



Buckner
Homestead
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

A DIFFERENT YEAR

In spite of the limitations of the pandemic, 2020 was a productive year.

PROJECTS AND PURCHASES

(All budgeted and expended funds sited herein are those of the Foundation.)

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*! Though no work was done on the kiosk during 2020, it is highly anticipated it will be completed soon after the snow is gone! Once completed, the dual-propose project will provide interpretation for visitors as they enter the historic district, as well as offer electrical power for community use, (power is accessed at the side of the kiosk). No more generators! (Expended to-date: \$9,083.74)



location



current status

Buckner House restoration Subsidies (\$5,500 budgeted) Nearing completion, *NPS* work on the Buckner home continued in spite of the pandemic. Following all pandemic restrictions and requirements, much was accomplished, although in a somewhat different manner than is normal.

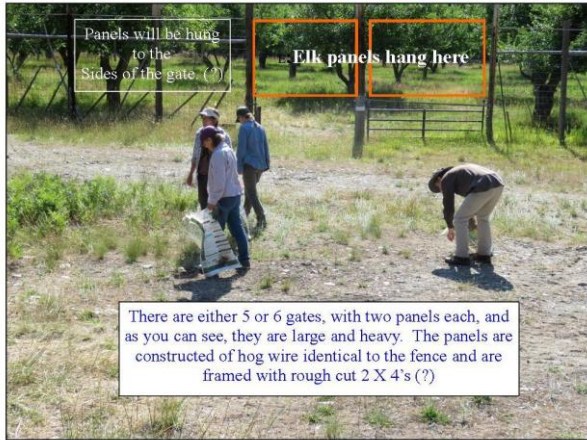
During the 2020 season, the *NPS Historic Preservation* crew completed: house foundation flashing; southwest foundation insulation and stone masonry; a variety of interior finishes; and exterior historic wood siding preservation. (No expenditures on the subsidized fireplace masonry and cabinetry work.)



Mower Purchases (Budgeted: \$3,500) A grant of \$1,000 was provided to *NPS Stehekin Maintenance* for purchase of a riding mower for use on the Buckner lawns and appropriate adjacent areas. The Cadet mower was purchased and delivered in September, ready for immediate use.

A second, heavier, John Deere mower is on-order for use exclusively in the Orchard by *NPS Resource Management*. Another consequence of the pandemic, the mower will not be available until early spring 2021. (Expended to-date: \$1,000)





Orchard Gates - Purchase and Installation (Budgeted: \$750) In 2019, the *Foundation* purchased posts, wire, and a solar collector for seasonal fencing of the section of Orchard on the immediate right as you enter. (\$1,736.9) The *Foundation*-funded project was completed in 2020 with the addition of access gates, as well as work necessary to relocate storage of the elk panels that are used each winter above the gates to the fenced parts of the Orchard. (*Expended: \$750*)



Viewscope Restoration (Budgeted: \$2,500) This is an on-going project 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 this work occurs is entirely dependent on appropriate snow conditions and was possible in 2020. (*Expended: \$2,400*)



Community Harvest Support (Budgeted \$400) The *Foundation* and *NPS* staff collaborated on a minimum risk plan and signage so as to allow pandemic-safe harvesting of the abundant crop of apples. Additionally, the *Foundation* provided a variety of cleaning materials and equipment, as well as the signs, to assist in the community picking and pressing. (Expended: \$228.62)



Other Projects planned for with *NPS* and/or not implemented during 2020.

PROJECT	BUDGETED	STATUS
Repair Buzzard Cabin Furniture	\$1,000	Delayed
Mow Pasture Safety Zone	Volunteer labor	Not Done
Garden Fence Rehabilitation	Volunteer labor	Delayed + compliance
Fuel Platform Rehabilitation	\$750 for materials	Completing Compliance
Cellar and Other Structures Assessment	Research Provided	On-going

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND MEETINGS

Work Parties and Volunteers

Formal work parties at the Orchard also fell victim to pandemic restrictions, with volunteer hours down by 200 when compared to 2019. Individual volunteers did step forward though, especially during critical moments, to provide approximately 100 hours of much-needed work.

Most notable was the urgent need to strip the many remaining apples from trees before an early snow storm in October. Had these dedicated volunteers not done so, it is very likely many of the historic trees would have been damaged or destroyed by the heavy, wet snow held on limbs by foliage and the unpicked apples. Once on the ground, the apples then needed to be moved away from trees to lessen winter rodent damage to the trees.

Throughout the year, individuals contributed much needed help in a variety of ways, including opening up the irrigation system, raking and piling brush, installing and removing seasonal fences, wrapping and removing rodent sleeves from trees, and more. THANK YOU!!



Square Dance at the Orchard 2020 - CANCELLED

Put it on your calendar now!

Square Dance at the Orchard 2021

Saturday, August 7

Harvest Fest 2020 - CANCELLED

Mark it on your calendar

Harvest Fest 2021 will be

Friday - Sunday, October 1-3

Board Meetings

All 2020 Board activities were conducted on-line.

Board Elections

(As previously reported) - On April 9, the *Foundation* Board approved the following multi-part motion to ensure the continuity of operations for *BHHF* during this time of social distancing, stay-at-home requirements, and the general uncertainty of travel and gathering. Election of officers and open board positions take place at the Annual Meeting each May. Without an Annual Meeting, the motion allows for filling of those positions on an "acting" basis for 2020.

