



**Buckner
Homestead**
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016

A VERY GOOD YEAR !

2016 was a very productive year, for a number of reasons!

PROJECTS



Historic District Marker (\$1,200) Purchased by the Foundation and installed by NPS and BHHF, the plaque recognizes the Homestead as a National Historic Site, as designated February 10, 1989.

BUCKNER HOMESTEAD

"Under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of October 15, 1966. This property represents one of the earliest homesteads in the Stehekin Valley and contributes significantly to our understanding of settlement and agriculture uses in this remote region of Washington State."



Buckner Home Window Restoration (\$3,000 budgeted) As the *National Park Service* (NPS) continued limited work on the Buckner Home, the Foundation was able to complete the glazing and staining of the five living room windows. This was carried over from 2015, with \$800 spent in 2016 to complete the project. (Total cost: \$3,000)

Original windows, circa 1939)

Buzzard Cabin Emergency Stabilization (\$6,000)



Funded entirely by the Foundation and work completed by NPS preservation specialists, the Buzzard Cabin was stabilized with interior framing and exterior supports until such time as work can be completed to retrofit the historic structure. Without this work, there was growing evidence the cabin might not survive the winter snow and would be lost. The last major work on the Buzzard Cabin was 1982-84. (*Final cost: \$5,962*)

Irrigation Diversion Repair Materials (\$4,000)



The diversion just below the Rainbow Creek bridge creates the pool necessary for water to follow via the irrigation ditch the quarter mile to the 360+ trees at the Orchard. As expected, the planks forming the top above the logs pictured here wear and break at varying rates. The purchased fir planks will be used by NPS to replace those all ready in need, and will also be used to rebuild the structure in the future. As is often the case, replacement materials are more expensive due to conformation to historic preservation standards and qualities.

(*Final cost: \$3,816.39*)

Stehekin Guidebook Ad ((\$143)

To encourage both visitations and awareness of the Buckner Orchard and our events, BHHF, again advertised in the *Stehekin Guidebook*, which is distributed free of charge in Stehekin, Chelan, and on the Lady II and the Lady Express. (Final cost: \$143)

Viewscape Restoration (\$2,000)

This is an on-going project intended to restore the view of Rainbow Falls from the Buckner Home, one of the features unique and traditional to the Homestead and the location of the Buckner Home. It is anticipated this part of the work will be completed in late winter or early spring of 2017. (*No funds expended to-date*)

Sound System Acquisition (\$6,000)

Thanks to a *Woods Family Foundation* Grant (\$2,000) and a generous donation from the *Buckner Sisters*, (\$4,000), a new performance-quality sound system is being acquired by the Foundation for use in the Valley. Intended primarily for community-wide events, components of the system may be used for smaller events such as weddings, retirements, and other celebrations. Owned by the Foundation, the sound system will be stored and managed locally. It is hoped to have the system in the Valley and ready for use in May for *Trillium*.

(*No funds expended to-date*)

INTERPRETATION

Interpretative work at the Homestead and Orchard was minimal in 2016 as the *National Park Service* focused on broader over-all interpretation and message across the Park complex. The *BHHF* did submit comments relative to the Homestead and Orchard as a part of this process.

In addition, Foundation representatives and Buckner Family members met with four different groups during the year to share and "tell tales" of life at the Homestead and in the Valley. Special thanks to Bucky Gans and Wendy Garfoot!

BUCKNER HOME RESTORATION



Begun in April of 2014, this year's work was very limited and dedicated to cleaning up, restoring the lawn, and planning for anticipated work to complete the restoration in 2017.

(2016 photo of restored lawn)

EVENTS, MEETINGS, AND ACTIVITIES

Square Dancing at the Orchard!



190+ people of all ages enjoyed a perfect Stehekin evening of square dancing to the *Chelanigans* at the Orchard. Thanks to NPS, 2017 will be even better, with the addition of six new benches for seating and safety. Many thanks to *Stehekin Valley Ranch* and *Stehekin Landing Resort* for their providing transportation for their guests and others! (August 13, 2016)

**WRITE IT DOWN NOW,
SQUARE DANCING AT THE ORCHARD**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

Harvest Fest 2016

Friday night music program at the Stehekin School was described by many as "the best ever", with 150+ people attending. Standing room only! *Valley Music across the Generations* featured many talented Valley residents and the Valley's own, *Agnes on Fire* band! Many thanks to JoAnne Reiter, Jeannetta Kurth, and Steve Saunders for organizing a great evening and to all who participated



Cider making and the community potluck



205+ people enjoyed a wet Saturday of picking, pressing, and potluck, for what was, otherwise, another great Harvest Fest! Again, volunteers, learning from the rain of 2015, had tarps and canopies stretched and set-up, making participation all the easier and better. A large canopy, rented from the *Stehekin Pastry Company*, was a very worthwhile addition! Special recognition goes to those who picked apples in the rain, a challenging and worthwhile task, to say the least!



