



FALL 2019

Current and newsworthy

Reflections on the Growth of the Vashon Heritage Museum

In 2011, the Vashon Heritage Museum was an all-volunteer association with a core group that had fostered the organization's beginnings and developed it into a real live museum. The organization had a few key assets—it owned a historic church for the museum, which literally sat on a rock-and-wood-stump foundation, and a building for a growing archive of artifacts. The organization had a small budget that was supported mainly by membership and grants from 4Culture. A series of temporary exhibits had been developed that was drawing attention from the larger community. Jump forward eight years, and VMHA has grown by leaps and bounds [both as a museum and a community presence...](#)

—Brian Brenno, President



Museum Receives John D. Spellman Award

The Vashon Heritage Museum received the John D. Spellman Award for Exemplary Achievement in Interpretation for highlighting and celebrating the histories of Vashon-Maury Island's diverse communities at a recent ceremony presided over by King County Executive Dow Constantine and the King County Office of Historic Preservation.

The award recognized the museum's priority to amplify the stories of underrepresented groups within the larger fabric of the community, [starting with a 2014 exhibit developed with...](#)



Join Us for the Annual Membership Meeting, VHM, December 3, 7–8 PM

The Vashon Heritage Museum Annual Membership Meeting will start with a brief business meeting to elect new members to the Board of Directors. Next on the agenda is a slide show entitled “Historic Mosquito Fleet Dock Sites On Vashon-Maury Island,” researched and presented by Brian Brenno, Vashon Heritage Museum President.

Refreshments will be served.

This Is What Activism Looks Like: The Activist Photographs of Dana Schuerholz, VHM, December 6, 6–9 PM

For First Friday in December, photographer [Dana Schuerholz](#) will present images of her work and discuss her activism as a member of AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP). In the 1980s–1990s, women took to the streets with their gay brothers, worked behind the scenes, and often served as caregivers. Schuerholz was on the front line, documenting the movement as it unfolded.

—Peter Serko

Current exhibit news

In and Out: Being LGBTQ on Vashon Island

[In and Out](#) is an interactive, collaborative exhibit and series of programs and films that examine and celebrate the long, quiet history of LGBTQ+ people on Vashon-Maury Island. The exhibit is open now through March 2020. Scroll down and click on the links for upcoming exhibit-related events.



Exhibit-related events



IN AND OUT

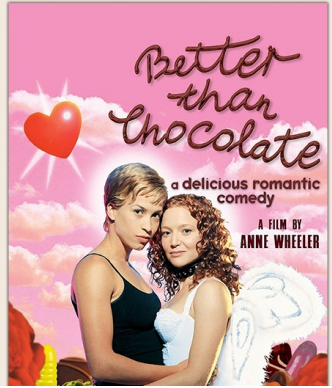
Queer Film Series
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SHOWING

TUESDAY
November 19
6pm

LOCATION

VASHON
THEATRE

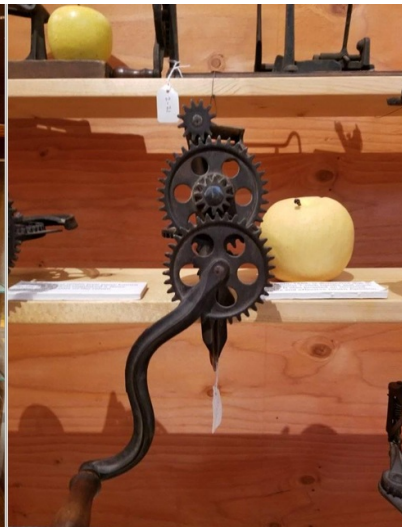


[Better Than Chocolate](#), at Vashon Theatre, Tuesday, November 19, 6 PM

This film is presented by the Heritage Museum, the Senior Center, Voice of Vashon, Island GreenTech, and the Vashon Theatre, as part of the LGBTQ film Series inspired by the *In and Out: Being LGBTQ on Vashon Island* exhibit that currently at the Heritage Museum.

