



# PRIEST LAKE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

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

NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2005

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 grounds and of course a willingness to make the whole facility operate smoothly, It is truly a cooperative endeavor!

THIS SEASON: OPEN MEMORIAL WEEKEND  
MAY 28, 29 & 30, 2005  
CLOSED MAY 31 THROUGH JUNE 3  
OPEN FOR SEASON ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4  
CLOSED MONDAYS EXCEPT HOLIDAYS

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

## FUNDS WHICH NEED YOUR SUPPORT

- MINING EXHIBIT
- HISTORICAL VIDEO

AMOUNT: \$

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

Please mail to Priest Lake Museum - PO Box 44 - Coolin, ID 83821-0044

*Thank you for you help! Your contribution is tax-deductible.*



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

In support, please use my tax-deductible contribution for:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include name & address for acknowledgment)

For Membership:

- \_\_\_ Gold Club ..... \$500 +
- \_\_\_ Silver Club ..... \$400 - \$499
- \_\_\_ Baritoe ..... \$300 - \$399
- \_\_\_ Kalsipell ..... \$200 - \$299
- \_\_\_ Eight Mile ..... \$100 - \$199
- \_\_\_ Four Mile ..... \$ 50 - \$ 99
- \_\_\_ Twin Islands ..... \$ 25 - \$ 49
- \_\_\_ Papoose Island ..... \$ 1 - \$ 24

Please complete, clip and mail with your check.

## YES, I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!

Name:

Address:

Phone(s):

Please circle: Garden    Housekeeping    Hosting

Garage Rehab.    Board Membership

Clerical    Other

Return to: R. Manser 4526 S. Sunny Creek Circle  
Spokane, WA 99224-8463



**MUSEUM FRIENDS** - - - "Our little museum in the deep woods of Priest Lake continues to delight people from around the world with its simplistic sophistication! A glimpse into the years gone by was the original premise on which this 'museum dream' was imagined and conceived. Holding true to that original premise can become a difficult task for the Board of Directors. Hopefully, this task will be confronted with thoughtful, discerning, critical, unbiased, objective and positive study in order to determine a future for our museum which ideally remembers and exemplifies that original focus. Your continued investment in that 'museum dream' enables us to accomplish and maintain our goals. The Museum Board thanks you for believing in us!"

Regina B. Manser, President



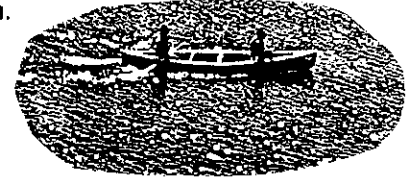
**A NEW FUND** - - - was created when Lyle Manser, longtime Museum supporter, died last October. Designated "The Mining Exhibit Fund", its intention is to raise funds for a permanent mining exhibit at the Museum, an endeavor Lyle had hoped for. This display will likely be outdoors, centered around the boiler from Woodrat Mine. A form follows if you'd like to donate to this fund. Display team, Marita McDonough and Pam Martin, have begun extensive research. Marita provides the following interesting facts:

"The Continental Mine, whose rich outcroppings of lead and silver had first been used by Indians who melted lead for their Hudson's Bay firearms, was discovered by A.K. Klockmann at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in the northwest corner of Boundary County. In the early years, it was accessed through Priest Lake. The mine eventually boasted a post office and living quarters for mine employees; in its heyday, the town of Klockmann grew to 350 residents. The discovery and development of this mine has been well documented by A.K. Klockmann in The Klockmann Diaries.

The Museum is working, in cooperation with the USFS, toward a future installation of a permanent mining exhibit. If you have knowledge of any of the old mines around Priest Lake - - and there were many, including Continental, Nickelplate, Milwaukee, Woodrat and ? we would love to hear from you! We are interested in your reminiscences, photos, artifacts, etc. We can arrange for interviews or to pick up items and to copy photographs."

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

**VIDEO UPDATE** - - - As a result of the overwhelmingly positive response to the 11-minute video, "The Early Days of Priest Lake", the Board of Directors unanimously approved a fund-raising campaign to underwrite the production of a 25-30 minute version of the video. This longer version will enable Scott Hill, producer, to include a much wider spectrum of the historical events which helped shape and determine this region called Priest Lake. Regina Manser has written several requests to potential funding organizations with some positive responses and the Museum has committed money to this endeavor. However, more funds are still needed to fully fund the project. Perhaps this is of interest to you. If so, please use the enclosed form.



**KUDOS TO VOLUNTEERS** - - - A steadfast corps of Volunteer Hosts continues to keep the Museum operating efficiently year in - year out. A basic group of about 35 dedicated people donated 540 hours "meeting and greeting" 3,200 visitors last season. Each year, some of our volunteers become inactive, leaving room for newcomers. That's where you might come in. Please let us know if you would like to help in this vital capacity. It's enjoyable; orientation is offered so you feel comfortable.

Please return enclosed form or call Regina Manser at 509-835-5688 or 208-443-2096.



**FROM ONE CENTURY TO ANOTHER** - - - "2005 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Forest Service. To commemorate this centennial, special displays will be appearing in communities across the United States. Information will be provided at Priest Lake Museum as well.

For the Museum itself, the planning continues for some upgrades including repairs to the foundation, a new cedar shingle roof and a fresh coat of linseed oil. Hopefully, this work can be accomplished in 2006. We also hope to move forward with development of a mining display.

The Priest Lake Museum would not be possible without the many dedicated volunteers and the support of the community. As always, I look forward to working with the museum board for another fun and productive year."

Debbie Butler, Forest Service Liaison to the Board



**2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - - - Dorothy Bryceson, Marcella Cooper, Kay Coykendall, Ada Crum, Bill and Carol Ellis, Lois Hill, Scott Hill, Elenor Link, Regina Manser, Pat Nilson, Mary Toutonghi, Pat Verge, Lorry Wagner, and Martha Wright are available to you if you have questions, comments or suggestions. Debbie Butler continues in her valuable role as USFS liaison to the Board of Directors.