Garibaldi Museum News

Who visits our Museum?

Since our opening on March 27 we’ve had over 2114 visitors…

People from Italy, Australia, Germany, Thailand, Canada, Mexico, Scotland, England, and France—that’s who! We’ve had people from California, Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Connecticut. Anna asks people where they are from—especially if she detects an intriguing accent or brogue. But our favorite visitors are local people from Oregon. They’re the ones who will spread the word about our museum, and help to keep us financially healthy.

Kids! We’ve had a group of kids from Neskowin, Grand Ronde, and from Oregon City - a group of enthusiastic teenagers. The Grub Club, a group of 20 local kids of all ages, visited on July 22nd. This may have been the first museum visit for these kids and we hope it sparks a lifelong interest in history.

Seniors! Retired, traveling, and curious, we greet and talk to many seniors who have fascinating tidbits to share.

People interested in the arts! In April, we had gorgeous fish prints from Stillwater Prints, and oil paintings by Rebecca Spaniel. For May, unusual and beautiful artwork made from flower petals by Michael Mason, along with a book signing for Brian Ratty’s “Tillamook Passage”. June brought prize winning oil and watercolor artist Michael Loney, and another book signing for children’s author Tricia Gates Brown and illustrator Sally Lackoff. Patsy Chapin’s work graced the walls of our Community room for the month of July. Each artist had a reception the first Saturday of their show, so patrons could meet and talk to the artists!

Partygoers! We threw a birthday party for Capt Gray on May 11th.

Animal Lovers! United Paws held an Adoptathon in May and they’ll be back in October to find new homes for homeless cats and dogs.

For photos of some of those visitors, visit our NEW Blog!

In addition to our Facebook page, and our website, we’re able to post photos of past events, and notifications of upcoming events. Our blog is simple-to-navigate. Just scroll up and down, and click on a photo to make it larger. You can also sign up to be notified by e mail whenever there’s a new post:

www.garibaldimuseum.blogspot.com
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Groups Welcome!

The Garibaldi Museum welcomes groups who wish to visit all year long. Whether you have a large school group or a group of visiting family, make sure to arrange a tour of the museum. Just call (503)322-8411.
Scholarship Opportunities

The Garibaldi Museum Memorial Fund sponsors four scholarships to seniors in Tillamook County schools, public or private. The purpose of all scholarships is to raise interest in Captain Robert Gray and Pacific Northwest trade in the late 18th century.

The Memorial fund awards three $750 and one $1,000 scholarship. Applications are available in all Tillamook Co. high schools. Awards are made mid-May, to four seniors from Tillamook Co. whose essays best illustrate any of the fascinating issues surrounding Capt. Robert Gray and trade on the Pacific Rim. Essays should be a minimum of 500 words.

Since 1999, the museum’s Capt. Gray Memorial Fund has awarded thousands in scholarships to local high school graduates pursuing higher education. For more information about applying for scholarships or contributing to the Memorial Fund: 503-322-8411 or info@garibaldimuseum.com

We would like to thank …

Three of our board members who are moving on.

June Ekborg put in well over 100 hours this past year to obtain a grant from the American Alliance of Museums for a Museum Assessment Program (MAP) visit, as well as working on the quilt donated by Barbara Trout for our November Raffle.

Mary Sause has been an avid supporter of the Museum as a Board member for several years. She is stepping down as VP due to health reasons, but she will continue to contribute in an advisory position, and will hopefully return as a board member in the future.

Joe Meyer assisted with some hard decisions as the museum weathered several changes in the last year. Although we have lost some very good people, you now have an opportunity to join us and help make a positive impact on our community. Interested? Contact us at 503-322-8411 or info@garibaldimuseum.com

Mark Your Calendar...

...or go to our blog and enter your e mail address to receive notifications of new events right in your mailbox! www.garibaldimuseum.blogspot.com

August 3 through the 31st

2-4 PM will be the Artist’s reception for local legend, Rose Perez. Her seascapes are in the collections of numerous businesses and individuals, and will be on view through the month of August.

August 17

Join us from 9-4 PM for “A Step Back in Time”, including a RR train ride and a tour of our Pioneer Museum, Latimer Quilt, and the Air Museum in Tillamook and the Maritime Museum in Garibaldi!

September 7

From 2-4 PM we host the artist’s reception for Donna Ludwig Peterson whose work in oil and watercolor will be showing through the month of September.

October 5

United Paws will be here for their second Adoptathon with us this year from 12 to 3 PM. In the meantime, if you find yourself ‘petless’, here’s a remedy! Go to www.unitedpaws.wordpress.com to find your new furry companion.

November 29 and 30

Join us for our yearly Holiday Open House. Admission is free, and everything in the gift shop is 20% off for the Open House! The winner of the raffle for the “Sea of Stars” quilt will be selected, and there will also be a raffle for a gift basket. We will have empty boxes to fill for donations to the Garibaldi Food Pantry at God’s Lighthouse, so please help with a can or two of nutritious food. We hope to see you there!

The August 2013 Museum newsletter is sponsored by:

- Hidden Treasures Antiques (503-322-2501)
- Bell’s Office Supply (503-842-5566)
Quilt Raffle to Raise Funds for Museum

Local crafter Barbara Trout designed and made this one of a kind beauty. Caffeinated Quilting and Design also donated time and materials, to help complete this treasure. In our ongoing efforts to raise funds for our museum, we’re fortunate to be able to offer exceptional items like this lovely “Sea of Stars” quilt in our raffle ending Nov 30th. Tickets are still available for $1 each, and your odds are very good!

