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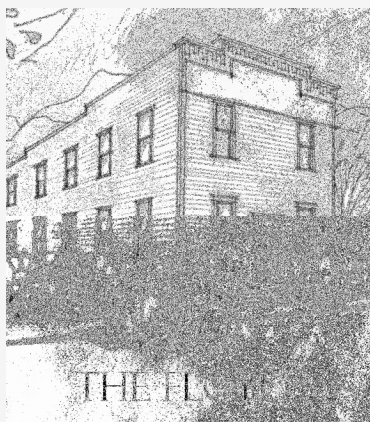
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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Among the children in this photograph are the daughters of Fred & Bertha Pearson playing in the snow in the south side yard of the D. O. Pearson House. On the right with the bow is Hazel, next to her is Flaval, standing on the right is Claire and Adah is the small one on the front. The date is unknown but could be the famous 1916 record snowstorm. This and dozens of family photos were donated by Nancy Flynn, granddaughter of Fred & Bertha and great granddaughter of D.O and Clara Stanwood Pearson.

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The **Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center Public Hall** is available for arts, music, theater and cultural events of all kinds as well as a banquet hall for family events, weddings, reunions, and meetings. Proceeds from rentals and events benefit the continuing preservation and rehabilitation of the Public Hall and SAHS educational and historical projects and programs. To Rent the Hall,
Call 360-629-6110 or 360-629-3352
www.sahs-fncc.org/fncc.html

Stuck In The Mud

*New Book & Exhibit soon
Museum Hours !!!*

**Wed, Fri, Sundays 1-4 p.m.
AND by appointment.**

Please Call 360-629-6110 or send email to info@sahs-fncc.org. Tours are available for school groups, including home school children, adults, seniors.

New Histories

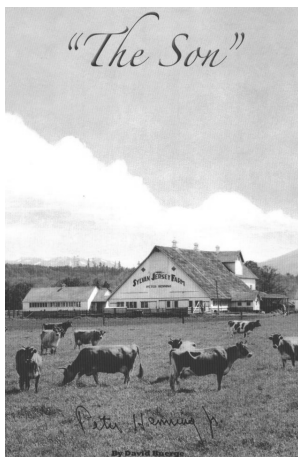
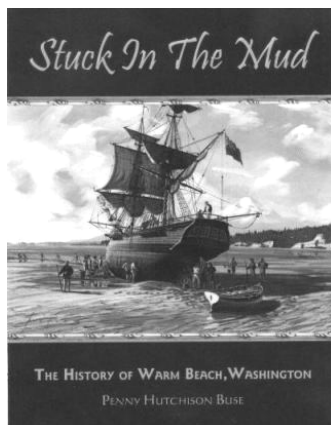
The standing room only crowd at the book signing event at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center last month attested to the popularity of Penny Buse's history

"Stuck in the Mud—The History of Warm Beach"

Her book is greatly appreciated by those of us always looking for Warm Beach history and she does not disappoint. I had several favorite stories but I especially liked the effort to determine where Captain Vancouver's tender, the *Chatham* grounded in Port Susan that provided the painting for the cover.

Other great stories include the Hillman real estate scandal and a near miss attempt to put an oil refinery by Atlantic Richfield company at Kayak Point. Also were many special stories of Native Americans and those who followed with their contributions to the Stanwood Camano Warm Beach area. Thank you to Penny and Mike also for donating the proceeds of the book sales to the Stanwood Area Historical Society, a truly generous gesture.

The ultimate family history — To follow the book *The Builder: A Biography of Peter Henning* the author, David Buerge, has written the second history of the farm and family of Peter Henning Jr, titled simply, *"The Son"*. Sisters, Geneva and Marguerite are featured along with local agricultural history followed by accounts of his career as a physicist and real estate developer. Peter Henning Jr. has generously donated copies for sale at the SAHS.



Family Histories for Christmas

Christmas is a great family time to do your oral interviews with grandparents. Bring your family together with a digital recorder and begin asking questions. The Stanwood Area Historical Society has a Oral History Collection and you may add these to our collection. But the point is to do them for your family memories which are often more important than you think in terms of a community and cultural history.

