



Buckner
Homestead
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

A Very Nice Year!

2017 was a very nice year, for a variety of reasons!

PROJECTS AND PURCHASES



Water Diversion Repair (\$5,000 budgeted) Beginning to look like someone in need of dental work, the irrigation diversion on Rainbow creek was in need of repair. Replacing planks and other needed work was completed in a single day by NPS personnel and with far less time than originally anticipated. The Foundation funded both the labor and the materials, \$3,816 paid in 2016. (Total 2017 cost: \$1,045)



Purchase of Hand Washing Stations (\$200 budgeted) At the suggestion of the *Public Health Service*, two hand washing stations were acquired for use at Harvest Fest and other appropriate Orchard events. Thanks to *Jim's Pumping Service*, this was easily accomplished.



String Mower Purchase (\$1,133.93 budgeted) With the riding lawn mower no longer available for mowing ditches, the Foundation purchased the string mower pictured here for use at the Orchard. Coupled with a NPS-provided heavier DR brush mower, mowing of ditches and other areas is far easier than what would be required with weed eaters. (Total cost: \$1,133.93)

Community Sound System Project (\$6,000 budgeted)



The community sound system project, begun in late 2016, came to fruition at Trillium in May of 2017. Funded by a *Woods Family Music Grant*, a generous *Buckner Sisters'* donation, and with the leadership of the *BHFF*; a full sound system and metal storage unit, along with all the necessary cords and plugs, are now in place to serve the Stehekin Community!

In its initial year, the sound system, stored and managed by Liz and Tom Courtney on behalf of *BHFF*, was used at a variety of events, including:

- Trillium Festival
- Megafire community presentation
- Square Dance at the Orchard
- Music at the Orchard with the *Kevin Jones Band*
- A private wedding
- Harvest Fest Music Across the Generations
- Agnes on Fire* at Harvest Fest picking and pressing

More than 1,100 people enjoyed the use of the sound system at these events in 2017! (Cost to-date: \$4,970.79)

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

Viewscope 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 early spring of 2018. *(No funds expended to-date)*

INTERPRETATION

National Park Service interpretation at the Orchard in 2017 was minimal, at best, due to budget cuts at the *Department of Interior* level. Interpretative interaction with individual visitors and groups did occur through the efforts of the Orchardist and BHHF volunteers on an encounter basis. In addition, Foundation representatives and Buckner Family members met with different groups during the year to share information regarding past and present life at the Homestead and in the Valley.

BUCKNER HOME RESTORATION



Started in April of 2014, this year's work by NPS focused primarily on restoring the "original" roof and kitchen porch, removing the metal roofing, and reshingeling the entire structure. Work was completed, or nearly so, following a delay of over a month for health and safety reasons.

It is hopefully anticipated that the remaining work on the Buckner Home will be funded and completed in 2018.

EVENTS, MEETINGS, AND ACTIVITIES

Square Dance at the Orchard!



260+ people of all ages enjoyed another perfect Stehekin evening of square dancing to the *Chelanigans*. (August 13, 2016) Many thanks to *Stehekin Valley Ranch* and *Stehekin Landing Resort* for their providing transportation for their guests and others!

***SQUARE DANCING AT THE
ORCHARD 2018
SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018***

Harvest Fest 2017

Friday Night Music Program



Bigger and better each year, it seems! Many, many thanks to all who made this evening of music so enjoyable. 182 attendees, joined by *Agnes on Fire* and many other local musicians and friends, filled the Stehekin School to capacity. The talent in the Stehekin Community is unlimited, the enthusiasm is without bounds! Credits to Jo, Steve, Liz, David and others for all the successful arrangements.

Saturday Cider making and Community Potluck



More than 260 folks enjoyed a threatening, but rainless, fun-filled day at the Orchard. And, the Orchard never looked better!

A bumper crop of beautiful common delicious, Rome Beauties, and Jonathans were ready to pick, press for cider, or to be hauled home for future pies, cakes, dried treats, wine, and applesauce.

Chili and all the fixings were again the mainstay for the hearty potluck, with the music of *Agnes on Fire* creating a great atmosphere of celebration!

