

May2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Dock Breakfast May 3 & LIC Fundraiser May 16-18

President's Message

May is Busy. Several important LIC events are coming up this month. Each will be discussed in detail elsewhere in this newsletter, so let me just highlight them chronologically.

* Annual Dock Breakfast. Saturday morning, May 3rd. Doug Sylvers has generously offered again to organize this event. Always good food, always fun; always good company. Don't miss it.

* Down Key Festival. Big, three-day event and fund-raiser for the LIC scholarship fund and other youth-related LIC programs. We have a large, dedicated group of volunteers working on this project, under the leadership of Rich and Connie Hildahl. The Saturday evening event aboard the ferry will be special, for sure. Besides a grilled salmon dinner to enjoy with wine and strolling musicians, there will be about 50 or more items available for silent and live auction. I urge all members to support this event.

* Membership Meeting Program. At the 5/21 membership meeting, the program will be presented by Harriet Baskas, author of the new book "Hidden Treasures; What Museums Can't or Won't Show You". Her appearance is underwritten by Humanities Washington. (Google them to learn more about the good works of this cultural organization.) We are co-promoting this event with the Key Peninsula Historical Society and Christine Anderson is handling arrangements. I hope we have a big turn-out for this program because it will be very good, AND it will justify the LIC being considered for other Humanities Washington speakers in the future.

Long Range Planning. The Board had been working on this project with a professional facilitator from Bates Technical College in Tacoma who unfortunately has relocated to Bellingham, resulting in a loss of momentum. However we have just gotten the go-ahead from Bates to provide a different facilitator who will begin work with the Board in May. We are nearing the point where we need to drill down on specific areas such as Building, Marina, Membership, Corporate Structure, Governance, etc. This is going to involve reaching out to the membership for input and a broader perspective on planning. If you are contacted, please consider getting involved. Better yet, let me or any other Board member know of your interest; we welcome your involvement.

Clubhouse Assessment. We have selected Carolyn Swope, PhD, of Kingstree Studios (Tacoma) to perform the assessment. She is experienced and highly recommended and her bid is within budget. She and her architect partner will begin work on May 14th and expect to have a final report by end of August. Our goal is to know what needs to be done to preserve and enhance our historic clubhouse, AND to have an objective document that will support future requests for grant monies to accomplish the needed work, in steps.

Successful Garage Sale. Finally, on behalf of the entire LIC, let me thank Denny and Jan Prichard for their smooth, organized leadership of this fund-raiser, and also thank the many, many LIC members who did their part to make this event a success. It's two years since our last one; should we think about doing this every other year?

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM in the LIC Lobby.

Dockmaster: (Lynn Carr) There were nine visiting boaters this month. Volunteers are needed for pressure washing at the dock before the Dock Breakfast.

Rental Agent: (Kim Chaney) was absent this meeting.

Secretary: (Judy Riggs) It was MSP to accept the March General Meeting minutes.

Treasurer: (Francie Carr) The total building income is 30% of the revenue goal and the building is also 30%. Total marina revenue is 47% toward the year's budget revenue goal and marina expense year to date is 33%. Overall income for the year is 40% of the budget and expense is only 26% of the budget.

Membership: (Eloise Colbert) was absent this meeting, but Marlies Van Cise reported that we have three new members this month.

Events: (Tim Heitzman) The LIC Garage Sale was a big success. The next event is the Dock Breakfast closely followed by The Down Key Festival. Back for the Memorial Day Dance is one of our favorite dance bands, Fingertips.

Marina: (Denny Prichard) The Marina Committee will take three proposals for a longevity survey of the LIC Marina. It was decided to be more cost effective to remove the LIC owned boat houses and replace them with finger moorage slips. Also, 94' of visiting moorage dock space will be converted to permanent moorage.

Bldg and Grounds: (Doug Lewis) was absent this meeting

Trustee/At Large: (Phil Johnson) was absent this month.

Sunshine Lady's report: (Marlies Van Cise) LIC condolences were sent to Reni Moriarity for the loss of her mother. Sharon Gearhart is recovering after a successful surgery. And Gayle Brewer is continuing with medical tests.

Newsletter: (Nancy Carr) asks you to submit materials to her by the 25th of the month.

Scholarship: (Christine Anderson) 6 Peninsula High School students will be recipients of the LIC scholarship fund later this Spring.

Historian: (Lynn Larson) was absent this month.

Vice President: (Clark Van Bogart) had nothing to report this month.

President: (Gayle Brewer) was absent this month. Clark Van Bogart conducted the meeting in his place.

Old Business

The LIC Board's Long Range Planning Sessions will continue with a target goal of being at least 75% completed by the end of June.