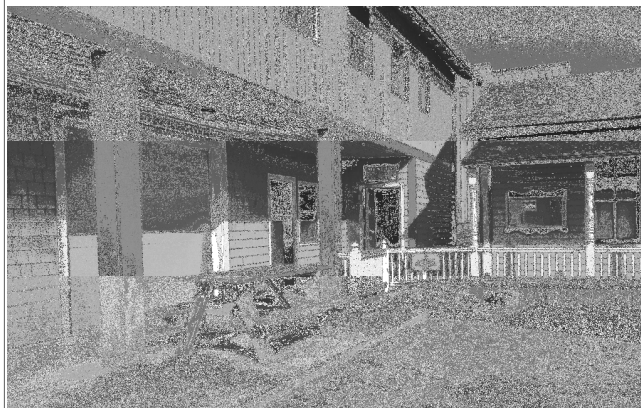
Oral Historians have formal ways of doing things that include transcriptions. We recommend starting by bringing the person being interviewed into a room without a telephone and other disturbances begin chronologically starting with their birth and parents names etc. Then ask them what they thought of social or political or business issues, their role in the community. You may learn many interesting things. Start Now! Ritchie, Donald A. *Doing Oral History: A Practical Guide*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Kisseloff, Jeff. *Generation on Fire: Voices of Protest from the 1960s : an Oral History*. Lexington, Ky: University Press of Kentucky, 2007.

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**Dues will be due in January 2012** for that year! A membership form will be mailed but always on our website at  
<http://www.sahs-fncc.org/memberform.html>

### **New Picnic Table for Pearson House.**

Thank you to Eagle Scout Kennan Mighell who designed and built the concrete pad and secured the picnic table for his Eagle Scout project. It is dedicated to the memory of "Levi James Alfieri, September 12, 1992—Aug 23, 2008 Made with love by Jordan, Courtney, Brandon and Mrs. Lara Brown."



## SAHS & FNCC Donations

**December 2010—September 2011**

Stephanie Bower, Mike & Penny Buse, Stanwood Camano Area Foundation, Michael Bonser, Alexander & Margaret Leitner, John Peterson, Howard & Karen Segur, Ves Box, Joe Green, Marlys O'Neal, Hi & Pat Bronson, Les & Virginia Filion, M.D & Carole Kirkwood, Carmen Knudtson, Louise Lindgren, Kathy Wade Maston, Richard McClure, Joan McConnell, Constance Mennie, Brandie Morrison, Larry Norgaard, May Palmer, Claudia Petty, Jeff Pierce, Margaret Riddle, Narolvis & Joni Smith, Dave Thompson, Carol Triplett, Martha Young, Darlene & Larry Batus, John & Marjean Denby, Joanne Drewson, S & H Development Co., Inc., Donna Stedman, Greg & Lori LaCrosse

**In Kind Donations** - Nicholas Computer Services, Langabeer, McKernan & Burnett & Co. P. S., Camwood Genealogy Workshop

### New Lifetime Memberships

Patricia Kristofferson, Oran Fjarlie, Gerald Hoskins, Marlen Knutson, Dan Lien, Mary Margaret Haugen, Rosalena Roth

### Thank You to Our Volunteers!

In addition to all of our Board members we thank **Mary Raymond, Bill Blandin, Candy Trautman, Karen & Ingrid Pelletier, Ivy Hansen, Sandy Stoken, Bob & Rosie Roth.** Special Thanks to **Gwen Hoistad** who emails docents to fill our Sundays, when she can't find anyone she often does more than one Sunday per month. Thanks to **Rose King** who also puts in many additional volunteer hours to her normal routine. And to **Maria Gedstad** who manages the kitchen and menus for all of our events. It was a great loss to lose **Judith Solberg** this year who also helped with this. Spouses of Board members also provide much time and tolerance—many thanks to **Bobbie Eldridge, Nadine Lien, Judy Fjarlie, Jana Smistad, Conrad Ryer, Mike Buse, Hi Bronson.** Thanks also to **Austin Anderson** for technical support! & My apologies for missing some people if I did.

