



**Buckner
Homestead**
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011

A GREAT CENTENNIAL YEAR!!

2011 marked 100 years since the Buckner Family established what we know today as the Buckner Orchard. Much has changed in that time, but the remaining original trees still stand as a tribute to the perseverance and hard work of early settlers in North Central Washington. This was a productive year of celebration, restoration, and progress for the Foundation.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Harvest Fest 2011



160 Valley residents and visitors gathered on October 8 to enjoy nice weather, a great apple crop, as well as another bountiful and delicious community potluck as we celebrated the orchard, the Centennial, and the Stehekin community. Cider was in abundance, as were willing hands to pick and prepare apples for pressing, and to hand-crank the presses. Even a brown bear joined in the fun.

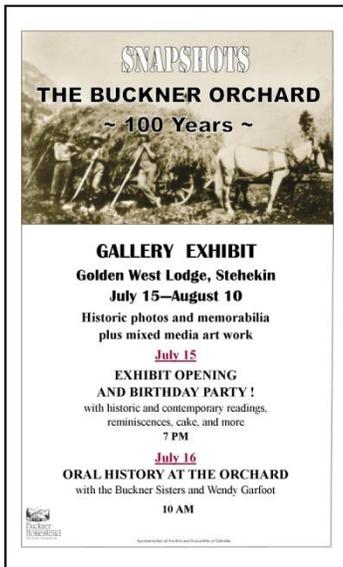
Again, many thanks, as well, to *End of the Road* for entertaining with great music during the community potluck.

Centennial Events

The Buckner Orchard Centennial was kicked-off in October of 2010 with displays and historical presentations at the Golden West Lodge, marking the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the Bill Buzzard homestead by the Buckner Family. 100+ people attended, as was reported in our 2010 report.

Events carried on into 2011 including a birthday party and history presentation at the Golden West Lodge (100+ people in attendance), followed by the opening of a month-long gallery exhibit entitled *Snapshots; The Buckner Orchard ~ 100 Years*.

Orchard Birthday Party and Gallery Exhibit



July 15, the Golden West Lodge hosted 100 people to celebrate and learn more about the first 100 years of the Buckner Orchard. A brief presentation of those who made the Buckner Orchard what it is today featured *Bill Buzzard, the Buckner Family, the Garfoot Family, and Laurie Thompson*, all who contributed in a big way to the establishment, care, and preservation of the Orchard.

The exhibit featured time-specific snapshot groups of the Orchard over the past 100 years, as well as artistic interpretations, and memorabilia.



Oral History Session



The Buckner Sisters, Hobbie and Bucky, along with Jim Trappe and Wendy Garfoot shared memories and answered questions as to their lives and experiences living and working at the Buckner Orchard.

The 50+ people in attendance were not only entertained with warm and humorous stories, but also gained great insights as to the orchard, its history, and legacy. (July 16, 2011)

Work Parties



Two work parties, August 1 and October 7, were held at the Orchard. 22 individuals trimmed water suckers, did weed eating around trees and ditches for mouse control, stacked brush, cut up and downed hazardous trees, and cleaned ditches. It was a great turnout in August!

On October 7, 6 people continued the weed eating, mowed around the buildings, hauled and stacked firewood, 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 23, and the second in Stehekin, August 2. Other board business was conducted via e-mail and telephone.

National Park Service Activities

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.

Of note, NPS repaired and restored a number of structures at the Homestead including;



Fencing - Repairs were made to the existing fenced portion and initial work started on the next section to be fenced (holes dug and post sleeves concreted in).

Irrigation System - Concrete "lining" was installed just below the intake at Rainbow creek. This should slow down the water loss through the bottom of the irrigation ditch at that site.

Workshop - the sliding door was repaired and put back into operating condition. Heavy duty plastic sheeting was put over the window openings.

Delco House - front porch rebuilt, new board and batt siding, and new cedar shingles.

Playhouse - new sill plates, framing repairs, new board and batt siding.

Outhouse - new sill plates, framing repairs, new board and batt siding.

Hazardous Tree Removal - Hazardous indigenous trees overhanging the orchard and fence were removed by NPS and the work was funded by the Buckner Homestead Heritage Foundation.

In 2012 NPS will make the roof repairs and new shingles on the Milk/Separator House and replace some logs on the Buzzard Cabin.

Orchardist Laurie Thompson, whose hard work and devoted care keep the orchard in top shape today, is employed by the National Park Service.

SUPPORT

Adopt-A-Tree



A total of 88 trees were formally adopted for 2011. Coupled with donations to the AAT program, a total of \$2,430.00 was contributed. (Contributions must be reported for the year in which they are received. Hence the 88 adoptions received in November and December of 2010 for 2011 are reported to the IRS as received in 2010.)

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

Memberships

2011 was the second year support for the Foundation and Homestead was solicited through a membership program. A total of \$2,075.00 was raised in this manner.

Donations

Donations totaling \$3,138.00 were contributed to the Foundation in 2011, with a majority of the funding coming as memorials to those who loved and cared for the Homestead and Orchard.

In-kind Contributions

Services and equipment totaling approximately \$1,500.00, 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*

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

Clerical Materials, *Various individuals*

Transport and mechanical, *Manson Growers*

Publicity and Reporting - *Golakechelan.com. Lake Chelan Mirror KOZI, and Wilfred Woods*

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

Grants

No grants were applied for or received during the 2011 fiscal year.

Community Foundation of North Central Washington

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

Brush Shredder Trade and Improvement



Through the work of Alvin Anderson (Manson) and *Manson Growers*, we were able to facilitate a no-cost trade for a smaller and more mobile brush shredder for the used one purchased in 2010. This smaller shredder greatly reduces the vibration and stress on the orchard tractor, as well as being much more maneuverable throughout the orchard

Many thanks, as well, to Alvin for the mechanical work done on the shredder and tractor; and to *Tom Courtney Tug and Barge* for transporting from and to Stehekin.

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 continued during the 2011 program year.

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.

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.

Communications

The primary means of communication for the Foundation is e-mail, saving both time and money.

Three member updates were sent during 2011, along with announcements of coming events, and news releases to local media. Local Lake Chelan media has been very responsive in publishing our information, which is much appreciated.

FOUNDATION BOARD ELECTIONS

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

Meet Orchardist Laurie Thompson



Laurie, a long-time Park Service seasonal employee, was hired in 1996 to care for the Buckner Orchard, and has done so to this day. Her dedication, knowledge, and love of the orchard are a great asset for both the orchard and the community.

Laurie is a year-round resident of the Stehekin Valley, and loves hiking, camping, and skiing in the great outdoors. Laurie enjoys sharing her experiences and work with any who ask or wish to volunteer.



FINANCIAL

Here is the preliminary summary of financial activities of the Foundation during the 2011 fiscal year.

	2011
	prelim.
Beginning Balance	\$ 16,730.19
REVENUE	
Adopt-A-Tree	\$ 2,430.00
Donations - General Fund	\$ 3,138.00
Packing Shed Fund	
Memberships	\$ 2,075.00
Sub total	\$ 7,643.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 24,373.19
EXPENSES	
Harvest Fest	(\$108.99)
Projects	\$ (1,878.00)
Affiliation - CFNCW	\$ (334.88)
Incorporation	\$ (10.00)
Administrative Expenses	\$ (146.60)
Permits and Fees	\$ (400.00)
Equipment Purchases	\$ -
Repair and Maintenance	\$ -
WNPF Assessment	
Workshops and Training	\$ (50.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (2,928.47)
NET INCOME	\$4,714.53
Accounts Receivable	none
Balance Forward	\$ 21,444.72