



**Buckner
Homestead**
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

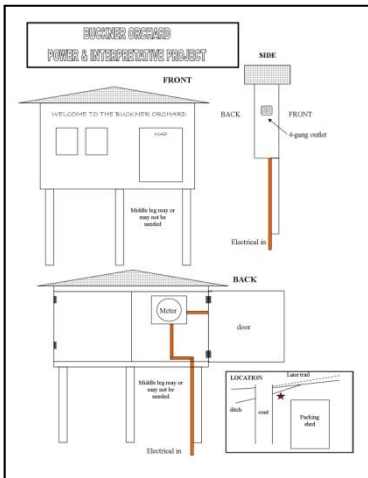
Promoting the care and preservation of the Buckner homestead, orchard,
and community atmosphere in perpetuity

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

ANOTHER SATISFYING YEAR!

Thanks to many of you, 2018 was another good for the Orchard and Foundation!

PROJECTS AND PURCHASES



Packing Shed Power Project (\$5,000 budgeted) Now in our third year of working on returning power to the packing shed, it appears we may complete the project in 2019. Briefly, power outlets, available to all, will be a part of an interpretative kiosk near the entrance to the Buckner Orchard and adjacent to the packing shed. This will allow for easy use of the area without the acquisition, noise, and fumes associated with a generator.

Working with *NPS* and *Chelan County PUD*, plans have been refined over the past year and are in the approval process at this time.

Approximately 300 feet of underground wire will be installed and an additional transformer added in a low-profile location. The kiosk will serve to introduce visitors to the Buckner Orchard and Homestead. (Expended in 2018: \$450)



Pruning Assistance (\$5,000 budgeted) In order to complete seasonal pruning in a timely fashion in 2018 and to begin revised disposal practices, assistance was provided via a grant to *NPS* from the Foundation.

Disposal of pruning brush will continue to be revised as a part of an approach to better protect both the older and younger trees from disease in this organic orchard. (Actual cost: \$4,780)



Generator Purchase for the Community Sound System (\$1,000 budgeted)

Purchase of the generator culminates a two-year project to provide a quality sound system for use at Orchard and other Valley events. Funded by grants from the *Woods Family Foundation* and the *Buckner Sisters*, the sound system has played to nearly 2,000 people over the past two seasons.

The generator will allow use of the sound system in a variety of venues regardless of the availability of electricity. (Actual Cost: \$1,080.92)

Stehekin Guidebook Ad (Budgeted: \$286) The Guidebook is distributed free of charge in Stehekin, Chelan, and on the *Lady II* and the *Lady Express*. Our ad was expanded to a full-page in 2018 so as to include coverage of the August *Square Dance at the Orchard* and the additional funding was covered under a *Chelan County Lodging Tax Grant*. (Actual cost: \$286)

Viewscape Restoration (Budgeted: \$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 the near-future. (*No funds expended to-date*)

INTERPRETATION

National Park Service interpretation at the Orchard in 2018 was, again, minimal at best, due to budget cuts at the *Department of Interior* level. *BHHF* and *NPS* did, and will continue to, collaborate on the blended project of returning power to the packing shed and placing needed interpretation at the Orchard entrance.

BUCKNER HOME RESTORATION

Much was accomplished by *Dana Barton* and her *NPS* crew this year. Most notably, were completion of the shingle roof and needed structural realignment/repairs, retrofitting of the electrical and plumbing, installation of drywall in kitchen, bath, and laundry, and replacement of kitchen windows and casings. Mineral wool insulation was installed, and bath and second bedroom were reconfigured; living room dry wall was repaired.



EVENTS, MEETINGS, AND ACTIVITIES

Square Dance at the Orchard!



175+ people of all ages enjoyed a somewhat-shortened evening of square dancing with the *Chelanigans*. Threatening rain limited both the participation and length of the event. Again, thank you to *Stehekin Valley Ranch* and *North Cascades Lodge* for their providing transportation for their guests and others!

Put it on your calendar now!

SQUARE DANCE AT THE ORCHARD 2019
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

Harvest Fest 2018

Friday Night Music Program



Many, many thanks to all who made this evening of music so enjoyable. 135 attendees joined many local musicians and friends, to fill the Stehekin School to capacity. The talent in the Stehekin Community is unlimited, and impressive! Credits to Jo, Steve, Liz, David and others for all their successful organizing!

Saturday Cider Making and Community Potluck



For the first time in four years, there was no rain and no tarps, nothing but sunshine and fun!

230+ enjoyed the beautiful weather while picking and pressing Common Delicious, Rome Beuties, and Jonathon's. Cider, pies, apple sauce, and cakes couldn't be far behind!

Another filling potluck, with chili and all the fixings, was made even more enjoyable thanks to the music of *Noah and Cody Jones*! And, our raffle was a huge success thanks to *Lake Chelan Helicopters* and many others.

