

# CHELAN MUSEUM

Lake Chelan Historical Society

Newsletter #5

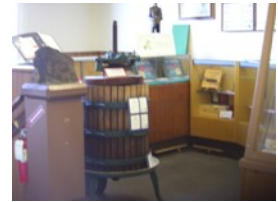
Summer 2011



## What's New

**The museum staff and volunteers are busy adding new exhibits, and updating old ones.**

In honor of the Manson's 100th Birthday, the Manson room downstairs has been redone to better reflect the story this town has to tell. Each month a new exhibit is created for First Friday, and this month we are honoring Bach Fest as it celebrates its 30th anniversary. A new exhibit, which will be here for the summer, is from Oliver, B.C., a sister city to Chelan. The Chelan Museum put together an exhibit which was displayed in the Oliver Museum this spring. In addition to those exhibits, we now have treasure hunts for the young and old. This is a great way to add fun to visiting the museum.



Indian Church

## It's not the Smithsonian, but. . .

The museum will erect a display of some of the fine art owned by the Historical Society during the Lake Chelan Fine Arts Festival that will take place in Riverwalk Park during a four-day event held August 18 through 21.

Much of this art hangs out of sight and will be dusted off, framed and mounted in the museum for the admiration of the visiting public. We hope the society members will drop in to see the paintings, drawings and photographic treasures cared for by the museum.

## Museum Hosts Local Businesses

The museum was the site of the May Business After Hours meeting organized by the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce. About 45 people from local businesses conversed, shared hors d'oeuvres, and searched for items in displays. Many thanks to Lovo's for providing the food. This event gave the business community a chance to enjoy the Museum and for the Museum to share the importance of the Museum to the business community. A good time was had by all.



Mary Sherer  
and Sammy



*The business community  
enjoying Business After  
Hours*

## Kids Love Native American Lore

In May, several groups of school children from Chelan and Manson visited the Chelan museum on school field trips. Here, Manson third graders listen to board member Jane Lloyd as she quizzes them about what they saw in the museum displays. The Manson students recently studied Washington Native American history and culture, and visited the museum to get a closer look at Native American artifacts.

The museum is looking forward to working with the schools in the future.



## New Calendar for 2012

The Lake Chelan Historical Society's 2012 calendar will feature photographs of children from our collections. One of the photos in the calendar will be that of three-week-old John Gray.

Pick up your calendar at the Museum shop. The price will be \$8 each. Out-of-towners may purchase a calendar for \$9.75—it will be mailed.



## David Thompson Bicentennial

Two hundred years ago a Canadian surveyor and mapmaker working for a fur trading company charted the entire Columbia River, becoming the first European to travel the full length of the Columbia. In 1811 David Thompson and his 10-person crew paddled down the Columbia in a canoe, stopping at Rock Island on July 7, 1811, en route to the Pacific Ocean.

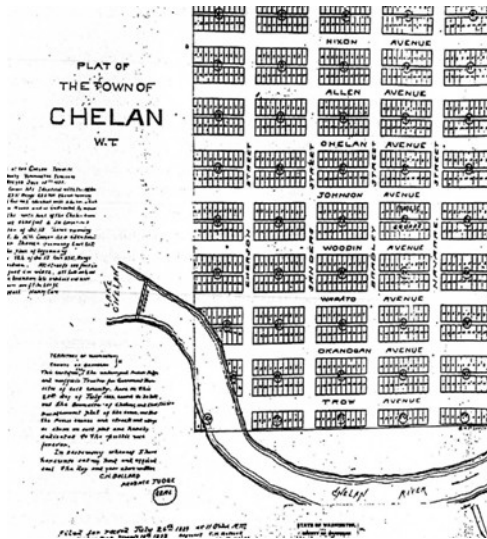
In remembrance of that event, the Wenatchee Valley Museum has organized an exhibit in its main gallery. The exhibit includes photographs of the river before hydro dams, large maps, Native American artifacts, model canoes and a tule mat lodge, sketches, sculpture, surveying instruments and objects related to the fur trade. The exhibit continues through December.



## Is it Saunders or Sanders?

When a single street in Chelan has signs spelling the street name in two different ways, citizens are confused. So, museum personnel recently found proof—it's SANDERS! We do not know how or why the city put up a misspelled sign, but an 1892 map shows the original street names.

