

FogHorn

Westport-South Beach Historical Society Newsletter
December 2018

Happy Holidays and New Year 2019



Annual Holiday Party

Friday, December 14th is the date of our annual holiday potluck and membership meeting in McCausland Hall. Please join us for the festivities starting at **6:00 pm**.

Bring your favorite holiday appetizers, side dishes, salads, or desserts. Ham and dinner rolls will be provided.

Again this year, instead of a gift exchange, we are requesting you bring either non-perishable food items to be donated to our local Food Bank or small donations for the Ocosta Elementary School "Paws-itive" Store. Students at Ocosta earn "Paws-itive" coupons for demonstrating positive behaviors. The coupons at holiday time can be used to "purchase" gifts for family members. New or gently used items for all family members are welcome but items are especially needed for male family members (such as keychains, small flashlights, fishing tackle, gift cards, small tool sets, etc.). The Ocosta PTO will organize and wrap the gifts but donations are needed for the success of the program.

We will be giving out tickets for prizes to those who bring donated items.

Please join us for this happy holiday event. Hope to see you there!

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## Message from your President

by Kimmi Kerns

Change is inevitable and must be embraced. To not change and “go with the flow” is futile and as an organization we become stagnant.

There have been many changes in my three years as president of WSBHS. Some changes were for the better, and some not so. This year alone, three stalwart volunteers have passed on. They will be sorely missed - not just because of their contribution to our Society and community, but because of their smiling faces and servant’s heart.

McCausland Hall got a much needed facelift. And the kid’s education room at the museum was remodeled into the Coast Guard/K9 Rescue Room. A big thank you to Julie Smith for keeping that project going. It really looks nice - you should stop by and see it.

Pete Eberle will be the next president of WSBHS. Pete has been vice-president and chairs the Lighthouse committee. Pete, along with his wife Debi, have given the Lighthouse gift shop a makeover. It truly looks great and it’s warm in the winter and has mosquito netting for the summer. Thank you both for all your hard work. I know our Society is in good hands with Pete at the helm.

We also have a new website: www.wbhs.org. It is dynamic and exciting looking now. Expect lots of changes in 2019 as we move into the ‘digital age’. Thank you to Joni Rodgers for taking on this project.

There will be changes at the Foghorn, too. Noel Kreicker, who has been doing the Kid’s corner puzzles, has her final submission in this Foghorn. She will be doing lots of fun things with her grandchildren now. I know the kids (and kids at heart) enjoyed your creations these last two years. Thank you, Noel.

I want to thank my fellow board trustees for working beside me and investing your precious time to the benefit of our Society and community. You made my job as president a lot easier.

A special big THANK YOU to John Shaw. He is an extraordinary person as well as a great executive director. He “gets” it. I don’t know what I would have done without him.

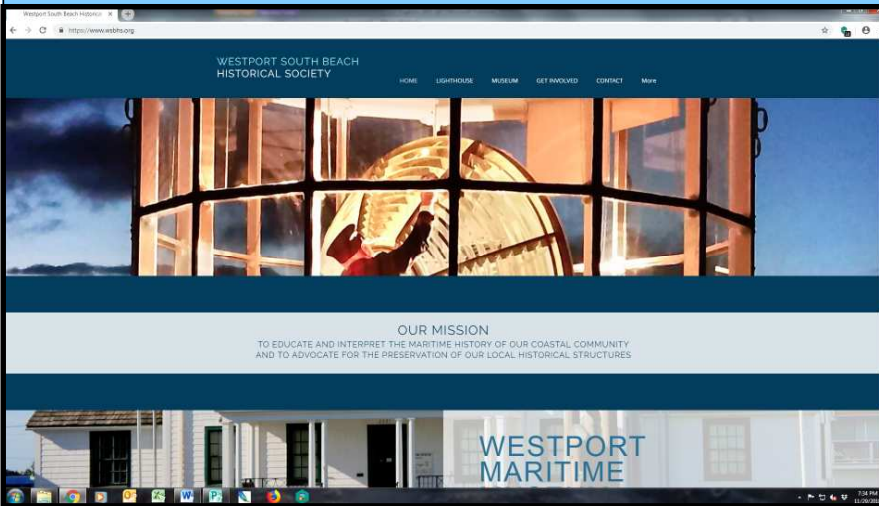
And, as always, a big thank you to the myriad of volunteers who make our Society and community a great place to be.

