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Spring 2008

### The San Juan Historical Museum

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www.sjmuseum.org

### Museum Hours:

June thru September:

Wed.- Sat.  
10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Sun.  
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

### Museum Staff

Kevin Loftus  
Director

Kim Kennedy  
Summer Intern

Jen Fleming  
Bookkeeper

Sue Madden  
Tour & Research  
Coordinator

### Washington State Library provides resources to digitize Jim Crook Collection

The week of May 19-23, the Museum Resource Center was buzzing with activity. Laura Robinson from the Washington State Library was working with the Museum and the San Juan Public Library staff to digitize the Jim Crook Collection—photos, letters, newspaper clippings, oral histories, homemade clothes, lawn bowling balls, and a hand carved chair that all belonged to homesteader Jim Crook. Laura Tretter, the director of the San Juan Public Library, applied to the State Library to digitize the Museum's Jim Crook Collection as part of the State Library's Rural Heritage initiative.



Jim Crook with his homemade cloth

The State Library launched the Rural Heritage initiative to enable rural communities to better preserve their unique local history and artifacts. State Library employees travel to the local communities to provide the digitization technology and training in cataloging while the local institutions select and describe the items.

The historical materials from all the rural communities selected by the State Library will be available online as the Washington Rural Heritage Collections.

The Jim Crook Collection profiles the life of a very unique islander. Jim Crook's parents were heading west on the Oregon Trail when he was born in Wyoming in 1873. The Crook family continued on to San Juan Island, where they made their home at English Camp. In 1900 Jim's father, William, and Jim built their family a two-story house overlooking Garrison Bay, which is still standing. He was inventive and self-sufficient, building his own wool carder and weaving his own clothes from his sheep's wool. Jim died in 1967, soon after British Camp was made into a National Historic Park. Since then, the Jim Crook Society has helped to preserve his story, including the now-defunct Jim Crook Society, the Historical Museum, and the National Park Service.

The Jim Crook Collection will be available online in early August through the Washington State Library website, the Museum website, and the Library website and catalog. In addition, visitors to the Historical Museum will be able to see a display of the Jim Crook Collection in the farmhouse.

Special thanks to:  
Mike Vouri from the National Park Service, who provided photographs, other materials and information for the Jim Crook Collection.



The remodeled south side of the barn

## Barn Restoration Update

Thanks to the generous community members and Museum supporters who contributed to the Barn Project fund, we now have enough money to restore the south side of the barn to match the north side. However, we still need \$25,000 worth of volunteer labor and materials in order to finish the project. If you are interested in helping us out in this endeavor, please give us a call!

## Recent Events

### A Day in a Pioneer's Life

On May 12, Leisha Holmes led a group of students from Griffin Bay Learning Center in old fashioned arts and crafts. They made braided oval rugs, bread dough sculptures that people used to hang on trees, butter with a crank handle churn, and played games on the lawn.



Jillian Urbach and Sam Stuart show off their rugs at the "Day in a Pioneer's Life" event.

### The Silver Tea

On May 3, Kristy Wade hosted a tea party at the Farmhouse, where Wilsey Brumsickle, April Esposito, MacKenzie Mapstead, Genevieve Gislason, Libby Andersen, and Grace Willows, all students at the Padiua School, modeled aprons for about 40 guests. April's mother Susan Esposito also helped model a mother daughter apron set. Paula Sundstrom, Candy Dosset, Mary Jean Cahail, and Kitty Roberts all loaned homemade and vintage aprons. Piano accompaniment was provided by David Bayley.



David Bayley provides entertainment at the Silver Tea while surrounded by aprons



Eve Hulse models an apron

### Lecture Series

On March 25th, Boyd Pratt gave a talk on home-steading in the San Juan Islands.

On April 10th, Mike Vouri from the National Park Service gave a talk entitled "Pig War to Civil War: George Pickett and James Alden."

On May 14, Boyd Pratt spoke on the rural architecture of the San Juan Islands.

### Lecture Series to continue in the fall!

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### Wish List

- Donations for critical repairs around the Museum, for example, the Carriage House has dry rot and a leaky roof
- Clock for the Resource Center
- Heat for the Resource Center and the Farmhouse
- A new copier
- Signage for the Museum buildings
- Paint and painters
- Volunteers for work parties
- Wooden screen door for the Farmhouse
- Docents- if you would like to be a docent, call Romona Jones (378-2896) or Mary Jean Cahail (378- 2294)

**THANK YOU!** We would like to thank all of our members and donors who have contributed to the San Juan Historical Museum over the past months. We couldn't do our work without you!

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### From the Director, Kevin Loftus

To begin, I am very excited to be given the opportunity to be a part of the San Juan Historical Museum. It has been a busy time for me at the museum since coming on board a few months ago. Our museum is a busy place these days with much work and planning being done.

Members are important to our museum in many regards. I encourage you to become a member, or if you have not already renewed your membership, to send in the membership form provided on the back of this newsletter. We also have a need for volunteers for many projects. Any amount of time you can lend would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to give a special thanks to Mary Jean Cahail, the President of our Board. Mary Jean has worked tirelessly for the museum while we were without a Director, and continues to devote many hours of her time to the museum.

In addition, I wish to extend personal thanks to the many individuals who have provided support, encouragement and kind words to me. Thank you to the Board of Trustees, Jim Cahail, Annette and Dave Dysart, Rick Galer, Dodie Gann, Leisha Holmes, Kim Kennedy, Sandy Strehlou and Laura Tretter.

### Upcoming Events

**The 4th of July Pig War Picnic**  
 At the Historical Museum  
 Immediately following the Parade

**Pioneer Overnight in Cabin**  
 Do crafts, play games, and spend the night in the Scribner Log Cabin at the Historical Museum!  
 July 18-19, 7pm-10am  
 Ages 6-16  
 \$45 a person, some scholarships available  
 For information, call 378-3949

**Island Rec's Music on the Lawn**  
 Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8:30  
 Beginning July 9  
 On the Lawn at the Historical Museum

### The Museum would like to thank...

David Bayley Lisa Brown & Lions Club Youth Group Vicky Dauciuinas Jerry Jamison	Bonnie Peakes Jacki Riley Laura Robinson from the WA State Library Howie Rosenfeld	Laura Tretter & Library staff Town of Friday Harbor Kristi Wade
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