

*"Certainly, travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living."*  
Miriam Beard

## **Mission...**

"To promote the Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway 112 Scenic Byway."

We welcome your participation in the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association or projects that may be developed from community input. Please contact Michelle Little at 360.417.1301 or email [michelledlittle@gmail.com](mailto:michelledlittle@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer, need some information, or have questions or concerns.

## **www.highway112.org**

### **Website Advertising**

Members may set up an exclusive web page and/or an advertisement on our site. Costs to qualifying members are very low. A "Join our Mailing List" is also now available.

Contact Sande Balch or Michelle Little for rates.

## **Annual Membership Meeting - January 28, 2013**

Bob Pensworth submitted his resignation from the Board due to professional demands on his time. Joe Murray, Bill Drath, and Diane Schostak were nominated to new three-year terms on the Board of Directors, from January 2013 through December 2015. The nominees were unanimously elected.

## **Board of Directors Meeting - January 28, 2013**

### **Election of Officers ...**

The current slate of officers was nominated to continue: President Joe Murray, Vice President Alex Stevens, Secretary Sande Balch, Treasurer Bill Drath. All nominees were unanimously elected to the positions.

## **On the Strait and Narrow**

Work has begun on this year's Milepost Business Directory.

The popular Adventure Route (part of the Olympic Discovery Trail) brochure and map has been completed and is ready to be picked up. The project was completed with an OPVB grant, funding from the byway association and other partners. It was printed on waterproof paper this time so it can be reused. It is also available as a PDF on the byway website.

The Board has been investigating the possibility of adding geo-caching sites along the Byway. Any member interested in sponsoring or maintaining a cache is invited to check in with any of the Board members to further this project. Having a cache within sight of your business has a proven economic benefit, as seekers often become customers.

The new Olympic Peninsula Travel Planner is now available in bulk at the Olympic Peninsula Visitor's Bureau offices. Inquiries can be made at: [info@olympicpeninsula.org](mailto:info@olympicpeninsula.org), or their website at: [www.olympicpeninsula.org](http://www.olympicpeninsula.org).

The Clallam Bay-Seki Chamber/Tourism is applying for an Olympic Peninsula Visitor's Bureau grant to reprint 20,000 copies of their brochure. Supplemental funding is being sought in the community. The Byway association approved a donation of \$100 to this project.



artwork by Margaret Owens

## **What's Happening**

April 13, 2013 - Olympic Discovery Trail, Adventure Route - Half Marathon, 12 K. This is an inaugural event on the recently constructed Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT) off Hwy 112. There is a 12K and a Half Marathon. The starting point is the Elwha Dam RV Park. The race donates funds to the Peninsula Trails Coalition, a local trail advocacy group.

## **What's Happened**

On Friday January 11, 1907, the Steamer "Alice Gertrude" went aground on the Clallam Reef near Slip Point. According to Mr. T. B. Sanford of Yakima, Washington, in a letter dated January 13, 1907 and addressed to the Yakima Herald, the weather had been deteriorating as the steamer progressed out of Puget Sound and into the Straits. After leaving Clallam Bay sometime after 8PM, northwest winds reached an estimated 50 mph, at which point the main steam pipe failed, leaving the vessel without power and subject to the wind and currents until repairs were made. Back underway but unable to hear a response from Neah Bay to the vessel's whistle, Captain Kelstrom attempted to return to Clallam Bay. The wind shifted, now coming from the southeast and brought a snow storm, greatly reducing visibility. Within sight of the lighthouse at Slip point, a miscalculated turn drove the vessel onto the rocks. Large waves immediately started damaging the vessel. "...a distress whistle was being blown, bringing the good people of Clallam to the beach, where fires were built, thus outlining the coast to us." Efforts were made to evacuate passengers by life boat and by shooting a life line to shore, but not until the arrival of the tug Wyada from Neah Bay and a British vessel, the Lorne, were passengers rescued. The Alice Gertrude was a total loss.



Steamer Alice Gertrude - Crew leaving the wreck, morning of January 12, 1907.

## On the Strait and Narrow....(con't)

**Festival of Trees** - Sandra Balch reported at the January board meeting that, thanks to "Premiums" generously provided by the Makah Nation (overnight stays at Hobuck Beach, meal, and guided museum tour) and Merrill and Ring (a personal guided tour of the Pysht tree farm area and lunch), a return of \$1,050 was realized this past November. This is a large share of the Byway Association's annual income, covering administrative costs and allowing the offering of services to our members that are not funded by grants.

**Duck Derby** - Although the sale of ducks has not yet commenced, the Association is pro-actively encouraging our members to make a point of purchasing from byway members as another source of supporting the Association.

**The Future of our Post Offices** - The Postal Service has decided to curtail their services in the Byway communities of Joyce and Clallam Bay/Seki. A meeting presided over by a Postal Service representative will be held at the Post Office in Joyce on February 26 at noon to discuss which hours of service Joyce patrons would prefer. Interested parties are encouraged to attend or submit written testimony.

## Byway Projects/Telling the Story

**Pillar Point Kiosk** - The interpretive panels for the Pillar Point park installation are "Forestry Terms", which is complete, and "Logging Camps", which is in process and needs a few more photos. Our thanks to the Clallam County Parks Department for partnering with us to develop and install the panels.

**Elwha Gateway Interpretive Project**- Planning has begun. During 2013 the booklet and drafts for the interpretive kiosks will be completed. The site layout, at the eastern end of the Byway, is currently under design. The removal of the dams has received world wide attention, furthering awareness of the Olympic Peninsula as a travel destination. The Byway Association's interpretive project should be completed sometime in 2014, contingent upon completion of the dam demolition and departure of the contractors from the site.

## Always Happening

### **On the Makah Nation - Makah Museum, Neah Bay**

Open 10 am to 5 pm - 7  
days a week year round,  
except for New Year's  
Day, Thanksgiving and  
Christmas

[http://www.makah.com/mcrcho  
me.html](http://www.makah.com/mcrcho<br/>me.html)

### **Clallam Bay Visitor Center**

April – November

Daily 10AM – 5PM

November – April

Open Intermittently

[http://www.sekiu.com/visitor\\_ce  
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### **Joyce Depot Museum**

Winter (Labor Day to  
Memorial Day):

Saturdays 10AM – 4PM

Summer (Memorial Day  
to Labor Day): Monday,  
Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday 10AM – 4PM



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## About Membership

Are you interested in becoming a member? There are many benefits including a listing in a printed Milepost Business Directory and on the website. The directory is used to connect the communities along Hwy 112 and it is a valuable resource to travelers, residents and business owners.

Contact Sande Balch at [sandrabalch@olypen.com](mailto:sandrabalch@olypen.com) or Michelle Little at [michelledlittle@gmail.com](mailto:michelledlittle@gmail.com) for more details.



Pysht River Bridge circa 1918 - from the collection of Estelle Hall