



**Buckner
Homestead**
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

A SATISFYING YEAR!

Thanks to you, 2019 was another good year for the Orchard and Foundation!

PROJECTS AND PURCHASES



Packing Shed Power Project (\$11,000 budgeted) A joint project with *NPS*, electricity has been returned to the packing shed for use by the community, visitors, volunteers, and *NPS*!

Approximately 300 feet of underground wire were installed and an additional transformer added in a low-profile location. The kiosk, which houses the electrical equipment, is nearing completion, with legs, roof, and interpretation remaining that will introduce visitors to the Orchard.

(Expended to-date: \$9,083.75, plus \$450 in 2018)

Buckner House restoration Subsidies (\$3,000 budgeted) Windows purchased by the *Foundation* in 2016 were installed by the *NPS* historic preservation crew this year. An additional \$3,000 was allocated to support further restoration work in 2019. These funds are being used to fund construction and installation of cabinets in the Buckner Home. *(No funds expended to-date)*

Electric Fence Expansion (Budgeted: \$1,736.99) *Foundation* purchase of posts, wire, and a solar collector will make possible seasonal fencing of the portion of the Orchard to the immediate right as you enter. The fence will deter bears when this block of trees is used for production. Currently, this area is stripped of apples in the spring to protect the trees. *(Actual cost: \$1,736.99)*

Viewscape Restoration (Budgeted: \$2,400) 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 house. When and if this work occurs is entirely dependent on appropriate snow conditions. *(No funds expended to-date)*

EVENTS, MEETINGS, AND ACTIVITIES

Square Dance at the Orchard!

From infants to others in their 90's, a exuberant crowd of more than 220 enjoyed a great evening of music and dancing at the Orchard! With a long history of square dancing, the packing shed was the perfect setting for an evening even Harry Buckner would have found amazing as *The Chelanigans* brought this tradition to life.

Put it on your calendar now!

SQUARE DANCE AT THE ORCHARD 2020

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1



Harvest Fest 2019

Friday Night *Valley Music Program*

Normally held on the Friday evening of Harvest Fest, the *Valley Music Night* was cancelled due to a shortage of musicians. A wide variety of circumstances converged on this weekend to limit those who would have been available to participate. Planning is already underway for 2020!

Saturday Picking, Pressing, and Potluck

240 enthusiastic and energetic Orchard fans of all ages enjoyed Harvest Fest 2019 on a beautiful fall day! The Common's, Rome Beauties, and Jonathan's were all heavy with fruit, ready to be picked, pressed and made into cider, sauces, cakes, pies, wine, and more. Many thanks to Liz, Tom, and Alan for the picking and grinning during the potluck!



Stehekin Valley Poetry Night, (Sunday) As always, this continuing part of Harvest Fest, was a relaxing conclusion to a superb weekend. 26 of us enjoyed reading and listening to published, as well as original selections. New friends and old shared refreshments, as well as the poetry.

Mark it on your calendar
Harvest Fest 2020 will be
Friday - Sunday, October 2-4

Work Parties and Volunteers

If not for the many hours of work by our volunteers, many things would not get done at the Homestead during the year. Our work parties and individual volunteers accomplished a great deal in 2019, as the list and photos below indicate.

Foundation Work Parties (3) and Individual Hours = 300+ total hours

Work Party Hours: *June* - 40 volunteer hours, *July* - 40 volunteer hours, *October*- 30 volunteer hours

Activities included, but were not limited to:

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| Cleaning ditches | Invasive floral species removal |
| Thinning and stripping apple trees | Mowing for fire protection |
| Water diversion box construction | 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 |
| Interpretation with visitors | Tree pruning for structure protection |
| Mowing and weed-eating ditches and fence lines | Electric fence set-ups and take-down |
| River access road repair and maintenance | Cleaning artifacts and equipment |
| Mowing the lower field for fire protection | Power project area cleanup |
| Brush cleanup and hauling | Fertilizing trees |



Board Meetings

Formal board activities were conducted May 13 at the Annual Meeting in Manson, as well as on-line. The summer board meeting was held in Stehekin, August 5.