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General Meeting Minutes April 16, 2014

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New Business

A 1997 Building Survey done on the LIC Clubhouse falls short of what is needed to apply for historic preservation grant money. So, the LIC Board will pursue an official Historic Structural Report as planned for in the 2014 budget.

Barb Floyd is the Chair for the nominating committee. Positions for the upcoming LIC Board elections are Vice President, Events Chair, Building and Grounds, Secretary, Treasurer (for 1 year). If interested in any of these positions contact Barb.

Larry Bingham, the LIC representative to the Key Peninsula Community Council, reports that there are 12 nonprofit organizations from our area that are working together to coordinate efforts.

Special thanks to our meeting Hostesses Norma Iverson, Jan Prichard and Theresa Gano.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully submitted by Judy Riggs
LIC Secretary

Upcoming Events

Thu. May 1—Events Meeting, 7:00 pm LIC Clubhouse

Sat. May 3—Dock Breakfast, Marina, 8:00—11:00 AM

Sat. May 3—Mustard Seed Regatta, Marina, Captains Meeting 10:00 AM, Race 11:00 AM

Sun. May 4—Star Wars Day

Wed. May 7—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM

Sun May 11—Mother's Day

Fri. May 16—Friday evening on the Tourist II, 5:00 PM, Marina

Sat. May 17—Down Key Events with the Schools, LIC Clubhouse, 11:00 AM

Sat. May 17—Down Key Auction, Marina, 4:00 PM

Sun. May 18—Coffee and Pastries aboard the Tourist II, Marina, 11:00 AM

Wed. May 21—Dessert Meeting, LIC Clubhouse 7:00, with program by Harriet Baskas

Thu. May 22—222 Anniversary of Peter Puget on Key Peninsula

Sat. May 24—Memorial Dance, LIC Clubhouse, 8:00 pm with the Fingertips

Mon. May 20—Memorial Day

LIC Programs Presents Harriet Baskas on May 21, 7:00 pm

Space restrictions allow most museums to display only about 10 percent of their holdings. However, there are also surprising political, philosophical, artistic, environmental and historic reasons why museums keep objects from view. Journalist Harriet Baskas will present a fast-paced, photo-filled and, at times, somewhat offbeat tour of Washington history through the stories of museum artifacts that are rarely – or never – shown to the public.

About Harriet Baskas

Harriet Baskas writes about museums and a wide variety of other topics for msnbc.com, USATODAY.com, AAA Journey and other outlets. She maintains the blog: MuseumMysteries.com. She produced a major radio series on hidden museum artifacts that aired on National Public Radio, with Smithsonian-based historians as her advisers. Baskas has a master's in communication from the University of Washington and served as general manager for three community radio stations in Oregon and Washington. Baskas is the author of a half dozen books, including *Washington Curiosities*, *Washington Icons* and *Oregon Curiosities*, and is finishing a book about hidden treasures in museums. Baskas currently lives in Seattle.

Christine Anderson

Mustard Seed Regatta

May 3, 2014

Skippers Meeting—10:00 AM

Race Starts - 11:00 AM

Two classes of races (Spinnaker and non-Spinnaker)

\$20 entry fee

Crew is always welcome

Contact Gene Brown—884-9907



SPEAKERS BUREAU PRESENTS

Hidden Treasures in Washington's Museums



A conversation about what and why certain pieces aren't displayed by our state's museums – from Bing Crosby's toupees to a 150-year-old pickle.

Harriet Baskas
Journalist and author of *Washington Curiosities* and *Washington Icons*

JOIN US: May 21, 2014 @ 7 p.m.
Longbranch Improvement Club
4412 Key Peninsula Hwy S.
Longbranch, WA 98351

Memorial Dance

We're looking for volunteers to help setup Saturday at Noon, and tear down Sunday at Noon. Please call Tim if you can help. 253-884-0577

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Longbranch Improvement Club Dance Memorial Weekend May 24 Saturday 8-11 pm Tickets \$15 Sunnycrest–Blend–Marina




ROCKIN' MOTOWN, BLUES, FUNKY R&B

Down Key Festival

Our "Down Key Festival" is coming up soon review our full schedule for the weekend, and join us as we celebrate the youth of the Key!

Friday, May 16th

From 5:00 on, the Ferryboat, Tourist No. II, which will be docked at our LIC Marina, will be ready for LIC members and our guests. Come aboard this historic old ferry for a fee of \$10 per person, we will offer you a chili dog, cornbread and green salad. There will be a no-host bar and hopefully entertainment provided by former members of Geoff Baillie's Band!

