



# San Juan Historical Society & Museum

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## Key element added to the MHI



Work on the **San Juan Island Museum of History and Industry (MHI)** continues and we are pleased that the centerpiece of the atrium has arrived!

The 3-D topographical map of San Juan Island, is to scale, meaning that the heights of hills and the depths of valleys and sea floor, are correct in proportion to linear distances across the map, so it is an accurate model of the island and its topography.

Solid Terrain Modeling, was the company, chosen to produce the map. The process began as two pieces of high-density foam which were "sculpted" via a computer controlled process, which also printed the satellite image. Then the two pieces were joined together to form the roughly 5 ft. square finished product.

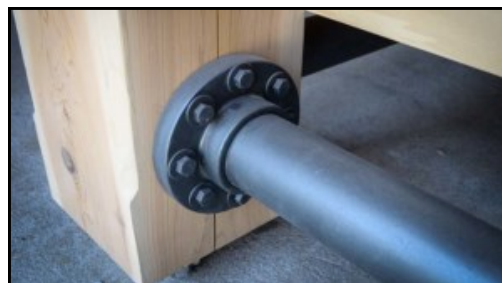
A custom-made cedar display cabinet with "industrial" touches was designed and built by volunteer project directors Don Nixon and Fred Yockers. The cabinet is a fitting home for the map and impressive in its own right.

Not yet in its final form, the cabinet will have labeled buttons for various points of interest - push a button for "Roche Harbor" for example, and a light will illuminate, showing you where that is. There will also be screens mounted on one side, which will give detailed information about the various industries exhibited.

The atrium is now framed and will allow the building to be insulated and heated so that it will be a comfortable all season space. Elements of each industry wing will be positioned in the atrium near the entry to each of the wings. The atrium is planned to be completed by December.

We thank the Honeywell Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region and Valmark, Inc., for providing funding for the project. Additional thanks to Bill Maas at Egg Lake Sawmill who donated the native island cedar, which was planed smooth thanks to Dave Marsaudon at Window Craft and to Don Nixon and Fred Yockers for their guiding vision.

*See the map at our booth in the main pavilion during the San Juan County Fair, August 13—16th!*



*\*Partial funding of the barn expansion project was made possible by grants from the Heritage Capital Project Fund administered by the Washington State Historical Society.*

