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←← Our D. O. Pearson Historic House Museum

A recent find in our museum's photo collection was this family snapshot showing Fred Pearson, his wife Bertha and their four daughters, Hazel (later Bellinger), Claire (later Payne), Adah (later Bellinger) and Flaval Pearson. Fred was one of the seven children of D. O., namesake of the house. He managed the D. O. Pearson store (now Loco Billy's) when D. O. Pearson died in 1929 until 1954.

The interesting thing about this photograph is it shows what the front looked like before it was remodeled to comply with the American Disabilities Act. We now have much better access for ADA in all of our buildings from the parking lots in the back!

Family Home of D. Carl Pearson



27027 102nd Drive, Home of D. Carl Pearson for a short time, built in 1910. Accession 86.10.185.03



Historic Buildings with Many Lives ~ Our research series to record and publish histories of buildings, farms and businesses of the Stanwood Camano area, from Milltown to Warm Beach. If you have an interest in contributing, please contact info@sahs-fncc.org. We are occasionally taking photographs of local buildings and welcome participation and permission to take these old photographs.

Daniel Orlando Pearson came to Centerville from Lowell Massachusetts via Whidbey Island, established the first store and renamed Centerville after his wife, Clara Stanwood. His home serves as the core of the historic west end of Stanwood. His sixth child, Daniel Carl was born in 1877, the year D.O. came to Centerville.

D. Carl grew up in Stanwood but spent much of his youth at the Puget Sound Academy in Coupeville. About 1900 he served as the second editor of the *Island County Times*. In 1905 D. Carl Pearson sold it. Apparently a man of many careers, he was also serving as Stanwood's postmaster at the time as well as Island County Assessor. He served as the Stanwood's 10th postmaster from 1900 - 1915 after his father who was the 7th

postmaster. The 1910 Census has him living in Stanwood as Postmaster.

The photo above is from a family photograph album. The women are likely Jessie Hosom Pearson with their daughter, perhaps an unidentified female relative or friend. The rooftop in the distance on the left was the Melby House and on the right were the Market Street storefronts.

In subsequent years this house had many owners and renters. County records say it was built in 1910. Below is a 2021 view of the same house remodeled and became the Stanwood Co-op Preschool (below).



Courtesy Doug Vorwaller, Project Photographer, 2021

Handmade oars used by Dawson Towers.

Family visits are one of the joys of preserving our history. We wish to thank Laurilee Macgregor and family for visiting the museum to see the oars Doris Matterand MacGregor and Eleanor Matterand MacGregor donated to the museum in 2000. They represent the early settlers dependence on the river for transportation and communication. In this case the farm was directly across from the Stanwood waterfront. Francis Giard, mentioned in the note below, was the first mayor of East Stanwood. Mr. Giard also donated a rowboat used in the early days on the sloughs and the Stillaguamish River to be on display at some point in the future. Please make your appointment to visit some time soon and share your part in the history of the Stanwood area. !



September 17, 2000

Our Father, Haakon Matterand (1881-1976) who had a Boat Building and Storage Facility on Logue Road made these oars. As was his custom he put his initials on each oar. These were made for the young men Dawson Towers who in later years gave them to Francis Giard who, in turn, wanted them to go back to Doris and Eleanor two of Haakon's four daughters. Now we daughters happily give them to the Stanwood Historical Museum.

Doris Matterand MacGregor (1920-)
Eleanor Matterand Clayton (1922-)

New Exhibit Featuring Local Scouting Groups

The photograph below came from an album that came to us from Viola Couch through Rusty Wells. It shows one of the many log buildings constructed by the scouts over the years at Camp Couch. Camp Couch was located on north Camano near the current Utsalady School property. To see more, the new exhibit with contributions from the Poyner Family, Gwen Hoistad, Sal Noeldner, and Josh Stadler.



Camp Couch
by Marva Worl

A rustic Camano Island retreat consisting of a large number of log cabins has been developed by Mr. and Mrs. Jay J. Couch for use by youth groups who want to enjoy the outdoors.