[Prelude to a Gaybaret: A Historical Panel](#), at VCA, November 21, 7:30 PM

As part of *Gaybaret's* public premiere, Vashon Center for the Arts, the Vashon Heritage Museum exhibit *In and Out: Being LGBTQ on Vashon Island*, and 4Culture present a special panel that sets the production's themes of hidden shame, mentoring, and marriage in a wider perspective.



Mini Exhibits

What do African blankets, KVI Beach, and a 100-year-old apple peeler have in common? They are all part of a series of mini exhibits that the Vashon Heritage Museum has on display at Vashon schools and in the museum throughout the year. Stay tuned for more info.

Volunteer extraordinaire

Cyrus Anderson—Executive Board Treasurer, Docent, and Captain Vancouver

When Cyrus Anderson retired from a career as a financial planner, he and his wife Liz moved to Vashon to be near their children and grandchildren. Liz quickly became involved with Vashon Island Pet Protectors (VIPP), and Cyrus joined the Heritage Museum as an outlet for his love of history and for sharing that love with others. He became a docent and then the Museum's treasurer when long-time treasurer Steve Church moved off the island. Cyrus's ability to professionalize the chart of accounts and develop a financial plan for the Museum has helped place it on a strong fiscal footing.

As Captain Vancouver on the annual *Virginia V* cruise around the island, Cyrus has regaled passengers with stories from the early European voyagers' first contacts in Puget Sound and on Vashon Island. He has also researched the Maury Island Incident and given presentations to the Senior Center and the Gold Beach Association. He continues to research the history of Gold Beach and the journals of the Vancouver and Wilkes voyages to Puget Sound. Cyrus can be found at the museum's front desk every Wednesday, welcoming visitors and sharing stories.

[Visit our website](#) to learn more about becoming a volunteer.



We couldn't do it without you

We are so thankful for our supporters!

We thank John L. Scott Real Estate, Vashon Thriftway, Cornerstone Construction, Sound View Home Services, Langland Dental Associates, Sue Carette and Rose Edgecomb of Windermere Real Estate, Dammann Design, Whizbang Studio, Ojeda's Construction, Triplebrook Farm, Puget Sound Community Credit Union, Caffe Vita, Pollard Per Se, Kurtwood Farms, Sheep Meadow Foundation, Royal Little Family Foundation, Pride Foundation, The Tribble Family, Central Storage, Islander Apartments, Ruby Brink Bar and Butcher, and the Coop.

To state the obvious, we're all in the same boat—members and individual donors lining up with business and foundation contributors, sharing responsibility for preserving artifacts as well as local history now and for generations to come and promoting our understanding of each other.

Over the years, support for our island museum has come from many businesses, including: IGA, Island Escrow, Sawbones, OCCU, the Vashon Pharmacy, PSE, Island Lumber, the Roasterie, Chris Hunt CPA, Vashon Center for the Arts, the Beardsley Family Foundation, Baron Construction, Beth de Groen and JR Crawford of Windermere, the Moccasin Lake Foundation, the State of Washington, and 4Culture. A dedicated group of volunteers, doubling down year after year with sweat equity, is a wonderful story in itself.

WELCOME TO THE MUSEUM!

New and Renewing Members in September–October

Sharon and Barry Briskman
Pamela (Gates) Johnson
Karen Reiling
Amy Seyfried
Anne and Charlie Crow
David and Sherrie Littlefield
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Vashon-Maury Island Loves the Heritage Museum!

