

# Stanwood Area ECHOES

Newsletter of the Stanwood Area Historical Society

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2010.01.01 Staff Photographer, Seattle Post Intelligencer, 1938

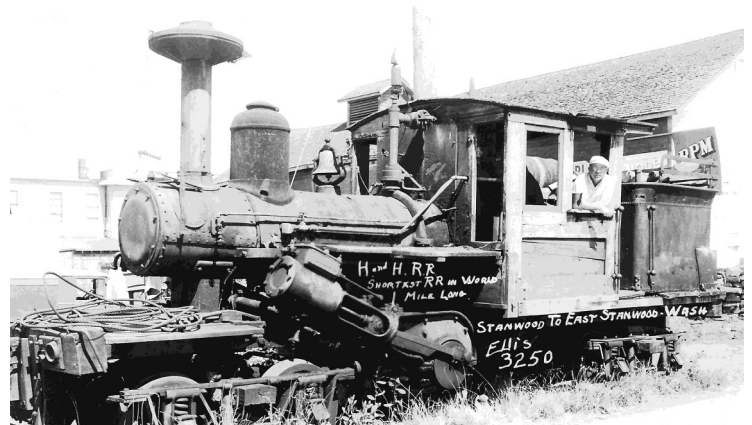
The H & H Railroad "Climax" locomotive engine in the photograph above was the last engine used on the one mile route between the Stanwood mills on the waterfront and the Great Northern railroad. The railroad was established in 1904 by John W. Hall. It carried passengers in an old streetcar in the early years but in later years the old Climax locomotive carried wood products to the depot in East Stanwood. It was known as the shortest railroad in the "world" and called the "dinky" by locals. The line was one mile from the

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Stanwood waterfront to the depot connection.

The man in the window in the photograph on the front is Jesse N. Hall (1892-1955). His son was also named Jesse. Jesse N's father, John W. Hall (1870-1931) came from Kansas and found his way to Stanwood where he was first a teamster for Robert Bates. Hall later established the Stanwood Feed & Livery at the corner of Main and Saratoga Street (near Bob's Market & Deli.) The livery wagon carried mail and passengers to and from the Great Northern Railroad connection. The photograph shows the bell that is in our museum collection that was on the Climax engine.



Photographic Postcard, J. Boyd Ellis. Circa 1938 1985.10.18.11

#### Sources:

*"Stanwood Area Railroads" Stanwood Area Echoes, no. 6, p. 1-3.*

*Welch, Doug "Huff and a Puff! That's About All" Seattle Post Intelligencer, Jan 3, 1938 part 2, p. 1.*

*Obituaries: John W. Hall, Twin City News Apr. 16, 1931; Jesse N. Hall Twin City News Dec 8, 1955*

## Arts Legacy Project Exhibit

We wish to thank the **Leland J. & Dorothy H. Olson Charitable Foundation** for their generous grant award of \$14,000 in support of this project as a new collaboration between SAHS and the Stanwood-Camano Art Advocacy Commission (SCAAC) in 2022.

As part of this grant local artists were asked to create two dimensional art works that illustrate some of the historical objects on display in our collection. Artists visited and selected objects that inspired them to paint their own interpretations of these objects.

Our FNCC Second Floor Exhibit Room now features this unique exhibit of objects and the artworks created by the collaboration of the Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission (SCAAC) and the Stanwood Area Historical Society.

A series of postcards has also been designed featuring the artworks and the historical objects that inspired the works. Postcards will be available for purchase soon. Space prohibits complete descriptions here but thank you also to the artists who participated in this unique project. We are happy to host this exhibit and invite all to visit. Participating artists were:

