



San Juan Historical Museum

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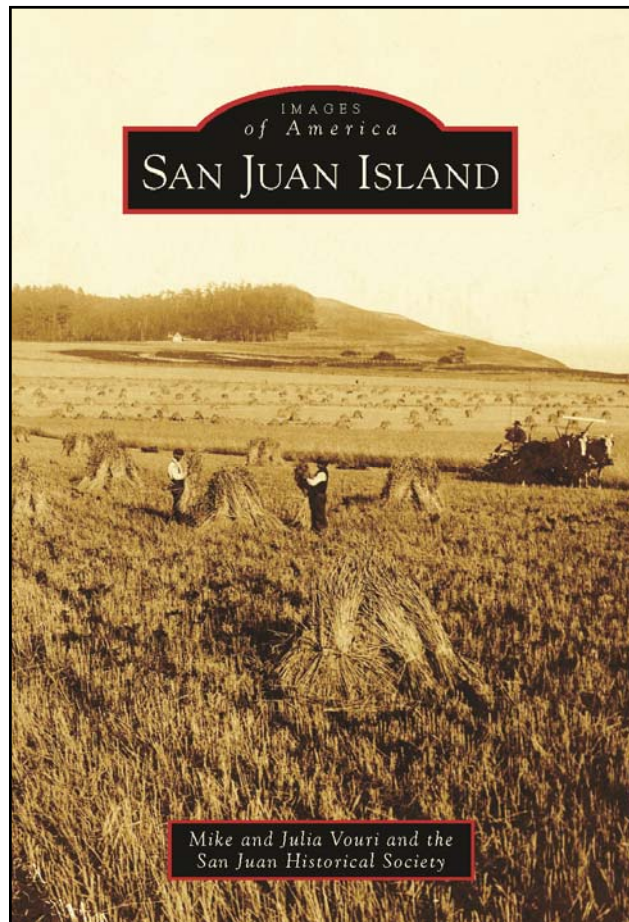
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## Images of America—San Juan Island

On Sale November 1st!

Once again we have teamed up with Mike and Julia Vouri to publish a companion to the very popular “Friday Harbor” book.

Many new photographs were discovered from our collection that had yet to be catalogued. Numerous island families also donated photos of their own to help tell the unique history of our island. Many long-time islanders contributed historical context as well.



A special thank you to museum members E.A. “Ted” Middleton and Rob Roy McGregor, whose generous financial contributions have made this book possible. Thank you to Mike and Julia Vouri for taking on this project and crafting another excellent publication.

By being available November 1, it goes without saying that the book will be the perfect gift for the history buff on your holiday shopping list.

We are currently taking pre-orders, and the price will be \$24 which includes sales tax. As with the Friday Harbor book, when you purchase directly from the museum, half of the purchase price stays at the museum.

*The former “Home Prairie” of the Hudson’s Bay Company, today’s American Camp, as seen in this 1890’s cover photo. A horse drawn binder cuts the grain which is then gathered in preparation for threshing. Mount Finlayson rises in the background.*

To place your order please contact us at 378-3949 or [museum\\_admin@sjmuseum.org](mailto:museum_admin@sjmuseum.org)

## News and happenings

### King House updates

Work continues on the restoration of the King House. This spring the exterior of the house was treated to fresh coats of paint and repairs made to deteriorated siding. The farmhouse now beckons visitors sporting a brilliant white finish.

Robert Strasser (*at right*) and his crew at Best Painting Co. did a fine job and we thank them for their careful work and attention to detail.

A group of WSU Master Gardeners assisted in a spruce up of the plantings around the house in time for our summer visitor season



### School Visits

A sure sign that spring has sprung is the annual visit from a group of students, teachers and parents from Morgan Middle School, in Ellensburg, WA.

The school group has been visiting for many years and we were pleased to welcome them back again this year. Over a span of two days, 266 students, parents and teachers toured the

museum. All in attendance enjoyed our unique offerings, especially the jail and the Scribner cabin. A special treat was being “locked” behind bars in the jail where numerous photo opportunities presented themselves.

About 30 Lopez Middle School students, teachers and parents also paid us a visit this spring. Once again the jail seemed to attract the most interest. The students asked many great questions about the history of San Juan Island and capped off their visit with a picnic on the museum grounds.

