

Anderson Island

Historical Society

Anderson Island, Washington 98303

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Dear Member:

Now that we've survived another winter, I'm sure you're <sup>just</sup> wondering what's going on down at the Museum. I'm happy to report that things have never really cooled off around here! On the heels of our successful salmon bake and apple squeezins <sup>(25¢)</sup> we have been busy shingling, scraping, painting and digging. Many new displays have been added, while the bathroom, stairs and back hall have been finished to bring them up to par with the rest of the house.

*opportunities*

An outstanding new feature is the return of domestic animals to Johnson Farm. The Palmer family has been fixing up the barn and a henhouse for their goats and chickens - you'll just have to come by and see what a difference this has made.

On the garden front, we have expanded to the North and taken in new pea patches. Ladders and fire hoses have been acquired and housed in their own little buildings. Underground water and power lines are presently making their way down to the barn, and new trees have been planted around the farmhouse. Twenty squares of cedar shakes have recently been purchased in anticipation of good shingling weather in the days ahead.

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We've managed to keep busy in other ways this winter including, naturally, our Christmas open house and our program of potlucks and speakers. In recent months we have heard Cecilia Carpenter on the Nisqually Tribe, Dr. Norman Anderson on Ireland, Dr. Henry Kyle on McNeil Island and Del Anderson in concert. These programs have been highly informative and entertaining for all who have attended, and I hardly need to say that there has been some fabulous food as well.

*Fine singer, retired to Island from teaching soil in N.Y. State.*

Our Saturday work parties continue as before, so don't hesitate to drop by when you feel the need to burn up some energy. The Island Photo Contest will be held as usual with 8x10 entries due by June 14. These can be brought to the Museum or sent to Fred Henry. All photos will be displayed at the Annual Meeting June 21.

Treasurer Ruth Krepy would never forgive me if I failed to remind you that 1980 dues are now being accepted. Through sheer frugality and because of certain generous contributions, we have been able to resist a dues increase - they remain \$1 for students \$5 for active members, \$25 for contributing and \$100 for sustaining members. Your support has been important to us and I hope you will help us continue our efforts.

*dues are perpetually paid*

All of the staff join me in extending best wishes for a fine summer; we expect to see you soon.

Sincerely,

*Russ Cammon*

Russ Cammon, President

*over for Hazel's job.*



July 19 th 1980

Hi, Rosa and Murray:

I have had this around for a coon's age. It was handed to me, sans stamp, to mail to you. But I didn't think you would be too interested.

Thanks much for the Eudora Welty. I had missed it, and liked the interview. Did you see in N.Y. Times Bk Review the rundown on the two newish books about her? She said she started writing as a result of hearing about a man who had gone to see a deep Southerner on business. His wife said, "He's not here. He's gone to borry some fire."

You sound wonderfully and profitably accomplished, Murray, with two books almost hatched. I am looking forward especially to sea otter story.

I'm busy, too. Time and energy are at a premium. We have no help, currently. Earle is having to lose blood because of high iron content. He says this figures, that he must have accumulated same during his years of iron mongering. Authorities decree that I must accompany him to the blood bank, to drive home. I can let most things go, but some I just can't.

I'm not at all sure anyone will care to read this book. But I sit here the usual number of daily hours and hack at it because I have to get it behind me.

Thanks forever for your support.

Love,

Aazel

Rick Anderson is in Norway for a year.  
Writes good letters back -

Rosa, have you visited this place (card enclosed)? I had met Ann Barth several years ago. She called recently & brought out one Saturday her group of 02 oldgists for a picnic in Higgins yard. I had to look up the word. You probably know it has to do with vineculture. We drank the quint of many vines. Interesting people. - This "fibers etc" is close by TCC - Drive toward Bridgeport on S. 27th & stop at big 1906 white house next to Mario's nursery. You will be glad you did.

Love -