

# Thank you!

- *Bonfires, Beaver Pelts and Bogeymen:*
  - Volunteer storytellers: Sarah Comer, Jerry Eckrom, Karen Haas, Mike Preston & John Salicco
  - Jim Weatherford for keeping the bonfire going year after year
  - Claire Keller-Scholz for providing musical entertainment
  - Pepsi Cola for donating the refreshments
- *Friday at the Fort:*
  - The Shy Boys of Gig Harbor for getting everyone up and dancing
  - Chris Britt for designing a terrific poster
  - All the donors who provided raffle prizes
  - Cash and Carry for donating supplies
- To Scott and Rhonda Higgins for donating their time and talent to keep the beer flowing at *Friday at the Fort* and the Mother Earth News Fair Beer Garden
- To all the volunteers who help behind the scenes to make *Bonfires, Friday at the Fort*, and the *Mother Earth News Fair Beer Garden* successful events.
- Mitch Barchi for the redesign of *Occurrences: Journal of Northwest History*
- The Dr. Jerry V Ramsey and Elaine Perdue Ramsey Endowment for Fort Nisqually for providing continuing operating support for the fort
- Weyerhaeuser Active Volunteer Employees (WAVE) for supporting Candlelight Tour and Brett McKinley, Weyerhaeuser employee and Fort Nisqually volunteer, who submitted the grant request
- Employees of Metro Parks Tacoma who donated to the Metro Parks Legacy Campaign to support the scholarship fund for school tours as well as general operating support

- The Nisqually Indian Tribe and the Tacoma Arts Commission for funding *Crafts of the Past*
- The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation for providing \$5,000 of General Operating Support
- Pierce County Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission for awarding funds to support the fort's efforts to get more information about the artifact collection and research library available on-line



Granary repairs completed 2013!

## Fort Nisqually Foundation Report to the Membership



# Message from the Fort Nisqually Foundation Board:

2013 was another great year at Fort Nisqually Living History Museum and the Fort Nisqually Foundation is proud to be a part of this quality organization.

Thanks to the generosity and support of our members, donors and charitable foundations we were able to provide even greater financial support than in years past for the programs and activities at the fort. Earned income for the unrestricted budget was more than 50% higher than in 2012!

The Foundation was awarded grants to continue the popular artist-in-residence program *Crafts of the Past* from May through September. We are also very happy to report that the historic 1850 Granary stabilization project was completed so that the building can continue to educate and fascinate visitors for generations to come.

The Board would also like to recognize the contributions of long-time board member John Salicco. After serving on the board for more than ten years, John relinquished his position in February. The board would like to thank John for all his years of service to the Foundation.

## 2013 Board

Ray Baker, Treasurer  
 Barbara Ball  
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 Ed Hawkins  
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 John Salicco (through Feb.)  
 Glenn Sutt, President



# 2013 Financial Summary

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$130,517.27</b>
<b>Earned Income</b>	
Unrestricted Funds	
Donations	6,236.31
Endowment Interest	2,200.00
Fund Raising Events	19,311.35
Grants	5,000.00
Interest	116.61
Membership	5,660.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,524.27</b>
Restricted Funds	
Artifact Fund	828.91
Crafts of the Past	8,250.00
Granary Restoration	5,589.93
Living History Guilds	791.84
Scholarships	2,883.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,343.68</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Unrestricted Funds	
Annual Meeting	52.16
Bank Fees	5.66
Board Development	238.93
Building Materials	1,000.00
Donor Recognition	115.97
Event Support	1,171.15
Fundraising Events	6,754.15
General Operating Support	17,000.00
Historic/Education Supplies	1,047.00
Membership	2,144.84
Occurrences	2,836.13
Postage and Printing	438.89
Staff Development	500.00
Taxes/Licenses/Fees	75.00
Website Operation	656.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,036.78</b>
Restricted Funds	
Artifact Care	1,201.99
Crafts of the Past	6,855.19
Living History Guilds	571.55
School Tour Scholarships	1,292.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,919.75</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$148,428.69</b>

# Highlights of 2013

Funded the stabilization of Fort Nisqually's 1850 Granary. This project was completed under budget and just in time for Candlelight Tour. The Foundation raised over \$77,000 for the project to match a Washington State Heritage Capital Projects Fund Grant.

Contributed over \$22,000 to support the fort's general operating budget ensuring that the quality programs and activities the community has come to expect from Fort Nisqually staff and volunteers continue.

Received \$13,250 in grant funds for program support.

Held three successful fundraising events:

- New this year – sponsoring the beer and wine garden at the Mother Earth News Fair to raise funds for the education programs at the fort.
- The 4th Annual *Friday at the Fort* set a new attendance record and raised over \$10,000 to support Fort Nisqually.
- *Bonfires, Beaver Pelts and Bogeymen* continued to enthrall and entertain hundreds of guests both nights of this popular Halloween tradition. The Foundation also partnered with Toys for Tots to help collect toys for this worthy cause.

The Membership Committee:

- Organized the Children's Activity Booth at the Proctor Farmers Market in July, September and November to promote fort and foundation events.
- Introduced new and improved guest passes for membership
- Developed a relationship with Theo's Chocolate who donated a free chocolate tasting at the fort's *19th Century Christmas* event.

Revamped the layout of *Occurrences: The Journal of Northwest History* and made it available to members electronically and in full color.

Received a grant from Pierce County to expand the fort's website to include information about the artifact collection and research library.