If you haven’t had the opportunity to volunteer, why not start in 2019? To quote Sheryl Crow “A change will do you good.”

Happy Holidays to you and your families.

I’m really looking forward to a fantastic 2019 and all the great, new changes to come.

## New Website - [www.wsbhs.org](http://www.wsbhs.org)



This last year, board trustee Joni Rodgers started working on a new website that combines both the museum and lighthouse operations.

The site address is: [www.wsbhs.org](http://www.wsbhs.org). Our goals for the future is to have videos on the site as well as a virtual gift shop for those one of a kind items. In addition, you will be able to donate to the Society and pay your membership dues on-line.

The website is an on-going project and will be changing rapidly, so check in often.

### PLEASE support the following businesses

who support US by their membership and/or donations:

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## Westport South Beach Historical Society 2018-2019 WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December:

- **WSBHS Holiday Party**  
**Friday, Dec. 14th 6:00 pm**

### January:

- Storm watching

### February:

- **Lighthouse Opens for the season**  
**Friday, February 1st**

### March:

- **Quarterly membership meeting**  
**Friday, March 15th 6:00 pm**



## Executive Director's Corner

- by John Shaw

### Who are we and what are we doing?

Simple question. I find it interesting that, over time, we do change our minds a bit in our need to express and refresh "our mission". We end up in regular discussions of our "Mission Statement". It started in 1985 with the need to express the intent of the group in a manner that would allow the IRS to grant non-profit status and determine that our mission, was consistent with granting 501(c)3 charitable organization status.

The Mission statement also the backbone of operations and our planning process. The Board, in its discussions will at various times makes decisions on whether something is "on mission". We attend non-profit trainings that focus the importance of the "mission" and how that can be the filter through which people see us, and in the case of Grantors, is a central piece of their review process. I personally touch on our mission statement most often in the context of Grant writing. You can write a great story of need, but it better make sense in regards to your stated mission to be considered.

In our training, we learn the importance of Mission Statements. We learn that in a organization that is a going concern, they are "living documents" and should be kept updated, active and in mind at all times. I was lucky enough to be selected to serve on the new City of Aberdeen Museum of History Board. We are the advisory body charged with organizing and reestablishing the new Museum in the wake of the Armory Fire. Our next workshop will be to create the "Mission Statement" for the new Museum. It is the first "brick" in the process of re-building and rightly so.

I have attended non-profit seminars where its recommended to treat the process seriously and consider getting professional writing help in creating and updating. At our last Board meeting we were lucky enough to have Board member (and New York Times best selling author) Joni Rogers, outline some "professional" suggestion for the yearly review. Thank you to Joni, our "Lighthouse Writer" professional.

I would urge folks to take a read and consider the nuance; how important the details can be when we want to state everything about ourselves in so few words. I would also urge sharing your thoughts and ideas on this as we want to consider all feedback going into the next Board retreat. Below is from Joni, and attached is a history/timeline of our Mission Statement since our founding.

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT - WSBHS Board Meeting 11/8/2018 Joni Rodgers

*(what it is now)*

To educate and interpret the maritime history of our coastal community and to advocate for the preservation of our local historical structures.

*(tweaking to correct grammar)*

To educate visitors, interpret maritime history, and advocate for preservation of historical structures in our coastal community.

*(tweaking to include "curate")*

To educate visitors, curate collections and media, interpret maritime history, and advocate for the preservation of historical structures in our coastal community.

*(drawing on other examples)*

To curate, educate, and advocate in an effort to preserve and share the rich maritime history of our coastal community.

### History of the Westport South Beach Historical Society Mission Statement

#### THE ORIGINAL MISSION STATEMENT 1985

The mission of the Westport Maritime Museum is to preserve the history of South Beach with an emphasis on the impact of local natural resources on regional growth and development.

