

WORTHINGTON PARK

QUILCENE, WASHINGTON

WORTHINGTON MANSION | QUILCENE HISTORICAL MUSEUM | LINGER LONGER OUTDOOR THEATER

2019 Membership Drive "Your Support – Critical To Our Success"

As the beautiful autumn colors descend on the northwest, we look toward planning for the New Year. Operations at Worthington Park include opening the Museum doors for guests from all corners of the globe from April through September. Maintaining trails, meadowlands and Linger Longer Outdoor Theater, facilities upkeep and many other projects – are all accomplished by volunteers. Your annual membership dues are the lifeblood of all our various projects and undertakings – both present and future. We are committed to making Worthington Park a community asset and joining hands with Quilcene and South County resources in partnership for the communities we serve. Membership dues continue to remain an excellent value - \$20 Individual, \$30 Family, \$25 Service Groups, \$60 Business, and Lifetime memberships at \$200 Individual and \$300 Couple. In 2018 our annual member count is 52 members/families, 9 businesses, and in our lifetime membership category there are 121- either individual or family memberships.

Please help us increase membership commitment by sharing the story of Worthington Park with your family, neighbors, and friends. Please complete the enclosed 2019 (Jan 1–December 31) membership form and return to Quilcene Historical Museum, P. O. Box 574, Quilcene WA 98376.

Quilcene Historical Museum Winner for Outstanding Achievements in Historic Preservation

The Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation nominated the Museum for "their persistent effort to restore the Hamilton-Worthington mansion to its former glory. Through sheer determination, they successfully implemented a large scale, multi-phase rehabilitation and development plan for the impressive structure that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places," noted Allyson Brooks, director, State Preservation Officer. A contingency of Quilcene supporters attended the presentation ceremony in Olympia. Mari Phillips, chair of the Museum Board noted, "We enjoy a wonderful variety of people supporting the project. We have young and old, retired or working, experienced or eager to learn, scientists, gardeners, bakers and painters". She continued, "Politics and pay grades were put aside as we come together in anticipation of opening the mansion doors."



Watercolor by Anne Ricker

Welcome – Talia!

As plans develop for Worthington Park to become a special events center for community celebrations and private events, the Museum Board has identified and engaged a special event planner to help plan and coordinate current and future events.

Talia Munn offers services ranging from event planning, event design, and event decoration rentals. She brings a unique set of skills to Worthington Park – Talia received her bachelor's degree in Law and Justice and worked as a paralegal for the Washington State Attorney General's office – Consumer Protection Division. Talia commented, "I see interesting similarities in preparing for a demanding litigation schedule and event planning – both take careful research, planning, and sensitive and sensible client relations."

She has been in the event planning industry for five years with great imagination, passion, and dedication. Talia shares the same passion for preserving and sharing history as a local family in Quilcene. "I was raised in a family that has a passion for sharing family history. From passing down heirlooms, sharing family stories and capturing and preserving cherished moments through photographs, we keep the history of our families and community intact," Talia concluded.

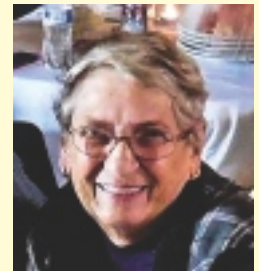
The Worthington Park event calendar will be filled with new ideas/events and Talia's motivated enthusiasm. There will be something for the whole family! Questions for Talia Munn- email her at taliakmunn@outlook.com or leave a message on the Museum telephone – 360 765-4848 and when the mansion and park are fully operational, she will have a direct access line.



The Munn family
Fischer, Talia, Violet, Aaron and Leland

Passages

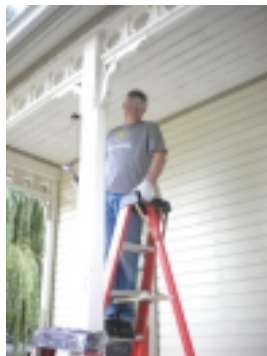
We mourn and we are saddened to note the passages of Ruth Boulton, Quilcene; George Huntingford, Chimacum; Betty Reid, Port Townsend; George Miller, Quilcene; Nancy Biery, Quilcene; and Claire French, Quilcene, and Museum Board Member.



Claire French

Worthington Mansion Update

We inch closer to completion with the extraordinary help of dedicated volunteers at the Friday work parties. The big milestone facing the project is the completion of Jefferson County's process for a Conditional Use permit. With "fingers crossed" the Construction Team anticipates the doors opening at the mansion sometime in 2019.



From Oswego, Oregon to Seattle, the Worthington-related family members worked at Friday volunteer party this summer. They are John and Joan Major and Catherine Major



The big question - when will the mansion doors be open for community use as a special events center?

Jot down your best guess on the back of your completed 2019 membership form.

The winner who guesses the correct date receives a super prize!



The new landmark mansion sign is unveiled by volunteers and board members at 16 September Open House

The Sustaining Fund – Yet Another Way To Help!

Annual and lifetime membership are so appreciated by the volunteers at Worthington Park. And, here is another way to financially support our needs. As you consider year-end giving or want to give an extra boost to our efforts, please consider making a donation to the Sustaining Fund. Last year we set a goal of \$5000, and we successfully raised over \$10,000! ***This year our goal is \$12,000. You will make a positive impact on Worthington Park.*** Just check the sustaining gift box on membership form. Thank you!