Our Annual Silent Auction

Thanks to the support of many area businesses and individuals, this year’s Silent Auction, held in conjunction with Garibaldi Days on July 27th - was a great success! Over 100 auction goers had the opportunity to bid on many unique items; New England themed gift baskets, artwork, a fabulous ship model, and numerous gift certificates. We had a blacksmith demonstrating his skills in the parking lot, as well as artist Cecile LaPointe visiting with her watercolors while she painted in the covered area at the front of the museum. Bidders look forward to competing for many one of a kind items, and leave happy knowing they’re supporting the cultural heritage of Garibaldi. Over 100 people participated this year and we took in $3,487 to enhance and maintain museum exhibits.

Volunteers are Welcome, Needed, and Appreciated!

Do you enjoy working with people? Would greeting visitors to the Museum for a couple of hours a week, while Anna takes care of behind the scenes work, be enjoyable for you? Are you a stickler for organization? Do you like to put together gift baskets? Decorate for the holidays? Or do you know someone who would enjoy any of the above?

If you said yes to any of these questions, your talents are needed at the Garibaldi Museum—and appreciated beyond words! E mail, or call and we will find a good fit for your talents, interests and available time frame. This is your museum - volunteering is a perfect way to give back to the community - and get out of the house for a few hours!

Meeting/Reception Room Available

Our Community room, complete with kitchen, restrooms, and a capacity of 60 people, is available for rental at $100 per day. Local non-profit organizations can rent for $50 per day, and Friends of the Museum enjoy a 10% discount. It’s easy to set up, so give us a call at (503) 322-8411, to schedule. An application to rent the room is available at www.garibaldimuseum.com.

Did you Know?

Before rubber was readily available, sailors crocheted rope into tubes and stuffed it with straw, creating bumpers to protect the ships from damage as the sea rocked the boats against the dock.

We have two of those bumpers in our upstairs display. Come see them and please DO touch!
The Friends of the Garibaldi Museum Program helps support programs, events, and exhibits. We are grateful to all Friends who have donated to the museum.

We would like to recognize the following Corporate and Patron level members:

**Corporate**
- James McIntyre
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- Rosenberg Builders Supply
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- Garibaldi Lions Club
- Vern & Marilyn Parklow
- Mona Skelton

**Patron**
- Mary Sause
- Jake & Anna Rzuczek

Friends of the Museum enjoy the following privileges:
- Two newsletters a year (semi-annual distribution)
- 10% discount in the museum gift store.
- 10% off rental of the community meeting room
- Free admission (based on membership level) to the museum
- 50% discount for special events
- Support of your local museum

Corporate and patron members listed in newsletter

**Museum Board Reviews Museum Assessment Suggestions**

In June we met with Doug Alves, a representative of the American Association of Museums, and spent several hours discussing new options for our museum.

Guidance was offered for meeting priorities and goals, and he’ll evaluate how our museum compares to national standards and best practices.

To institute all the suggestions we would like to put into place, we anticipate the program will take one year to complete. Board members are confident the suggestions will help us meet the challenges of providing and maintaining a top notch museum.

**Who runs this place??!!**

Our Museum Director Anna, just celebrated her first anniversary with the Museum. After seeing her in action for the last year, we have a new appreciation of all the effort required to run a museum! Anna and the BOD are committed to maintaining the Museum as a center of community cultural interest, so stop in and say “Hi”!

**Renewal of Our Museum**

In June we completed repairs to our roof, and had the annual fire inspection. Leakage from the roof caused considerable damage to the upstairs restroom, so funds will be allocated to make those repairs in the year ahead. We’ve also been working on our website, and upgrading the technology that makes running a museum easier.

**GMM is Air-Conditioned!**

If the weather turns uncomfortably warm during the summer months, come cool off at the Garibaldi Maritime Museum. Temperatures must be consistent for our displays and artifacts - and for your comfort too!
There are treasures for the whole family at the Garibaldi Museum Gift Shop!

If you haven’t already - stop by and take a peek through our gift shop. We now have more books related to the maritime history of the Pacific Northwest available, and we’re surprised—and gratified, at how well they’re selling! You’ll also find a selection of NW historical cookbooks, children’s books and a fascinating collection of historically themed gifts in all price ranges.

Become a Friend of the Garibaldi Museum

Tillamook County is fortunate to have its very own maritime museum, celebrating the history of Captain Robert Gray, 18th century sailing, the story of Garibaldi, Oregon - and much more. As our national economy faltered, we’re thankful to our local friends for their continuing support. That’s commitment! Will you help the museum continue its mission of cultural preservation and education in your local community by joining or renewing your membership to the Friends of the Garibaldi Museum?

Thank You!

Our Mission...

- To enhance the maritime heritage of the Pacific Northwest with a focus on Captain Robert Gray and his voyage through The Tillamook Passage;
- To encourage studies of sailing, navigation, boat building, and related maritime and oceanic pursuits;
- To recognize and celebrate the literature, art, and music, from the era of sailing seagoing vessels;
- To provide a cultural hub for communities throughout the Pacific Northwest region, providing educational opportunities for all ages;
- To encourage knowledge and understanding of the cultural and historical aspects of shipbuilding, sailing, and navigation - as it was in the past and as it relates to modern maritime practice.