Stehekin Valley Poetry Night, (Sunday) This continuing part of Harvest Fest, as always, was a relaxing conclusion to a very nice weekend. 26 of us enjoyed reading and listening to published, as well as original selections. Undoubtedly, two pieces of cowboy poetry were the hit of the evening!

NOTEWORTHY - *NPS* has purchased three pop-up canopies in 2018 for use at *Harvest Fest* and other Orchard events. No more ugly tarps or the time consumed to put them up! Thank you!

Mark it on your calendar
Harvest Fest 2019 will be
Friday - Sunday, October 4-6

Work Parties

As usual, work parties were a very important part of the Foundation's work in 2018. Without the efforts of volunteers, far less would be done at the Orchard each year. Many thanks to all who were able to spend time volunteering during work parties and on their own.

Foundation Work Parties (3) and Individual Hours = 266+ total hours

Work Party Hours: *June* - 25 volunteer hours, *July* - 31 volunteer hours, *October*- 45 volunteer hours

Activities included, but were not limited to:

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| Changing water | Cleaning ditches |
| Thinning and stripping apple trees | Mowing for fire protection |
| Preparing for replanting | Removal of mouse proofing mesh |
| Cleaning structures (Buzzard Cabin, shop, small cellar) | Winterizing of hoses and structures |
| Cleaning up around packing shed slab | Tree trimming along road and elsewhere |
| Mowing and watering lawns | Repairing garden gate and fence |
| Apple removal for mice control | Fuel reduction around structures |
| Fence work for deer deterrent | Tree pruning for structure protection |
| Mowing and weed-eating ditches and fence lines | Electric fence set-ups and take-down |
| River access road repair | Cleaning artifacts and equipment |
| Mowing the lower field for fire protection | And, more! |



Board Meetings

Formal board activities were conducted at the Annual Meeting in Manson, May 7, as well as on-line. A summer meeting was not held.

Board Elections

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

Dick Bingham (Stehekin) - Stehekin Community Representative

Bob Nielsen (Stehekin) - Stehekin Community Representative

Doug England (Manson) - Apple Industry Representative

Continuing Board members are:

Brun Garfoot (Chelan) - Community at-Large Representative

JoAnne Reiter (Walla Walla) - Community at-Large Representative

Jim Trappe (Corvallis, OR) - Member At-large

Herb Sargo (Sedro-Woolley) - Buckner Family Representative

Cinda Gilbert (Manson) - Buckner Family Representative

Crystal Austin (Chelan) - Member At-Large

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 and expenses totaling \$20,350 were approved by the Board, including returning power to the packing shed, pruning support, viewscape restoration, and for completion of the sound system project.

National Park Service Activities at the Orchard in 2018



The Orchard continues to thrive under the guidance and work of *Laurie Thompson*, a person who truly loves her work and the Orchard! With over 20 years of experience here, Laurie is as much a fixture at the Orchard as are the trees themselves, though not nearly as old!

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* 2018 work at the Homestead, in addition to the care of the orchard by Laurie and others, includes:

Reroofing and structural repair of the milk separator house

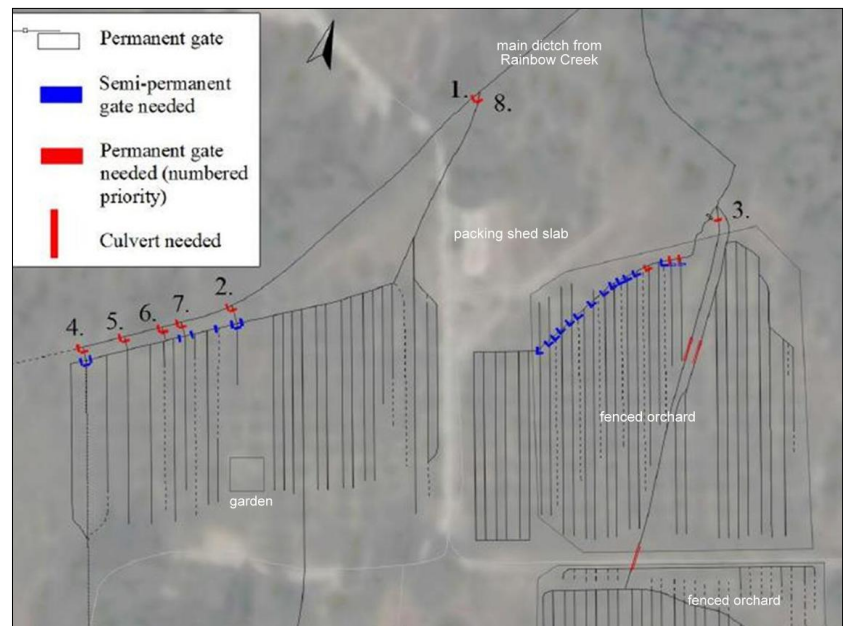


Replacement of the shop's metal roof



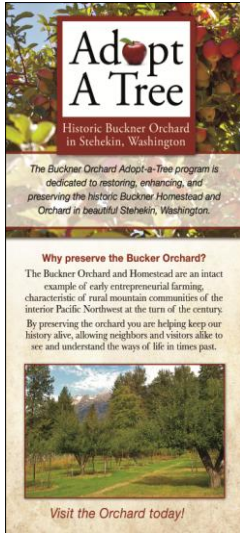
Irrigation Ditch Rehabilitation

This is a major effort by *NPS* to make more efficient use of water drawn from Rainbow Creek and to more evenly irrigate trees throughout the Orchard. Culverts will be or were added/replaced, more efficient wood and/or cement gates to regulate water flow are included, and tons of dirt were imported to fill low spots that interrupted the movement of water throughout the Orchard. The project will continue into 2019.



Cooperation and Collaboration -The successful working relationship between the *Foundation* and *NPS* continues at all levels. The *NPS* individuals we work with are understanding, accommodating, resourceful, and care about 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 41 adoptions totaling \$1,025 in 2018.

Memberships

22 memberships of various levels, totaling, \$4,525, helped fund projects in 2018 and into the future. This was down from 31 the previous year, but an increase in total dollars.

Donations

\$4,736 in donations were made to the Foundation in 2018. This included \$1,826 raised with the Harvest Fest raffle.

Grants and Targeted Donations

Remaining funds donated by the *Woods Family Foundation* and the *Buckner Sisters* in 2016 were used to complete the community sounds system project, as noted above with the generator purchase.

A \$1,500 *Chelan County Lodging Tax Grant* was used to support the *Square Dance at the Orchard*. Such grants are intended to return funds to local communities to help support economic activity such as tourism.

In-kind Contributions

Services and equipment from individuals and businesses made the work of the Foundation more effective and much easier. 2018 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, Stehekin Pastry Company, and NPS*
- Board meeting facilities - *Lake Chelan Reclamation District and Stehekin Pastry Company*
- Clerical Materials - *Various individuals*
- Publicity and Reporting - *Lake Chelan Mirror, KOZI radio, and LC Chamber of Commerce*

In-kind Contributions continued

Chamber of Commerce Membership - *Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce-BHHF exchange*
Facilities use - *Stehekin School District, Stehekin Pastry Company, National Park Service*
Photography - *Leo Christoffer, Crystalview Graphics, Laurie Thompson, and Herb Sargo*
Storage - *Bucky Gans*

Raffle Contributors - *Dale England and Lake Chelan Helicopters, Christy Libbey and Little Sisters' Quilts, the Buckner Sisters, Sue Clouse Pottery, Dick Bingham, Crystalview Graphics, Stehekin Valley Ranch, Wendy Garfoot, and Holden Village.*

Sound System storage and management - *Liz and Tom Courtney*

"Property of . . ." metal plaques - *Sierra Metal Design*

Sound System Setup - *Steve Saunders, Alan Mundal, David Getchell, and Tom Courtney*

And, many thanks to you and all the other individuals who made all our 2018 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 undertaken during the 2018 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*.

Six member communications were sent during 2018, with reports, 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 helped facilitate articles on the Buckner and Field Families in *Confluence* a publication of the *Wenatchee Valley Museum*, and written by *Chris Rader*. Additionally, two collections of historic photos and several historic Stehekin items were donated to the *Lake Chelan Museum*.

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FISCAL REPORT 2018

CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	PERCENT
I. Balance Forward		\$ 16,899.37	\$ 16899.37	100.0%
II. Anticipated Revenues	A. Adopt A Tree	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,025	102.5%
	B. Donations - General Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,410	70.5%
	C. Packing Shed			
	D. Memberships	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,525	113.20%
	E. Interest (Cashmere Valley Bank)	\$ 40	\$ 36.17	77.48%
	F. Sound System Project			
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,540.00	\$10,322.17	108.2
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TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 24,439.37	\$ 27,221.54	111.4%
III. Anticipated Expenses	A. Equipment repair/maintenance	\$ (500.00)		
	B. Harvest Fest	\$ (350.00)	\$ (243.00)	69.4%
	C. Priority Projects *	\$ (15,050.00)	\$ (5,230.00)	34.8%
	D. Incorporation and Affiliation			
	E. Administrative Costs	\$ (200.00)	\$ (255.11)	127.6%
	F.. Incidentals	\$ (200.00)	\$	
	G. Purchases	\$ (250.00)	\$	
	H. Summer Event	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,536.18)	102.4%
	I. Sound System Project	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,080.92)	108.1%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (20,350.00)	\$ (8,345.21)	41%
IV. ENDING BALANCE FWD		\$ 6,089.37	\$ 18,876.33	310%

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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