Mark it on your calendar now!
Harvest Fest 2018 will be
Friday - Sunday, October 4-6

Stehekin Valley Poetry Night, (Sunday) a continuing part of Harvest Fest, was a relaxing conclusion to a great weekend. 31 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) and Individual Hours = 360+ total hours

Activities included, but not limited to:

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| Changing water | Fence work for deer deterrent |
| Thinning and stripping apple trees | Cleaning ditches |
| Preparing for replanting | Mowing for fire protection |
| Cleaning structures (Buzzard Cabin, Shop) | Removal of mouse proofing mesh |
| Cleaning up around packing shed slab | Winterizing |
| Watering lawns | Tree trimming and clean up |
| Apple removal for mice control | Repairing garden gate and fence |
| Mowing lawns | Major fuel reduction around structures |
| Mowing and weed eating ditches and fence lines | Tree pruning for structure protection |
| Road repair | Electric fence set-ups and take-down |
| | Cleaning artifacts and equipment |



Board Meetings

Formal board activities were conducted at the Annual Meeting in Manson, May 15, 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:

Brun Garfoot (Chelan) Community at-Large Representative
JoAnne Reiter (Walla Walla) Community at-Large Representative
Jim Trappe (Corvallis) Member At-large

Continuing Board members are:

Doug England (Manson) Apple Industry Representative
Dick Bingham (Stehekin) Stehekin Community Representative
Herb Sargo (Sedro-Woolley) Buckner Family Representative
Cinda Gilbert (Manson) Buckner Family Representative
Crystal Austin (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 \$8,400 were approved by the Board for water diversion repair/replacement, string mower purchase, viewscape enhancement, and an additional \$6,000 for implementation of the sound system project.

Significant savings were incurred in the diversion work, nearly \$4,000 under budget, and another delay in the viewscape enhancement work; resulting in a total expenditure of \$2,178.93, while still accomplishing all but the delayed viewscape enhancement work. An additional \$4,970.79 was spent on the sound system as authorized by the Board.

National Park Service Activities at the Orchard



The Buckner Orchard continues to thrive under the leadership of orchardist *Laurie Thompson*, a person who truly loves her work and the 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* 2017 work at the Homestead, in addition to the care of the orchard by Laurie and others, include



- NPS constructed, in collaboration with the Foundation, four new log benches for the packing shed slab.
- Replacement/repair of the water diversion on Rainbow Creek, which was funded entirely by the Foundation.
- Work on the Buckner home continued, as previously detailed.
- On-going noxious weed removal/control



- Road maintenance
- Snow removal for structure and tree protection
- Evaluation/assessment of irrigation system, a critical element needed for work to be done in 2018 and beyond
- Assistance in restoration of the Buckner Bell by the Buckner Family

Other Projects at the Buckner Orchard

Working with both the Foundation and NPS, *The Buckner Family* restored and returned a number of significant objects to the Homestead.



Weather Station - Harry Buckner was a volunteer weather observer for the *National Weather Service* for over 50 years. Refurbished by the Buckner Family, the weather station was relocated from the PUD powerhouse site, where it was used following Harry's death in 1976, and was donated to the BHHF by NOAA.

This is the second of two weather stations used by Harry. The first was larger, built by Harry, and was eventually replaced with this NWS model in the 1960's.



Buckner Bell - Culminating nearly three years of research, approval, and work, the final piece, the dinner bell, was placed in its original 1927 location as documented in

photographs from that time. "The bell was occasionally used to call the scattered family and friends to lunch or dinner, but otherwise only used when it was necessary for Harry to come to the house." (From

The Stehekin We Remember, by the Buckner Sisters.)

Most recently, the bell hung above the back porch of the Buckner Home, and was removed and stored by the Family when the kitchen was expanded in the early 1960's. Pictured with the restored bell is Bucky Gans, the youngest of the Buckner Sisters. Also, note the bell in the right-center background in the 1927 photo. NPS personnel assisted in acquiring and placing the pole.



Buckner Flag Pole - The first of the three pieces restored to the flag garden at the Buckner Homestead, the flag pole was replaced, a flag purchased, and rope and pulleys installed in 2015.

In its prime, the flag garden around the flag pole was surrounded with concentric circles of red, white, and blue flowers. Homestead activities, fencing, and dogs kept the deer at bay, and a resident herd had not yet been established at the Orchard. Hence, no replanting of the flag garden today!

Cooperation and Collaboration - It is important to note the successful working relationship between the Foundation and NPS at all levels. The NPS individuals we work with are understanding, accommodating, resourceful, and care for the Orchard. This is much appreciated and of great benefit to the Homestead and Orchard!

