



# The Recorder

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- Kent Chronicles 1st Thursdays
- GKHS Board Meetings—public welcome!
- Little Explorers' Club alternating Wednesdays
- Dinner & Speaker Series

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## Letter from the President

by Charlene Shaw

Change! I hate change! However it seems to have hit our historical museum. Since the last newsletter we have had two resignations from the staff (since we only have three staff that's a lot).

Linda Wagner has left to take a full time position with her church. She is very active in her church and likes the new job a lot. Then simultaneously, Stephen Chandler, found that due to a grant, he cannot work anymore hours. He will stay on as a volunteer and continue to be the person in charge of the rotating displays. Stephen's degree is in interior design so that is his first love.

The Executive Board has initiated a job search and the announcement will go out soon. We will be looking for an executive director and an administrative assistant. If you know anyone who might be interested please contact the museum for an application. These jobs will be hard to fill – we had the best.

More change – the cherry tree next to the shed, near the arbor, will be removed. The tree has bugs which have infested the center of the tree and has created a danger of it falling on the house (or us). Once the tree is removed our new resident gardeners, Nancy Simpson and Sally Klatt, have plans for that area.

The re-flooring of the Carriage Barn has been started and we will be keeping an eye out for all the changes there.

We have a couple of big events coming up in October and November. The dinner fundraiser on October 9<sup>th</sup> and the wine tasting event on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Details of both events are in this newsletter so I hope you will plan to attend.

Personal changes are that I retired from the County after 36 years. You will no doubt see more of me around the museum – so stop and say hi and let's get to know each other better.

### HISTORY OF PIONEER LIFE IN THE WHITE RIVER VALLEY

-MAGDALENA SISH TREAGER -

Funeral services were held at the Scott Memorial Chapel Friday afternoon for Mrs. Magdalena Treager, venerable Auburn pioneer woman who died at the Suburban hospital Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

She had been in failing health for several months and she and her son Frank had spent several months at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Metta Jensen. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, she fell, fracturing a leg and was confined to the hospital until her passing.

Born in Schleswig, Germany, January 29, 1853, had she lived five more days she would have reached her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Her maiden name was Magdalena Sish and she came to the United States with part of her father's family when 15 years of age, locating in Minnesota, where she was married in 1871 to Gottlieb Traeger.

In Minnesota two children were born to them, Annie and Henry. They came to the Northwest in 1875 spending the summer and early fall on the Henry Adams farm at Orillia. On December 5<sup>th</sup> of that year they moved to the farm on which they continuously resided throughout their lives. They had homesteaded in Minnesota but pre-empted and purchased their Auburn Farm

They came west by the Southern Pacific Railroad to San Francisco, by steamer to Portland, from Portland to Tacoma on the newly constructed branch of the Northern Pacific, and then to Seattle by boat.

When they moved from Orillia they went by river steamer to Alvord's landing near Titusville

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As a non-profit charitable organization, GKHS relies on community support from individuals, corporations, foundations and service clubs. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by the IRS.

**You can help GKHS financially by:**

- Become a benefactor (a financial contributor) or leave a bequest to GKHS in your will
- Supporting the GKHS Direct Mail Campaigns
- Making an In Memoriam Gift (names will be entered in our Endowment Book located in the front hall.)
- Supporting Special Events by buying a ticket, being a sponsor

**Two ways you can donate today. Go to [kenthistoricalmuseum.org](http://kenthistoricalmuseum.org), click on Join which will give you an option for donations through Paypal or fill out the donation form located on page 2.**

**Renovation of Back Porch and Laundry Room**

Submitted by Stephen Chandler

Please come by and check out our newly remodeled back porch and laundry room. After scrubbing years of dirt and grime and removing unnecessary items not related to laundry or relaxing on a back porch, we discovered an amazing new palette to work with.

Thanks to our friends at Seattle Paint Supply, we were able to turn those dull gray walls into bright and inviting rooms. To bring back the past, we painted the floors a dark walnut color to resemble the original flooring.

Relocating the artifacts on the back porch and the laundry room gave each room their own distinction and their proper use.”

The back porch has become a 1900 era kitchen and the laundry room exhibits the “Drudgery of Housekeeping”.

