

September 2011



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**Labor Day Dance, Saturday, September 3, 8:00 P.M.**

## Discovering Pierce County

Many of you are aware that the Longbranch Improvement Club is a member of the Heritage League of Pierce County (HLPC). But, did you know that the HLPC is made up of more than 40 organizations dedicated to preserving the rich history of Pierce County? Many of the members are smaller community museums that display some amazing and very interesting historical artifacts and photographs. If you were at the LIC General Meeting on August 17, you had a chance to pick up a pamphlet listing the names, locations, and hours of operation of many of the member organizations. If you missed that opportunity, take a look at the HLPC site at [www.piercecountyhistory.org](http://www.piercecountyhistory.org). My wife and I have already visited a few of these little gems, and many more are on our list for the future. Check it out. You will be pleased with the variety, quality, and content of the displays.

Kurt Anderson

## UPCOMING EVENTS!!

Sat. Sept. 3—Labor Day Dance, music starts at 8:00 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 5—Labor Day

Sun. Sept 11—Grandparents Day

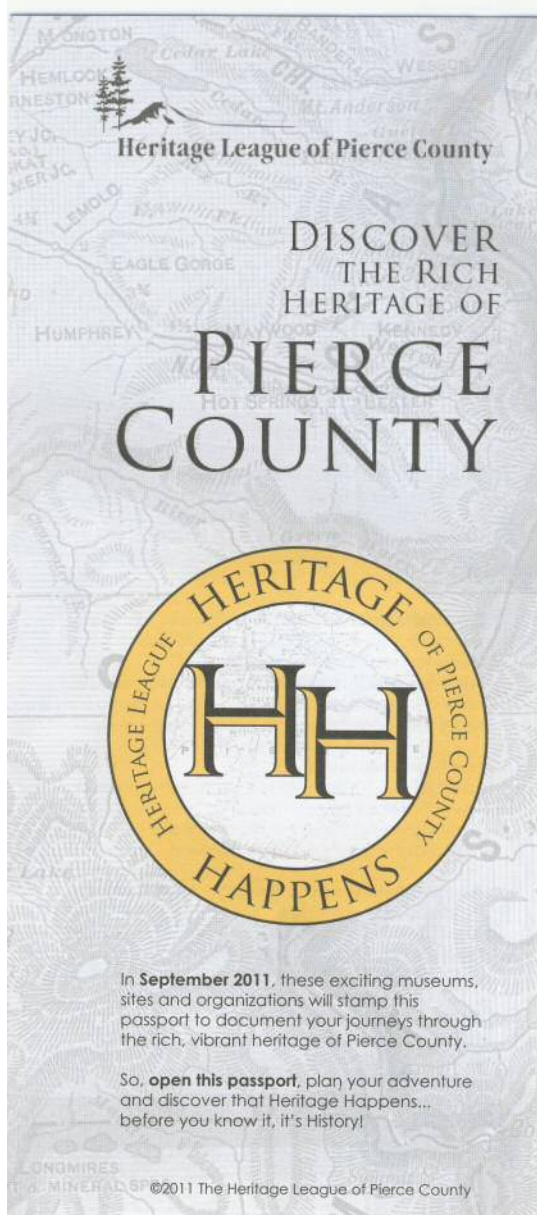
Wed. Sept 21—General Membership Dessert Meeting,  
7.00 p.m.

Fri. Sept 23—First day of autumn

Thurs. Sept 29—Cheryl Samuel lecture 7:00 p.m. at LIC  
(see flyer)

Sat. Oct 1—Fiber Arts, 10:00—4:00 p.m. (see flyer)

Thurs. Oct 6—Earthquakes and Volcanoes lecture at LIC,  
7:00 p.m., article page 2



## **President's Report . . .**

Your LIC Board will be getting together outside of the normal Board meeting in October to begin planning for the LIC's future. As of now, there are no future plans for the marina or the clubhouse. I and the Board welcome any and all ideas as to what the LIC should strive for in the next five to ten years. Although we are a bit strapped financially because of the wharf, that doesn't mean we can't be a better supporter of our community and find ways to increase activity at the clubhouse and marina. One item that the Board wants help deciding on is the LIC's role in the event of an emergency on the Key Peninsula. The LIC has offered to be a Volunteer Coordination Center. What more the LIC can or will do in the event of a disaster will be the subject of discussion over the next 6 months.