## Stanwood Area Historical Society

Trustees & Officers

Elected September 2011

Offices Term: Two year terms from  
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, years to serve shown.

|                                 |                     |           |
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| <b>President</b>                | Larry Lien          | 2011-2012 |
| <b>Vice President</b>           | Larry Norgaard      | 2012-2013 |
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| <b>Trustees :</b>               | <b>3 Year Terms</b> |           |
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|                                 | Oran Fjarlie        | 2011-2013 |
|                                 | Janet Mayer         | 2011-2013 |
|                                 | Sandy Robinson      | 2011-2013 |
|                                 | John Smistad        | 2010-2012 |
|                                 | Alex Gedstad        | 2010-2012 |
|                                 | Penny Buse          | 2010-2012 |
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|                                 | Vivan Henderson     | 2012-2014 |
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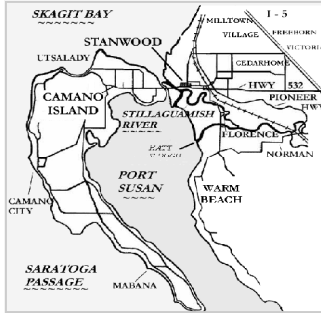
## An Old Fashioned Christmas in Stanwood Saturday

December 3rd, 2011

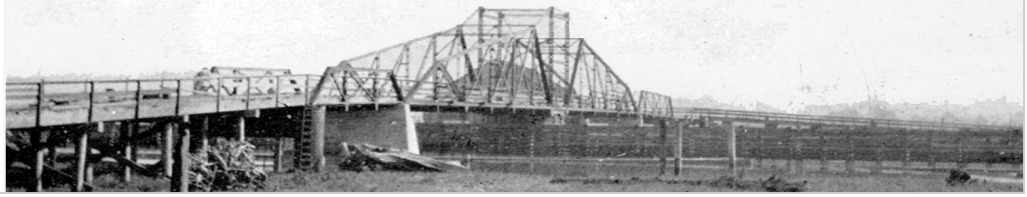
10am-2pm,

Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center  
**FREE Santa pictures, gift bags,  
crafts, treats, entertainment, and  
family fun!**

Brought to our community by the Stanwood Chamber of Commerce and the Stanwood Area Historical Society. 360-629-0562 or [www.stanwoodchamber.org](http://www.stanwoodchamber.org)



## Times & Places of Stanwood & Camano Island, WA



### More History of Mabana -

#### The South End of Camano Island

Helping out with a recent article in Historylink.org about the "Port of Mabana" inspired us to do a little more history of the south end of Camano Island. We reached David O. Anderson who is the grandson of Mabel Anderson, namesake of Mabana. He provided us with some photographs we hadn't seen before. He has donated several copies of family photographs to help us learn about the history of this small isolated community. One of those was used in our 2012 calendar (now available!)

We also received a photograph of the original first schoolhouse from Fred and Donna Monte. Soon after that Darlene Waite donated her extensive genealogy and clippings collections on the history of Mabana to the SAHS.

Camano Island was a very isolated place served by a few launches, tugboats and steamboat routes that intermittently provided service over the years. Nils "Peg Leg" Anderson (1860-1941) began logging the south end in the 1890s and started a "ranch". Around 1911 Nils Anderson purchased the tidelands and presumably it was at this time he built the dock. A year later he platted Mabana and began to sell parcels of logged-off land as garden tracks of 5 to 40 acres each. He named Mabana for his daughter Mabel and wife Johanna.