Some of the highlights are glass washboards from Howard Manufacturing, a hand pump vacuum circa 1911, and a 1910 Alcazar wood burning stove.

Special thanks to our volunteers, Dan and Sandy Ulrey, for their tireless efforts helping with all that priming and painting.



Before



After



**Attention!  
Announcing the GKHS Holiday Wine Tasting Event!**

Castle Bridge Winery  
7645 S 180th St, Kent, WA 98032  
(425) 251-0983

**Saturday, November 13  
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Getting ready for the holidays?** Plan on joining us at the Castle Bridge Winery to sample wines, enjoy light refreshments, feast on the chocolate fountain, shop in the gift shop, buy raffle tickets, and help raise money for the society! Tickets: \$ 15.00 - Raffle Tickets: \$ 5.00.

**Looking for a unique holiday gift to give to your family and friends this season?** How about a personalized bottle of wine? Bring your personalized design for a label and Castle Bridge will put it on one or more of any bottle(s) of wine you so desire. Several examples may be found on their website: <http://www.castlebridgewinery.com/>. Cost is only \$18 per bottle and GKHS will get a percentage of each bottle sold. Regular Castle Bridge labels are also available.



**Need additional gifts?** Shop the winery’s gift shop and GKHS will get a percentage of those sales.

**Don’t drink wine?** Sparkling cider will be available so don’t let that stop you from coming to the party!

**Questions?** Please contact Charlene Shaw, Jan Mayes, or Karen Bouton by leaving a message at the museum



*Renew Your Membership or Make a Donation*  
GKHS Membership Form

Please enroll me as Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Greater Kent Historical Society (GKHS)  
855 East Smith Street, Kent, WA 98030-4623  
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\_\_\_ I am interested in volunteering at the museum

Got old eye glasses? Drop them in the Kiwanis Club box at the Museum.


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Our purpose is to promote the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the history of the greater Kent area.

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*Night of a Thousand Stars*  
*A Dinner Fundraiser*  
*Celebrating 120 Years of Kent History*  
*Hosted by the Greater Kent Historical Society*  
*Saturday, October 9, 2010*  
*Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E. Smith Street*  
*The fun starts at 6:00 PM*  
*Registration Begins on September 1<sup>st</sup>*  
*Tickets are \$45.00 Per Person*  
*Watch the Mail for Your Order Forms!*  
*Call 253-854-4330 for Additional Information*

**Voices from the Past**

The July 15<sup>th</sup> dinner speaker series was the performance of ‘Voices from the Past’ performed by six actors from Book-it Repertory Theatre. They told the stories of some of Kent’s early settlers that are interred in the Saar Pioneer Cemetery. We learned about Mary Almiar (Shickler) Anderson; Elias Clark; Stephen Park Willis; the Shinn sisters and the Mylorie babies; James D. Iddings; Mighill B. Maddocks; and Margaret Eunice (Olmstead) Saar.

We ate a yummy hot dog dinner outside on the lawn as it was a gorgeous evening. Special thanks go to H.D. Hotspurs for donating the corn bread and coleslaw; and to Caveman Kitchens for the potato salad.

This performance was filmed and a DVD will soon be available for purchase. Please check at the museum later in September.

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the IRS laws.

## **Goodsearch**

Submitted by Jim Osness

Search the Internet and support the GKHS at the same time. For your searches, please, consider using [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). This search engine donates a penny per search to charities. The GKHS is listed as the "Kent Historical Society and Museum" in their designated causes. Thanks for your consideration and happy searching.

## **Yard Sale**

Submitted by the co-chairs:  
Amy, Rosie, and Lilly Kato

On Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12, our first Yard Sale was held in conjunction with the neighboring community sale. We had a steady flow of customers for a very successful two days. Many, many thanks to all who donated the many items for our sale and especially to all who helped with the pricing and sales for the two days. A special thank you to the museum staff that put in many extra hours. It was very tiring but worth the effort. The event included a successful bake sale. Thank you all again!

## **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

Calling all GKHS volunteers!! Please join us on September 25<sup>th</sup> for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner from 4pm until 7pm. *Theo's Seafood & Southern Kitchen* will be donating the food in exchange for exposure to the Kent area. Let's all welcome him to the community. Please RSVP to the Museum at 253-854-4330 by September 18<sup>th</sup>.