



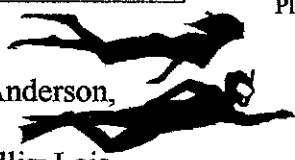
PRIEST LAKE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

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

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2006

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 challenge.

THIS SEASON: OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MAY 27TH, 28TH, AND 29TH. CLOSED MAY 30 THROUGH JUNE 2ND. OPEN FOR SEASON ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD. CLOSED MONDAYS - EXCEPT HOLIDAYS.



2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS... Linda Anderson, Jo Ann Becker, Marcella Cooper, Kay Coykendall, Ada Crum, Bill Ellis, Carol Ellis, Lois Hill, Scott Hill, Elenor Link, Regina Manser, Pat Nilson, Mary Toutonghi and Martha Wright are available if you have questions, comments or suggestions. Debbie Butler continues in her valuable role as USFS liaison to the Board of Directors.

Museum Funding?? Priest Lake Museum Association is a 509(c-3) non-profit organization. Your contributions are deductible to the extent of the law. Our financial support comes from memberships, donations and memorials. There is no paid staff. The Museum is maintained and operated by a dedicated corps of volunteers

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Twin Islands	\$ 25 - \$ 49
Papoose Island.....	\$ 1 - \$ 24

YES, I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!

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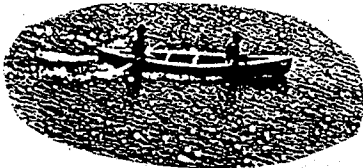
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WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM - - - there's been action in the gallery while snow covers the ground and the bears hibernate! A "brainstorming session" last Fall, involving Executive Officers of the Board and the Display Team, resulted in approval of a proposal presented by Marita McDonough and Pam Martin. This proposal included gallery alterations to accommodate the initial installation of our indoor mining exhibit. It will be completed by opening day this Spring. Thanks to Vern Melvin, Bill McInerney and Kay Coykendall for their expertise in accomplishing the time-consuming alteration tasks. With that work in place, Marita and Pam are busy installing a display which will add immensely to our mining resource. Treat your family and friends to a visit this summer and see for yourself!

WITH MINING IN MIND - - - The Priest Lake Region was host to many mining operations in the late 1800's and early 1900's. We know of Continental, Nickelplate, Milwaukee, Woodrat, to name some. These explorations provided significant influence on the early economy. The Museum is working with the U.S. Forest Service toward a future installation of a permanent outdoor mining exhibit. So we need all the artifacts, information, photos, reminiscences, and mining implements, such as items of clothing, hardhats, flashlights, tools, etc. that we can find. If you have items or knowledge of items which might be appropriate to this project, please contact Pam Martin at 208-443-2001, Marita McDonough at 208-443-3070 or any Board Member. Arrangements can be made to interview you, pick up artifacts and copy photos.



MUSEUM BACKBONE - - - VOLUNTEERS continue to be the backbone of Museum operations. The time and energy expended by Board Members are gifts which are mostly unseen and unsung. Their reward comes in knowing that thousands of visitors from around the nation and the world enjoy and learn about Priest Lake when making a visit to the Museum. More visible are our valuable Museum Hosts, whose dedicated commitment keeps our doors open to the public. Last season, this irreplaceable corps of volunteers tallied **522 hours** meeting and greeting visitors; youngsters through oldsters. Some of these Hosts have been "stepping up to the plate" since the Museum opened in 1990! - - and they still enjoy it. Perhaps you'd like to help. We provide orientation, it's a great learning experience and you meet interesting people who love Priest Lake and the Museum. (please see "volunteer" form.)

A MESSAGE FROM DEBBIE BUTLER - - - "Spring is slow to arrive at Priest Lake this year as the snow still lingers near the lake and in the mountains, but the preparation and planning continue for some major upgrades to the Museum. Planned projects include repairs to the main building foundation, installation of a new cedar shingle roof and replacing the porch pillar logs. The garage would receive new lights and other treatments in order to allow this space to be converted to a video/movie viewing area. Hopefully, by May I will know if we will receive the funding to complete these projects. If selected, some of the work may proceed in 2006 with the remainder to occur in 2007.

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

Debbie



REACHING OUR GOAL - - - Although some grant requests for funding of the historical video, "The Early Days of Priest Lake", have been successful, it is taking longer than anticipated to accrue necessary funds. We are still short of our budget to complete this worthwhile project.

The Mining Fund, established Fall of 2004, continues to grow. Some results will be seen in a new exhibit this season. As more artifacts are acquired, the Board of Directors hopes to expand the mining displays, since area mines were an integral part of the early history of the region. Larger, (perhaps even outdoor) displays will require more funds. Perhaps you would like to assist one or both of these projects with a monetary donation or creative ideas. **THANK YOU!**

SUPPORT IS NEEDED

- HISTORICAL VIDEO
- MINING EXHIBIT

AMOUNT: \$
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IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS:

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