### Friday Harbor Museum District

Did you know that Friday Harbor has five museums ? They are: The Whale Museum, Islands Museum of Art, Friday Harbor Veterans Museum, San Juan Aviation Museum and the Historical Museum.

The Museum District was formed as a collaborative project to better promote the town’s museums and improve the museum experience for islanders and visitors.

A colorful brochure has been developed and will be distributed in hotels, inns and visitor centers on the island and mainland, promoting the features of each museum, which are within walking distance of the ferry landing.

Joint promotional events like a Museum Night with walking tours of Friday Harbor’s Historic District, are being planned for the future.

Special thanks to Richard Walker for developing the concept, Marita Holdaway for securing sponsors and developing the brochure and sponsors Classic Cab, Doctor’s Office Café, Friday Harbor House, Garden Path Café, and Kenmore Air.



## Recent highlights



*The museum recently hosted the Friday Harbor Town Council for a presentation and tour. Here, current Mayor Carrie Lacher and former Mayor Jim Cahail share a laugh in front of the Town's classic 1923 Cadillac fire engine. The truck was purchased "as is" in 1944 for \$101.43. Jim's father Hugh, who was then mayor, brought the truck over from Mt. Vernon with young Jim as a passenger.*



*Pianist David Bayley performing at the Silver Tea and Quilt Show. David volunteers his talent and time each year at "The Tea" which adds a special touch to the annual event.*



*Quilt historian Karen Alexander (right) and quilt restoration specialist Anne Dawson (center) brought their interactive program "Quilt Scene Investigators" to the Silver Tea and Quilt Show. Karen and Anne evaluated the age, identity, and condition of quilts. Here a unique quilt owned by Ann Peterson (left) is evaluated. Karen and Anne are both Lopez Islanders, with 45 years of quilt study between them.*



*A portion of the 266 Morgan Middle School students, teachers and parents enjoy a picnic lunch on a brisk day this past spring. The students and parents raise the necessary funding to make the trek over from Ellensburg, WA, where they spend two fun-filled days in Friday Harbor. Reported highlights of their visit are the ride on the ferry, buying candy and souvenirs and a visit to the Historical Museum.*

### Friday Harbor High School Project

Friday Harbor High School students from instructor Fred Yockers film making class teamed up with the museum and the San Juan Island Public Library for a school project recently.

The students were paired in groups and then researched, filmed and edited video interviews conducted with some of the island residents who provided artifacts for the “San Juan Stories Collection.” The collection consists of items that illustrate some aspect of San Juan Island history. The videos will be uploaded to the site in the coming months.

Museum volunteer Vikky Dauciunas, took this project on as a representative of the museum and did an outstanding job of working with the students. Vikky developed the project to focus on adding to the San Juan Stories Collection. A lesson plan was created for the students to follow which set out the proper procedures for conducting interviews and gave the students valuable insight into the process.

In the end the students discovered some of the history of San Juan Island which were unknown to them before. Thank you to the students who participated, Vikky Dauciunas, instructor Fred Yockers and library director Laura Tretter.

### In the works...

Carriage House and Root Cellar repairs...

Painting of the jail...

Jim Crook permanent exhibit...

Expanding our oral history collection...

Completing the Barn Project by adding a wing for increased exhibit space...

In a partnership with the San Juan Island National Historical Park and WSU Master Gardeners we will plant fruit trees grafted from cuttings obtained from the historic Sandwith and Crook orchards at English Camp...

In a partnership with WSU Master Gardeners, developing a master landscape plan for the museum grounds...

For our fall fundraiser a historic home tour...

...and much more!

If you would like to help us with any of these projects please let us know!!! We would really appreciate your assistance.

## Membership

The following individuals and businesses have recently renewed or become new members of the Society. We truly appreciate your support in helping us to preserve the history of San Juan

Island. Memberships are a vital source of revenue for the museum. We could not continue our work without your support and involvement!

*Thank you!*

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## Passings...

In the last year the island has lost some very special people. Many of those individuals had ties to our museum and provided a wealth of support and historical knowledge over the years. We wish to remember the following for their many contributions to our community and to the museum. They will be greatly missed.

*Frances "Mickey" Cahail*

*Nourdine Jensen*

*Richard Lawson*

*Susan Meredith*

*Al Nash*

*Charles Nash*

*Bonnie Peakes*

*Juanita Rouleau*

*Kendo Yasuda*

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