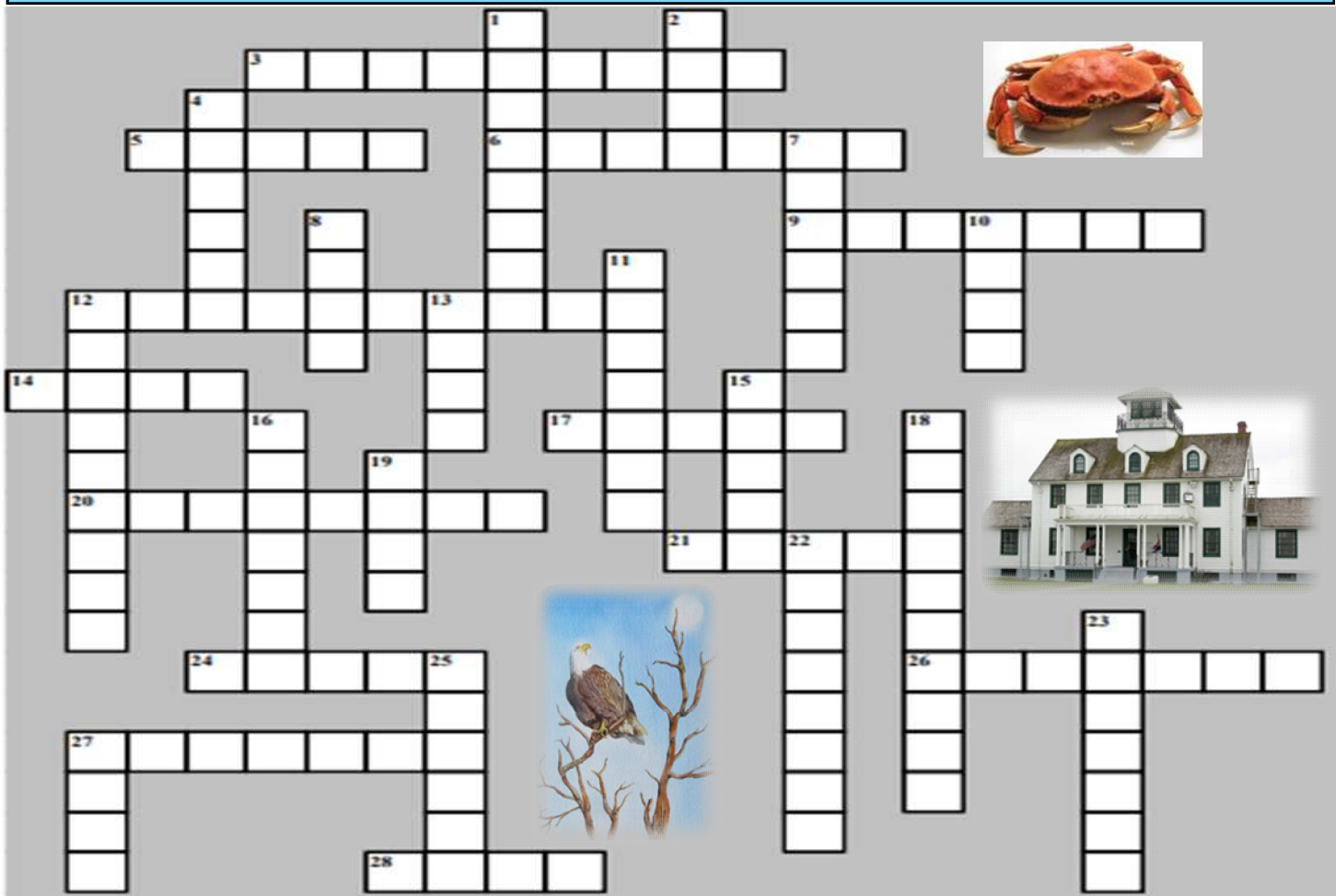
#### CHANGES MADE ON JANUARY 11,2006

The mission of the Westport South Beach Historical Society is to preserve and interpret the history of the South Beach, with an emphasis on the impact of local natural resources on regional growth and development in our maritime community.

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## Kid's Corner - Maritime Crossword Puzzle

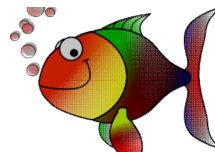
by Noel Kreicker

**Across**

- 3 a person who catches marine animals for a living or for sport
- 5 the ocean surface moving up and down, often caused by winds
- 6 a large wave on the ocean, usually caused by an undersea earthquake
- 9 any plant or plants growing in the ocean
- 12 a model of a structure made on the beach, usually by children
- 14 a saltwater fish that can weigh up to 1500 pounds
- 17 a vast body of salt water
- 20 brightness or radiance that is warm and pleasant
- 21 a sandy shore by the ocean
- 24 a disturbance of the atmosphere with strong winds and usually rain
- 26 a marine animal having a soft, oval body and eight arms
- 27 a soup or stew of seafood
- 28 any substance used to attract and catch fish

