, and custom automobiles across the Museum's lawns. Anyone with his or her own classic wheels is invited to "park in the park" free all day. With autos dating from the 1920s through the 1960s, the event promises to be a pleasant opportunity for members of the community and Museum to stroll through the park while catching a glimpse of America's motoring past.

Once at the Polson, visitors are directly across Riverside Avenue from the walkway where they have an excellent vantage point to watch the day's River Festival activities, including the mini-hydroplane races.

Also, encourage friends who are not Museum Members to come tour the Museum from 11:00 to 4:00 as the Polson opens its doors for a free open house. View the current temporary exhibit, *Going, Going, Gone*, featuring personal artifacts that are seldom, if ever, seen in modern use. Visitors may also want to take advantage of a unique opportunity to see the historic mansion's 38 foot, clear grained hemlock flooring, running wall to wall throughout the building. The Museum has uncovered the entire first floor's boards, anticipating the arrival of new area rugs.

Museum Garage Sale July 22

Museum Members are invited to shop for some genuine junk at the Polson's summer garage sale Saturday, July 22. We're guaranteeing cheap prices on a wide assortment of items that we just don't find useful anymore. Manual typewriters, old vases, chairs, clothing — even a microfilm reader will be on sale.

Although we're fairly well stocked with stuff to sell, we will accept items from any Members who would like to see the proceeds benefit the Museum.

The sale starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

**Summer
Schedule**

Wednesday - Sunday
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Museum in the Community

POLSON PARK & MUSEUM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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“Antiques Road Show” Scheduled for August 31

The Museum is planning to hold an “Antiques Road Show” style appraisal program this August 31st featuring appraiser James Kemp-Slaughter.

Mr. Kemp-Slaughter has professionally served as an antiques and fine art appraiser since 1977 and studied at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Sothebys, Scotland’s Furniture History Society, and London’s National Gallery.

Come mid-August, keep an eye on your mailbox for a mailing regarding the details of this program.

Visit the Polson’s Display at
this year’s Grays Harbor County
Fair – Elma – August 9 – 13

New Titles in the Museum Store

Rayonier,

by James Spencer, hardback, \$41.95

Kinsey Photographer,

hardback, \$29.98

Kinsey Photographer:

The Locomotive Portraits, hardback, \$19.98

A Pictorial History of The Straddle Carrier,

by D. Earl Starner, paperback, \$7.95

We also have a very limited number of used, hard-to-find local history books. Please call for availability and prices.

They Tried to Cut it All,

The River Pioneers,

Half Century in the Timber, and

Lady on the Beach



Now available, James Spencer’s classic 1981 book, *Rayonier*.

These new re-prints look better than the originals! \$41.95

We’ll be at Logger’s Playday
Parade, September 9, 2000
Hope to see you there too!

A t the Museum

Thanks to Volunteers

Making the Museum Come Alive

Monica O'Brien
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Additionally, members of the Hoquiam Americorps and crews from the Hoquiam Parks Department continue to make improvements at the Park and Museum.

Welcome

New Board Members:

*Lee Thomasson &
Norm Callaghan Jr.*

In the last two months, the Board of Directors has elected two new members to its roster. Lifelong Harborites and longtime champions of Harbor history,

Lee Thomasson and Norm Callaghan Jr. are welcomed aboard. Lee is a technician for U.S. West and Norm is owner of Gordon's Service in downtown Hoquiam.

Carpeting Update

Once again, we hoped to announce that our new carpets were here and in place. Unfortunately, the carpets for the downstairs phase of our project have yet to be shipped.

We've been told they should arrive within two weeks and will certainly announce when they are in place.



Polson Museum Membership — Consider the Benefits

The benefits of a Membership with the Polson are many. Won't you help keep the past alive?

- ◆ Free Admission to the Museum.
- ◆ Quarterly Newsletter — *Polson Museum News*
- ◆ Advance notice and special invitation to programs, events, and exhibits
- ◆ 10% Discount on Museum Store purchases
- ◆ A stake in ensuring the future preservation and presentation of Grays Harbor's history

- ☐ Corporate.....\$200
- ☐ Sustaining.....\$30+
- ☐ Family.....\$20
- ☐ Couple.....\$15
- ☐ Individual.....\$10
- ☐ Student/Senior.....\$8

Name: _____

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☐ New ☐ Membership Renewal ☐ Gift Membership

Already a Member? Dues paid? If so, pass this newsletter along to friends and ask them to join. Annual Membership dues are a crucial component of the Museum's yearly operating budget. It is the financial support of all who care about Grays Harbor's history that keeps the Polson Museum active in our community.

Detach and mail with your check to
Polson Museum, P.O. Box 432, Hoquiam, Washington 98550

Museum Wish List —

In our continuing efforts to complete certain collections, we're putting out a call for the following editions of these publications. We welcome any help our Members can provide in locating these copies.

Grays Harbor County Polk Directories

1901
1902
1914 - 1916
1920
1926/1927
1932 - 1934
1970
1979 - 1981
1983
1985
1987
1988
1990 - 1993
1995 - 2000

GHC *Nautilus*

Any before 1936
1937
1941 - 1946
1953

AHS *Quinaltuts*

Any before 1911
1913
1915
1916
1919
1928
1930
1937
1938
1940
1949

1956 - 1959
1961 - 1963
1965
1966
1969 - 1999

HHS *Hesperians*

1962
1975
1978 - 1980
1983
1984
1986
1989 - 1991
1993 - 2000

Polson Museum Mourns the Loss of Former *Pioneer*, Dewey Wilson

Dewey Wilson, the Polson's Pioneer of the Year for 1998, died July 9, 2000 at the age of 102. Mr. Wilson, the son of Charles R. and Margaret Wilson, was born November 1, 1897, at the family home at Heron and Benn Streets (present site of McDonald's restaurant).

With his brother William, Dewey worked for, and later ran, the family-owned Wilson Brothers Mill, situated near Wilson Creek in Aberdeen (Top Foods and the Gateway Mall now occupy this site).

The Polson Museum honored Dewey in March of 1999 at the Aberdeen Rotary Log Pavilion for his many contributions to our community.



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