About the same time E. G. "Jack" Hogle opened a store and established a post office on August 3, 1912 which served the community



Nils "Peg Leg" Anderson is seated on the stump next to the schoolhouse. Photograph courtesy of David O. Anderson



Fred and Donna Monte are posing in front of the original Mabana Schoolhouse in the 1980s before they built their new home above the Port of Mabana. Fred is a current Mabana Port Commissioner that manages the public access.



until 1936. In 1915 Nils deeded a public road through their property down to the beach where the dock was located and a year later in 1916 a rough road was finally extended from the north to Mabana. A June 1916 article in the Oak Harbor newspaper noted that *"County Commissioner Nils Anderson arrived here [Mabana] Wednesday evening with a horse and buggy from Utsalady, having reached there by auto from Seattle."*

Before the Mabana "Anderson Hall" School (now a residence) was built in 1915/1916, there was a small one room building built on the "tract #1" lot above the beach. This was the building and lot purchased by Fred and Donna Monte in the 1980s. They had to tear it down to make room for their new house. They did offer the building to be moved to the SAHS but at the time, there were no funds to support the moving or placement of the building.

The Port of Mabana is one of very few public access beaches on Camano Island with a history going back to the days when the only way to get around on the island was by water.

See earlier article in the *Stanwood Area Echoes* No. 25, 2003 and more photographs in the books *Camano Island Images of America* Arcadia Publishing, 2006.



Site of the original schoolhouse above the Port of Mabana about 1980. It is not known when the 2nd building might have been removed. There are no known photographs of the store or the community hall that burned down. If anyone knows of any, please let us know! Photographs on this page are courtesy of David O. Anderson.



These two photos show the back and front of the original family home (and sometimes hotel) on the property above Mabana built by Nils Anderson. It was replaced by a more modern residence sometime in the 1960s or 70s shown in the background of the photograph opposite page.



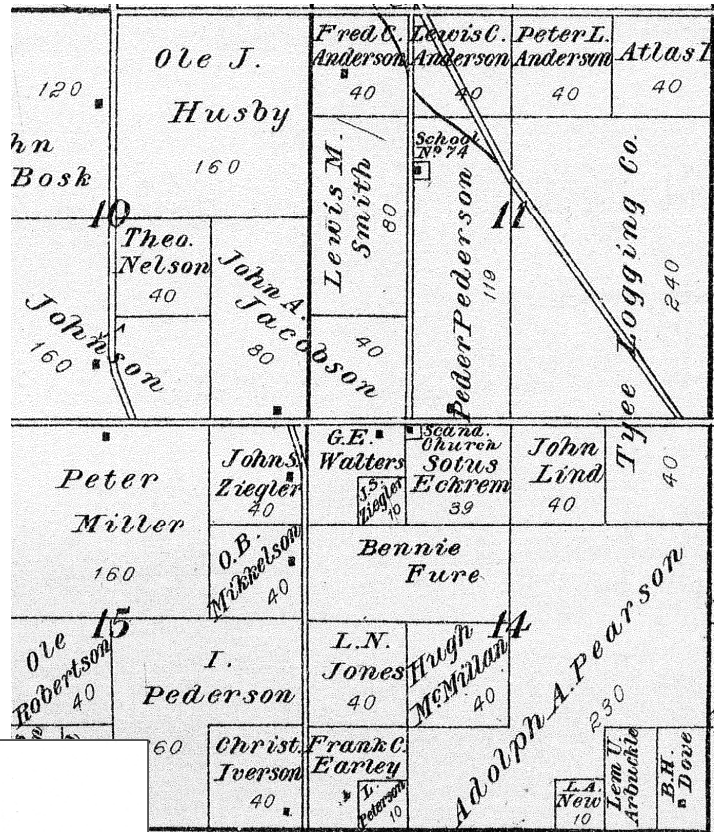
# Freeborn History

The Stanwood Area Historical Society has very few artifacts or documents relating to the history of the Freeborn area northeast of Stanwood and Cedarhome. Below is a commemorative program of the 50 year anniversary of the church which was organized in 1900. There is no mention of why the members chose this name. They were first called the Scandinaviske Evangeliske Lutherske Menighed (congregation).

This lovely historic church was distinguished by an altar painting of Jesus at Gethsemane painted by local artist Mary Allen. The church building was apparently completed in 1904 and an adjacent Luther Hall was dedicated in 1916.

