

Thank you!

- *Bonfires, Beaver Pelts and Bogeymen:*
 - Volunteer storytellers: Sarah Comer, Jerry Eckrom, Karen Haas, Wulf Jenkins, Mike Preston & John Salicco
 - Jim Weatherford for keeping the bonfire going year after year
 - Patrick Haas, Rick Bacon and Don Talmadge for managing the crowds in the parking lot
 - Kendra Stejskal for providing musical entertainment
 - Pepsi-Cola for donating the refreshments
- To all the volunteers who help behind the scenes to make *Bonfires, Friday at the Fort*, and the Foundation's Proctor Farmers Market Booth successful events.
- To all the volunteers and Foundation members who donated items to the annual Robert Burns Dinner auctions
- The Dr. Jerry V Ramsey and Elaine Perdue Ramsey Endowment for Fort Nisqually for providing continuing operating support for the fort
- The Cannon Family Fund and Titus-Will for supporting the Foundation's scholarship fund
- The Tacoma Arts Commission for funding *Crafts of the Past*
- The Nisqually Tribe of Indians for supporting Fort Nisqually's education programs
- Pierce County Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission for supporting the purchase of new exhibit cases for the Great Room and archival supplies for the fort's artifact collection.
- Employees of Metro Parks Tacoma who donated to the Legacy Campaign to support the fort's Heritage Gardens and general operating support
- To BECU Credit Union for their sponsorship of *Friday at the Fort*

- Claire Keller-Scholz for editing and producing *Occurrences: Journal of Northwest History*
- Dr. Jerry V Ramsey for donating copies of his newly published book "*Stealing Puget Sound*" to the Foundation for resale as a fundraising effort.
- All the Fort Nisqually volunteers who donate so much of their time, talent, knowledge and skills to make the fort the quality museum experience it is.



Volunteer and FNF member Lawrence Bradley demonstrates his culinary skills.



"Graced in Glass" exhibit sparkles in Fort Nisqually's new exhibit cases.

Fort Nisqually Foundation

2015

Report to the Membership



Message from the Fort Nisqually Foundation Board:

2015 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, sponsors, 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 also were able to provide scholarships for nearly 500 students to visit the fort as well as provide support for general operating expenses.

Thank you to everyone who attended one of the foundations special fundraising events and who purchased cruise raffle tickets.



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2015 Financial Summary

Income

Unrestricted Funds	
Donations	10,747
Endowment Interest	2,400
Fund Raising Events	19,788.
Grants	10,261
Interest	6
Membership	8,520
TOTAL	\$51,722

Restricted Funds	
Artifact Care and Acquisition	890
Crafts of the Past	3,000
Exhibit Cases	17,000
Living History Guilds	3,941
Scholarships	5,500
TOTAL	\$30,331

Expenses

Unrestricted Funds	
Business Expenses	1,996
Foundation Operations	
Board Supplies	2,589
Occurrences	2,527
Fundraising Events	5,183
Member Events	329
Museum Operating Support	
Building Supplies/Equipment	1,511
Education/Exhibits/Library Support	3,102
Event Support	3,885
General Operating Support	15,000
Marketing	332
Membership Share to MPT	2,196
Staff Development	415
Website Operation	1,900
TOTAL	\$40,965

Restricted Funds	
Artifact Care and Acquisition	1,394
Capital Improvements	1,841
Crafts of the Past	6,964
Exhibit Cases	16,536
Living History Guilds	3,026
On-line Artifact/Library Project	720
School Tour Scholarships	2,796
TOTAL	\$33,277

Ending Balance in all accounts \$109,410

Highlights of 2015

Contributed \$26,441 to support the fort's general operating budget to ensure the continuation and expansion of the quality programs and activities that the community has come to expect from Fort Nisqually staff and volunteers.

In addition, contributed \$33,277 from the Foundation's Restricted Funds for items like scholarships, exhibit cases, artifact purchases and support for the fort's four guilds.

Provided funding for the popular weekend artist-in-residence program - *Crafts of the Past*.

Distributed nearly \$3,000 in scholarships to local schools to cover expenses allowing almost 500 students to participate in guided educational tours.

Held four successful fundraising events:

- The silent and live auctions at the Robert Burns Volunteer Recognition Dinner support Fort Nisqually's specialty guilds and other programs.
- New in 2015 - a raffle for a cruise for two on Holland America raised nearly \$5,000.
- The 6th Annual *Friday at the Fort* generated over \$9,000 to support Fort Nisqually.
- *Bonfires, Beaver Pelts and Bogeymen: Halloween Storytelling* was extremely popular in 2015 with good weather both nights and generating over \$5,000 for fort programs.

Foundation Board member Glenn Sutt led the successful effort to have the State Department of Transportation add large directional signs to Fort Nisqually along Highway 16.

The Membership Committee organized the Children's Activity Booth at the Proctor Farmers Market in July and November to promote fort and foundation events.

The introduction of the "Fast Track Table" at all fort events for Foundation members resulted in happy members and a record number of new members in 2015.