

MUSEUM MEANDERINGS

Spring 2021 Newsletter of the La Center Museum Assoc.



Directors & Officers:

President, vacant

Ed Brannfors, Vice President

Suzi Terrell, Secretary

Judy Hickman, Treasurer

Don Anderson, Director

Candy Falk, Director

Leslie Headley, Director

Candi Irish, Director

Meetings:

First Monday of the month
6:30 p.m. at the La Center
Historical Museum
410 West 5th Street
La Center, WA 98629

Museum open:

1st and 3rd Saturdays 12-4 p.m.
and by appointment
360-263-9060

Email: lacentermuseum@tds.net

Website: thelacentermuseum.org

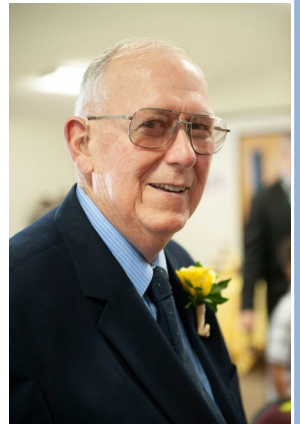
Facebook: La Center Historical
Museum

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Hooray! We are Open Again!

This past year has been full of many unbelievably multifaceted changes, not only for the world in general, but also for our museum as well. We took our down time seriously and had to regroup and rethink our event strategy. We also spent the time rearranging, cleaning and creating new displays.

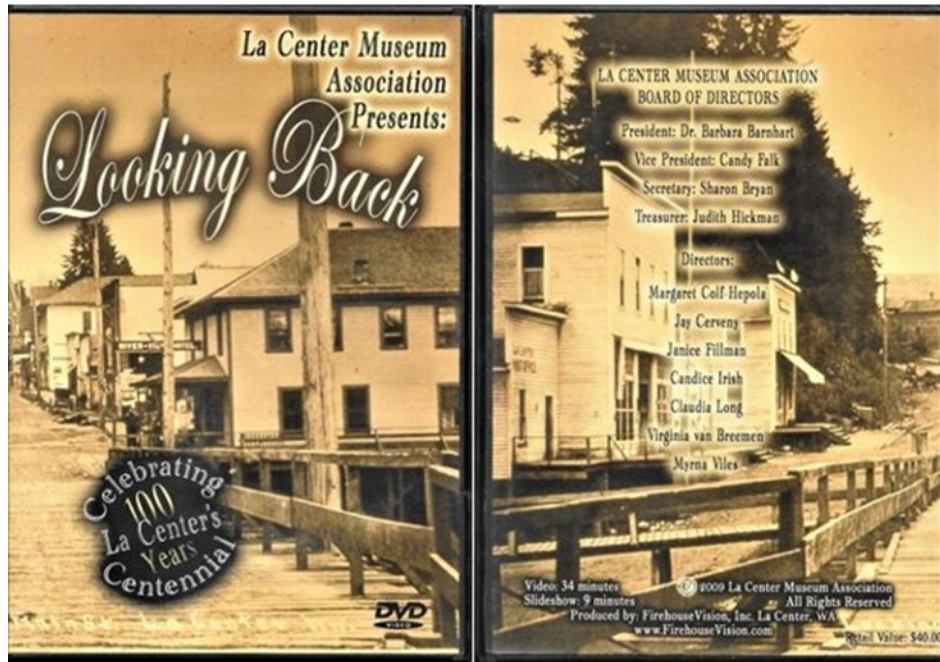
The museum board was very saddened to lose one of our members. Murray Falk passed on Sunday August 16, 2020. He was a wonderful asset to the museum and served on the board for four years. He will be greatly missed! His wife Candy of "Grandma Candy's" remains on our board.



***Much appreciation to our corporate member:
Colf Family Foundation***

Treasured Memories of Early La Center DVD

The museum is excited to offer again these wonderful DVDs packed full of photos and stories of Old Town La Center. Step back in time as you stroll down memory lane as you listen to tales of La Center's old buildings, 30 businesses, swimming holes and haunted houses!



May be ordered on our website for \$25

<http://www.thelacentermuseum.org/la-center-history-dvd-.html>

Or send a check payable to:

La Center Museum Association

410 W 5th Street

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Come in and visit us on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month! Admission is free!

We have made many changes to our exhibits and have added to our displays!

Korean War Veteran Gets a Surprise

*La Center's local Korean War POW and founding museum member, **Ken Viles** has had quite a surprise in an unexpected email (through our website) from China! It seems his audio interview and articles posted about his time during the war, caught the eye of the son of a Chinese Officer who had collected memorabilia from soldiers he captured and imprisoned, and had Ken's ID card with his photo on it.*

He had watched as his father time and time again would take down the dusty box of war mementos, rearrange and respectfully caressed them as he sung out their company motto "Fight as you say and do as you say. Practice your gun, bayonet and grenade."

Seeing the items and hearing of battles endlessly told, only left him with many unsolved puzzles: Who were the owners of the items? Are they still alive and how are they doing now? What did they think about that war and their experiences? How would they feel to meet their items again after they lost them over 70 years ago? He did not have the same romantic feelings of the war as his father, and only wanted to return the items to extend an offer of closure.



Having a family or class reunion?

We'd would like to invite all coordinators to include a trip to see La Center's history when you're planning your event. We'd be glad to open our doors for a trip down memory lane. Please give us a few weeks' notice and we'd be glad to work with you.



to get more involved in your La Center Community? Interested in meeting new friends and neighbors? Then join us at the La Center Historical Museum. You don't have to commit a huge amount of time ... you can help out for just a few hours a month or even a few times a year! Plus you are always paired with a board-member to help answer questions about our little City.

The La Center Historical Museum is open the first and third Saturday of every month from noon to 4 pm. There are additional special events throughout the year as well. So stop by and learn more about us, let us know what amount of time you can offer and join the fun of sharing La Center area history, family stories, significant historical events and getting involved with our special tours.

Contact either Suzi Terrell at 360-760-4260 or Judy Hickman at 360-606-9232 to learn more about the opportunities that await you at the La Center Historical Museum. To find out more about us, visit our website at www.thelacentermuseum.org and or Facebook at La Center Historical Museum.

The La Center Historical Museum's directors and dedicated volunteers have been very busy keeping the museum evolving, interesting, updated and enjoyable. If you haven't visited for a while you will see new exhibits and items of interest.

We are supported entirely by donations, membership renewal and the efforts of our volunteers who host open house days, set up exhibits, plan, organize and maintain the museum.

We are very grateful to the Colf Family for their continued support.

Please come visit the museum and encourage your friends and family members to visit and consider membership in the museum.

Please consider renewing your membership for 2021 by submitting the form below.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us.

LA CENTER HISTORICAL MUSEUM
2021 NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL FORM

Please check type of membership:

_____ Individual (\$25) _____ Family (\$35) _____ Organization (\$25)
_____ Business (\$35) _____ Corporate (\$500)

Name _____

New Member _____

Renewal _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Telephone # _____

I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____

I would like to volunteer _____

Make checks payable to: La Center Museum Association

Mail to: 410 W 5th Street, La Center, WA 98629

Thank you for your support!