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JANUARY 2008

PUGET SOUND MARITIME HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 9731

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JANUARY DINNER PROGRAM:

**THE CUTTY SARK:****HISTORY, RESTORATION AND FIRE!**

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**BOOKS FOR SALE.** Two books for those interested in the early exploration that brings Northwest maritime history to life: *The Early Exploration of Inland Washington Waters* and *With Vancouver in Inland Washington Waters*, both edited by Richard W. Blumenthal. \$31.29 each includes shipping and sales tax. Contact Dick Blumenthal, 406 126th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98005 or RichardWBlumenthal@hotmail.com 2/08

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our out-going board members. **Margaret Binnendyk** has been on the board four years and the last three she has been our 2nd Vice President, **Vicki Stiles** and **Chuck Main** have been governors for the last two years. **Nigel Tugby** was appointed earlier in the year as a governor to fill out the term of **Ed Wortman** who had to resign as he moved out of the area.

**Jenny Lind Figurehead Restorer Pleased with *The Sea Chest***

We received an e-mail message from **Karl-Eric Svärdskog** who restored the Jenny Lind figurehead shown on the cover of the September issue of *The Sea Chest*. He reported that he was "over the moon" with both the cover photos and the article. He now has a website with many pictures and additional information including a book he has written. You can check this out at [www.swedishnightingale.com](http://www.swedishnightingale.com).

**Please Mail in Your Dinner Reservations Early**

Dinner meeting coordinator **Pat Hartle** reports that we still have to remind members to mail their reservations to the PO Box in an early, timely manner. With the New Year's holiday on Tuesday and our dinner on Wednesday, it will be imperative to have a head count as early as possible.

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DINNER MEETING:

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 2, 2008

SWEDISH CULTURAL CENTER

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TO MAIL IN YOUR

RESERVATION TODAY!

BAR OPENS AT 6 PM,

DINNER AT 7 PM

PROGRAM:

**THE CUTTY SARK:**

HISTORY, RESTORATION

AND FIRE!

UK VOLUNTEER ROGER HODGE

WILL PRESENT THE EARLY

TRADING HISTORY, THE CREWS

AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT,

AND HOW SHE WAS SAVED FROM

DESTRUCTION AND HER CURRENT

CONSERVATION.

YOUR RESERVATION FORM

MUST BE RECEIVED

**NOT LATER THAN NOON ON****MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2007**

OR CALL PAT HARTLE

AT 206-938-2397 FOR

MORE INFORMATION

AND RESERVATIONS ONLY

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CUTTY SARK PAINTING BY BRITISH MARINE ARTIST GEOFF HUNT

We are please to welcome for our January dinner presentation, **Roger Hodge**, who comes to us from the UK where he has been a volunteer on CUTTY SARK for nine years.

His presentation will cover the ship's early trading history, the crews and conditions of employment, the intervention of Royalty which helped save her from destruction following WWII, and the conservation project currently underway. The fire shocked everyone associated with CUTTY SARK and the effects, both practical and financial, has had a significant impact on the conservation and, finally, the vision of the future.

Roger initially volunteered as an instructor for a program run by CUTTY SARK for children, called "Seaman for a Day." He has also served as a tour

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**PSMHS online: [www.pugetmaritime.org](http://www.pugetmaritime.org)**



Membership in the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society is open to anyone interested in maritime history. Membership is solicited and inquires should be addressed to: PSMHS, P.O. Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109-0731. Monthly meetings are held September through June on the first Wednesday of each month. Meeting place and programs are announced to members by mail. The PSMHS Newsletter is published monthly, September through June, and is free to members.

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## NOTES & MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### 2008 Officers and Governors

Our officers and board of governors for 2008, the slate of which was approved by the general membership at the dinner meeting on November 7, 2007, are **Chuck Fowler**, President, **Roger Ottenbach**, 1st Vice President, **Leon Gessula**, 2nd Vice President, **Dan Withers**, Treasurer, **Eric Lindgren**, Recording Secretary, **Karl House**, Membership Secretary, **George Osborn**, Past President; and the Governors are **John Mills**, **Jerry Mattox**, **Gary Syverson**, **Jackie Schwartz**, **Johnnie Ridgway** and **Tom Kane**.

