



MUSEUM NEWS

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Winter 1999

Dewey Wilson Selected as 19th Pioneer of the Year

Dewey Wilson, an Aberdeen native of 101 years, will be honored as the Polson Museum's 1998 Pioneer of the Year. Join us for a celebration in his honor at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, at the Aberdeen Rotary Log Pavilion.

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).

Mr. Wilson attended Aberdeen Schools and took part in the ROTC program at the University of Washington. Upon graduation in 1918, he served in World War I.

With his brother William, Dewey worked for, and later ran, the family-owned Wilson Brothers Mill, situated near Wilson Creek.

Price Plus Foods and the Wishkah Mall now occupy this site.

Beyond his work at the saw mill, Wilson has devoted countless hours to his community. His work as a member and past president of the Aberdeen Rotary, 70 year membership with the American Legion, and long standing service

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Museum to Recarpet Entire Building— Many Thanks, Yet Support Still Needed

As you've likely gathered from our recent fundraising letters, the Polson is undertaking a huge project in re-carpeting the entire building. 6,500 square feet of space in the mansion is no small area—especially when thought of in "dollars and cents" terms of carpet costs.

Since launching our carpet fund drive in December, the generous donations of our members, local businesses, and friends have been most beneficial. Many thanks go out to all of those who have contributed and continue to contribute.

We are, however, still short of our \$15,000 goal. If you don't see your name on this contributors' list, please consider making a donation to help fund this much needed project.

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Museum in the Community

Thanks To All Who Have Made the Polson's Presence a Strong One

Robert Polson Endowment Continues to Grow

Yet another great thanks goes to Mrs. Ruth Polson of Ithaca, New York, who has continued to bolster the Robert Polson Endowment. Mrs. Polson and her late husband Robert established the endowment early in 1997 to provide the Polson Museum with a permanent source of supplemental income for its operations. Members and friends of the Polson interested in learning more about how they can strengthen the Museum through a planned gift to the endowment are encouraged to contact Director John Larson at (360) 533-5862.

Carpet Fund Donors (Continued)

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Rose Society Keeps Ross Garden Blooming

The Museum greatly appreciates the beautifying efforts of the Grays Harbor Rose Society. New roses and a new sprinkler system as well as ongoing care have significantly brightened the Museum grounds.

Pruning Demonstration, Lectures—March 20

Don't miss the Rose Society's free pruning workshop and rose care lectures Saturday, March 20. Activities get under way at 9:00 a.m. at the Museum.

Dewey Wilson (Continued)

through the Aberdeen Elks are but a few of his volunteer efforts.

As a hobbyist, Mr. Wilson dedicates himself daily to amateur radio. Since 1913, Wilson has had his ham radio operator's license, and had been toying with the then new technology as early as 1907.

The Polson salutes Dewey Wilson for his many contributions to our community.



Wilson Bros. Mill, ca. 1915 (at the present site of the Wishkah Mall)

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Thanks to Artifact Donors in 1998

Many thanks go out to all those who have made an extra effort to preserve our local history through artifact donations to the Museum. It is the historical conscientiousness of people such as these that makes the Polson such a valuable resource to the community.

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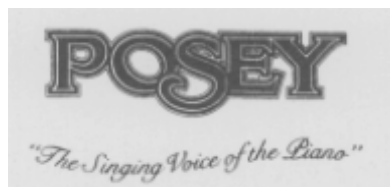
An especially big thanks goes out to Hoquiam's Americorps Team. As you are likely aware, Americorp members have done considerable work at the Museum over the past few years.

The rebuilt portico, attic shelving, roof supports, new cedar shingle siding, exterior trim painting, laundry area bathroom painting, and a new concrete walkway to the Burton C. Ross Memorial Rose Garden are but a few of the team's important accomplishments.

Under the leadership of Tracy Woods and Mike Yonich, the Americorp Team continues its work at the Polson by reconstructing the staircase outside of the laundry room, building an accessible ramp to the rear entry hall door, resetting downspouts, and painting all upstairs window trim.

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*The Museum's current temporary exhibit, **Posey: The Singing Voice of the Piano**, continues throughout the Winter and Spring. Stop in and see it if you haven't already.*

Kudos to All Our 1998 Museum Volunteers

Whether by greeting visitors, helping organize our collections, or swinging hammers, the Polson's volunteer crew are crucial to the Museum's vitality.

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The Museum derives a significant portion of its operating budget from Membership dues. If you have friends who are interested in preserving our local history, please pass this newsletter along and encourage them to join. Thanks to all of you for your continuing support.

- ☐ Corporate.....\$200
- ☐ Sustaining.....\$30+
- ☐ Family.....\$20
- ☐ Couple.....\$15
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