Thanks to all the volunteers that helped for Old Timers Day. It was a nice warm day, the event was well attended, and the LIC can be proud of its support of the food bank. Congratulations to Buck for his purchase of Don Jopp's boat and the Van Cise's boathouse. Also, thanks to Buck and the others for their continued maintenance of the marina. Thanks to the volunteers that have spruced up the clubhouse area; it looks very nice.

Remember to attend, or at least buy tickets to the Labor Day Dance at the LIC, Saturday night, September 3rd. Music starts at 8 PM and goes until midnight. Renegade Train is the band.

Remember to order your LIC hats and fleeces from Nancy Carr, customized as you like. They look good and help the LIC get its name out in the community.

**Geofff Baillie, President LIC**  
884-3951, gbaillie@msn.com

## **Earthquakes and Volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest**

The LIC will sponsor a talk on "Earthquakes and Volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest" by Dr. Jeff Tepper of the University of Puget Sound on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 PM. Dr. Tepper's research has centered on the dynamics of the molten rock (magma) that lies under the earth's crust, and how this coupled with movements of the earth's crustal plates generate both earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. These are global phenomena (as recent news from Japan, Haiti and Iceland underscore) but have special relevance to those of us living here in the Puget Sound region.

The talk is open to the public.

Gayle Brewer

# LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES August 17, 2011

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Geoff Baillie, Kurt Anderson, Francie Carr, Jan Prichard, Sharon Gearhart, Sandy Black, "CC" Williams

**NEW MEMBER:** Jack Kennedy

The meeting was called to order by President Geoff Baillie at 7:07 p.m.

Geoff introduced our newest member Jack Kennedy and thanked Virgil and Norma Iverson for serving as host and hostess for our meeting.

## **REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Francie Carr reported that our gross income is still ahead of budget. The LIC received \$6.17 in restitution from one of the delinquents. Our total expenses to date remain below expected budget amounts. The Croquet Tournament enabled the LIC to send a donation in the amount of \$1881 to Communities in Schools Peninsula. The bar net proceeds of \$326 is revenue for the LIC. Although all the expenses are not yet in for Beyond the Borders, the gross food proceeds were \$525 plus \$10 in performers' script. The bar gross proceeds were \$820. Today Francie took \$30,000 from the LIC checking account and put it into a 3 month CD which will earn interest of .15 percent.

Geoff reported that Mike and Denise Hays put down a \$100 deposit for their \$10 a day 5-day rental and are donating the extra \$50 they would have gotten back to the LIC Scholarship Fund. In addition, they have donated \$250 to the Scholarship Fund in appreciation for being the vendor at the Croquet Tournament.

**Membership:** "CC" asked for members who worked at the Croquet Tournament to please contact her to verify their hours. She has many folks listed on the volunteer sheet with the time they started volunteering, but very few signed out, so she doesn't know how long they worked. Hours can't be recorded until she gets that information. Also, she is sending out all member emails, but is aware that some members aren't getting them and she is working on it.

**Building and Grounds:** Sharon said the grounds are looking good and thanked folks for helping. She is putting together a Building and Grounds Committee and has two volunteers. Anyone else who is interested please contact Sharon. One of the committee's goals is to clean out items that are no longer of any use. Broken chairs in the storage room will be repaired or salvaged for parts. Dayna Hanson is looking for LIC members to be extras in the movie she is shooting at the LIC on September 1<sup>st</sup>. She has a band playing and needs dancers. Look on the LIC website for information. The building is completely rented for August and most weekends in September.

**Marina Committee:** Denny Prichard, standing in for Randy Babich, reported that a lot of ice is being sold at the dock and he's looking for volunteers to be on a list of folks willing to go get ice at the Shell station when Pat Thompson, our dockmaster, notes that we are down to just a few bags. Anyone who goes to get ice will get \$5.00 for their trouble. Lynn Carr, with help from Tom Kelly, has installed a light on the flag pole. Sandy Black has finished the wiring for the security system and the security system is now working properly.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (continued from page 3)

**Vice President:** Kurt reported that Nancy Carr has many styles of hats and visors that can still be purchased for \$10. Hats are available to try on and she has an almost infinite variety of embroidery colors to choose from. Geoff suggested we take pictures of our hats in different places and send them into Nancy for publication in the newsletter.