The camp was featured in the *Everett Herald* Jan 27, 1973 in Panorama Section. The exhibit is located on the 2nd floor of the FNCC. Perhaps others have memories to share about the Camp. See next page.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, February 8, 1955 is the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, chartered by the Congress of the United States, as a program for all the boys of America, and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scout program has enriched the lives of 22,750,000 American boys and men since 1910, and now has an active enrollment of 3,660,000 and

WHEREAS, the movement, through its current theme, "Building for a Better Tomorrow," dramatizes the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America and the rich heritage it has in this country, and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is a great force for training youth in right character and good citizenship;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Albert C. Moe, Mayor of Stanwood in the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of February 6th to 12th as "Boy Scout Week," and do urge our citizens to recognize the patriotic service being rendered to our community by the volunteer Scout Leaders and to express their appreciation to the religious bodies, school organizations, veterans' associations, fraternal bodies and service clubs which sponsor our Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Explorer Units.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the City of Stanwood to be affixed, this 13th day of January, 1955.

(SEAL)

ALBERT C. MOE,
Mayor.

Twin City News January, 13, 1955

A Legacy of Eagle Scout Projects at the Stanwood Area Historical Society

One of the core tenants of a Scout's progress towards the Eagle Scout rank, is service to their community. As part of this work, each Boy Scout is required to undertake the planning, approval of the project through their Troop's council, acquisition of resources needed, and implementation of a community service project.

Over the past two decades, local Boy Scouts have completed several different projects like this for the Stanwood Area Historical Society.

Former Historical Society president Dave Eldridge recently recalled the accomplishments of these Scouts and the benefit for the museum. Most of these were done during the spring and summer months and included:

- The brick wall along the north side of the D.O. Pearson House (done after 2004).
- The gravel pathway leading from the Tolin House to Floyd Hall
- The addition of a brick platform and wood canopy for the "Uncle Olaf" Viking figure on the front lawn.
- The addition of a new sidewalk leading from the west side of the property, connecting with the cement walkways in the center of the museum building complex.
- The original reader board sign and its brickwork on the east side of the complex.
- The wood casework for the Camano Island map, an artwork by local artist Jack Gunter
- The wooden benches along the pathway on the north side of the Tolin House



One of the 15 log buildings built at Camp Couch on Camano Island by one of the Scout Groups. Photograph 94.75 Courtesy Viola Couch.

GMC TRUCKS AIDING DAIRY INDUSTRY

These pictures show some of the uses to which the GMC trucks are put in the counties of Washington. On the west side of the Cascades, where dairying plays such an important part in the industrial life, the motor truck is very essential. To get the milk from the farm to the condensery or to the train for city delivery needs a vehicle that is large enough to carry a big load and fast enough to get it delivered in a hurry. That is where the GMC proves its usefulness. No. 1 is a picture of Thompson Brothers' GMC outside the Stanwood condensery. No. 2 is M. Satra and his GMC, with a big load of milk.

"Rivers of Milk Delivered" was the headline for this *Seattle Times* (Dec 19,1919) article about the Snohomish County milk industry. Before the trucks milk was hauled using wagons and sometimes by steamboat. It was delivered to the new East Stanwood condensery"

Christmas Gift Ideas

THE TELEPHONE OF TOMORROW?

One of a number of fascinating research laboratory demonstrations presented at the General Motors Exhibit on Treasure Island, is that which shows how the possible "telephone-television" of tomorrow may appear. Here we see Jack Hughes, research lecturer, with Sarah Wallace, glamorous star of Billy Rose's "Aquacade"

1940 Facetime
August 29th, 1940 Twin City News

From the Director

Greetings, to all of you. As our previous summer edition of Stanwood Area Echoes mentioned, I've recently started here as the new Executive Director for the Historical Society. It has been a busy time, with the safe reopening of the Floyd Hall and our other operations to visitors in August. But it is an exciting time as well, with the promise of offering both previous well-known history-focused programs like the Historic Tours this past September, along with some new activities and events, like the Haunted Halloween on October 31st, where we had over 200 trick-or-treaters and their families.

I'm originally from Camano Island, went to school in Stanwood, and after many years of working with other non-profit organizations, I now look forward to helping our Historical Society as it continues to share and celebrate history, arts and culture with all of our audiences, volunteers, and members.

