



Newsletter

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Traditions Past to Present

A Quinault wedding that retained traditions of the past took place this year (2011) on Lake Quinault.

The preliminary wedding proceedings began on a beach at the lake. The bride was transported by dugout to the wedding location and the paddlers began chanting as they neared shore.

Upon reaching their destination the wedding party proceeded from the beach up to the ceremonial site shouldering the canoe with the bride remaining seated in the canoe. This photo can be viewed in the upstairs Native American room of the museum.



“Reflections of Times Past”

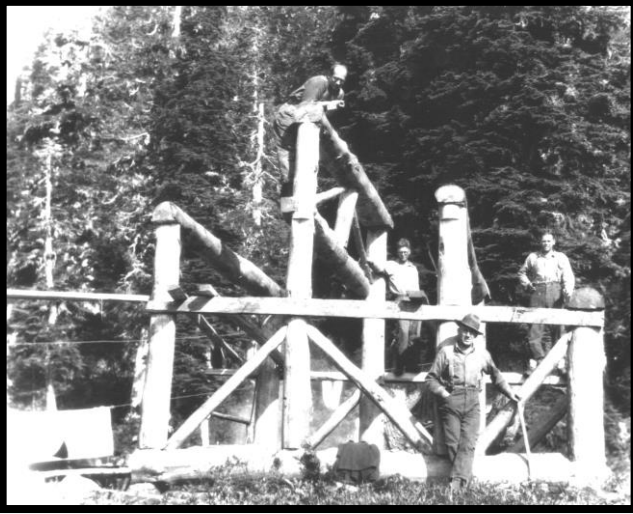
Our museum dresses were brought to life this summer by Tracie Barry, a Quinault, North Shore resident, who graciously volunteered to model the 1930's /40's era creations. Accessories were shoes, earrings, necklace, hats, and a vintage needlework magazine. Although Tracie has never modeled before, her interpretations of the dresses were that of a professional model.



THESE DRESSES ARE ON DISPLAY IN THE UPSTAIRS “HOME ARTS” ROOM

The dresses ranged from an elegant cocktail style green crepe, to a purple lace sleeve day time dress, a black silk dance dress and a bright red just-for-fun dress. This vintage clothing had been donated to the museum some years ago by Joann Christensen of Maple Valley, and now resides in the “HOME ARTS” room in the museum’s newly opened upstairs addition.

Photography by Kathleen Praxel.



Forest Service shelter being constructed at Three Lakes Basin. Circa 1930. Doug Marston is standing on cross brace in the center and we think the man standing on the ground is Ira (Red) Decker.



We don't have any information on this picture. Please notify us if you have any knowledge of either of these two photos.



First loads across this bridge: "Bridge over the Queets River above the cable foot bridge and just above the mouth of Salmon River." Summer, 1943.

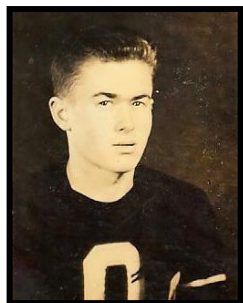
Left to right: Joe Zedrick, Norman Carlyle, Henry Blinkman, Werner Mayr, Roy Talley and Harry Fry. The first truck is a 1942 Ford and the back truck is a 1941 EQ Mack.

Photo from the Doug Osborn collection.

QUINAULT HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1939, From the 1939 WAPITI Yearbook



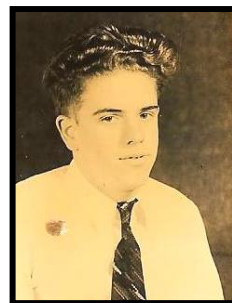
Frances Dickey
(Dixie)



Floyd Halonen
(Pretty Boy)



Joye Fenton
(Red)



George Johnson
(General)



August Streater
(Wee Booz)



Edward Brim
(Eddie)



Arthur Olson
(Herbie)



Neil Carlson
(Swede)



Claude McCully
(Buster)



Modena Coleman
(Dena)



June Fishel
(Bune Jug)



Bessie Northup
(Betty)



Margaret Nichols
(Pickles)

SCHOOL HISTORY (as printed in the Wapiti)

There were at one time three schools in this district; two at Quinault and one at Neilton, due to the lack of transportation facilities. All of them were grade schools. Later they merged into one school at Quinault where two years of high school was also offered. The present schoolhouse was built and the eleventh and twelfth grades were added but the high school was still unaccredited.