1. **Cancel the 2020 Annual Meeting**, with *Foundation* business, such as budget approval, occurring on-line and including mailings where appropriate.
2. **Designate the following as "Acting Officers" for 2020-2021.**
 - President - Herb Sargo, Sedro-Woolley
 - Secretary - Laura Reiter, Walla Walla
 - Treasurer - Christy Libbey, Manson
3. **Designate the following as "Acting Board Members" for 2020-2021**
 - Laura Reiter, Walla Walla - replacing Joanne Reiter, whose term will end in May
 - Jim Trappe, Corvallis - current term will end in May
 - Brun Garfoot, Chelan- current term will end in May
 - Christy Libbey, Manson - completing Cinda Gilbert's term (two years remaining)

Continuing Board Members

Dick Bingham, Stehekin - Stehekin Community Representative
Bob Nielsen, Stehekin - Stehekin Community Representative
Doug England, Manson - Apple Industry Representative
Crystal Austin, Chelan - Member At-large

PARK SERVICE ACTIVITIES AT THE BUCKNER ORCHARD



2020 was a challenging year at the Orchard.

With a greatly reduced volunteer presences and without the work of youth and conservation groups, much more fell to Orchardists **Laurie Thompson** and **Nicole Fenton**. Yet, they accomplished the essential work needed. Needless to say, new projects, such as the installation of water diversion boxes, were delayed until a later date.

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 2020, in addition to the care of the orchard, and not mentioned above, included:

Invasive Species Eradication

NPS continues to work to eradicate 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, as well as throughout the Valley.

Interpretation

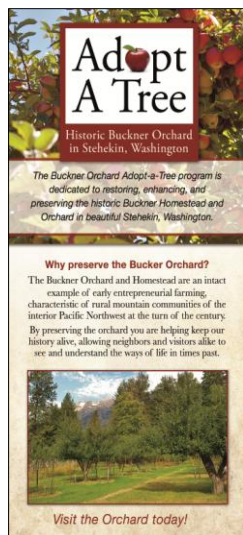
BHHF and *NPS* continued collaboration on the blended project of returning power to the packing shed and placing needed interpretation at the Orchard entrance. Personal services (formal and informal programming) were not available at the orchard or at the Visitor Center due to continued budget constraints. Interpretative interaction by the orchardists and volunteers provided visitor information.

BHHF - NPS ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MORE

The *Foundation* and *NPS* enjoy a good, collaborative relationship characterized by on-going and open communications, all benefiting the Buckner Homestead and Orchard.

Most notable, is a jointly developed *Annual Work Plan*, laying out in the late months of a given year, the projects, work, and efforts to be undertaken with the *Foundation* at the Orchard during the next calendar year. In 2020, like most other years, not all work was completed and has been reassessed, modified as needed, and carried forward to the following year as appropriate.

SUPPORT



Adopt-A-Tree

Adopt-A-Tree continues to provide funds for support of *Foundation* work at the Orchard, with 68 adoptions totaling \$1,700, the highest number in a single year.

Memberships

15 memberships of various levels, totaling, \$2,325, helped fund projects in 2020 and into the future. This was down from 25 the previous year, but an increase in total dollars.

Donations

\$3,920 in donations were made to the *Foundation* in 2020. This included \$2,400 in memorial gifts, and no funds were raised through a Harvest Fest raffle.

Grants and Targeted Donations - Due to covid restrictions, no event grants were applied for.

In-kind Contributions

Services, materials, and equipment from individuals and businesses make the work of the *Foundation* more effective and much easier. With few, if any, opportunities available for in-kind contributions in 2020, we are listing here those businesses and individuals who assisted us in so many different ways in past years. This diverse support illustrates just how important the generosity and commitment by many is needed to conserve, preserve, and keep the Buckner Orchard the jewel it is! Thank you all!

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-BHHF exchange*

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

Photography - *Bob Nielsen, Crystalview Graphics, Laurie Thompson, Dana Barton, and others*

Storage - *Bucky Gans and NPS*

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 Inc.*

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 past years' work, events, and efforts so successful, with special thanks to those who have helped make Harvest Fest a success!

Thank you!

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 2020 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 *BHHF*-sponsored events at the Orchard was placed in 2020 at a cost of \$315.00. The *Guide Book* is provided free of charge to visitors.

Eight public communications were sent during 2020, with reports, announcements of coming events, cancellations, 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.

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FISCAL REPORT 2020

CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	PERCENT
I. BALANCE FORWARD		\$ 18,876.33	\$	100.0%
II. REVENUES	A. Adopt A Tree	\$475	\$1,700	358%
	B. Donations - General Fund	\$2,500	\$3,920	157%
	C. Grants			
	D. Memberships	\$1,850	\$2,325	126%
	E. Interest (Cashmere Valley Bank)	\$18.50	\$46.50	251%
	F. Harvest Fest Raffle			
	TOTAL INCOME	\$4,843.59	\$7,991.42	165%
TOTAL REVENUES		\$20,515.38	\$23,663.21	115%
III. EXPENDITURES	A. Equipment repair/maintenance			
	B. Harvest Fest	\$400		0%
	C. Priority Projects	\$12,750	\$4,150	33%
	D. Incorporation and Affiliation			
	E. Administrative Costs	\$150	\$144.45	96%
	F.. Incidentals			
	G. Purchases	\$315	\$491.17	156%
	H. Summer Event			
	I. Sound System Project			
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,615	\$4,785.62	35%
IV. ENDING BALANCE FWD		\$6,900.38	\$18,877.62	274%



RETROSPECTIVE BONUS - *A Winter at the Buckner Orchard*

It's now late-winter at the Buckner Orchard and a great opportunity to look back at the winter of 1915-1916, one of the first winters the Buckner Family spent there. The Buckner's purchased the property in November of 1911, and work and planting of trees began in 1912. Prior to this, Harry Buckner, a California native, had never seen

snow on the ground! See more on the following page of what he encountered!

Winter at the Buckner Orchard 1915-1916



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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