



**Buckner
Homestead**
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Promoting the care and preservation of the Buckner homestead, orchard,
and community atmosphere in perpetuity

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010

GROWTH AND MOMENTUM

The Foundation continued to grow, build momentum and establish credibility during the 2011 fiscal and program year. Summarized below are the various activities, efforts, and work undertaken by the Foundation during this time.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Harvest Fest 2010



October 9, 125+ Valley residents, visitors and other orchard supporters gathered to celebrate this year's apple harvest, to share a day together, and to bring the season to an end. The weather cooperated, not raining until the apple picking, cider-making, and a great potluck were concluded.

Many thanks, as well, to *End of the Road* for entertaining with great music during the community potluck.

NOTE - Without the bear and elk fence, there would have been few apples for human consumption this year. A poor berry season in the Valley and surrounding hills, brought bears to the Orchard far earlier than normal. The only remaining apples to be found were located in

that part of the orchard that is currently fenced. The fence also serves to protect the trees from the local resident elk herd during the winter.

Orchard Centennial Year Kick-off



The Golden West Lodge hosted nearly 100 people who were there to celebrate and learn more about the first 100 years of the Buckner Orchard. Displays, readings of reminiscences, and Olive's applesauce cake highlighted the evening. Many thanks to Adrienne Carpenter and Christine Sargo for organizing the very successful event.

Work Parties



Two work parties were conducted at the Orchard during the year. Fourteen individuals trimmed water suckers, did weed eating around trees and ditches for mouse control, removed seedling pines from the pasture, built gates, and cleaned ditches on July 26.

On October 7 and 8, six people continued the weed eating, mowed around the buildings, erected tarps, cleaned and set-up cider presses and tables, and did other work in preparation for the winter and Harvest Fest.

Board Meetings

Two formal board meetings were held, the Foundation's Annual Meeting in Manson on May 10, and the second in Stehekin, July 29. Other board business was conducted via e-mail and telephone.

National Park Service

The Foundation president continued to meet throughout the year with the Park Superintendent, maintaining an open line of communication, and communicates frequently with NPS – Foundation liaisons Laurie Thompson and Vicki Gempko to coordinate and organize our efforts.

SUPPORT

Adopt-A-Tree



A total of 96 trees were formally adopted during 2010; 8 for the 2010 season and 88 for the 2011 season! Coupled with donations to the AAT program, a total of \$3,480.00 was contributed. (Contributions must be reported for the year in which they are received. Hence the 88 adoptions received in November and December for 2011 are reported to the IRS as received in 2010.)

(Chief orchardist Laurie Thompson and Lili Reiter work to remove grass from around Lill's adopted tree.)

Memberships

2010 was the first year support for the Foundation and Homestead were solicited through a membership program. A total of \$1,480.00 was raised in this manner.

Donations

Donations totaling \$1,789.00 were contributed to the Foundation in 2010.

In-kind Contributions

Services and equipment totaling approximately \$3,400.00, from individuals and businesses made the work of the Foundation more effective and easier. In-kind contributions included

Barge transportation, *Tom Courtney Tug and Barge*

Banner display on Golakechelan.com., *Lake Chelan Building Supply and GLC*

Maintenance and continued development of our website, *Crystalview Graphics*

Clerical Materials – Various individuals

Donation of half the value of the brush shredder, *Valley Tractor*

Transport and mechanical, *Manson Growers*

Publicity and Reporting, *Stehekin Choice*

And, the many individuals who made all our events and efforts successful!

Grants

A grant application was made to the National Park Foundation to assist in funding the removal of hazardous trees at the Orchard and to restore the original viewscape, but was not granted. We will continue to pursue grants of this nature and other funding sources to support the work of the Foundation at the Homestead.

Community Foundation of North Central Washington

The CFNCW continues to support the Foundation with not-for-profit status, as well as serving as a great advisor

Brush ShredderPurchase



Through the generosity of *Valley Tractor*, a brush shredder attachment was purchased for the tractor donated by *Manson Growers* at a fifty percent discount. This will allow more time for chief orchardist Laurie Thompson to tend to other needs in the Orchard.

OUTREACH

The Foundation continues to develop relationships with other organizations and to communicate our purpose and goals to the community. To that end, the following were initiated during the 2010 program year.

Letter to the Stehekin Community – 100 “Hello, Neighbor” letters were sent to Stehekin box holders formally introducing the Foundation; who we are, how we operate and our purpose and goals.

Lake Chelan Historical Society History Brief – A substantial article and photograph featuring the Foundation and the Buckner Homestead was submitted and printed in a history brief published by the *Lake Chelan Historical Society*.

North Cascades Institute – A working relationship has been initiated with the NCI, an educational non-profit with a learning center in Newhalem, and associated with Huxley College at Western Washington University. It is envisioned that an on-going relationship will continue to develop, allowing the homestead to serve as a lab and study site for NCI/WWU grad students, resulting in plans and products that may benefit the Foundation and Homestead, as well as assisting the BHHF in attaining its own not-for-profit status.

Arts and Humanities of Stehekin – Preliminary discussions and work was begun with AHS to develop a gallery exhibit at the Golden West Lodge for the summer of 2011 as a part of celebrating the Buckner Orchard Centennial.

Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce – A membership in the Chamber was donated to the Foundation by a member, helping to increase our visibility in the greater Lake Chelan Community and beyond.

FOUNDATION BOARD ELECTIONS

At the May Annual Meeting, Herb Sargo (Sedro-Woolley) and Cinda Gilbert (Manson) were re-elected to three-year terms on the Foundation Board of Directors, and Brun Garfoot (Chelan) was elected to complete the term of Ray O’Neal. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Herb Sargo – president, Cinda Gilbert – treasurer, JoAnne Reiter (Walla Walla) – Secretary.

Again, many thanks to Ray “Toad” O’Neal for his many years of service to the Foundation. He was the last remaining member of the original founding board of directors. Thank you, Toad!



Toad O’Neal



Brun Garfoot



Chief Orchardist Laurie Thompson