



Lake Chelan Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Chelan Museum Annual meeting will be held at the Museum on
Monday, April 25, 2011, at 7 p.m.

Program: Sue Lawson as Eva Anderson

A short business meeting will include 2010 museum update, financial report, election of board members, and the presentation of the 2011 History Notes.

The annual meeting is open to the public. Please don't miss a great evening!

Sue Lawson as Eva Anderson



The Chelan Museum is pleased to present Sue Lawson as "Eva Anderson." Sue, a long time Central Washington actor, portrays Dr. Eva Anderson speaking to a group of people from Chelan in the 1950s.

You will not only have a chance to watch one of the best actors in the valley but also to learn more about one of the most important women in the history of Central Washington.

Who was Eva Anderson?

Dr. Eva Anderson (1883-1972)

Eva Greenslit grew up in Nebraska and married her college sweetheart, Leonard Anderson, in 1915. The couple moved to Waterville to teach school; Leonard became high school principal and Eva, who later taught in Wenatchee and Chelan, was a school superintendent and president of the Washington Education Association. As dean of girls at Wenatchee High School she showed great compassion for students. She authored several books on history and served six terms in the state legislature, where she was an influential proponent of public power. Eva accumulated many honors, yet she was best known as a humanitarian.

People of Our Past, is a program of the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. It was written and directed by Rod Molzahn and includes the stories of a number of important Central Washington historical figures.

Thank You Chelan Rotary!

The Lake Chelan Rotary Club has presented a \$1000 community grant to the Lake Chelan Historical Society for the purpose of community outreach. These funds will allow the Museum to move ahead on children's programs and other community related projects. When you see Chelan Rotary members, be sure to thank them for supporting the work of the Chelan Museum.



Chelan Chamber of Commerce

Business After Hours

at the Chelan Museum

Date: May 19, 2011

Time: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.



Museum building 1904

All Lake Chelan Chamber members are invited to the Chelan Museum Business After Hours. The event will include museum tours, refreshments, a little wine, door prizes and a opportunity to visit with the Chelan business community.

Samantha's Corner:

Now that I have settled into my role as Museum Manager and have had time to look at how the Museum can be even better, I am ready to make some changes. I am very excited to put everything I learned at Central Washington University to use and do something that I truly enjoy. Here are some of the areas that we will be working on in the future.

The exhibits are going to start changing as this will make the Museum more exciting and interesting to the people who are frequent visitors. Change is a key factor in getting new people to come into the Museum and to keep people coming back. No one wants to see the same thing every time they visit. We have so much information to share and objects to show, that everything should get a chance to be on display and enjoyed by visitors to the Museum. This is the reason we are here, to collect and share the history of the Lake Chelan Valley with locals and visitors alike.



I also plan to develop more activities for children, which will be focused on First Fridays and on Saturdays during summer. Children's programs are a great way to increase the number of families visiting the Museum. Parents are always looking for something to do with their children in summer, and we are a perfect place for children to learn while having fun at the same time. Children who experience museums early on, and see them as enjoyable, will be more likely to visit museums later in life and will stay frequent visitors.



Behind the scenes, our goal is to have a complete collection inventory by the end of the summer. While this is a long tedious task, it is critical that we have identified everything in the collection and have a proper place for it.

Continuing to build a strong volunteer team is another important focus of the museum board and staff. I have enjoyed working with all the volunteers and have learned a lot about the valley from them, and I am looking forward to learning even more. I would also like to ask any members who are interested in volunteering at the Museum to come in and talk to me because we could use some help with dusting and cleaning the glass on the cases and general tasks around the Museum. *Samantha*

Volunteers—The Backbone of the Museum

The Chelan Museum would not be able to remain open to the public without our strong core of volunteers. Anytime you visit the Museum you will find volunteers working at the jobs they have chosen. Below are a few of the volunteers and the support they give to keep this a great small town museum.

MARY ROSS works with original photographs, labeling and filing them into binders and preparing photographs to be scanned. She also helps sort objects in storage so they can be located as needed.

DENNIS KING scans all of our photographs and puts them in our computer, as well as making quality copies to be framed whenever they are ordered.

EILENE BROWN has finished working on the Native American photographs and is now sorting the hundreds of photos from the Robert Rumsey Collection. We received this collection from his estate, and anyone who would like to help us identify people from 1957–1975 would be welcome.

PAT LaPORTE and *CATHY HARRIS* work together copying and filing newspaper articles to the Family Files and the Special Interest Files. This is an ongoing job.

BETTY PETTIT is doing the valuable job of going through all the past accession files and putting them in our Past Perfect computer program. She and her husband, *DAVE*, also have been a great help during Chelan's 1st Friday events. Dave also takes photographs of our objects and helps with museum repairs.

PAT PARKER films the old newspapers we have, going back to the 1890s. *JIM PARKER* then downloads the files into the computer so that they are available for the public to use for research.

FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS include: *EILENE BROWN*, *PAT LaPORTE*, *CATHY HARRIS*, *JACK HOLMES*, *BARB POLLEY*, *JOHN ADAMS*, *JANETTE BOWER*, *GLORIA BARSTON*, and *DICK SIMONDS*. Their job is to greet and direct the visitors around the museum, sell gift shop items, answer questions or find a source for answers, take membership and entrance money, etc.

