

PRIEST LAKE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

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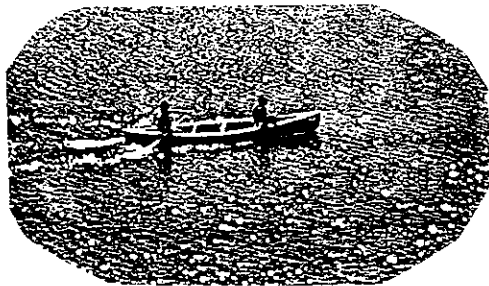
Museum Funding?? Our financial support comes from memberships, donations and memorials. There is no paid staff. The Museum is maintained and operated by volunteers in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service.

Please advise us if you prefer NOT to receive future PLMA mailings.

APPRECIATION FOR... the Priest Lake Ranger Station and its personnel who continue to support Priest Lake Museum and Visitor Center by providing pamphlets full of educational information and recreational opportunities in the Priest Lake region, manpower assistance with maintenance of buildings and grounds and, of course, a willingness to make the whole facility operate smoothly. It is truly a cooperative challenge. We are fortunate that Debbie Butler, Forest Service Resource Officer, continues to lend her expertise as official liaison to The Museum Board of Directors.



NEW BEGINNINGS... the year 2000 will bring some exciting beginnings to Priest Lake Museum! It marks our 11th season open to the public. Significant and interesting exhibit alterations and additions will occur under the talented hands of Display Coordinators, Pam Martin and Marita McDonough, who have agreed to assume this challenging position as G G Fisher seeks much-deserved retirement. Our Nature Garden will finally be near completion and we anticipate a public celebration as an official opening ceremony. The date is Saturday, August 13, 2000 at 1pm in the Garden.



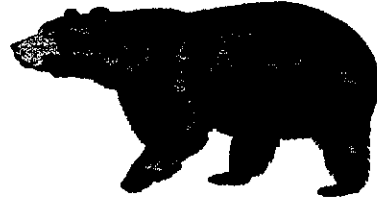
WATER WIZARDS... the rest of the story- As related in last Spring's MUSEUM REVUE, the groundwork was laid for an automatic sprinkler system in the Nature Garden. Realizing that we are dealing with native wild plants which require less water than domestic garden plants; our plan was scaled back to include a basic valve box with lines to perimeter heads which will cover the entire garden and be operated manually from the valve box. This will enable us to water in periods of extreme dry weather. We had hoped to start this project early last Spring, but were repeatedly thwarted by high ground water. In September, after having dug down over 5 feet and still not finding the main water line from the pumphouse; frustration set in!...But then came our break!! Bob LaFontaine, a Project Manager for Parrott Mechanical and a son-in-law, was visiting Mary and me. Learning of our problem, he suggested; "Let's have a look". After surveying the garden site for a few minutes, he looked at me and said; "No problem!" That was Sunday.

Early Tuesday morning, Bob and one helper showed up with everything needed to put in a sprinkler system. The deceptive water line was 6½ feet deep! For two days, Parrott Mechanical furnished the manpower, expertise, equipment and parts to install our system at no cost to the Museum! When the fence pylons are in place, the sprinkler heads will be set.

We all can thank Bob LaFontaine and Parrott Mechanical by patronizing a company that gave our little Museum a great big break! - and that's the rest of the story - from Jim McDowell.



AMAZING VOLUNTEERS... who host at The Museum 10am to 4pm Tuesday through Sunday from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. That computes to 528 hours of smiling conversation and intelligent, accurate information. Multiply those figures by ten seasons and a staggering 5,360 hours have been contributed by these dedicated men and women. They have welcomed over 40,000 genuinely interested adults and children (sometimes accompanied by furry fido!) from around the world - - AMAZING!!



PRIEST LAKE MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS... Kate Batey, Jim Cooper, Ada Crum, Lois Hill, Elenor Link, Regina Manser, Jim McDowell, Jeanie Melvin, Don Pratt, Sherry Townsend and Pat Verge hope you will continue to be a supportive part of our worthwhile endeavors. Please let any of us know how you feel about what's happening!

We decided on this "lightweight" issue this time, but look forward to our "fancy format" MUSEUM REVUE again after the 2000 summer season.

YOU'RE INVITED...to renew and/or initiate memberships, memorials and donations. Operating expenses, new and on-going program and exhibits depend on you! Thank you!!

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Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____
(any amount)

In support of The Priest Lake Museum, please use my tax-deductible contribution for:

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In memory of _____

In honor of _____

_____ Nature Garden Plaque - requires \$100 minimum.

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_____ Baritoe.....	\$300 - 399
_____ Kalispell.....	\$200 - 299
_____ Eight Mile.....	\$100 - 199
_____ Four Mile.....	\$50 - 99
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_____ Pappoose Island.....	\$1 - 24

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