Saturday at the LIC Clubhouse and field

Beginning at 11:00, chorus groups from all three elementary schools on the Key Peninsula, Evergreen, Vaughn and Minter, will put on an amazing program for us. This is one community event you won't want to miss! Come and enjoy! Following their performance, students will be offered a light lunch hot dog, chips and a yogurt stick. Lunch will be available for families and friends for \$2.50. Then it is out onto the LIC Field for a "Field Day" led by their PE teachers and scout volunteers. This event is free.

Saturday evening, our Gala Event aboard the Ferry

The ferry will be ready for you to board from 4:00 on We are asking that you park at the Longbranch Firestation, where you will have an opportunity to go inside and view some of our large auction items for the evening. There will be a shuttle service to the marina. Scouts will be available to assist guests down the ramp and along the walkway. As you come aboard the ferry, you will receive your name tag, auction paddle, and auction booklet which we have prepared for you in response to your sending in \$50 for your ticket. Appetizers will be served, there will be a no-host bar, and the Gig Harbor Rowing and Kayak Team will preform for us on Filucy Bay! There will be a large table of silent auction items..... a list of some of those special auction items is included in this newsletter. Strolling violin players will entertain us as we enjoy a wonderful Wild Alaskan Salmon BBQ Dinner. Our live auction will follow, led by auctioneer, Joe Stortini. This will be an evening you do not want to miss!

Sunday morning

We invite you to join us again, beginning at 11:00 am, on the ferry as we reflect about what a wonderful event this has been for the LIC. Hot coffee and pastries from Sluy's Bakery, in Paulsbo, will be available for you for \$10.

Not only will we all have a wonderful time, but this is an opportunity to raise money for the youth of Key Peninsula as well as our LIC!

Here is a glimpse of some of the wonderful items that will be part of the Down Key Festival Auction Saturday evening:

LIC Board Members have contributed a wonderful "Basket of Wines"

Large wooden antique chest

Progressive Dinner along Cliff Avenue

High Tea at Blue Willow Lavender Farm

Sparkling Crystal Decanter with an Italian Bottle of Wine

Brand new pair of snow skis

Gondola rides and dinner on Crystal Mountain for two

Four books on the history of Key Peninsula

Cruise for 10 aboard the 'Awesome'

Silver wine cooler

Small World Rhythm Magic Motion Clock

Cruise on the sailboat, the 'Adventuress'

3 yards of bark or topsoil

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Down Key Festival Auction Items (continued):

Up to 3 dump runs!
Birthday Party at Key Peninsula Fire Station
A romantic dinner for 2
Three hours of yard work by Steve Lanier
Moorage at LIC Marina for two to three weeks
Vintage Wire Garden Bench with Trellis
Rolling Craftsman Tool Chest
Weekend Getaway at Camp Blackberry in Longbranch
Guided Kayak cruise around Filucy Bay
Kauiki Farm Breakfast and Tour for 4
Brunch for 8 at the Cape E Farm and Vineyard
A \$100 gift certificate for Oysters and Clams from Minterbrook
Pet Boarding at Bayside Animal Lodge
One week Timeshare with Vacation International
Crystal Bar Set—4 highball and 4 old-fashioned
A class in ribbon seaving
4 special martini glasses
A car care package
Photography by PHS students
Panasonic Cameras
Fantastic Art Work—and many more items for you to see!

Connie Hildahl

LIC Boaters Outings ??

Quite a few people have asked if we are going to be doing the LIC Boaters Group outings again this summer. The answer is yes. Our tentative plan is to have outings in June, July, August and September. One will be to Top Side for lunch. Another will be to Bair Drug for breakfast. A third will be another trip to Boathouse 19 for lunch. And the last will hopefully be a late lunch/early dinner trip to a yet to be determined restaurant in Olympia.

So, if your boat has been hiding under a cover all winter, it's time to get it out, tuned up, and ready to go. And for those who are not boat owners, remember that we always end up with more passengers than boat drivers. – Be looking for a schedule in next month's newsletter.

Kurt

Sure Sign of Spring.....

Rain or Shine.....Opening Day of Boating Season is May 3rd. Time to enjoy the annual pancake breakfast at the LIC Marina.

Serving is from 8:00—11:00 AM with donations accepted. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. The raffle is at 11:00, followed by the Mustard Seed Regatta.

Racers are asked to unload and then move cars to the clubhouse where shuttle service will be provided.

Carolyn Wiley

From the Dockmaster.....

A big thank you to Miller Paint Company, 5252 S. Washington in Tacoma. They not only gave us a discount on the paint we needed for the Marina, but donated a gallon, too. Thank you Miller Paint Company!!

Lynn Carr

GARAGE SALE WAS "SUPER!"

Wow! What a crush of sellers, buyers, lookers, eaters and helpers. It was great fun to see the Longbranch community in action! Everyone had fun visiting, shopping and eating and most vendors even sold a few things during all the socializing. Thirty-three vendors from the community participated and the LIC tables made over \$3700 for the club from your donated items. THANK YOU!!