Among the others who have helped are *SUSAN LITTLE* and *DAVID CLOUSE*. Please know that our forgetting to list your name, if you volunteered, in no way indicates our not valuing your participation. And, if you have any desire to spend a small or a large amount of time at the museum working with old stuff, please let us know! Many boxes of objects and photographs are waiting for someone to organize and display them.

Annual Report the Lake Chelan Historical Society

By President Dick Simonds

The speaker this year for our Annual Meeting will be Sue Lawson, who will relate in a very interesting manner the life of Eva Anderson who was a significant writer of events and history in the Lake Chelan valley as well as a school teacher in Chelan.

2010 was another busy year for the Historical Society. The Board of Directors spent a day working out a S.W.O.T. exercise—Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats. The event was organized by Director Concie Luna. As a result of this exercise, board members were assigned to head up committees that deal with specific functions that are ongoing in our Society.

We continue to be a volunteer-driven group that manages to keep the Museum open and also works at organizing our archives (look for the volunteer specifics in the newsletter). We are always looking for more volunteers. If you have a desire to help out at the museum please make the desire known to us by calling 682-5644. You will be able to choose your job from a variety of needs!

This year's **History Notes**, which can be picked up by members at the annual meeting, contains many articles on different subjects of interest.

Liz Perry has written an article that deals with some south shore areas—First Creek, Navarre Coulee, and Bear Mountain, to mention a few.

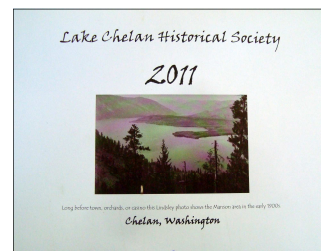
Austin Post, a long ago resident, has an article on early valley history.

Concie Luna has another article -- 100 years ago.

An interview with Manson native Dennis King.

An article on "Parfleches" by Bette Pettitt.

As we have for the past few years, we also published a calendar with historical museum pictures. Mary Sherer, Concie Luna, Liz Perry, Roberta Simonds and Linda Martinson are responsible for organizing this publication. A new addition this year has been a quarterly newsletter.



The musical Amigos (2 or 3 or 4) continue to perform on "First Fridays," with Betty and Dave Pettitt helping out in the Museum on those evenings. The 2 Amigos play some tunes (on a random basis) at the Ruby Theatre just before the movie. The Ruby has added a slide show each night, made of historical photos from the museum archives.

Jim and Pat Parker continue to make progress at photographically digitizing our collection of old newspapers. They have digitized the years from 1891 through the 1930s, and have worked so hard on this project that they wore out a computer. We now have a computer available for visitors who wish to see these newspaper articles.

This letter is our single effort to ask you for the annual dues of \$20. We need your support now more than ever. Mary Ann Warren is working towards the sending of our electronic newsletter. **We need your E-mail address**, so please complete the member application form and return it to the Museum.

"Old building" problems continued, including a leaky roof. This problem was taken care with a new roof coating. We have also been working on other building needs. During the year we had some rental vacancy, but these are all now filled.

The following Director's terms expire in 2011: David Clouse, Hobbie Morehead, Ken Ross, Mary Sherer, Roberta Simonds, and Mary Ann Warren. Ken and Hobbie have decided to not run for reelection. We thank them for their many years of service. Each of them will serve as Director Emeritus in the future, and they plan to continue to help us.

Let us know of anyone you would like to nominate for the Board of Directors. To qualify for nomination, a member should be endorsed by five active members and shall have been a current member of the Society for at least one year. Nominations should be sent to the Nominations Committee, c/o LCHS, P.O. Box 1948, Chelan, WA 98816.

Dick Simonds, President

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.

**Lake Chelan Historical Society
Board of Directors**

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*Mystery
Photo*

Do you know who this handsome young WWI soldier might be? The Museum has a large collection of unidentified pictures, and we can use your help. If you recognize this soldier, please e-mail or call the Museum.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

The Museum Gift Shop offers many Chelan area history books and small gift items. Local artist Roseanna Detering has created a series of animal and bird pins that she has donated to the Museum for sale in the gift shop. If you are looking for a special gift, these lapel pins will be perfect. If you have not purchased a 2011 calendar they also can be found in the Gift Shop.



We Need Your Help With Our Contact List!

The Museum staff and Board are working very hard to update the membership and mailing list so that we can reach as many people as possible via E-mail. This change will save money by reducing the cost of postage, printing and staff time, and will make it possible for the Museum to be in touch with its members more often. **We need your help to make this possible. If you have not completed a new membership application in the last three months**, then please complete the membership application below with up-to-date contact information and mail it to the museum, bring it to the annual meeting, or drop it off when you visit. You can also e-mail the Museum with your information at museum@chelanmuseum.com or call membership chair Linda Martinson at 509 682-5761.

Lake Chelan Historical Society Membership Application

P.O. Box 1948, Chelan, WA 98816 509-682-6544 Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

I am interested in volunteering I am updating my contact information

I want to be a Museum Member

Annual Fee Per Family \$20 Individual Life Member (Per Person) \$150

Business Life Sponsorship \$150

Amount Enclosed _____ Check _____ Cash _____