

# FogHorn

Westport-South Beach Historical Society Newsletter  
September 2019

## National Light House Day Celebration — August 7, 2019

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## Haunted Lighthouse Event Thursday, October 31, 2019

We are hosting the Halloween Haunted Lighthouse again this year for the children of our community. Each year we see more and more children - it's really a blast !

The Trick or Treat Trail starts at 4:00 pm and runs to 6:00 pm.

The Lighthouse will be lit at dusk..

In addition, we will be offering Nighttime Tour Climbs of the Lighthouse starting at 6:00pm and continuing to 8:00 pm.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please call Julie at the Museum.

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**Message from your President - Pete Eberle**



As the summer seasons comes to an end, I want to thank all of our volunteers and staff for all the hard work they have put in to make this happen. We have been open more days and total hours this year than in previous years. This has been due in part to the great team of work campers that have spent the summer here. John and Julie have once again done a wonderful job doing all the leg work to organize and keep our volunteers happy and busy. Also I would like to give a shout out to our board members who have taken on the extra load of keeping the organization running in the right direction.

As some of you know we have been short a couple of board members for the past year. Our prospects for filling those positions have not improved so we are proposing to move ahead with less members of the board. So at the October meeting be prepared to see another by-laws revision.

Looking forward to the coming year we are hoping to renew the City of Westport's support of our organization via LTAC funding. Without this we would be hard pressed to accomplish our mission. So a big thank you to Westport, its residents and business owners for their support.

I hope all of you, our members, have had a great summer. Now that it is over and you need something to do to fill your time, please consider volunteering at the museum or lighthouse. We always have projects that we need help with and openings for watch standers. I Hope to see you all at our next quarterly and annual meeting this fall.

**CANDY NEEDED FOR  
HAUNTED LIGHTHOUSE  
Thursday, October 31st**

This event gets bigger and better every year.  
But we need your help!

Last year we went through 60 bags of candy and we ran out at the end and had to shut down early.

**PLEASE, PLEASE...we need donations of candy! We estimate that we need at least 75 big bags this year.**

Please drop off your candy donations at the Museum or you can bring them to the October membership meeting. Also, if you can volunteer at the event, please contact Julie at the Museum.

## Executive Director's Corner - John Shaw

### Traditions

It is almost "Mission" with the Historical Society to embrace "Tradition".

From Merriam-Webster : "*the handing down of information, by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instruction*". We collect information, save buildings and artifacts as well as ephemera, but traditions can be passed down to the next generation in other ways.

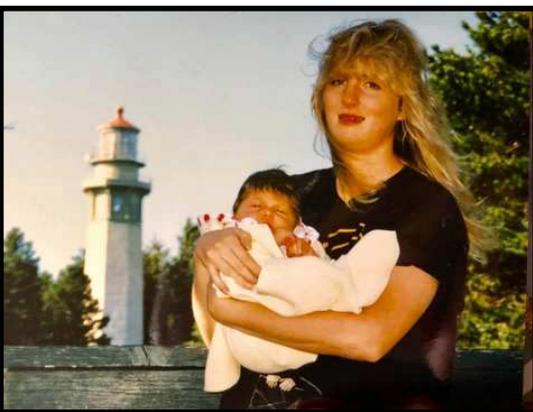


One of our friends among the Lighthouse community shared a picture with us recently that put this into context. A young lady visiting the Lighthouse was watching the video scroll at the base of the Grays Harbor Lighthouse while waiting to climb with her family, and they excitedly noticed that she came up on the big screen. Ciara Kimball was our Lighthouse ballerina whose picture during the 120th Anniversary of first lighting gained a real following on social media.

So this year we have a picture in front of that picture to share as a reminder, but that made me wonder. We have many individuals and families who have a tradition of a yearly visit to Westport and the lighthouse.



Ciara's Grandmother, Carol Webster, is a serious Lighthouse aficionado. I had to run this down and contacted her as to how often Carole and her family visit the Grays Harbor Lighthouse. The answer was every year. Wow! Really - every year? The next picture I received from Carole to prove the point, really cemented in my mind their family "tradition". Carole's picture of our Lighthouse ballerina Ciara as an infant with her mother in front of the Lighthouse is very special. Carole's yearly trips down the West Coast with her family are a great example of how "Tradition" works from one generation to the next.