Sanders Street was named after William Sanders, who homesteaded in Chelan in 1884. He and Henry Dumke were the men whose horse Prince fell over a cliff uplake; they named the nearby stream Prince Creek.



Check out the Wheel of Tools at the Museum the next time you visit.

## Sammy's Corner:

Thanks to the help of devoted volunteers the Museum is changing. It is becoming easier to view and to access our historical documents. Mary Ross has been organizing the collection of pictures so that Dennis King can scan them and get digitized copies into the computer. This allows us to search for pictures of a specific subject and not have to dig through binders of pictures. Eilene Brown has been organizing the Rumsey collection of pictures—a large task since there are more than a thousand pictures in this collection.

In addition, Dave Pettit has been adding wheels to the display cases, making them easier to move, building additional storage that is easily accessed and making frames for Alice Bumgarner's paintings. Dave Clouse has replaced the doors to the upstairs offices and the window over the Emerson Street door.



Thanks to the efforts of Jane Lloyd, our volunteer chairperson, we now have volunteers working the front desk. This has been a great help to Museum staff and board members who are working in the museum. These volunteers greet our visitors, answers questions and help with items purchased from the Museum Store. In addition they have also been helping put the negatives of the Rumsey collection in sleeves and binders and other hands-on tasks. Thanks so much to all of you who are giving us your valuable summer time. We need to fill up the slots for the August calendar. Anyone reading this who is interested in learning more about the museum and has a couple of free hours a week, please call Samantha at the museum (682-5644) or Jane (687-9808). We are looking for some Manson residents to help us with the Manson room and with telling the history of Manson.



Manson 1910

As mentioned on the first page, exhibits will be changed more often and visitors will see more of the different stories this area has to tell. This year is the first time in a number of years that we have exchanged an exhibit with another community. The Oliver Exhibit tells the story of our sister city and highlights how much alike we are.

The Museum is pleased to take part in Historic Downtown Chelan First Friday events. In order to encourage new visitors to the Museum we offer free admission during First Friday, have a craft for the kids to make that matches the theme of the month and create a new exhibit for First Friday. Of course, the Three Amigos are also playing outside the museum doors. These efforts are bringing people to the museum as indicated by the 21 children and 66 adults who visited the museum on the July 1st First Friday.

In June I attended the annual meeting of the Washington Museum Association. I picked up some new ideas on getting the word out about the Chelan museum, new approaches for getting local schools to bring their children to the museum for field trips and new methods for caring for our collections. This is very important to the museum, and we are planning to implement these ideas in the storage and display of the collection. In addition, one of the most valuable benefits from these conferences is the new contacts I made, and I look forward to working with them in the future.

If anyone has any suggestions about new exhibits or has any questions, feel free to call or stop by the museum. I look forward to seeing you in the museum and hope that everyone is having a great summer.

*Samantha Lagge*

The Lake Chelan Historical Society (LCHS) was started in 1970 by James Lindston after he retired as the Seattle First National Bank (SeaFirst) Chelan Branch Manager. The building that the museum occupies was originally the home of the Miners & Merchants Bank, which was established in 1902 and operated until 1955, when it was acquired by SeaFirst. The building was built in 1904.

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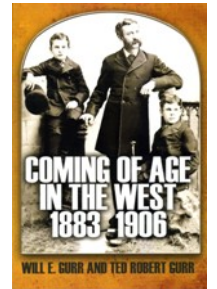


*Mystery Photo*

Children's baseball is timeless. Do you know who these children might be or the story behind the photo? The picture was taken by Chris Long.

**MUSEUM GIFT SHOP**

The Museum Gift Shop offers many Chelan area history books and small gift items. A new book that might be of interest is "Coming of Age in the West 1883-1906" By Will E. Gurr and Ted Robert Gurr. It is written using Will Gurr's journals and family knowledge. You can also find apple labels, historic photos and many other gifts. The Museum store is now able to accept credit cards.



*You can be a Museum Member*

Museum members are not only the backbone of the museum, but their dues also provide for the ongoing operations of the museum. As a museum member you receive a copy of History Notes, newsletters and updates and admission to the Museum. While our membership year runs from January to January, you can join at any time. Please remember to send the museum any changes in your contact information. You can e-mail the Museum with your information at [museum@chelanmuseum.com](mailto:museum@chelanmuseum.com) or call Membership Chair Linda Martinson at 509 682-5761.

**Lake Chelan Historical Society Membership Application**

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**509-682-5644**

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