Thanks to Glen Smith, Larry Smith, Roger Knutsen, and Dana Barton, a rain-proof platform was constructed on the Buckner Home back porch, allowing all-star band and local favorite, *Agnes on Fire*, to entertain during the potluck and beyond.



A new addition to Harvest Fest in 2017 was a well-received raffle, raising \$650 for support of Foundation work at the Orchard. Round trip and one-way flights on Chelan Seaplanes were the big attraction! Many thanks to all who donated! (October 7-9, 2016)

Mark it on your calendar now!
Harvest Fest 2017 will be
Friday - Sunday, October 6-8

The Stehekin Valley Poetry Night, (Sunday) now a part of Harvest Fest, was a relaxing conclusion to a great weekend. 18 of us enjoyed reading and listening to published, as well as original selections.

Work Parties

A key part of the Foundation's work is supplementing work done at the Orchard by the *National Park Service*, both in the form of work parties and time contributed by individuals. Without these many volunteers, keeping the Orchard and Homestead alive and well would be far less successful.

Foundation Work Parties (3) 177 hours

Individual Hours 200 hours +

Activities included, but not limited to:

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| Changing water | Cleaning ditches |
| Thinning apples | Mowing for fire protection |
| Preparing for replanting | "Bringing down the water" |
| Cleaning structures (Buzzard Cabin, Delco House, Shop) | Winterizing |
| Cleaning up around packing shed slab | Mowing for fire protection |
| Watering lawns | Repairing garden gate |
| Apple removal for mice control | Fuel reduction |
| Mowing lawns | Tree pruning for structure protection |
| Mowing and weed eating ditches and fence lines | Electric fence set-ups and take-down |
| Cleaning up after hazardous tree removal | Cleaning artifacts and equipment |

Volunteers at the Orchard - BHHF work party



Board Meetings

Formal board activities were conducted at the Annual Meeting in Manson, May 16, and at the Summer Board meeting in Stehekin, August 15, as well as on-line.

Board Elections

At the Annual Meeting, the following were re-elected to three-year terms on the Foundation Board:

Herb Sargo (Sedro-Woolley) Buckner Family Representative

Cinda Gilbert (Manson) Buckner Family Representative

Crystal Austin (Chelan) Member At-large

Continuing Board members are:

Doug England (Manson) Apple Industry Representative

Dick Bingham (Stehekin) Stehekin Community Representative

Jim Trappe (Corvallis, Oregon) Member At-Large

JoAnne Reiter (Walla Walla) Member At-Large

Brun Garfoot (Chelan) Member At-Large

Bob Nielsen (Stehekin) Stehekin Community Representative

Vicki Gempko (Stehekin) NPS Liaison

Laurie Thompson (Stehekin) NPS Liaison

Foundation officers, President **Herb Sargo** (Sedro-Woolley), Secretary **JoAnne Reiter** (Walla Walla), and Secretary **Cinda Gilbert** (Manson); were re-elected to one-year terms.

Projects totaling \$9,900 were approved for 2016, including historic plaque purchase/installation, NPS cultural intern research and inventory projects*, completion of the Buckner Home window project, viewscape restoration, supplemental funding for NPS maintenance work*, and purchase of fertilizers and supplements*. The project list was updated at the Summer Meeting to include materials for the diversion repair, with those with asterisks above removed from the list, having been completed with NPS funding or postponed to a later fiscal year. Emergency stabilization of the Buzzard Cabin was approved in an on-line vote in September.

National Park Service Activities at the Orchard



Laurie Thompson is one those people fortunate enough to have a job they truly love. Having cared for the Orchard for 20 years, Laurie brings experience, innovation, humor, and love for the Orchard to this all-important job as the orchardist for the Buckner Orchard. She can always use your help, even if for an hour or two, but, please let her know ahead of time, if possible.

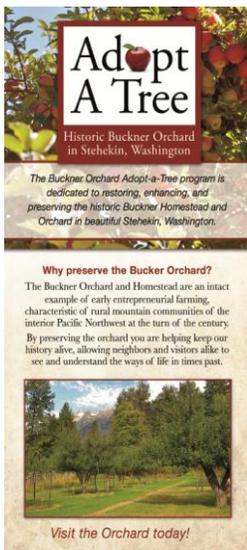
Some of the *National Park Service* 2016 work at the Homestead, in addition to the care of the orchard by Laurie and others, included:



- Supervision of cleaning artifacts and equipment
- Fuel reduction, especially in the area of the water trough. (a big job!)
- Work on the Buckner home, as previously detailed
- NPS constructed, in collaboration with the Foundation, six new log benches for the packing shed slab.
- Working with the Foundation, a new structure was constructed to shelter the Studebaker wagon remains
- Noxious weed removal
- Replacement of diversion logs at irrigation intake



SUPPORT



Adopt-A-Tree

Adopt-A-Tree continues to provide funds for support of Foundation work at the Orchard, with 41 adoptions totaling \$1,025 in 2016. (For the purpose of this report, \$200 received on January 1, 2017 is included, IRS reporting of that sum will be for the 2017 calendar year.)