**Karla Matzke** / *Flat Iron with Red Handle* / pastel

**Bobbi Samples** / *Doll from our History* / watercolor

**Bezalel-Levy** / *Lampshade* / mixed media with acrylics

**Molly LeMaster** / *Untitled* / watercolor

**Val Paul Taylor** / *The Dynamite Plunger* / acrylic on hardboard panel

**John Ebner** / *D.O. Pearson House* / watercolor

**Michelle Rushworth** / *The Gilded Age* / oil on linen

**Amy Martin** / *Write Now* / oil on canvas

**Susan Cohen Thompson** / *Still Inspired by Apron* / oil on canvas

**Jack Gunter** / *Window basket* / egg tempera

**Jack Dorsey** / *End of the Line* / watercolor (photograph on right)

**Sharon Snelling** / *Music to my Ears* / watercolor



Jack Dorsey



Climax bell donated in 1988 by Jesse Hall. Accn # 1992.09





The wonderful early snapshot photograph above was taken in October 1922 of the famed cedar stump now at the Smokey Point/Arlington Rest Stop on I-5. This stump was first noted in 1911 as a popular spot near "Island Crossing" (north of Smokey Point/Arlington rest stop). It was moved more than once along the Pacific Highway. The donors of the photo were Ray & Mona Jacobson. Acc# 2010.27.04



On a related note the Historic Sites Tour in August was a success bringing visitors to the museum, many for the first time. One of those were members of the local automobile club. As a result, on Sept 14th we had a wonderful visit from the Skagit Snohomish Horseless Carriage Club for the revival of their Annual Fall Tour. Members of the Club have to own automobiles manufactured before 1916. They stopped by to visit our collection of early model T automobiles and other SAHS exhibits.

## To our Members & Supporters ~

We had a busy summer planning, preparing and hosting the Annual Historic Sites Cars & Quilts Tour. Much of its success should be attributed to the Stanwood Camano Historic Sites Committee, the Camano Schoolhouse Foundation and many other local historical preservation advocates and volunteers. Pat Bronson was the spark plug for the tour for us and she inspired us to gather up all the quilts we could find to display. Our Model T's were a popular stop as soon as we opened the garage doors of the Eldridge Center.

We have Many Thanks to express to our donors, members and volunteers who helped with this and with many other recent projects:

John Leque helped with the Schoolhouse firetruck as well as other projects, Janet Larson, Cliff Larson, Janet Utgard, Scott Shroyer and Janet Mayer have also been helping throughout the year with decorations and routine but critical chores. Others included Chris Galloway, Bobbie Mueller, Penny Buse, Jamie, Jerry & Josh King, Terry Maves, and our newest, Karen Pelletier.

Other *critical* helpers were our "hands on" board members Kathy Uroff, Steve Youngren and bookkeeper Carl Libbey who keep our business activities up to date.

Rose King deserves special mention for stepping up and monitoring our buildings, weeding gardens for all these years as well as planning for our December Christmas Kids Program with former board member, Bill Keller. Rose and other longtime members are invaluable for their institutional knowledge. Cliff Larson and John Smistad have been critical in helping to plan for past and

future expansion, not to mention troubleshooting plumbing, insect infestations and various other everyday annoyances.

While we do have a lawn service to mow our lawn, the Veterans Memorial Committee which includes Bill Keller, Jim Joyce, Richard and Robins Hanks, has been working to keep the Memorial garden such a pleasant place to sit and reflect.

Our program in September with Ross Reynolds was a success and PLEASE see our program listing on page 4 for our next fall programs. (Thanks to Humanities Washington for funding this program and to the Snohomish County historic preservation grants for the three future grants this fall.) Apologies for forgetting anyone.

And welcome to our new Hall Manager, **Judy Fernandes**, who has taken over rentals of the FNCC. She has some critical skills to help us keep our building active. Call her if you have would like to rent Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center Hall for your event, meeting, or family gathering. Her email is [fnccmanager@sahs-fncc.org](mailto:fnccmanager@sahs-fncc.org)

Details here: <https://thefloydnorgaard.org>



Though we now have some paid staffing, we will always need our volunteers and visitors who provide eyes and ears watching over these precious old buildings and we welcome those who can contribute their skills and expertise to help us stay open and grow!

Gratefully,

Karen Prasse, SAHS President 2022  
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### Contact Us!