Board Elections

The following were re-elected at the Annual Meeting to three-year terms on the *Foundation* Board:

Cinda Gilbert (Manson) - Buckner Family Representative
Crystal Austin (Chelan) - Member At-Large
Herb Sargo (Sedro-Woolley) - Buckner Family 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
Dick Bingham (Stehekin) - Stehekin Community Representative
Bob Nielsen (Stehekin) - Stehekin Community Representative
Doug England (Manson) - Apple Industry Representative
Vicki Gempko (Stehekin) - *NPS* Liaison
Laurie Thompson (Stehekin) - *NPS* Liaison

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

Projects and expenses totaling \$21,090, were approved by the Board, including completion of the power project, Buckner Home restoration support, the Square Dance, Harvest Fest, and more.

PARK SERVICE ACTIVITIES AT THE BUCKNER ORCHARD



Very evident at Harvest Fest, the Orchard has never, ever looked better! *NPS* orchardist, **Laurie Thompson**, and others have cared for the Orchard with loving care and passion, throughout the year. A place of history, horticulture, wildlife, beauty, and relaxation, the Orchard and its environs are all the result of this hard work.

Laurie can always use your help, even if for an hour or two, but, please let her know ahead of time.

National Park Service work at the Homestead in 2019, in addition to the care of the orchard, included:

Buckner Home Restoration

Continued renovation of the Buckner Home by NPS preservation specialists was focused primarily on the interior in 2019. Replacement and finishing of flooring, finishing and painting of dry wall, complete replacement and update of the electrical and plumbing systems, installation of living room and kitchen windows, installation of a ductless heating system, installation of kitchen cabinets, and the scheduling of construction of new cabinets in the dining room resulted in a season well-spent! *NPS* funding and work was supplemented by two grants of \$3,000 each from the *Buckner Foundation*, one in 2016 and one this year.



Irrigation Ditch Rehabilitation Continued

This is a major initiative 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 2020.

Culvert Replacement

A major road culvert near the Buckner Home was replaced by *NPS*.

Portable Toilet Acquisition

A portable toilet was acquired by *NPS* for use at Homestead events.

Invasive Species Eradication

NPS continues to work to eradicate the invasive species such as Rush Skeletonweed and Knapp Weed through commercial spraying of the pasture and intensive search and spraying of individual plants elsewhere at the Homestead.

Interpretation

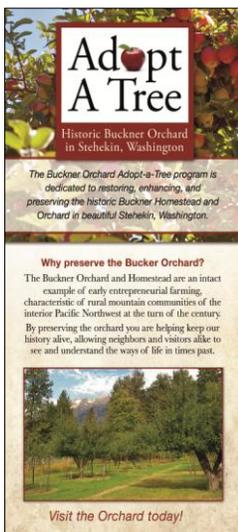
BHMF and *NPS* collaborated on the blended project of returning power to the packing shed and placing needed interpretation at the Orchard entrance, an effort that will continue into 2020. Personal services (formal and informal programming) were not available at the orchard due to budget constraints. Interpretative interaction by the orchardist and volunteers provided visitor information.

BHMF - NPS RELATIONSHIP FORMALIZED

After ten years of a collaborative, cooperative, and collegial working relationship, the *Foundation* and *NPS* signed a five-year formal *Philanthropic Partnership Agreement* in late summer. The agreement provides more structure to the relationship; more clearly defining and adding to processes already in place, creating new timelines, allowing more leeway in the use of *NPS* resources, and allows *BHMF* fund raising on *NPS* property.

Because of the working relationship and processes already in-place, little "on-the-ground" differences will be noticeable, only an improvement of our work together at the Buckner Orchard!

SUPPORT



Adopt-A-Tree

Adopt-A-Tree continues to provide funds for support of Foundation work at the Orchard, with 43 adoptions totaling \$1,097 in 2019.