On December 21st, we welcome all of our members and volunteers to a Yulefest holiday celebration event at the Floyd (6:00 -10:00 pm) in appreciation of all the support that goes into making our Historical Society a success, with food, drink and music to celebrate the holiday season. And in May of 2022, we look forward to our 50th Anniversary of SAHS and spring luncheon & fundraiser in recognition of this important milestone for our organization. More details are soon to come.

Happy Holidays!

Fred

SAHS Board Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center Board Meeting

The next board meeting is January 12, 2022 11 a.m. at the FNCC or the Eldridge Center.

For more information, check

<https://thefloydnorgaard.weebly.com/>

<https://www.sahs-fncc.org/>

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[StanwoodAreaHistoricalSociety/](https://www.instagram.com/sahsfnc/)

<https://www.instagram.com/sahsfnc/>

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**Stanwood Area Historical Society
2022 Elected Officers & Trustees**

President ~ Karen Prasse	2021-2022
Vice President ~ Kathy Uroff	2022-2023
Treasurer ~ Robin Hanks	open
Secretary ~ Joan Andrews	2022-2022
Past President, Richard Hanks	2021-2022

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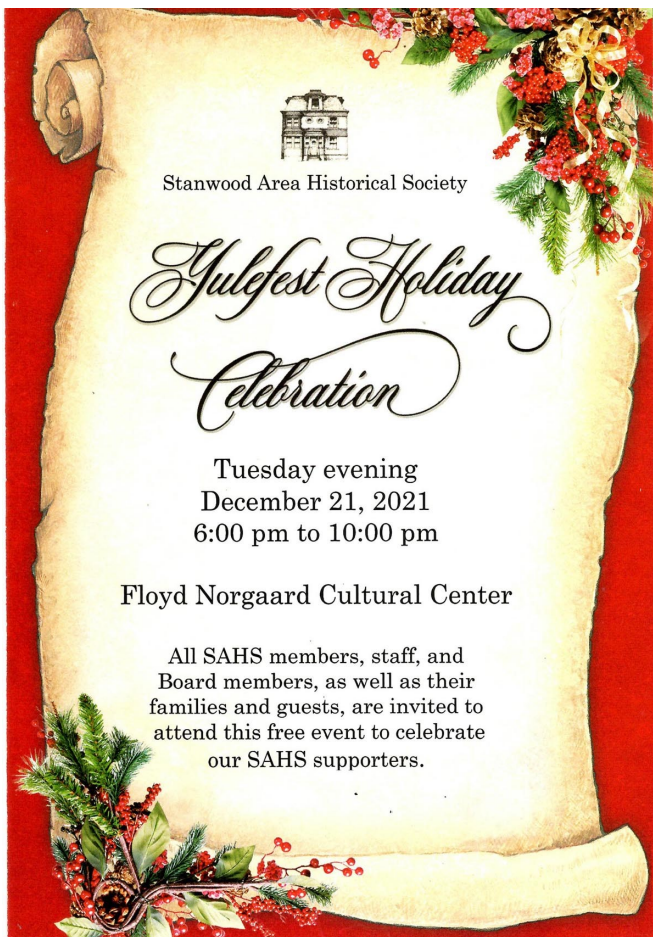
2022-24	Janet Utgard
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2020-22	John Smistad
2020-22	open
Honorary Trustee Emeritus	Pat Bronson
Director : Fred Poyner IV	
Bookkeeper: Carl Libbey	
Facilities Custodian - Jaime King	

We wish to thank outgoing board members who have contributed thousands of hours of time on managing the Stanwood Area Historical Society in the past 6 or 7 years and deserve to "retire".

Bill Keller—Acting with **Jim Joyce** assisted with the renovations of the FNCC project this year and with maintaining and managing the Veteran's Memorial Gardens and Flag displays.

Robin Hanks—Treasurer—Though she is finishing out her term, she will be around as a member. Her outreach efforts on behalf of SAHS along with Richard are extraordinary, attending meetings upon meetings on our behalf. Her work in updating our bookkeeping system, graphic design efforts on our publications, the list goes on. We can't thank her enough!