You can learn more about activities and events planned for the future in our social media links:

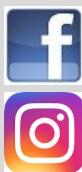
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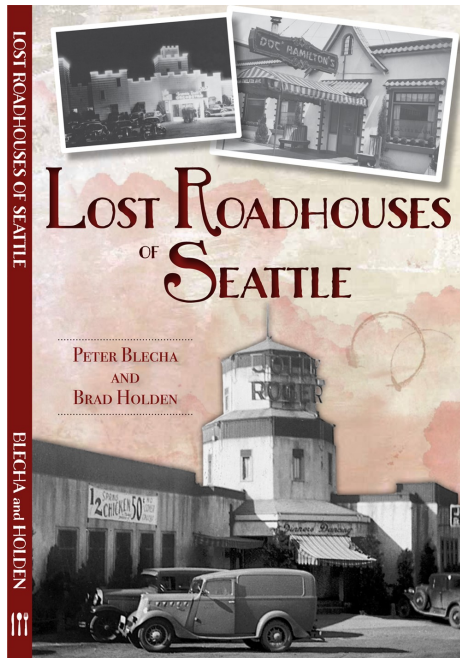
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## Calendar of Programs and Events 2022

October 8th  
**Peter Blecha** –  
 Saturday Afternoon  
 2 pm—3:30  
 Co-author of “**Lost Roadhouses of Seattle**”,  
 a deep dive into the  
 forbidden nightclubs of  
 bygone Seattle.



October 27th, 2022,  
 Thursday evening,  
 6 pm—8 pm  
**SAHS Annual Meeting & Election of Officers**  
 Pizza will be served.  
 ALL MEMBERS WELCOME. Bring a new member!

November 11th, 2022  
 Friday  
**Veterans Day Memorial Program**  
 11 a.m. - 3 pm (Details to follow)

November 13th, 2022  
 Sunday, 4 – 6 pm  
 Gwen Whiting – “**Dreamland: The Lost World of James Tilton Pickett**”

December 3rd, 2022  
**An Old Fashioned Christmas** for  
 the kids including free picture  
 with Santa & gift bags. 10 am—2  
 pm



December 11th, 2022  
 Sunday, 4 – 6 pm  
 Loren Brokaw & Lesley Desmul –  
**“From Island to Tidal Marsh”** – updates on the  
 progress of the Leque Island Estuary Restoration  
 Project. *Followed by the*  
**SAHS Member Christmas Party**—6 pm—8 pm  
 Details to follow.



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 define our community.

\$10.00 USD	\$20.00 USD	\$50.00 USD	Other Amount
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Stanwood Rooftops circa 1910;

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## Stanwood Area Historical Society 2021 Elected Officers & Trustees

President ~	Karen Prasse	2021-2022
Vice President ~	Kathy Uroff	2021-2022
Treasurer ~	Steve Youngren	2022-2023
Secretary ~	Joan Andrews	2022-2023
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### Trustees

2022-24	Janet Utgard
2022-24	John Leque
2021-23	Clifford Larson
2021-23	open
2020-22	John Smistad
2020-22	Rose King
Honorary Lifetime Trustees Pat Bronson & Margaret Utgard	

Next SAHS Board Meetings ~ 2nd Wednesday of the month  
at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center 11 a.m.  
Open to the public!  
New members and volunteers welcome.

## Help Wanted

### Guest Services Staff

The "Floyd" (as it is affectionately known) is a great place for weddings, concerts, arts and music, business events, luncheons, parties, ceremonies and more. It is operated by the Historical Society.

We are looking for individuals to be part of a team to be on site during the rentals to greet and assist with building accommodations.

Hourly pay is \$17.00 and include both weekend, weekday and occasional evening shifts as needed. Training will be provided for someone interested in occasional work.

### Custodian Position

Our custodian manages cleaning three of four buildings of the Stanwood Area Historical Society prioritizing FNCC Hall, Eldridge Center, Tolin House. Schedule will be irregular averaging 4-6 hours per week usually coinciding with FNCC rental events. \$17.00 per hour or by contract. Lifting 30 lbs with prior experience with commercial facility is preferred.