Ciara's Mom, Cathy holding baby Ciara



Ciara & Cathy 2019



The Kimball clan carrying on the tradition

**PLEASE support the following businesses  
who support US by their membership and/or donations:**

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We are saddened to announce the passing of Verna MacDonald this last June. A long time Westport community volunteer, Verna is known for her work at the Senior House as well as her attendance at Westport City Council meetings to keep our elected officials 'on their toes'. She was also a supporter of our local Coast Guard and she spearheaded the first Coast Guard Appreciation luncheon in 2014. Verna - you will be sorely missed.



## Westport South Beach Historical Society

### 2019 AUTUMN Calendar of Events

#### September:

- 22nd Annual 30 Miles of Junque
- Tall Ship Hawaiian Chieftain at the Westport Marina
- 47th Operation Shore Patrol Beach Clean-up
- Reach the Beach - Washington

Friday -Sunday, Sept. 20 - 22  
Friday - Monday, Sept. 20 - 23  
Saturday, September 21st  
Saturday, September 28th

#### October:

- **Annual WSBHS Meeting & Party**
- Cranberry Festival
- **Halloween Haunted Lighthouse**

**Friday, October 11th 6:00 pm**  
Saturday - Sunday, October 12- 13  
**Thursday, October 31st**

#### November:

- Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28th

#### December:

- Santa by the Sea
- **WSBHS Holiday Party**

Saturday, December 7th  
**Friday, December 13th**

## A #Wildfloats Tale

- by Marianne Pence

A few days ago, while walking our regular trek to the jetty and back, a couple of young men were walking towards us. I noticed something shiny in the hand of one of the men. Sure enough, he had one of our floats. We stopped them to find out where he had found it, and if he knew what it was. He had no idea. So we gave him the whole story about WSBHS purchasing a load of genuine Japanese hand blown fishing floats, and that Jeff and I would go out in the evenings and "seed" the beach. Some we threw into the waves, some we tucked into piles of seaweed and others we put behind driftwood all along the beach.

Interestingly enough, this young man was originally from Japan, but has lived in Kirkland for the past 20+ years. I asked him if I could take his picture and send it to the news paper along with his name, "Kentaro Urata". He was more than thrilled, to have found something that came from his home country. Needless to say, he'll be coming back with more of his friends, hoping to find more floats.




  
**Annual Membership Meeting & Potluck Party**  
**Friday, October 13th 6:00 pm**  
**McCausland Hall**

This a true potluck party this year, so please bring is your favorite potluck food to share (although John will probably be bringing a ham). ☺

Come out and meet other members and learn what's happening at the Museum & Lighthouse. We will be honoring our 2019 volunteers of the year and we have some exciting things planned!

**PLEASE** consider volunteering for a position on the Board of Trustees. By-laws changes Elections will be held at this meeting.

