**Big Lake Historical Society**

Latest News and Business Updates—March 2022

**2023 BLHS Calendar**

The Calendar Committee is in the early stages of planning the 2023 BLHS Calendar. They met February 28 to begin the creative process of selecting a theme and photographs. The theme for the 2023 Calendar is *transitions*. Their next meeting will be Tuesday March 22, 2022, 1:00 PM at Big Lake Community Church basement. They are requesting photos of early BL road paving, installation of sewer, water, and telephone systems. Those interested in participating in this creative process are encouraged to attend. Bring your ideas and photographs to share. The plan is to have the new calendars printed and available to sell during the August exhibition.

*Jim Farmer setting up the Montborne Display in preparation for the 2016 BLHS Biennial Exhibit.*

A person looking at a book

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**Mark Your Calendars**

**2022 BLHS BIENNIAL EXHIBIT**

**Exhibit Dates and Times:**

Saturday, August 13, 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sunday, August 14, 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

**Location:**

Big Lake Fire Department Community Room

After cancelling the biennial exhibit in 2020 due to the pandemic, the BLHS has optimistically reserved the BLFD Community Room August 13-14. The exhibit is an opportunity for the community to learn about the history of Big Lake and the surrounding communities, i.e., Walker Valley, Montborne, Finn Settlement, Ehrlich, Big Rock, and Baker Heights. It is a time for the old-time locals and the new locals to gather, get acquainted, and share their stories. Other activities include—historic photographs, maps, artifacts, PowerPoint Presentations, company town site walking tours, and sales of BLHS calendars, books, and postcards.

Volunteers are needed in many areas, such as planning and organizing, set-up and take-down, greeters and docents, etc. Please join us Tuesday April 19, 2022, 1:30 PM at Big Lake Community Church basement for a planning meeting. We welcome all those interested, young and old, those who are new to the community and the old timers. Volunteering is a great way to become better acquainted with others in this great community. Email Trudi Davis at biglakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com for more details.

**OUR STORIES**

As editor, I have appreciated the response of those who have contributed their stories of Big Lake in recent newsletters, and I would love to hear from more of you. Special thanks to Jim Farmer, Pattie Hanstad Pleas, Carol Roundell, Carol Nersten, Marsha (Wirta) Bonay, and Peggy (Wirta) Dahl for sharing memories. There are many more stories out there, I know because I have heard them, and they are wonderful so please share. You do not have to be an oldie to share, our newbie’s have stories also. Send them to: BLHS, 23694 DaLacy Lane, Mount Vernon, WA 98274, or email Trudi Davis at biglakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

* **March 22, 2022—**1:00 PM, Calendar Committee meets at BL Community Church.2023 theme is transitions, requesting photos of early BL road paving, installation of sewer, water, and telephone systems.
* **April 19, 2022—**1:30 PM, combined Calendar and Exhibition Committees meet at BL Community Church. Open to all who are interested.
* **April 28, 2022—**7:00 PM, BLHS Quarterly Meeting (nomination of officers), BL Community Church. Visitors are welcome!
* **July 22, 2022—**7:00 PM, BLHS Annual Business Meeting. Election of Officers and annual report. Visitors are welcome!
* **August 13 & 14, 2022—**BLHS Biennial Exhibit at the BLFD Community Room 10:00 AM—5:00 PM. It is free! Open to all, come discover a connection to the community’s history.
* **October 27, 2022—**7:00 PM, BLHS Quarterly Meeting, BL Community Church. Visitors are welcome!

**BLHS OFFICERS**

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**Vice President Lloyd Watkinson**

**Secretary Pattie Pleas**

**Treasurer/Historian Melba Hall**

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**2022 CALENDAR & BOOK SALES:**

The colorful new 2022 BLHS Calendars are still available at the Big Lake store for $15.00 each.  The photographs in this calendar are by local resident and photographer, Kym Pickup Larvie. Those wishing to get your calendar by mail, may send a check made out to the BLHS in the amount of $16.00 (which includes postage) to:

BLHS CALENDAR

C/O Pattie Hanstad Pleas

17550 Dunbar Road

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

*Big Lake Valley,* BLHS’s book of the early history of our local communities is also available at the Big Lake store for $21.99, or maybe purchased through the mail by sending a check made out to the BLHS in the amount of $23.00 (includes postage) to Melba Hall, address:

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**CHARITIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO BLHS**

The Big Lake Historical Society is very appreciative of the contributions community members have made to our organization. A special thanks to Dan and Maureen Royal, Mae Greathouse, Kym Pickup Larvie, Pattie Pleas, and Andrea Xavier for their recent donations.

These contributions help support administrative costs such as the publishing and mailing of the newsletters, the expenses incurred in the production of the biennial exhibit, and the goal of a permanent display of Big Lake history, all the while supporting the mission of the BLHS “*to preserve and educate others about the area’s unique cultural and historic character*.”

If you would like to contribute to the work of the BLHS or give in memory of someone, your contributions can be mailed to:

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A group of people standing next to a train

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