Kudos and Hats Off

Local Quilcene resident, Bonnie Douglass received the 2018 Hearts of Service Award at a ceremony on May 29, 2018. The award is given to honor extraordinary service to the community and is sponsored by the Peninsula Daily News and the Rotary Clubs of Jefferson County.

The members of the Quilcene Fair Board simply outdid themselves in planning and coordinating the parade and fair on Saturday September 8. It was a fabulous day, full of traditional activities, a great parade, and huge displays from vendors. Thank you for the endless hours of hard work.

Docents and Volunteers are Always Welcome

If you like to meet, greet and share your fondness for South Jefferson County, please consider joining the Museum Docent Team. Two docent training sessions will occur April, 2019. Contact Larry McKeehan (quilcenemuseum@olypen.com) for more information. Volunteers to help with restoration of the Worthington Mansion are always welcome. Basic construction, drywall, paint, woodworking, and even cleanup are some of the Friday "fun" workday jobs, every (almost) Friday through the year.

Contact Dave or Christine Satterlee (360-765-4810) for more information.

Quilcene Historical Museum Abounds With Family Artifacts From Donors

Larry McKeehan, founding Museum Board member, current secretary and volunteer curator recalls, “when we opened the doors to the Museum back in 1991, we had to borrow family artifacts. Now, thanks to all the wonderful donations our artifact, document and photograph donations number more than 4,800.” Thanks to our generous donors listed below. (Please accept our apology for donor names missed or spelled incorrectly. If you wish, send correct spelling to quilcenemuseum@olypen.com)

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Heritage of the Quilcene Cemetery - Past and Present

This peaceful and rural setting for the Quilcene Cemetery honors the past citizens and history of the area. Originally a part of the Richardson's family farm, the first known burial, 6 year-old Ira Richardson, occurred in 1884. Between then and 1902, twenty-five individuals were buried here, Quilcene Cemetery is the resting place of at least eight Civil War veterans, one Confederate and seven Union; these men were buried between 1894 and 1925.

In 1902, the Richardson family donated 4 acres of land to create the Cemetery, and in 1911 the Jefferson County Commissioners approved the new cemetery at its present location. Until 1978, the management of the Cemetery was handled in succession by the Foresters and the local Masonic Lodge. Of the total four acres donated, three acres were surveyed and drawn for 2145 plots. Of those, roughly one-third (760) still remain available for use 100 years later. We estimate the remaining unsurveyed acre could hold at least another 500 burials.



Jefferson County Cemetery District #2 was formed by action of the voters on September 19, 1978. Commissioners are elected for a six year term, with terms. The current Commissioners are Laurie Neuenschwander, Mary Ann Stamper and Michael Spears. Open board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Quilcene Museum.

Major projects which have taken place in the past 4 years:

- For historical purposes, the photographing of every tombstone in the Cemetery.
- The purchase of a professional software program specifically designed to manage the Cemetery's data, consolidating 130 years of eclectic record keeping.
- Research of Veterans buried in our Cemetery, which increased the total count from 80 to 160. On the Memorial Day weekend each year crosses and flags are placed on those graves, with the help of the VFW and community members.
- The design and installation of the entrance sign.
- The creation of the Cemetery's own website: www.QuilceneCemetery.org
- A professional restoration of approximately 40 tombstones which were tilted or unstable.
- The purchase and placement of simple tombstones for 80 graves which were previously unmarked.
- Removal of the large dirt pile at the south edge of the Cemetery.

For further information contact: QuilceneCemetery@gmail.com or visit www.QuilceneCemetery.org

*Thanks to Laurie Neuenschwander
who contributed this article.*



W.G. Pomeroy Foundation Award

The Museum gratefully acknowledges an award from the Pomeroy Foundation for production of a commemorative metal sign that lists the mansion in the National Register of Historic Places. It will be placed in a visible place in the surrounding mansion landscape. Thank you, Pomeroy Foundation!

16 September – Oyster Races, Open House, and Community Concert

The skies cleared early in the morning as race participants arrived and not a drop of rain until the concert concluded and the last of the mansion open house left. A total of 160 participants registered for the 5K, 10K or 1/2 Marathon races – from smiling kids to sturdy senior citizens. They came from a wide range of locales, internationally represented from Switzerland, six U.S. states, and 10 counties from Washington State.

Called the Oyster Races, each participant was treated to grilled oysters, in a specially created recipe just for the event. Local vendors cooked up egg rolls and hamburgers, and ice cream bars for dessert. “Joy in Mudville”, a local band with the best lively performance, was free and open to the community at-large. The same day, the Worthington Park mansion, opened its doors for a sneak peak into the progress to date. The rooms are now painted in beautiful colors appropriate to the mansion era and one room was previewed with furniture, chosen by the Phase IV committee.

Over 360 visitors toured the mansion “Open House” during the Sept 8 Quilcene Fair and Sept 16 Marathon / Concert. They represented 36 Washington cities, 9 states (WI, CA, AK, AZ, OR, PA, MI and WA, and 4 countries – Taiwan, New Zealand, South Korea and Switzerland.



Quilcene's Vivian Kuehl & her daycare kids enjoy Museum outings



Runners at the start line at Oyster run - 16 September



Awards for 5k, 10k, and 1/2 Marathon winners presented



Visitors and volunteers preview living room furniture and artwork



Finished the course!



Mary and Allan Kollar measuring and preparing to hang artwork for open house