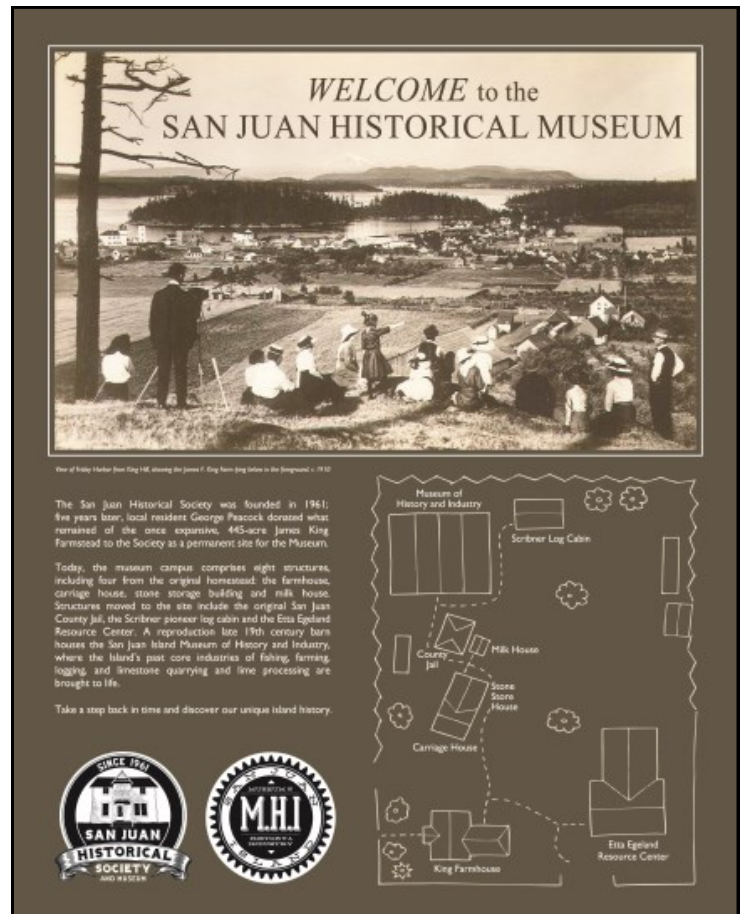
## *New signs unveiled*

Recently 15 new interpretive outdoor signs were added to the grounds. The professionally designed signage provides a cohesive and consistent branded identity for the interpretation of the museum's heritage structures and outdoor exhibits.

All of the buildings and outdoor exhibits each have their own sign which adds detailed historical content. In addition, we installed signs (*at right*) at each entrance point which welcome visitors with a brief introduction. We invite you to stop by and give them a look. You may even pick up a new tidbit of San Juan Island history along the way.

The signs were designed by Jennifer Rigg of LOEA Design with historical context provided by Boyd Pratt. Installation was performed by Fred Yockers.

Funding was made possible by a San Juan County Historic Preservation Grant and contributions from museum members like you!



## *Remembering Ted*



*Ted Middleton receiving his copy of the Friday Harbor book as presented by Board President Mary Jean Cahail, February 2009.*

A good friend and long time supporter of the Museum, E.A. "Ted" Middleton passed away unexpectedly in April.

Ted originally started visiting the island in the 1950's, and with his wife Ethel retired to the island in the 1970's. Ted had a great interest in many types of old machinery especially steam engines, antique tractors and farm equipment. Ted of course had an interest in our collection of antique machinery and farming equipment and helped with interpreting the historical details of many of the farming related pieces in our collection.

Ted was a major financial supporter for the expansion of the Museum's barn which paved the way for the developing MHI. Through Ted's support we were able to complete matching grant funding for the capital improvement project which added two wings to the barn in 2007 and 2012. Ted continued to show his generosity towards us by funding portions of the *Images of*

*America: Friday Harbor* and *Images of America: San Juan Island* publications. He wanted to help us tell the history of the Town and the Island through the historic images in our collection.

We are grateful for all Ted did for the Museum and his appreciation of our island history. Ted made a difference in the Museum in many ways and his legacy will always be a part of our organization.

***In other MHI news...***

***Grant Matching Opportunity  
during the  
San Juan County Fair***



The San Juan Island Community Foundation has generously offered a matching grant opportunity during the run of the San Juan County Fair, August 13—16, which will benefit the continuing development of the MHI. Here is how it works: the Community Foundation will match 50% for each dollar given during the four days of the Fair, with a cap of 50% (\$2,500) of the goal amount of \$5,000 for the Museum. For example: If the Museum raises \$2,000 during the Fair, the Community Foundation will match that with \$1,000. If we raise \$6,000 at the Fair, the Community Foundation will match that with the cap of \$2,500.

***By raising at least \$5,000 during the period from August 13 through August 16, 2014, the SJI Community Foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to the MHI.*** Hence the need to ask for as many donations as possible **during those dates.**

**Important information:** to be eligible for this matching grant program, donations must be made to the San Juan Island Community Foundation. with 3 different options:

1. *You can donate directly at the San Juan Island Community Foundation Fair booth;*
2. *You can send a check made payable to the San Juan Island Community Foundation, with a note in the memo line that says it is specifically for San Juan Historical Museum/MHI and mail it to: SJICF, PO Box 1352, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 (please ensure it will be received no later than Aug. 16).*
3. *You can donate with a credit card on the Foundation's website at [www.sjicf.org](http://www.sjicf.org). On the SJICF Home Page, there will be an area listed for San Juan County Fair matching grants. Your choice in the menu, we hope, will be the San Juan Historical Museum/MHI. For your donation to qualify for the 50% matching grant, it would need to be submitted from August 13 through August 16.*

This is a wonderful opportunity to help us in our continuing fundraising efforts to build the MHI. Please consider making a contribution for the MHI during the run of the Fair. Thank you!