Memberships

26 memberships of various levels, totaling, \$3,025, helped fund projects in 2016 and into the future. This was up from 21 the previous year.

Donations

\$2,746 in donations were made to the Foundation in 2016.

Grants and Targeted-donations

A one-time music and arts grant of \$2,000 was received from the *Woods Family Foundation* to assist in the purchase of a quality sound system for use in the Stehekin Community! Additionally, a targeted donation of \$4,000 was received from the Buckner Sisters, (Harriet "Hobbie" Buckner Morehead, Elizabeth "Bucky" Buckner, Gans, and the family of Irene Buckner Sargo), to complete the sound system purchase. The generosity of both the Woods Family and the Buckner Sisters will be appreciated by the Stehekin Community for many years to come! A most sincere Thank you!

It should be noted that the Buckner Sisters donation is from funds derived from sale of their popular book, *The Stehekin We Remember*.

In-kind Contributions

Services and equipment use of \$1,500, or more, from individuals and businesses made the work of the Foundation more effective and much easier. In-kind contributions included:

Barge transportation - *Tom Courtney Tug and Barge (Mountain Barge Services)*
Shipping - *Lake Chelan Boat Company, and Keith Carpenter*
Maintenance and continued development of our website - *Crystalview Graphics*
Equipment for Harvest Fest and/or Square Dance - *Stehekin Valley Ranch, Stehekin School, Stehekin Community, Steve Saunders, Avalon Music, Wendy Garfoot, and Dick Bingham*
Board meeting facilities - *Lake Chelan Reclamation District and Stehekin Pastry Company*
Clerical Materials - *Various individuals*
Publicity and Reporting - *Golakechelan.com, Lake Chelan Mirror, and KOZI radio,*
Chamber of Commerce Membership - *Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce-BHMF exchange*
Facilities use - *Stehekin School District, Stehekin Pastry Company, National Park Service*
Equipment repair in 2015 - *Jim Ellis*
Photography - *Leo Christoffer, Crystalview Graphics, Laurie Thompson, and Herb Sargo*
Raffle Contributors - *Chelan Seaplanes, Adrienne Carpenter, the Buckner Sisters, and Dick Bingham*
Storage - *Bucky Gans*

And, the many individuals who made all our events and efforts successful, with special thanks to those who helped make Harvest Fest a success in spite of the rain!

Thank you, all!

OUTREACH

The Foundation continues to develop relationships with other organizations and to communicate our purpose and goals to the community via local media outlets. To that end, the following were continued during the 2016 program year.

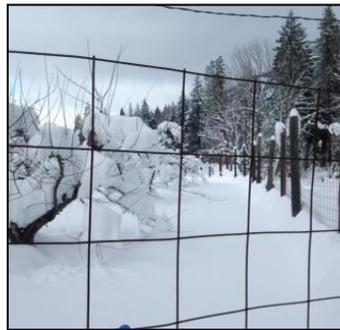
Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce – Memberships were exchange between the Foundation and the Chamber, allowing each to be a member of the other, enhancing the presences of each in the community and beyond.

Individuals representing the Foundation met with small groups to talk about the history of the Homestead, as well as the work of the BHHF.

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

Five member updates were sent during 2016, 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 very much appreciated.

Winter Scenes at the Orchard 2017



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FISCAL REPORT 2016

CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	ADOPTED	YTD	PERCENT
I. Balance Forward		\$ 18,271.54	\$ 18,271.54	100.0%
II. Anticipated Revenues	A. Adopt A Tree	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,025.00	102.5%
	B. Donations - General Fund	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,746.00	219.7%
	C. Packing Shed			
	D. Memberships	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,025.00	121.0%
	E. Interest (Cashmere Valley Bank)	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.54	85.4%
	F. Sound System Project	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	100.0%
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 10,815.00	\$ 12,851.54	118.8%
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 23,086.54	\$ 31,123.08	134.8%
III. Anticipated Expenses	A. Equipment repair/maintenance	\$ (500.00)		
	B. Harvest Fest	\$ (100.00)	\$ (488.53)	488.5%
	C. Priority Projects *	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ (11,724.36)	97.7%
	D. Incorporation and Affiliation			
	E. Administrative Costs	\$ (250.00)	\$ (189.79)	75.9%
	F.. Incidentals	\$ (200.00)	\$ (39.10)	19.6%
	G. Purchases	\$ (250.00)	\$ (143.00)	57.2%
	H. Summer Event	\$ (1,300.00)	\$ (1,216.80)	93.6%
	I. Sound System Project	\$ (6,000.00)		0.0%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (20,600.00)	\$ (13,801.50)	67.0%
IV. ENDING BALANCE FWD		\$ 10,486.54	\$ 17,321.58	170%

The Buckner Homestead Heritage Foundation is a not-for-profit organization created specifically to support and preserve the Buckner Homestead and Orchard in Stehekin, Washington, and is registered as such with the State of Washington and the IRS (Tax ID #452913458)

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