Kurt passed out Heritage League pamphlets. There are 40+ members in the Heritage League and the LIC is one of those listed in the pamphlet. He recommended visiting these museums and historical places for enjoyable outings. Some have amazing display and some are hands on.

Gayle Brewer has invited some speaker to the LIC to make presentations on nights other than our meeting nights. Speakers at our meetings need to be fairly brief and these speakers have larger presentations. The first will be a speaker from the Center for Wooden boats on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The next will be Dr. Jeff Tepper with a presentation on Northwest Earthquakes and Volcanoes on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The community is invited.

**Events:** Sandy thanked everyone for all their help at Beyond the Borders. Participants, volunteers and attendees all seemed to have a lot of fun. He passed out a sign up sheet for the Labor Day Dance with a list of jobs needing to be done. Peg Bingham also is looking for folks with food handler's cards to help serve hot dogs, nachos and popcorn on dance night. Francie needs some help with money handling for the 8-10 p.m. shift.

Geoff put to rest the "rumor" of beer being lost from the back of a truck. Alas the rumor was true and Buck, Denny and Jan were seen cleaning up the road after the fact. It's possible the tail gate was the culprit.

**President:** Geoff is asking the Board to make an Emergency Preparedness Plan in the next 6 months so that the LIC will be ready to participate in the June training session in whatever capacity agreed upon. The Board will also be having a planning session retreat this fall to begin formulating long range plans for the LIC.

**Other Business:** Monika Verstrate asked how they might take a walk to Devil's Head like the tour conducted by the Nature Conservancy. No one had the answer but Geoff said we would look into it.

Sharon Gearhart reminded us that Old Timers' Day is this Saturday.

Jan Prichard reminded us to save Key Peninsula Market receipts to earn money for our scholarship fund. If anyone would like to take over collecting the receipts and turning them in to the market, please contact Jan.

Lynn Carr reminded us that we also collect aluminum cans to recycle. The folks doing the recycling are doing a great job and the scholarship fund has greatly benefitted. Take your cans to the side of the building.

Geoff thanked Lynn Carr for making a new slider for the cockpit hatch for his boat to replace the one ruined by vandals.

"CC" asked for host and hostess help for the September Dessert Potluck

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Prichard  
Secretary

## Building and Grounds Chat Room—September 2011:

On August 24, 2011 it appears that someone tried to force the south doors of the Longbranch Improvement Building open sometime during the day using a 5 foot section of 1"X 4" board to try and jimmy the doors open. Fortunately the door brace was in place and the alarm was set and did go off prompting a response from the alarm company and driving the would-be vandal away. I mention this as a reminder that it is imperative that everyone turn on the mouse alarms, remove the pin from the door, set the alarm and lock the door when leaving the building. We do not need a repeat of last year.

Along another line, someone trimmed the branches on the large maple tree in the north side yard by the shed and carted the branches away. This was done just before Beyond Borders. No one seems to know who did this but it seems to have been done to prevent the branches from blocking the security light. If anyone knows who did this I would appreciate knowing so that I can offer appropriate thanks. There is some speculation that perhaps the county did this when they were trimming trees in the area.

Last but not least we have a problem in the men's bathroom with the divider between the first and second urinals. Does anyone have experience in dealing with tile and cement block repair? The divider is screwed to the wall through tile and is pulling loose and I am concerned that it might come off and drop on someone's foot or other body parts. Lynn Carr has attempted to repair it a couple of times without success. If you have the expertise and would like some volunteer hours or if you just want to provide a suggestion for what can be done I would love to talk to you about it- 884-3890. We **need** to get it fixed soon. The building has been getting a workout this month as every weekend has been filled and it will continue into September.

I thank Mrs. Clean for her excellent and timely job in ensuring the building is in tip top shape for each event. Until next month...thank you all for your support and help.

Sharon Gearhart-Building and Grounds Chair.