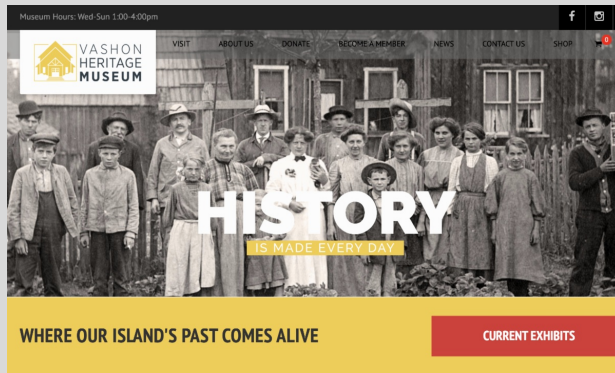
We're grateful for the generosity of donors, business sponsors, and foundations for the way they

shoulder the hard costs of the museum's activities and operations while providing the work it takes to showcase Vashon Island histories. The pairing—volunteer talent plus financial backing—is the recipe that earns our island's highly successful museum awards and a regional reputation for excellence. By the way, the museum attracted 6,000 people this year, thanks to hard work and generous support—support the museum needs as our board prepares for the next year—so please take a moment today to [donate](#). Funding a “2020 Vision” via an end-of-year [fundraising campaign is our goal right now. We plan to...](#)

—Deb Phillimore Dammann, Development Committee Chair

THANK YOU!

If you'd like to learn more about sponsorship or donations to support the Vashon Heritage Museum and our vision to partner with our Vashon community, please contact: [Deb Dammann](#) our Development Committee Chair; [Elsa Croonquist](#), Executive Director; or [Marissa Tsaniff](#), Events Coordinator.



About Our Website

Don't forget that when you join this year, you can request a free individual membership for a friend—just drop us a line! You can become a member; buy a brick to be installed in the Heritage Museum's sidewalk; order a book, t-shirt, or hat from the Museum Shop; read about exhibits and events; or make a donation—all by visiting our website, vashonheritagemuseum.org.

For the record...

THE VASHON ISLAND RECORD

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DOCKTON

Mr. Carr of Tacoma was a Dockton visitor on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larsen spent Friday of last week in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Amidon of Tacoma spent Sunday at their summer home in Dockton.

Mrs. C. Peterson was the guest of Mrs. Clark in Tacoma for several days last week.

The steamer "Simpson" was on the drydock Monday and was cleaned and painted.

Miss Bena Edwards and Mr. Elmer Edwards of Seattle made a short visit with Dockton friends on Sunday.

Miss Esther Johnson, a student at the U. of W., visited on Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson.

Mrs. Lund entertained several of the school boys in honor of her little son Victor's seventh birthday on Sunday afternoon.

The steamer "Vashon" was on the drydock here last week for repairs, after running aground at Brown's Point one morning last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt and daughter

Ferry to Remain On the Portage-Des Moines Run

Following a decision of the county commissioners, after consideration of the ferry budget, to discontinue the Portage-Des Moines ferry "Vashon," these gentlemen were waited upon by a large delegation of Vashon-Maury residents at the regular session of the honorable board on Tuesday forenoon, and a strong protest was entered against any such action.

It was pointed out that the ferry had been established three years and was an asset to the county and a necessity to the communities served. That its retention meant a gain to the county by the addition of homeseekers—taxpayers—that would more than offset the deficit incurred in its operation.

It was also made clear that residents and taxpayers are willing to dig down in their pockets if necessary in order to retain this much-

VASHON HEIGHTS

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Farley spent Sunday on the island.

Work has been commenced on the A. D. Cowan beach cottage.

Miss Ione Barash of Seattle is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lund for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Mitchell of Seattle were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Coryell on last Sunday.

Mrs. Elsa McDonald, of Butte, Mont., was the guest this week of Mrs. Chas. Brebner and daughter.

Mrs. L. M. Doebbler of Seattle will spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pinkham.

E. M. Bonnell of Los Angeles was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bonnell for a few days last week.

Mr. Star Pinkham, accompanied by his wife and son Bobbie, spent several days at the North End, guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Neese have decided to remain on the island this winter, and as soon as vacated will occupy the residence of Mrs. Al Pinkham.

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