Many folks helped haul, set up, sort, price, bake, serve food, cashier and man the sale tables. Thank you all **so much!!** Special thanks goes to the Garage Sale Committee: Pat Muchmore, Larry and Peg Bingham, Lynn and Bill Lloyd, Sharon Gearhart, Nancy Carr, Gayle and Shirley Brewer, Tim Heitzman, Doug Lewis, Joe Barrow, Judy Riggs and Clark Van Bogart.

More kudos go to **The Angel Guild** for hauling away loads of things after the sale and to the stalwart folks who took the rest to Goodwill and the transfer station on Thursday and did the final clean up at the clubhouse: Dennis Carroll, Lynn and Bill Lloyd, Denny and Jan Prichard and Clark Van Bogart.

Well done everyone!

Denny and Jan Prichard
Garage Sale Chairs

He bought this suitcase with his own money from his piggy bank.

Photo by Francie Carr



Another
Happy
Customer!

Photo by
Francie Carr

LIC Programs for 2014

July—"The Washington Boater Safety Education Program". Presented by Wade Alonzo of Washington State Parks Dept.

September—"Geomythology" (geologic evidence for cultural lore such as The Great Flood and Atlantis). Presented by Dr. Jeff Tepper, Chair of Geology Department, University of Puget Sound.

November—St. Anthony Hospital: Development and Services. Presented by Kathy Bay, Associate Vice-President, Patient Care Services.

Computer upgrade?

The Club could use a hand-me-down computer monitor — preferably a flat screen. Call Tim Heitzman at 884-0577.

If you know of anyone who is ill, is in the hospital, has had a death in the family, etc..... please call Marlies Van Cise at 884-5608 so she can offer encouragement or support with a card, a call or a visit. Thank you!

from the Sunshine Messenger.....

Kudos to our own Lynn Larson!!!

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Outstanding Achievements in Historic Preservation to be Honored

Olympia —The Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) is pleased to announce that 11 individuals and organizations have been named as recipients of the State Historic Preservation Officer's Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation. The awards program, in its 24th year, recognizes persons, organizations, and projects that have achieved distinction in the field of historic preservation. Each year, the awards are presented to the recipients by Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Dr. Allyson Brooks, at a ceremony held during the annual National Historic Preservation Month celebration in May.

According to Russell Holter, State Historic Preservation Awards Coordinator, the decision as to who or which project should receive an award is difficult for Dr. Brooks. This is due to the number of nominations submitted from across the state and the high quality of achievements in historic preservation. Each year, the award nominations (made in one of eight categories) are thoroughly reviewed by Dr. Brooks and DAHP staff.

This year, there are three winners in the Career Achievement category: Archaeologist Lynn Larson of Gig Harbor; Johnson Meninick of the Yakama Tribe; and former Director of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Jennifer Meisner of Seattle. The three individuals represent a wide variety of experiences and achievements in their personal or professional pursuit of cultural resources protection.

Lynn Larson is an influential archaeologist who paved a path of success for women looking to establish themselves as both environmental scientists and as business leaders in the Puget Sound area. She advanced the knowledge of Pacific Northwest prehistory through seminal projects such West Point Treatment Plant in Seattle and the Port Angeles Graving Dock. Lynn's professionalism and dedication to the state's irreplaceable cultural resources have been an inspiration and a model for Cultural Resource Managers throughout Washington State.

Award recipients will be recognized during a special ceremony held on May 13, 2014 in the Columbia Room of the Legislative Building in Olympia. State Historic Preservation Officer, Dr. Allyson Brooks will preside over the awards ceremony. The awards coincide with National Historic Preservation Month, an annual celebration occurring every May.

More information about the award recipients is available at www.dahp.wa.gov.

Editors Note: Only portions of the article are printed due to space limitations. The entire article is available in the link above.



LIC Membership Report



Big welcome to new Members
Tito & Felomina Villanueva

Thanks to Jan Prichard, Norma Iverson & Theresa Gano
for hosting the April meeting.

I am looking for two volunteers to hostess at the May
meeting. Please email eacolbert@msn.com or call
253-225-5115 if you would like to volunteer.

Eloise

See you at the May 21st Meeting

At 7:00 PM

Current membership is 140

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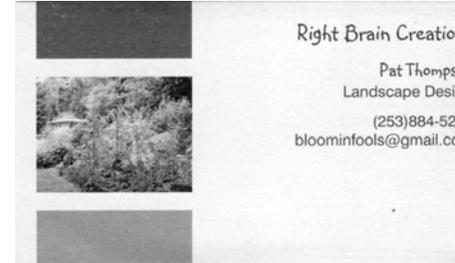
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