### Cups, Caps, Jackets, Vests

There are LIC and Longbranch Marina coffee cups, hats, jackets and vests available from Kurt Anderson (for the Cups) ) and Nancy Carr (for the fleece jackets, vests, caps. Please contact: Kurt Anderson, 253-350-0309, [hound356@gmail.com](mailto:hound356@gmail.com), or Nancy Carr, 884-1384, [ncarr44@centurytel.net](mailto:ncarr44@centurytel.net)

### HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in being part of the kitchen crew for the Labor Day Dance please contact Peg Bingham – [884-1124](tel:884-1124) or [larrypegbingham@centurytel.net](mailto:larrypegbingham@centurytel.net) We will be serving hot dogs, nachos and popcorn. Work hours can be as many or as few as you want, all help is greatly appreciated, especially anyone willing to do clean-up afterward.

A Food Handler card is required for serving but not for clean-up.

*A BIG SHOUTOUT TO  
BEYOND THE BORDERS  
KITCHEN CREW*

For the three days preceding the Beyond the Borders event a group of volunteers met at the LIC at nine each morning. They assembled baklava, mixed, baked, frosted, wrapped sugar cookies and mixed and baked shortbread. Their work included talking, laughing, joking, experimenting with mixing psychedelic colors of frosting and just enjoying fellow LIC members. The day of the event was spent grilling and serving hot dogs, preparing and serving nachos, serving the homemade desserts, writing receipts and collecting money. My heartfelt thanks to my incredible crew: Delores Argabright, Reni Moriarity, Shirley Brewer, Jan Prichard, Barbara Copley, Carolyn Wiley, Jan Place, Diane Gustin, Marlies Van Cise, Barbara Floyd, Eloise Colbert, Larry Colbert, Christie Saywers, Francie Carr, Judy Riggs and my right hand, Sharon Gearhart. A special thanks to Tim Heitzman for his wonderful signs advertising our food choices.

*Submitted by Peg Bingham*

### **Center for Wooden Boats**

The Center for Wooden Boats was the topic of first of the lecture experiments that Gayle Brewer is organizing for the LIC. Of the 20 attendees on Thursday, August 25, about half were LIC members, the others were guests and 7 showed up because of Tim Heitzman's eye-catching poster design.

Aislinn Palmer represented the Center for Wooden Boats with such enthusiasm that we all left with plans to visit the facility on Lake Union. All in all, a very pleasant way to spend an evening.

Carolyn Wiley

### **Fiber Arts Help Needed**

It would be desirable to have volunteer help for lift, tote, and carry: contact Carolyn 884-9157:

Friday September 30, 5:00 p.m. until 7:00--set up tables and tape down extension cords. mark grounds for tractors, Nellie and Kris Sherman's petting zoo.

Saturday Morning, October 1, 8:00am to to 10:00 help the exhibitors unload cars & haul stuff in, and set up

Saturday afternoon, 4:30 to ? to take down, haul out and re-load cars.

Food service & kitchen clean-up contact Peg Bingham

During the day--show hours, 10:am to 4:pm  
Greeters, head counters, program distributors, survey collectors, donation jar watchers  
Hospitality & Security--keep people from wandering around with food--fiber artists get testy when spills and finger-smears occur.



# LIC Membership Report

Mark your calendars for the General Membership Dessert Meeting, Wed., Sept. 21st at 7:00 p.m. Look for Upcoming Events.

Membership needs help with the next two meetings volunteers in the kitchen. They should be at the Kitchen at 5:30 to make coffee and help set up. We have had one new inquiry for membership.

Membership Chair  
CC Williams  
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## CHERYL SAMUEL TLINGIT WEAVING WORKSHOP: Sept. 28, 29, 30

Join a very special group with Cheryl Samuel in a three-day weaving workshop starting Wednesday, September 28 at Longbranch Improvement Club.

Cheryl has been largely responsible for the revitalization of Ravenstail and Chilkat weaving by mastering lost techniques, teaching extensively, recreating and expanding the language of weaving, travelling internationally to study and document all historical robes (including fragments) and writing two books on the techniques and history of Northwest Coast weaving. An adopted Tlingit, she has collaborated with master Nuuchahnulth artist Art Thompson to create robes with a southern coast influence in order to introduce artists from all nations to weaving using their own tribal styles and personal influences.

Enrollment is limited, \$250 per person, \$75 materials. Call (253) 884-3959 for registration.



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