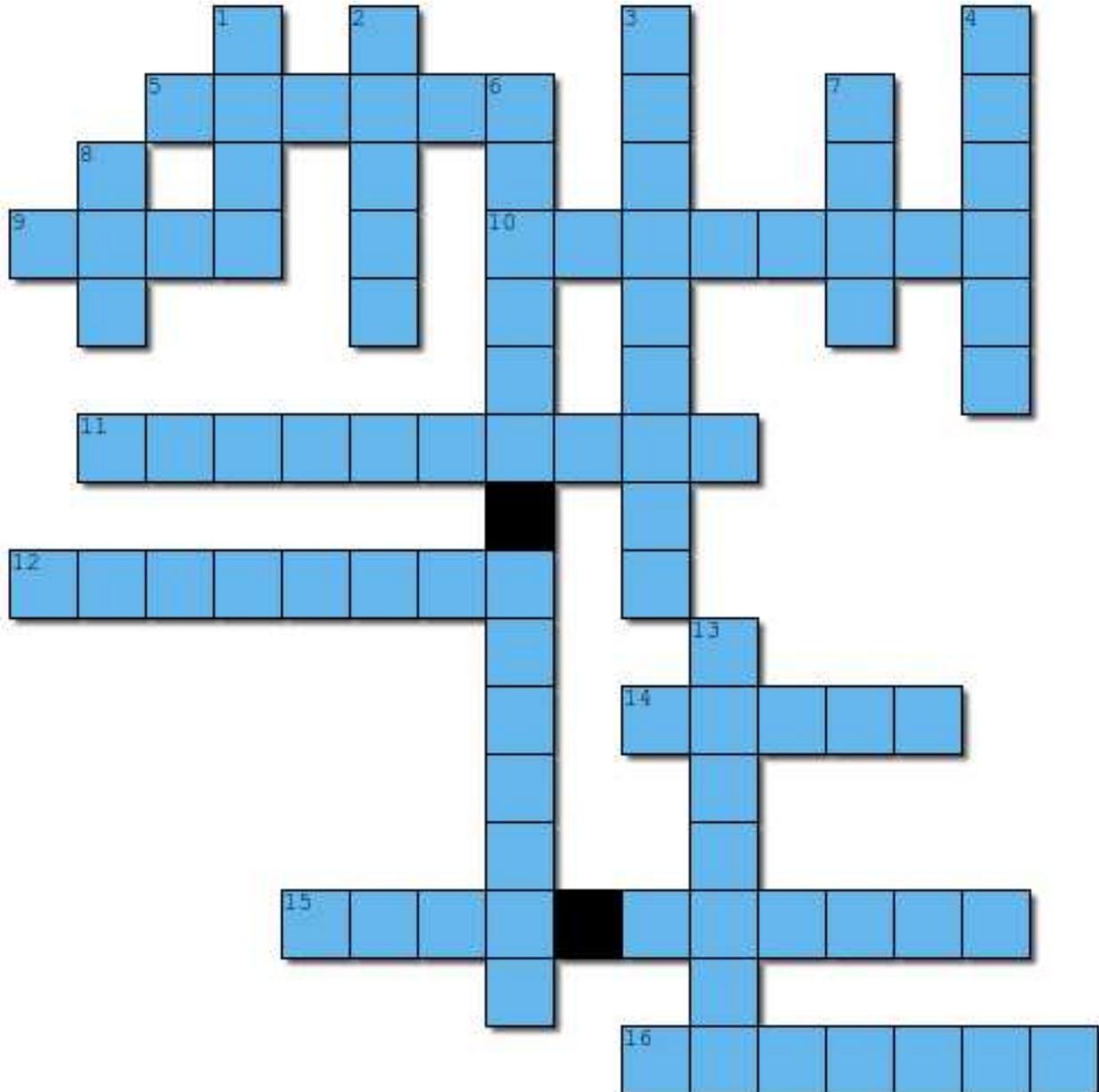
Each position is for 3 years. The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. And we always have goodies and chocolate at our meetings. **Contact the museum for more information on becoming part of this FUN group** leading and creating the vision of the Historical Society.

## Kids Corner

-by Julie Smith

## Chief's Coast Guard Puzzle

(answers on page 9)

**Across**

5. A hook used to keep a boat in place while it's out on the water
9. Left side of a ship
10. Boat on display at the Westport Maritime Museum
11. Corridor or hallway on a ship
12. Living spaces assigned to personnel aboard a ship
14. Period of duty
15. Flotation device that you wear
16. Another name for the Captain