Memberships

25 memberships of various levels, totaling, \$3,775.00, helped fund projects in 2019 and into the future. This was up from 22 the previous year, but a decrease in total dollars.

Donations

\$3,462 in donations were made to the Foundation in 2019. This includes \$1,819 raised with the Harvest Fest raffle.

Grants and Targeted Donations

A \$2,000 *Chelan County Lodging Tax Grant* was used to support the *Square Dance at the Orchard*. Such grants return funds to local communities to help support economic activity such as tourism.

Facilitated by the *Foundation, Wilber-Ellis*, an agriculture supply company, generously donated three aluminum ladders to the Orchard, a six footer and two twelve's.

In-kind Contributions

Services, materials, and equipment from individuals and businesses made the work of the *Foundation* more effective and much easier. 2019 in-kind contributions included:

Barge Shipping/transportation - *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*
Chamber of Commerce Membership - *Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce-BHMF 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*
Cook Stove donations - *Keith Carpenter and Jim Ellis*
Bat house (2) donation - *Herb and Christine Sargo*
Sound System storage and management - *Liz and Tom Courtney*
Event Transportation - *North Cascades Lodge and Stehekin Valley Ranch*
Project Support - *Cragg Courtney Excavating, Bren Starcher Construction, Platte Electric, and Chelan County PUD*
Ladder Donation (3) - *Wilber-Ellis*
Raffle Contributors - *Lake Chelan Boat Co./Discover Lake Chelan, Adrienne Carpenter and Little Sisters' Quilts, the Buckner Sisters, Jean Vavrek, Mike Barnhart and Barnhart Photography, Nancy Barnhart, Bob Nielsen, Anna Maria Spagna, David Kurth, Stehekin Pastry Co, Crystalview Graphics, Stehekin Valley Ranch, Wendy Garfoot, Trapper Robbins, and Holden Village!*

And, many thanks to you and all the other individuals who made our 2019 events and efforts so 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 2019 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.

Stehekin Guide Book - A full-page ad featuring *BHFF*-sponsored events at the Orchard was placed in 2019 at a cost of \$315.00. The Guide Book is provided free of charge to visitors.

Ten member communications were sent during 2019, with reports, announcements of coming events, and news releases to local media. Editing and information were provided to several on-line and print publications, as well. The primary means of communication for the Foundation is e-mail, saving both time and money.

Visit the Orchard in late fall, it's amazing!



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FISCAL REPORT 2019

CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	PERCENT
I. BALANCE FORWARD		\$ 18,876.33	\$ 18,876.33	100.0%
II. REVENUES	A. Adopt A Tree	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,097.00	109.2%
	B. Donations - General Fund	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,643.00	109.5%
	C. Grants	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000.00	100.0%
	D. Memberships	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,975.00	132.5%
	E. Interest (Cashmere Valley Bank)	\$ 35	\$ 47.72	136.3%
	F. Harvest Fest Raffle	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,819.00	151.6%
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,735.00	\$10,581.72	121.1%
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 27,611.33	\$ 29,458.05	106.70%
III. EXPENDITURES	A. Equipment repair/maintenance	\$ (500.00)		
	B. Harvest Fest	\$ (300.00)	\$ (328.34)	109.4%
	C. Priority Projects *	\$ (17,400.00)	\$ (10,820.74)	62.2%
	D. Incorporation and Affiliation			
	E. Administrative Costs	\$ (250.00)	\$ (230.44)	92.2%
	F.. Incidentals	\$ (300.00)		
	G. Purchases	\$ (500.00)	\$ (393.62)	78.7%
	H. Summer Event	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,013.12)	100.7%
	I. Sound System Project			
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (21,090.00)	\$ (13,786.26)	65.4%
IV. ENDING BALANCE FWD		\$ 6,089.37	\$ 15,671.79	257.4%

BUDGETARY NOTE - Several 2019 budgeted expenses, totaling approximately \$6,000, are either "in progress" without full expenditure and/or will be carried forward into 2020.

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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