SUPPORT



Adopt-A-Tree

Adopt-A-Tree continues to provide funds for support of Foundation work at the Orchard, with 37 adoptions totaling \$925 in 2017.

Memberships

31 memberships of various levels, totaling, \$4,155, helped fund projects in 2017 and into the future. This was up from 26 the previous year!

Donations

\$3,945 in donations were made to the Foundation in 2017. This included \$1,290 raised with the Harvest Fest Raffle.

Grants and Targeted-donations

Funds received from the *Woods Family Foundation* and the *Buckner Sisters* in 2016 were used to purchase equipment and to begin operation of a community sound system.

Late in 2017, the BHFF was awarded a *Chelan County Lodging Tax Grant* in the amount of \$1,500 to sustain and support the Square Dance at the Orchard. These funds will be utilized in 2018. Such grants are intended to return funds to local communities to help support economic activity. i.e., tourism.

In-kind Contributions

Services and equipment from individuals and businesses made the work of the Foundation more effective and much easier. 2017 in-kind contributions included:

Barge Shipping/transportation - *Tom Courtney Tug and Barge (Mountain Barge Services)*

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

Equipment for Harvest Fest and/or Square Dance - *Stehekin Valley Ranch, Stehekin School, Steve Saunders, Wendy Garfoot, Stehekin Pastry Company, and Dick Bingham*

Board meeting facilities - *Lake Chelan Reclamation District and Stehekin Pastry Company*

Clerical Materials - *Various individuals*

Shipping - *Lake Chelan Boat Company and Keith Carpenter*

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

Chamber of Commerce Membership - *Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce-BHFF exchange*

Facilities use - *Stehekin School District, Stehekin Pastry Company, National Park Service*

Photography - *Leo Christoffer, Crystalview Graphics, Laurie Thompson, Maureen Busby, and Herb Sargo*

Storage - *Bucky Gans*

Raffle Contributors - *Dale England and Lake Chelan Helicopters, Christy Libbey and Little Sisters' Quilts, the Buckner Sisters, Barnhart Photography, Dick Bingham, Bob Nielsen, Nancy Barnhart, , Wendy Garfoot, and Holden Village.*
Sound System storage and management - *Liz and Tom Courtney*
Hand washing stations acquisition - *Jim Bishop and Jim's Pumping Services*

And, many thanks to you and all the other individuals who made all our 2017 events and efforts successful, with special thanks to those who helped make Harvest Fest a success!

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 2017 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 such as the Sierra Club, private groups, and the WNPF to talk about the history of the Homestead, as well as the work of the BHHF.

Four member communications were sent during 2017, along with announcements of coming events, and news releases to local media. The primary means of communication for the Foundation is e-mail, saving both time and money.

The Foundation also worked with the *National Park Service* and *Rand McNally*, providing requested photographs and information for publications.

Historic Winter Photographs of the Buckner Homestead and Orchard



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FISCAL REPORT 2017

CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	PERCENT
I. Balance Forward		\$ 17,121.58	\$ 17,121.58	100.0%
II. Anticipated Revenues	A. Adopt A Tree	\$ 1,000	\$ 925.00	92.5%
	B. Donations - General Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,655.00	132.75%
	C. Packing Shed			
	D. Memberships	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,155	166.20%
	E. Interest (Cashmere Valley Bank)	\$ 50	\$ 38.74	77.48%
	F. Sound System Project			
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,550	\$ 9,063.74	163.31%
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 22,671.58	\$ 26,185.32	115.50%
III. Anticipated Expenses	A. Equipment repair/maintenance	\$ (500.00)		
	B. Harvest Fest	\$ (350.00)	\$ (422.49)	120.71%
	C. Priority Projects *	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ (2,178.93)	21.79%
	D. Incorporation and Affiliation			
	E. Administrative Costs	\$ (200.00)	\$ (175.45)	87.73%
	F.. Incidentals	\$ (200.00)	\$ (200.00)	100%
	G. Purchases	\$ (250.00)	\$ (143.00)	57.2%
	H. Summer Event	\$ (1,300.00)	\$ (1,000)	76.92%
	I. Sound System Project	\$ (6,000.00)	(4,970.79)	82.28%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (18,300.00)	\$ (9,285.95)	50.74%
IV. ENDING BALANCE FWD		\$ 3,871.58	\$ 16,899.37	436.50%

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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