**Down**

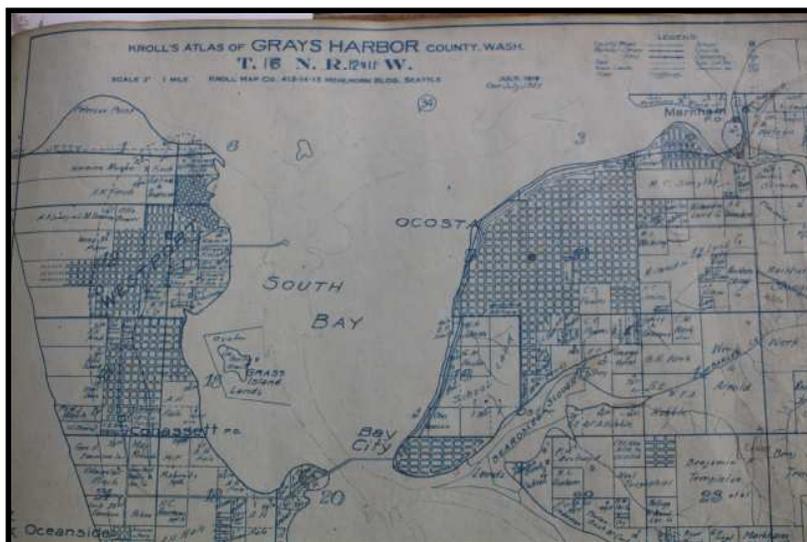
1. Measure speed for ships and aircraft
2. Mascot of the Westport Maritime Museum
3. Right side of a ship
4. To assemble crew; roll call
6. Rescue specialist
7. To put gear in its proper place
8. Front of the boat
13. Helicopter used by the US Coast Guard

Created using the Crossword Maker on [TheTeachersCorner.net](http://TheTeachersCorner.net)

## From the Archives of the Westport South Beach Historical Society - by John Shaw

The Maritime Museum recently participated in the Port of Grays Harbor's walking tours down Westhaven Drive. To engage and educate visitors, the Port held three public walks that all sold out. In getting ready for these short talks, I was going over some of our old pictures as well as some written source materials we archive. We have a reasonable narrative of the history of our location and the Port, as well as general ideas of key dates in the development of the fishing community. We are always still looking for factual attribution as we develop the depth of the archive and a recent donation helped in connecting some of the pieces of the story. We have received a Kroll's index of property ownership within Grays Harbor County - think GIS before the age of computers. This book would have been active at the County for fast reference on recorded land ownership. The book reflects the 1919 filings with a 1922 update. So as we are looking to what Westport looked like in the day and who owned what we have a solid new reference in helping set dates for the Port's development as well as the fishing fleets. As I am looking at names on new acquisition and note "Finch" and connect it to a recent bit of oral history we are working on:

*....we were just school aged kids in "Westport and Grayland when a prominent philanthropist and investor took title to the land Point Chehalis or we knew as "The Dock Area" and which the Port of Grays Harbor prefers to advertise on their signs as The Westport Marina. The investors name was **Ed Finch**, builder of the Finch Building in Aberdeen and a highly admired gentleman who preferred to serve his dinner guests on gold plates together with Haviland China. Ed Kaakinen also is reported to have told others that **Ed Finch** once offered him the sand spit for a ridiculously low price but Ed said he didn't have the money at the time the offer was made.....Richard (Big Dick) Ultigan was elected Port Commissioner during the 1928 campaign. One of his promises was more jobs on the waterfront and building port facilities. So the first major changes began to appear in the vicinity of Westport with the building of the first short piling and plank pier jutting into the bay from the sand shore line of "the cove". Later to become known locally as Westhaven. The outer end of the pier formed a letter "T" shape while extending from the two wings were ramps walkways leading down to the water level floats. Until the pier appeared as stated, earlier the trolling boats, gillnetters or ring netting crab fisherman there have been during the seasons either berthed in Hoquiam or Wishkah rivers or anchored on the cove accessed by small prams and dinghies..... (recording of as yet unknown speaker).*



In addition to "Finch" we see so many notable Grays Harbor names having invested in the South Beach of the era. Benn, Roberts, Polson, Armstrong, Emerson and even William Boeing. We are always working to tighten up the local time line in our archives and we encourage everyone to share the "bits and pieces" they come across. They do all connect.

## Proposed Bylaw Changes

In 2015, the Board of Trustees, with the membership's approval, expanded the Board by two positions hoping that the expanded number of Trustees would more efficiently direct our organization.. It will soon be 2020, and in the five past years, it has been near impossible to fill those extra positions from the shrinking population of our small community. So, the Board of Trustees is proposing the following changes to our by-laws for the membership's approval at the October Annual Meeting. Basically, Board Positions 2 and 3 are eliminated and positions 4 and 5 are renamed to 2 and 3. No changes to terms or election cycles occurs, and the by-law language is simplified.

