

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 providing great music
 - Chris Britt for designing a terrific poster
 - All the donors who provided raffle prizes and supplies
 - Scott and Rhonda Higgins for keeping the beer flowing
- 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
- Peggy Barchi for editing and producing *Occurrences: Journal of Northwest History* from 2006 through 2014
- The Dr. Jerry V Ramsey and Elaine Perdue Ramsey Endowment for Fort Nisqually for providing continuing operating support for the fort
- Employees of Metro Parks Tacoma who donated to the Legacy Campaign to support the scholarship fund for school tours and general operating support
- The Nisqually Indian Tribe and the Tacoma Arts Commission for funding *Crafts of the Past*
- The Cannon Family Fund and the Pierce County Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission for funding the new exhibit cases in the Great Room

- The Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the Colonial Dames of America for funding the improvements and expansion of the Great Room's hands-on exhibits
- The Cannon Family Fund and the Pierce County Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission for supporting the new on-line access to the fort's artifact collection and research library



Scholarship Program - Visitation Catholic School



Crafts of the Past - Beadwork - Chuck Larsen

Fort Nisqually Foundation Report to the Membership 2014



Message from the Fort Nisqually Foundation Board:

2014 was another great year at Fort Nisqually Living History Museum and the Fort Nisqually Foundation continues to be a proud part of this quality organization.

Thanks to the generosity and support of our members, donors and charitable foundations we were able to provide more financial support for the programs and activities at the fort.

The Foundation was again awarded grants to support the artist-in-residence program *Crafts of the Past* from May through September. We are also proud to report a variety of Great Room improvements including beautiful new exhibit cases and new on-line access to the fort's artifact collection and research library.

The Board would also like to recognize the contributions of board members Ray Baker and Margaret McCormick. Ray relinquished his position in September after 10+ years, and Margaret in December after five years. The board would like to thank each of them for their service to the Foundation.

2014 Board

Ray Baker, Treasurer (Jan-Sept)

Barbara Ball

Gail Cram, Vice President

Susan Gover, Treasurer (Oct-Dec)

Ed Hawkins

Margaret McCormick

Dana Repp

Glenn Sutt, President



2014 Financial Summary

Beginning Balance	\$147,902.22
Earned Income	
Unrestricted Funds	
Donations	6,652.64
Endowment Interest	2,300.00
Fund Raising Events	20,809.91
Grants	6,000.00
Interest	34.89
Membership	7,692.50
Reserve Fund Carry Over	2,545.73
TOTAL	\$44,773.67
Restricted Funds	
Artifact Care and Acquisition	1,183.93
Crafts of the Past	3,000.00
Exhibit Cases	12,000.00
Granary Restoration	500.00
Living History Guilds	2,195.30
On-line Artifact/Library Project	6,085.00
Scholarships	1,219.00
TOTAL	\$26,183.23
Expenses	
Unrestricted Funds	
Annual Meeting	144.02
Bank Fees	1,059.61
Board Development	89.29
Building Materials	1,693.72
Donor Recognition	49.28
Education/Exhibits/Library Support	10,279.34
Event Support	3,124.96
Fundraising Events	6,219.58
General Operating Support	12,000.00
Membership	2,608.38
Miscellaneous	3,210.52
Occurrences	2,156.02
Postage and Printing	1,445.95
Staff Development	492.00
Taxes/Licenses/Fees	75.00
Website Operation	126.00
TOTAL	\$44,773.67
Restricted Funds	
Artifact Care and Acquisition	568.07
Crafts of the Past	6,182.00
Granary Restoration	42,491.29
Living History Guilds	1,908.52
On-line Artifact/Library Project	3,489.16
School Tour Scholarships	2,843.00
TOTAL	\$57,482.04
Ending Balance	\$112,311.13

Highlights of 2014

Contributed \$21,500 to support the fort's general operating budget ensuring the continuation and expansion of the quality programs that the community has come to expect from Fort Nisqually staff and volunteers.

Received \$8,000 in multi-year grant funds to support the popular *Crafts of the Past* program.

Secured \$23,000 to expand and improve exhibits and hands-on activities in the Great Room with new exhibit cases and activity table, honorariums for guest speakers and supplies for all activity areas.

Raised \$6,000 to fund the on-line access to information about Fort Nisqually artifact collection and research library.

Distributed nearly \$3,000 in scholarships to local schools to cover the expenses associated with guided educational tours of Fort Nisqually.

Allocated \$300 to each one of Fort Nisqually's specialty guilds to support their efforts and improve their given area of interest.

Contributed \$42,500 to the Granary stabilization project.

Held four successful fundraising events:

- The auction at the Robert Burns Volunteer Recognition Dinner supports Fort Nisqually's specialty guilds and other programs.
- Sponsored the beer and wine garden at the Mother Earth News Fair to raise funds for the education programs at the fort.
- The 5th Annual *Friday at the Fort* set a new attendance record and generated over \$11,500 to support Fort Nisqually.
- *Bonfires, Beaver Pelts and Bogeymen* continued to enthrall and entertain even if it was cut to just one night in 2014 by a wind storm.

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.