Much of Freeborn history is told in Agnes Molstad's book "The Victoria Community Then and Now". There is a copy here at the museum and Sno-Isle Library.

1910 Plat Book of Snohomish County, Anderson Map Company, p. 75  
T32N R4E Sections 11 and 14  
Showing Freeborn "Scandinavian" Church & School No. 74



## Fiftieth Anniversary

1900 — 1950

Observed April 16, 1950

## Freeborn Lutheran Church

Route 2, East Stanwood, Washington

John L. Maakestad, Pastor. — Phone 19F13

Mrs. Walter Jacobsen, Organist



Freeborn Lutheran Church

Freeborn Lutheran Church was organized January 8, 1900. The charter membership consisted of five families and three single men. The following officers were elected: Rev. G. Gulbransen, Pastor; Ole J. Husby, secretary-treasurer; G. Gabrielsen, J. Garberg, and P. Pederson, trustees. At that first meeting a cemetery committee was also elected, on which J. Garberg, P. Pederson and E. Johnson served. The P. L. Anderson family and Ingvol Pederson added to those named above complete a list of the charter members. According to the record, Henry Garberg and Ed C. Husby, now living near Stanwood, joined the new congregation at the next Sunday worship held.

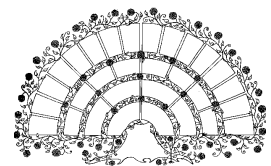
2012 Calendars are available !!!  
See [www.sahs-fncc.org](http://www.sahs-fncc.org) for  
additional publications  
& information.

Family History  
Researchers!

Camwood Genealogy  
Workshop  
meets the FIRST  
Monday of each

month at 1 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Stanwood Area History Museum.

For more information, call Bill Blandin, 360-387-3375



## MEMORIALS ~ DECEMBER 2010—SEPTEMBER 2011

*Donation, Memorials and other contributions received enable the Society to continue to preserve this community's history with restoration & publications projects, a library, exhibits, programs, an artifacts collection and photographs. We are extremely grateful to those listed below for their generous contributions & remembrances.*

**Agnes Molstad** ~ Robert & Gloria Arentzen

**Annabelle Burns** ~ Stanwood Camano School Bus Drivers Assn, John & Joanne Case, Jeanne Christoferson, Kenneth & Betty Christoferson, Helen Evans, Duane & Lynn Henson & Family, Mel Jenkins, Jon & Yvonne Mattson & Family, Nancy Olson, Gordon & Yvonne Pedersen, Bill & Mary Raymond, Margaret Utgard, Rich & M'Lisse Williams, First Insurance Agency, James & Nellie Carr, Elsie Chandler & Family,

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**Cleo Harmon** ~ Robert & Gloria Arentzen

**Dick Harrison** ~ Margaret Utgard

**Elvin Whitescraver** ~ Don & Lenore Moa

**Eunice Fiedler** ~ Nancy Olson, Jerry & Rose King, Margaret Utgard

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**Virginia Heichel** ~ Margaret Utgard

## Calling High School Classes of 1963, 1965, and 1967 !

The Stanwood High School Class Gallery is one of our most popular exhibits - tourists and lifelong residents love this display in our museum ramp. The senior class photos of 1963, 1965, and 1967 (and others) need to be mounted and re-framed. Volunteers are needed—Please call 360-629-6110 or email [info@sahs-fncc.org](mailto:info@sahs-fncc.org) or a Board member if you can help.



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#### Mission Statement

*The Stanwood Area Historical Society seeks to discover, preserve, and display any materials which help to establish, illustrate, and interpret the economic, social, and cultural heritage of the greater Stanwood area, including if financially possible and appropriate, historic sites and properties.*

**Tours also by Appointment !!!**



| HOURS     |     |       |
|-----------|-----|-------|
| Wednesday | 1pm | - 4pm |
| Friday    | 1pm | - 4pm |
| Sunday    | 1pm | - 4pm |

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