The two Bylaw sections under consideration for change as they read now:

### **ARTICLE II GOVERNMENT**

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a board of Five (5) trustees.

### **ARTICLE III ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**

Section 3: Election cycles are timed so that three (3) positions are up for election each year on a rotating basis. To facilitate this process the cycle will start during the October 2015 election for terms starting in January 2016.

**Cycle 1:** President – election in Oct 2015 - term from Jan. 2016 thru Dec. 2018  
 Vice President – election in Oct 2015 - term from Jan. 2016 thru Dec. 2018  
 Board Position 2 - election in Oct 2015 - term from Jan. 2016 thru Dec. 2018

**Cycle 2:** Secretary – election in Oct 2015 - term Jan. 2016 thru Dec. 2016,  
 in Oct. 2016 election for term from Jan. 2017 thru Dec. 2019  
 Board Position 1 - election in Oct 2015 - term Jan. 2016 thru Dec. 2016, in Oct. 2016 election for  
 term from Jan. 2017 thru Dec. 2019  
 Board Position 3 – election in Oct 2015 - term Jan. 2016 thru Dec. 2016, in Oct. 2016 election for  
 term from Jan. 2017 thru Dec. 2019

**Cycle 3:** Treasurer – election in Oct 2015 – term Jan. 2016 thru Dec. 2017, in Oct. 2017 election for term from  
 Jan 2018 thru Dec. 2020  
 Board Position 4 - election in Oct 2015 – term Jan. 2016 thru Dec. 2017, in Oct. 2017 election for  
 term from Jan 18 thru Dec. 2020  
 Board Position 5 - election in Oct 2015 – term Jan. 2016 thru Dec. 2017, in Oct. 2017 election for  
 term from Jan 2018 thru Dec. 2020

**The Proposed Bylaw changes to those sections:**

### **ARTICLE II GOVERNMENT**

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a board of Three (3) trustees.

### **ARTICLE III ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**

Section 3: Election cycles are timed so that no more than three (3) positions are up for election each year on a rotating basis as listed below.

**Cycle 1:** President and Vice President – current terms ending December 31, 2021.

**Cycle 2:** Treasurer and Board Positions 2 and 3 – current terms ending December 31, 2020.

**Cycle 3:** Secretary and Board Position 1 – current terms ending December 31, 2019.

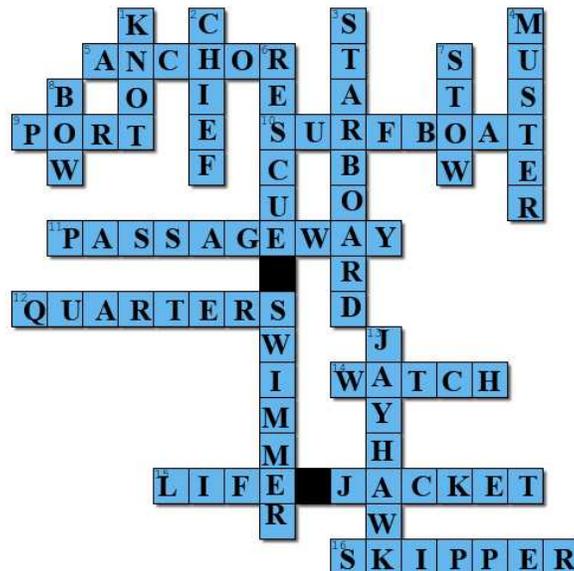
**Thank You Work Campers!!**



**A Special thank you to our wonderful 2019 work campers !**

They are critical to our success during our tourist season and not only that - they are a great group of folks from around the country. Ken and Vicky Tripp, Brenda Grano and Ralston and Debra Machen. We could not do it without you all.

**Solution to Crossword Puzzle on page 6**



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The United States Coast Guard uses all of these breeds, which include German Shepherd, Belgian Malinois, Dutch Shepherd and Labrador Retriever. Pick up a book of these stamps at your local post office or order online at [USPS.com](https://www.usps.com) and show your support for these amazing K-9s.

***And if you find yourself in Westport...***

Come to the museum and check out our new K-9 and Rescue room which honors US Coast Guard K-9s and the work that they do.