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Hands on History-Clallam County November 2017 Newsletter

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Hands on History. We are excited to have you participate in this program in which you, the student, will:

- Learn skills using original documents to research local history,
- Teach your peers, family and community about our local history.

This is a unique opportunity for you to direct your own learning and make connections from the past to the present. As you will learn, everything in life is built upon the past.

Most students will complete a 1,500 to 2,500 word research paper. Other formats, such as video, drama, music or art may be accepted. Papers may be formatted to qualify for National History Day.

High school juniors and seniors: top projects will compete for two \$1500 scholarships. Smaller scholarships are available for all other participants. Certificates will be given to all winners with funds held in a designated scholarship fund. All are redeemable upon college enrollment.

Complete the following:

- Select a proposed topic of research; a list of possible topics is attached. First choices go to the earliest entrants. If you're undecided on a project, enter anyway. We'll be glad to help you choose a topic.
- Complete the attached 'Official Entry Form' and return it to the program.
- Make an appointment for student and parent/guardian to visit the Research Library and meet with one of our helpers.

We will acknowledge your application within a week and look forward to meeting with you for in-person orientation to the program and the Research Library. During your visit to the library, make an initial appointment to conduct research.

Time Line through the end of the school year:

- Monthly Newsletter with up-to-date information,
- November through February 23: conduct research, obtain needed assistance, and prepare presentation,
- February 28: Deadline for project submission,
- Mid-April (exact date to be determined): Presentation of projects,
- May 11: Award of scholarships.

All applicants completing their projects will receive the following:

- Help with college and scholarship applications,
- Certificate of Completion which can be used in compiling your scholarship application folder,
- A letter from the North Olympic History Center acknowledging participation,
- A copy of the book *A History of Clallam County, Washington*.

We look forward to your presentation. We hope to continue this program for years to come.

Best Regards and good luck,

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**Hands on History-Clallam County
Official Entry Form**

Please Print Clearly. We recommend you submit this form within a week for better choice of a project.

Student Name _____

School _____ Grade _____

Student E-mail address _____

Student Mobile/Text Number _____

Parent/Guardian's approval to participate _____
(printed name)

(signature)

Parent/Guardian Mobile Text _____

Home Land Line _____

Project preference _____

Student and parent/guardian: best day(s) of week/time of day for introduction to Research Library:

Questions _____

Will you be using this project to enter National History Day? Y N

Scan or photograph completed form and text/e-mail to:

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Hands on History – Clallam County

Suggested projects – Must be approved by NOHC.

City history and businesses

- Blacksmiths to service stations
- Lincoln Street and downtown regrade in 1914

Naval Fleet visits

- Why does Port Angeles have the only Naval Elks Lodge in the country?
- What were the economic and/or social impacts?

Early Explorations

- Press
- O’Neil
- Other exploratory and scientific explorations

Entertainment and its impacts

- Theater
- Dance
- Music

Resorts/Hot Springs

- How did early health crazes impact the Peninsula?
- How did Qui Si Sana turn into Camp David Junior?

Spruce Division/Spruce Railroad

- How did the Army and loggers work together and what was the impact?
- Why was this so important to the war effort?

Shipwrecks

- Pirrie/Lamut/Austria
- Why were there so many shipwrecks?
- Where were the majority of shipwrecks?

Lighthouses

- Tatoosh/New Dungeness/Slip Point/Ediz Hook
- Why were they placed where they are?
- What was life like at a lighthouse (life of a Keeper)?
- Who provided support for the lighthouses (tenders)?

Puget Sound Cooperative Colony

- How did it affect business?
- Why was PA chosen to be a utopian community?
- How did it support itself?

- What are the effects on today's Port Angeles?

Suggested Projects, page two

Minerva Troy - Artist/Activist/WWI nurse

- Who is she and what was her legacy?

Transportation

- When and how were highways developed on the peninsula?
- How were ferries used?

Ennis Creek

- What was the historical development at the mouth of Ennis Creek?

Medical

- Early doctors and nurses
- Diseases/Influenza
- Quackery
- What was life like before modern medicine?

World War II

- What was life like on the home front?
- How did people contribute to the war effort?
- What were the economic and social aspects of WWII on later generations?

Fraternal organizations

- Why were there so many community organizations?
- What was their social impact?

Ozette

- Why did so many Scandinavians settle here?
- What happened after they left?

Logging/mills

- What was the impact on local growth?

Local tribal history

- How does language preserve local history?
- What is the tribal perspective on development of Port Angeles?
- When and why were tribes officially recognized?

Why do they call it _____?

- How did towns/streets get their names?

Your own family history

Suggested by Matt Dubeau, ONP Curator:

On the history of the Elwha:

- Grant Humes, or more generally- early homesteading in the Elwha River Valley.
- The significance of the Elwha River to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe- as a source of resources, cultural identity, and a spiritual home.
- Hydroelectric power in the Elwha from Aldwell and Glines, to the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act of 1992, to deconstruction and restoration.

If there is an interest in archaeology among the students, then perhaps "Prehistoric Stone Tools of the Olympic Mountains."

Manis Mastodon site: It changed archeological history. I know the wife of the man who accidentally discovered the bones, and I'm sure she would help.

Winter sports at Olympic National Park: Roger Oakes wrote a book about it – a fascinating story.

Thomas Aldwell and the building of the Elwha River dams: He wrote an autobiography, which includes info about the dams. The historical society has more info.

Japanese-American residents of PA being taken to internment camps after the start of WWII

Victor Smith, the founder a Port Angeles: A strange story with little of his own writings. The Civil War period on the Peninsula is a fascinating one, and Smith's story involves the Lincoln administration, including Lincoln himself.

Point No Point Treaty: Signed by local tribes in the 1850s. A short, but interesting document, which lays out the nation's plans for the local Indians.

How the Lower Elwha and Jamestown Indians achieved tribal status.

The Port Angeles "land rush:" How settlers quickly claimed land in the 1890s.

How Port Angeles became off limits to development when it became a naval reserve.

President Franklin Roosevelt's visit to the Peninsula on Sept. 31, 1939: It later led to the establishment of Olympic National Park.

Olympic Hot Springs: At one time a playground of the rich.

Clallam County courthouses, which began in Dungeness, had several locations around Port Angeles until its present location.

The grandly named Opera House, which was the center of downtown Port Angeles life in the early part of the last century.

County Fairs

The collapse of the Hood Canal bridge in a windstorm in February 1979.

The legacy of William Fairchild on local aviation.

How balloon bombs from Japan killed a local woman in the waning days of WWII.

How a Russian vessel bound for California in 1811 crashed on a beach near La Push: It changed the lives of the crew. There is thorough documentation of this fascinating story in a book.

Port Angeles mills: There is only one left, but all had interesting histories.