**Down**

- 1 a favorite destination for sports fishermen
- 2 water falling in drops condensed from vapor in the atmosphere
- 4 a popular game fish, much prized for its pink flesh
- 7 a building in which interesting objects are collected and displayed
- 8 a landing pier to which boats can be moored
- 10 a current of air blowing from a particular direction
- 11 a large web-footed fish-eating bird with a very large bill
- 12 a waterproof hat with a broad brim
- 13 a sea mammal that swims with flippers
- 15 a large bird of prey belonging to the hawk family
- 16 a device made from fibers woven in a grid-like structure



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## Grays Harbor Light in the news 1898

by Pete Eberle

The following Newspaper article from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer dated Sunday August 7, 1898 was found on the Library of Congress web site and is offered here in its entirety. It is very informative and gives us some information that we have up to now, not been privy to. We now can give our visitors a few more facts about our lighthouse that we were only guessing at before. And the manner in which it is written is inspiring to say the least for all of us fans of the lighthouse. Included is an original sketch from the newspaper.

### GRAYS HARBOR'S NEW LIGHTHOUSE

**That at Westport Fashioned After Lapeurte ---- Only One of Its Kind in the Entire United States**

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer



Hoquiam, Aug. 6. – Shipping men who sail their vessels in Grays Harbor, or up the coast of Washington are delighted with the success of the new government lighthouse, which has just been completed on the mouth of Grays Harbor.

The light is unlike anything in the United States. It is the only one of the kind in the United States and is the theory of a Frenchman. The lens and lamp are made by the famous light makers of Paris, Henry Lapeurte & Sons. The Light is known as “a light of the third order, alternating red and white flashes every 5 seconds.” The Focal plane is 110 feet high and is easily seen seventeen miles at sea.

The lamp frame is a revolving turret, a mechanical contrivance which, for delicacy of construction, astonishes the unlearned and pleases the expert. Up from the ground is this immense brass body, which looks not unlike the pulley for a big belt. Yet this body is so perfectly balanced that with the strength of one’s little finger, its many tons revolve rapidly. In the top of this turret, in a bed containing 400 pounds of quicksilver, the lamp for which all this ingenuity was expended firmly rests. Around it are the big doors of lenses, the finest of cut glass five-sixteenths of an inch thick. It is a wonderful piece of mechanism and as the obliging keeper explains it use he handles it as carefully as a mother her child.

During the time the lamps are burning, this body, weighing tons, revolves with the regularity only excelled by the beating of the heart. The revolution is caused by a 250-pound weight which exactly like the old-fashioned clock, hangs down the center of the great structure. Every eight hours the keeper takes a big crank and winds up the 100 feet of coil and again it begins its slow travel toward the bottom. The lamp itself differs little from a big Rochester, but has four round wicks which all burn at once.

The building which encloses this great work of genius for the benefit of the ships that sail the sea is one of the most massive in the United States. It is built of solid rock and iron. It’s base is 38 feet square of

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## Recap of October's Annual Business Membership Meeting

Our annual membership meeting, held October 12th, 2018, was well attended. A big "THANK YOU" to all who came and participated. We had lots of great food and a good time.

Sherrie Williams was honored as Volunteer of the Year. For the second year in a row, Will Willard was named Watch Stander of the Year. They were presented with plaques and Lighthouse 'medals' to show our appreciation for their service. Thank you for making our Society and community a better place to live!

Election results:

President: Pete Eberle (Term: Jan. 2019 - Dec. 2021)

Vice-President: Evelyn Robinson (Term: Jan. 2019 - Dec. 2021)

Treasurer: Sherrie Williams (affirming her board appointment in July 2018, term ends Dec. 2020).

At-large position II: **\*\* remains open \*\*** (Term: Jan. 2019 - Dec. 2021)

At-large position III : Joni Rodgers (affirming her board appointment of Nov. 2017, term ends Dec. 2019).

At-large position V: Kimmi Kerns (filling a previously open term ending Dec. 2020).

### 2018 Volunteer of the Year Sherrie Williams



This honor goes to the person who has given the most volunteer hours to the Society this past year.