***By a Brick Program for the MHI***



Buy a Brick and pave the way to the MHI and own a part of San Juan Island history! For a minimum contribution of \$250 you can become a sponsor

of the MHI. Your 6" x 9" paver will be custom engraved and permanently placed in the entrance area of the MHI.

You will be able to have up to four lines of text with a limit of 20 characters per line. There will

be plenty of space to put a message of your choosing. **You can order in person at the museum or go to our website, [sjmuseum.org](http://sjmuseum.org), and click on the brick icon in the menu bar which will lead you to our online ordering page.**

Please **join us** in this effort – **help us** to continue to create the **San Juan Island Museum of History and Industry**. Become a part of a legacy of information and education which will benefit current and future generations of San Juan Island residents and visitors.

## New picnic tables



FH Grange #225 members

If you happened to attend the Pig War Picnic and Music on the Lawn, you may have noticed the new picnic tables on the museum grounds. The tables were provided through the volunteer work of the Friday Harbor Grange #225. The tables are a wonderful addition to the museum grounds and have been getting a lot of use.

Members of the Friday Harbor #225 Grange led the effort to procure funding and materials then assembled and delivered the eight ergonomic picnic tables to the museum. Plaques were inscribed according to the wishes of the donors and applied to the tables.

Generous financial donations were made by the following:

- *FH Grange #225, in memory of Gail Hyland.*
- *The American Legion Auxiliary, in memory of Pauli Gavora.*
- *Gina & John Sandwith in memory of Bob & Gwen Sandwith.*
- *An anonymous donor sponsored two tables, in memory of Judge John Linde and Al, Charlie & Kenny Nash from "The Poker Club."*
- *Stillpoint School, "At the still point of the turning world...there the dance is... T.S. Eliot"*
- *Friday Harbor Kiwanis, "Serving our Children," donated two tables.*

Our thanks to the Friday Harbor Grange #225 for filling a need and helping to improve the Historical Museum grounds, and to those who provided the funds to make it happen.

## Coming events

### **Wednesday, August 13—Saturday, August 16**

#### ***San Juan County Fair***

We will be in two locations this year. Find us in the usual place, the Pioneer Log Cabin and inside the main pavilion with the MHI 3-D map. Please stop by and say hello.

### **Sunday, August 24, 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

#### ***2014 Concours d'Elegance of the San Juan Islands***

The Sports Car Club of the San Juan Islands in conjunction with the Rotary Club of San Juan Island will hold its eighth Annual Concours d'Elegance automobile show at the San Juan Vineyards. Last year's event drew 87 entrants with a similar number expected this year. The Concours is a charitable event and this year the Museum will be a beneficiary and share in the net proceeds from the event. All proceeds we receive will go towards the MHI!

### **Saturday, September 6, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

#### ***2nd Annual San Juan Islands Pioneer Festival***

Celebrate the pioneer culture of San Juan Island! Volunteers from San Juan Island National Historical Park & Battery D will be dressed in period attire from the Pig War era. There will be a Cake Walk, Three Legged Races, Sack Races and interactive demonstrations of a two man crosscut saw, an authentic blacksmith forge, and apple pressing. Also food vendors, arts & crafts vendors and MORE! Fun for the whole family! See [www.sjpioneerfestival.com](http://www.sjpioneerfestival.com) for more information.

### **Saturday, September 13**

#### ***Fundraising tour to Patos Island Lighthouse***

Details forthcoming...

### *New & Renewing Members and Donations*

#### **Business Members**

*Benedict Restoration*  
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Jim Boyce  
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### *Memorial donations*

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**Thank you for your support!**



*A recent addition to the photo archives which shows an early street scene on lower Spring Street in Friday Harbor. Date unknown.*

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*Please detach this form at dotted line and return with your donation*

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**This is a (check one)**  Renewing Membership  New Membership

Annual membership contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount of your choosing)

**I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the SJI Museum of History and Industry (MHI)**

**Please make payable to San Juan Historical Society, PO Box 441, Friday Harbor, WA 98250**

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