



PRIEST LAKE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 44 Coolin, ID 83821-0044

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2004

WE APPRECIATE . . . 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 ground, and of course a willingness to make the whole facility operate smoothly. It is truly a cooperative challenge.

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.

**THIS SEASON: OPEN MEMORIAL WEEKEND
MAY 29, 30TH & 31ST, 2004
CLOSED JUNE 1ST THROUGH JUNE 4TH
OPEN FOR SEASON ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH
CLOSED MONDAYS - EXCEPT HOLIDAYS.**

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In memory of _____

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- Kalsipell.....\$200 - \$299
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- Four Mile.....\$ 50 - \$ 99
- Twin Islands.....\$ 25 - \$ 49
- Panouse Island.....\$ 1 - \$ 24

YES, I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!

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"GREETINGS FRIENDS"

"The 2004 season looks to be an exciting one for the Priest Lake Museum. Our display ladies, Pam Martin and Marita McDonough, are working on a great new exhibit that will be a "must see" this season. Scott Hill is busy interviewing long-time residents to expand his well done eleven-minute video which has been popular at the Museum the past couple of seasons. Our Forest Service Liaison, Debbie Butler, continues to energetically pursue maintenance and improvements on the physical plant.

Departing from the Board this year are Kate Batey and Don Pratt who served as Historian and Treasurer respectively. They will be missed.

On behalf of the Museum Board, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support through the years.

Doug Bruce, President



HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW?....

"What is that Big thing?" That is the very question many Museum visitors have asked. Debbie Butler's foresight and action paid off again. Her contact with generous friends of the Museum made it possible to finally set the Woodrat Mine Boiler in its upright position. While Matt and Clare Harris were employing a crane for work on their cottage just up the bay; they graciously offered Debbie that crane for use on the boiler. Now with signage to be applied this season, curious visitors will be able to learn about that "behemoth" on our grounds ---- and the question *what is that thing?* - - will be accurately answered.

VOLUNTEERS-GIVING AND GROWING

Forty two volunteers strong, most of whom are Museum Hosts who greet our visitors each day during our open season, are joined by those who quietly provide the energy and expertise to keep the facility "oiled and ready to run". It's a continuing challenge but one very worthy of the effort. Much is expended; much is gained. The volunteer Board of Directors is an integral part of that driving force. Thanks goes to each and everyone who gives time and talent to Priest Lake Museum. If you'd like to join this dedicated group, call Regina Manser at 509-835-5688 or 208-443-2096, or use the form on the reverse side.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME...

Each season some members leave our Board to be replaced by new ones. Long-time member, Kate Batey will turn over her boardmanship position as Historian to in-coming Mary Toutonghi. Mary has been a Priest Lake summer resident for most of her life (age unknown!!) and will bring an interesting focus to the Board. Don Pratt, out-going Treasurer, leaves us with visual reminders all around the Museum. Whenever a job needed to be accomplished in the area of construction, carpentry, design decisions, etc; Don's handiwork is noticeable. From display racks to floor molding to Nature Garden implementation, his artistic imprint is to be seen. We will miss Kate and Don, who added so much ingenuity and plain hard work to our Museum decision and progress. We hope they show up now and then out of continued interest or even perhaps out of sheer habit!!

Other newcomers to the Board this spring are permanent residents, Kay Coykendall, Treasurer; Pat Nilson, Secretary and summer residents Bill and Carol Ellis. Rounding out the roster are Doug Bruce, President; Regina Manser, Vice President; Marcella Cooper, Registrar; Lois Hill, Acquisitions; Dorothy Bryceson, Ada Crum, Elenor Link, Mary Toutonghi, Historian; Pat Verge and Lorry Wagner. Debbie Butler, U.S.F.S. continues as Board Liaison and GG Fisher as Board Adviser.



DISPLAY UPDATE . . .

The display team of the Priest Lake Museum has spent the winter months researching the history of Leonard Paul. We all know the store in Coolin is named after him and this year we plan to give you a glimpse of the man behind the name. Born in Neenah, Wisconsin in 1888, his family moved to Priest river when he was 12. His first visit to Priest lake was just 100 years ago - 1904, when Coolin was still known as Williams.

We are most fortunate to have on loan artifacts from Leonard Paul's granddaughters, which will be seen in the Living Room at the Museum, along with historic photographs from his family and a history of his life.

Scott Hill has been assisting Pam Martin and Marita McDonough with the research on this project.