### Eldridge Center Exhibits ~

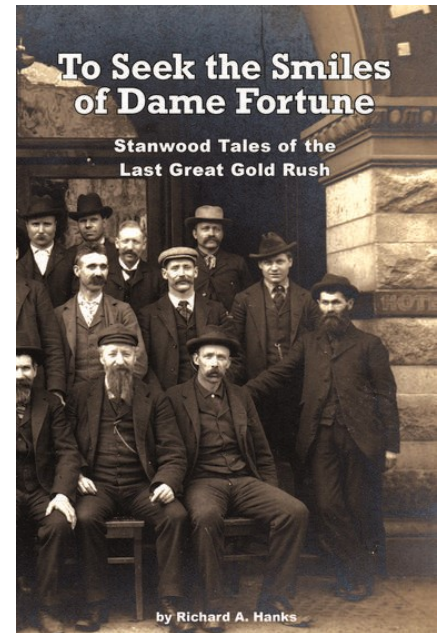
- **The Story of the Stanwood Waterfront – Stillaguamish River and aerial views of historic Stanwood.**
- **The Stories Maps Tell– A Cartographer's View of Port Susan, Stanwood Area and Camano Island.**
- **Spirits of the People ~ Exhibit of artifacts representing the peoples of America's First Nations**
- **Stanwood High Schools' Class Picture Project**

New Book!

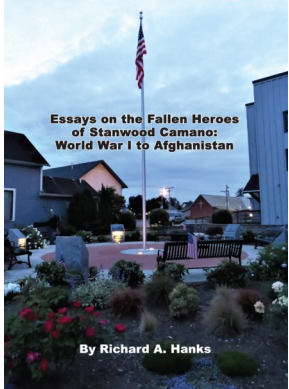
### To Seek the Smiles of Dame Fortune

Historian, Author, Archivist Richard Hanks has released his new book of the Stanwood men who went to Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush and came back and built Stanwood.

Now available from Coyote Hill Press or the Stanwood Area Historical Society \$20.00



### SOLEMN, THE DRUMS THRILL



Also available is **Solemn, The Drums Thrill** by Richard Hanks. See below



Thank you to most recent Veterans Memorial Brick donors!

There will be a Veteran's Day Program in Nov. from 11 –2 p.m.

Details to follow, check websites.

After a hiatus of two years, the Stanwood Area Historical Society is excited to sponsor

**An Old Fashioned Christmas  
Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center.**

**Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

There will be live music, crafts, cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, gift bags full of goodies for the kids, and of course free pictures with Santa. We need your donations to help Santa purchase items for his gift bags. These bags include items that will bring smiles and delight to every child. Santa knows this bag may be the only gift a child may receive for Christmas.

Donations can be sent to SAHS, P.O. Box 69, or using our paypal link on our website or dropped off at the museum.



**THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING AND SUSTAINING SAHS**

June 1, 2022 —Sept 22, 2022

Mike & Michelle Evans  
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Hi & Pat Bronson  
Janet Mayer  
Karen & David Pelletier  
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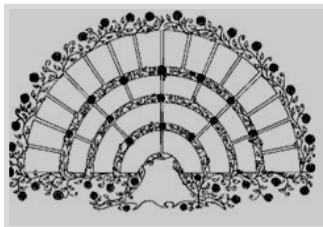
Camano Plaza IGA  
Round up for Charity  
(Sept 2021)



+ Our donors who prefer to remain anonymous

**Camwood Genealogy Workshop**

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



**Donations In Memory Of**  
March 15, 2022—May 31, 2022

**Lenore Joanne Moa**—Janet Mayer, Gail Olsen, Kathy Beauchamp, Pat Lund, Dennis & Shirley Anderson, Richard & M'Lisse Williams

**Roger Krogstad** Cliff Larson, Margaret Utgard, Kathy Uroff, Jane Sundberg Swartz

**SAHS Museum Exhibits Open**

**Wednesdays - 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Saturdays - 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Research assistance is available on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Contact us for an appointment at other times.

New docent volunteers are welcome! Be part of our team of people to share stories and help guide visitors around the D. O. Pearson House, Eldridge Center and the Floyd 3rd Floor exhibits!

**FNCC Third Floor Exhibits**

- Fallen Heroes of our Armed Forces and Red Cross remembered through their uniforms and soldier stories
- Once a Milltown – Logging and Lumbering
- Consolidation of the "Twin Cities" and their schools
- Early Churches
- Dr. Mac – First medical man in Stanwood
- Stanwood Klondikers of 1898
- "Trees to Peas to Prosperity"



## 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. This is a significant means of support for the Society and includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter. Volunteer members help govern our society by providing assistance with programming, publications and planning for the future.

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