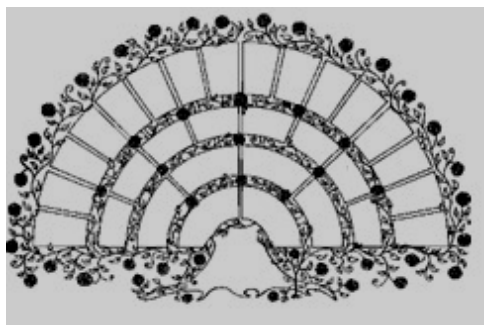
Rob Branigin Our special liaison with Sno-Isle Libraries will be continuing with our programs , genealogy services and other library related collaborations.



Camwood Genealogy Workshop

CGW normally meets on the first Mondays of the month in the Eldridge Center.

Recent meetings have been cancelled because of COVID.



Please Contact info@sahs-fncc.org for updates if you don't receive notifications from Bill Blandin.

SAHS participates in the Amazon Smile Program



Activities, Volunteer Opportunities and Highlights

The Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center is open for rentals with COVIC safety guidelines in place. To arrange, please contact our new Director, Fred Poyner IV, at director@sahs-fncc.org FNCC rental opportunities.

We welcome members to help keep us open **Wednesdays (1pm to 4pm) and Saturdays (10 a.m.—1 p.m) and by appointment**

Contact the museum or just come in on a Wed or Saturday to shadow current docents.

We have resumed FNCC rentals and bookings so if you have a wedding or community meeting, consider our wonderful FNCC hall for your occasion!

Details here: <https://thefloydnorgaard.weebly.com/>

Thank you to those who contributed to the roof and kitchen preservation of the Pearson house on Giving Tuesday last month. We raised our goal of \$3,000 and are very close to being able to get started on the repairs and restoration of the kitchen area of the Pearson House. This goes a long way towards supporting all of our planned programs and history events for the coming year.

<https://scgive.org/sahs>



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We collect and preserve the wondrous treasures of history that define our community.

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Brick Memorials

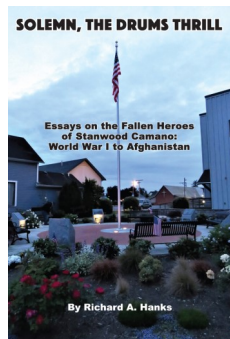
One of our fundraising efforts in past years has been the donations for commemorative bricks to honor individuals and families of the community. We have tiles along our Eldridge Center ramp hallway, the bricks to raise funds for the purchase of the Floyd located on the west wall and our most recent project in the last five years in the new Veterans Memorials and Gardens



We have run out of space for the FNCC brick plaza area so we are no longer accepting orders for those. But we are still accepting brick orders for the Veteran's Memorial and Gardens.

Thank you to Veterans Memorial Brick donors!

The book "Solemn the Drums Thrill" by Richard Hanks still available through SAHS



Grant funding received!

Many thanks to Fred our new director for pursuing new grant opportunities! Most recently we received notification that **Humanities Washington SHARP General Operating Support Grant** was approved and we will be awarded \$5,000.00. Funded by the American Rescue Plan via the National Endowment for the Humanities these grants support Washington State colleges, universities, and volunteer-run nonprofit organizations that provide humanities programming, and that are responding to or recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In July Tulalip Tribes also awarded funding for the FNCC Painting and repairs that were recently completed. We received our reimbursements from **The Snohomish County Historic Preservation Grant** Program which we applied for earlier in the year.

And of course we can't thank the **Stanwood Camano Area Foundation** enough for funding from the **Floyd and Delores Jones Endowed Fund** to support our new staff!

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 Paul C. Miller
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In Memory Of

July 15, 2021 ~ October 15, 2021

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Get Involved, Stay In Touch, Join the Stanwood Area Historical Society

The Stanwood Area Historical Society is a special place. It collects and conserves the wondrous treasures of history that define our community. Your participation would not only assist in this crucial protection of our past, but would make you part of our important work. You can make a difference. Join SAHS and volunteer today!

Memberships are due annually. Renewal reminders will be sent out on the anniversary of your last membership payment. This is a significant means of support for the Society and includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter. Members help govern our society by providing assistance with programming, publications and planning for the future.

SAHS is a tax-exempt non-profit organization and depends for its financial support on gifts, bequests from individuals and groups, fund raising activities and membership dues. Your contributions are tax deductible to you and will be used in support of history education, exhibits and programs.

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