### 2018 Watch Stander of the Year Will Willard



This honor is given to the person who has volunteered the most hours watch standing, either at the museum or at the lighthouse.

## Executive Director's Corner

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### CHANGES MADE ON MAY 12, 2010

The mission of the Westport South Beach Historical Society is to preserve and interpret the history of the South Beach, with an emphasis on natural resources and advocating for preservation of our local historic structures.

### CHANGES MADE ON MARCH 8, 2011

The mission of the Westport South Beach Historical Society is to preserve and interpret the history of the South Beach, with an emphasis on natural resources and advocating for preservation of our local historic structures in our maritime community.

### MISSION STATEMENT 2015

The mission of the Westport South Beach Historical Society is preserving and interpreting the history and advocating for the preservation of our local historic structures of the south beach.

### MISSION STATEMENT JANUARY 2016

The mission of the Westport South Beach Historical Society is to educate and interpret the maritime history of our coastal community and to advocate for the preservation of our local historic structures.



## Grays Harbor Light in the news 1898

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solid masonry. Then a concrete bed 13 feet thick; From there the structure tapers to a height of 138 feet. Inside is a beautiful, winding iron stairway of sixteen sections or stories. On reaching the top story, or the lamp story, an iron railing encircles the tower. From this elevation the most magnificent view presents itself. Old ocean can be traced as far as eye can reach and the Olympic mountains display a grandeur unknown elsewhere.

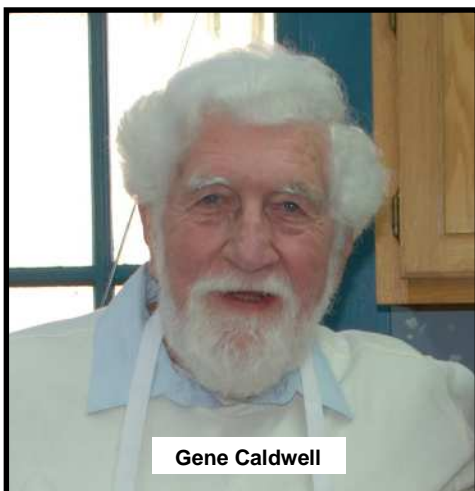
This splendid piece of government property is under the care of Mr. C. Zanner who spent twelve years at the Destruction Island lighthouse. Mr. Zanner takes great pride in his work and accepts the responsibility with a degree of pleasure seldom seen in like cases.

The first thing which attracts a visitors attention on entering is a large stone slab on each side of the doorway. The one on the left reads "Grays Harbor Lighthouse, built in 1897;" the other reads " 46 deg., 53 min.,16 sec., north latitude, 124 deg., 07 min., 13 sec., west longitude," this being the exact location of the building.

For this great and necessary work the government appropriated \$75,000. Had it been twice as much it would have been well spent.

## Passages

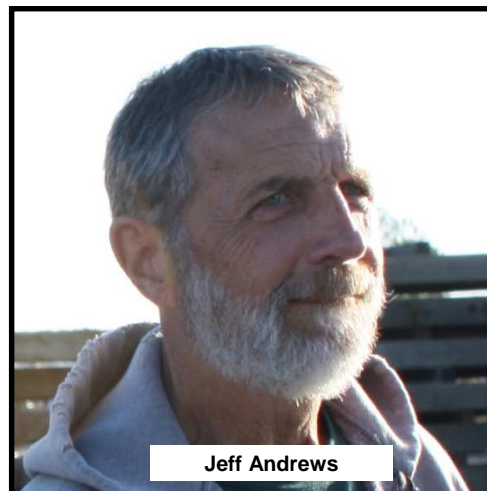
This year the Society lost three volunteers to the great beyond. We thank them for their dedication and service to our Society and community. They will never be forgotten.



Gene Caldwell

Lindsay "Gene" Caldwell passed away in April. A chef extraordinaire, he was the owner of Sourdough Lil's and cooked many a meal for the Society. He was also on the Board of Trustees for several years.

Jeff Andrews left us in September. A gifted "handyman" - he was always ready and willing to work on any and all projects. He never said much - he didn't have to. Jeff was our Volunteer of the Year in 2017.



Jeff Andrews

Perry Kwik moved on in October. I loved his fun sense of humor. For several years he was the "Thursday guy" watch stander at the Museum. He was VERY camera shy, so we don't have a picture of him for you, but his smiling face will always be with us.





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