There are four new board members and each of them comes to us with a wealth of maritime knowledge. Leon Gessula is Senior Director of Revenue Management for Holland America Line, Dr. Jackie Schwartz is an educator and Seattle University faculty member, a member of the Seattle/King County Maritime Heritage Task Force and now the Advisory Team, and a Youth Maritime Training Association board member. Tom Kane is retired, a Society artifacts collection volunteer, and past president of the Northwest Steam Society. Johnnie Ridgway is a Seattle and eastside businessman and master model maker for PSMHS and other organizations.

We extend our appreciation to the hard work and dedication to  
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### Members Renew at Higher Membership Levels

We thank the following members who have renewed their annual membership dues at elevated levels during November 2007:

PATRON:

**John Osberg**

**Jerry Bach**

**Capt Ric Shrewsbury**

**Mike Foley**

**Hal Hurlen**

**Chuck Fowler**

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**W. H. "Bill" Padie**

**Robert C. Martin**

**Tim Beaver**

**H. Allan Sandin**

**Hal Hurlen**

**Doug Greason**

**Pegeen Mulhern**

### PSMHS Membership Application

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Sponsor  \$75  
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I/we would like to receive information about how I/we can remember the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society in my/our estate planning or planned charitable giving program.

MAIL TO: Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society,  
P.O. Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109-0731 (Include your check)

### PSMHS Dinner Meeting Reservation

**CLIP AND MAIL FOR DINNER MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:**

**NOON ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2007**

Name(s):

Telephone:

Total Number [at \$30 per person]:

Total Amount of Check:

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PSMHS**

MAIL TO:

PSMHS DINNER,

P.O. BOX 9731, SEATTLE, WA, 98109-0731

Call 206-938-2397 for changes, cancellations or questions.

Guests are always welcome. Please include payment.

**Reserve Early and Notify of Cancellation.** A member who makes a reservation and then does not attend a dinner or give notification of their cancellation in a timely manner (48 hours) will not be refunded their money for the dinner. The Society must pay for the number of meals we have reserved in advance, regardless of the number of meals actually served since the caterer orders several days in advance. Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a meal.

[meeting, continued from front page] guide and was part of a small team which carried out a survey of the iron frame to identify the position of the hull plank butts. Currently, he is involved in the conservation project assisting in recording all of the items removed from the ship and producing detailed plans to insure they go back in the right place when reconstruction begins.

CUTTY SARK is a very special ship, not just because she has survived far longer than any other ship of her type, but also because she was a legend in her own working lifetime. Her fame was such that she could draw crowds when she was in port and, even when her name and rig was changed during the time she

had Portuguese owners, she was still recognized when she visited a British port and attracted many sightseers.

She was known in the Australian wool trade as the "ship of last resort" because of her ability to leave port last and still be the first to arrive in Britain. She still holds records for the fastest voyages for a sailing ship from Australia to Britain. Not many of today's sailing vessels could match her fully laden top speed of 17 knots. For ships of her type, she is, without doubt, the pinnacle of Victorian Britain's ship builders' expertise.

The painting shown with this article is by famous British marine artist Geoff Hunt, who illus-

trated all of the covers for the "Master and Commander" book series. He donated the CUTTY SARK painting to the British non-profit organization raising funds for the ship's restoration.

**Cuttysark Nautical Antiques** has obtained five limited edition prints of the painting. One will be framed and auctioned following Roger Hodge's program. The money raised for the framed print, as well as that from the sale of the other four prints (\$155 each), will be donated to the CUTTY SARK restoration project. The other four print prints will be available for sale at the dinner and afterwards at the store, 320 First Avenue South in Pioneer Square.