It remained this way up to seven years ago then due to the work of Miss Blanche Pennick, it was consolidated with the Humptulips district and also contracted with the Clearwater school to send their students here to form an accredited four-year high school. Since then two new additions have been made to the school building in order to handle the increased enrollment. Our high school serves one of the largest territories of any school in the state. All of the pupils except one come to and from school by bus.



JUNIOR CLASS 1939

Front Row: Robert Turner, Junior Locke and Mr. Leach, advisor.

Back Row: Mickey Adams, Eda Esses, Fae Brim, Doris Hulten and Donna Olson.



SOPHOMORE CLASS 1939

Front Row: Mr. Fitch, advisor, Elizabeth Fishel, Isabelle Wilson, Elizabeth B. Streater and Fern Carlyle.

Back row: Neil Gwinn, Bob Slough, Jack Brittain, Robert Ruby and Lawrence Wilson.



FRESHMAN CLASS 1939

Front row: Orma Brooks, Helen Shale, Dorothy Postlewait, Elizabeth R. Streater, Beverly Slough, Marthalee Porter and Shirley Kestner.

Back Row: Bill Johnson, Jack Gwinn, Roy Carlson, Chester Mills, Junior Carlyle, Ben Newnham, Chester Northup and Miss Hutton, advisor.



DRESS UP DAY AT QUINALT 1937

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The “**Wapiti**” was the Quinalt High School yearbook in the 1930’s and 1940’s. The name was changed to **Timberline** in the 1950’s. Wapiti is another name for elk and its origin is Shawnee for “white rump.” Its first known use was in 1806.

The Quinalt School teams have always been known as the **Elks**.

The high school newsletter, written and printed by the students, is the **Skookum WaWa**. The Museum has many issues of the Skookum WaWa dating as far back as 1935. Skookum WaWa is from the Chinook meaning, “You’ve constructed your arguments well.”



Mernie (Locke) Mathews holds the doll cradle which she donated to the Museum this summer. An inscription on the underside of the cradle reads: "Marian Locke Sept 24 – '35 Presented by Carl S. Weatherwax."



Don Bell and Oma (Olson) Logue at the Museum this summer. Oma brought us vintage pictures and history of the Olson family.

In addition to membership dues and donations accepted at the door, the Museum is seeking grant funding from various places in order to help keep the Museum relevant, engaging, and well-maintained for visitors.

One of the newly remodeled rooms upstairs has been turned into a Video and Photo Gallery. We're grateful to the Lake Quinault Community Circle for giving us \$500 towards the purchase of professional technical equipment for the room. Stop by next summer to soak in the images and stories of Quinault's past!

We are also seeking funding from Grays Harbor Tourism for a large signage project. If the grant is approved, we will commission a large custom sign for the roof of the Museum. We would also like to install "MUSEUM" motorist information signs on Highway 101.

Also benefiting the Museum, the Amanda Park Timberland Library has been working on some local history projects to include the preservation of the Quinault Rain Barrel. The Washington State Library has an extensive collection of Washington State newspapers on microfilm, for research use and preservation. They've agreed to add the Quinault Rain Barrel to their list of microfilmed newspapers and the Amanda Park Library has boxed up their collection and sent it to Olympia (to be returned in January). What this means is that all the unique, one-of-a-kind stories contained in those papers will be saved and archived at the State Library!

Again, we would like to thank our dedicated hosts for all of the time they have given to the Museum: Elizabeth Carlyle, Tobie Knaack, Kathy Clayton, MilLee Jolibois, Carol Miller, Willa Jones, Dorothy Davis, Elizabeth Tarbox and Margaret Jane (Larsson) Johnston. Also, the Quinault horticulture class who again donated flowers for our baskets and pots, Dan Chandler who continues work on the building and Karen Creviston and Brian (Muddy) Edwards who keep our yard in control. And to our faithful board members who, through all these years, have given the Museum a solid basis of operation and to you, the Museum membership, who have given the Museum its financial support, thank you.

In Memory: Mildred Jolibois, MilLee to all of us who knew and loved her, passed away Oct. 23, 2011. For many years she was an on-call host at the Museum and the last few years served on a regular basis. We will miss her.