



Daffodil Parade Day at the Museum



Saturday, April 6th, Daffodil Parade day, was also our first day of the season. The museum was open at 1 p.m. so visitors would have time to tour the house and enjoy the Daffodil collection before the start of the Sumner portion of the parade.

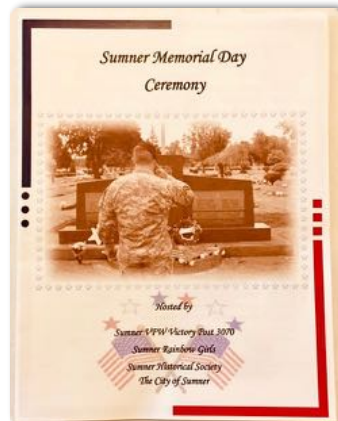


The collection is Daffodil Festival regalia along with photographs of past parades and princesses.

Memorial Day, 2019

As in past years, the museum was closed Memorial Day weekend. Society members and members of VFW Post 3070 facilitated and assisted with the May 27th Memorial Day ceremonies at the Sumner Cemetery. The ceremony features speakers, an honor guard and the Rainbow Girls from the Sumner and Puyallup area. A lunch was provided at the VFW Post 3070 after the event.

Photographs and program courtesy of Sara Lucas





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Summer 2019

Our Displays at The Washington State Fair Museum for Spring Fair Ryan House Museum and Washington Packers



For the April Spring Fair, the Washington State Fair museum held over the two cabinet displays that the Sumner Historical Society had provided for the previous Fall Fair.



Displays featured were Curator Vicki Conner's history of the Ryan House and Board member Dale Loseth's display on the Washington Packer canneries.

Daffodil Elementary Tours the Museum



It was "**All Docents on deck**" on June 20th as 125 students from Daffodil Elementary toured the museum. Docent's rotated groups of students through the house so all would have a fun educational experience.



Photographs courtesy of Sara Lucas



Classy Chassis

On August 11th the museum will be open with extended hours for the **Classy Chassis Car Show**. This year the Society will be sponsoring a trophy for the "Most Ancient" vehicle.



Photograph courtesy of City of Sumner



Radios at the Ryan House

More "over the air" artifacts and educational pieces have been acquired and blended into the exhibit of vintage radios.



Like most small cities, Sumner once had its own radio station, 1560 on the AM dial, the original call letters in 1965 were KDFL.





Rhubarb Days at the Ryan House Museum



Inside the House



Aprons From the Archives

Rhubarb Days, July 27th and 28th, will once again be a big event for the Historical Society. Our visitor counts are usually the largest for the year.

Throughout the house, visitors will enjoy the seasonal exhibits and conversations with our docents.

Special exhibits for Rhubarb Days will be the "Aprons from the Archives" in the kitchen. Each apron has a special tie to Sumner and the valley.

There will also be an exhibit of posters and artifacts detailing our area's special historical connection with rhubarb.

A new exhibit will tell the story of the Washington Packers canneries in Sumner, Puyallup and other areas. At one time they were the largest fruit and vegetable processors in the Northwest. Sumner was the home office.

Another exhibit illustrates the colorful labels used on boxes and cans for all the commodities we shipped to the nation's tables.



Washington Packers



Labels of Our Valley



Rhubarb Days at the Ryan House Museum



Outside the House

The Historical Society and the Ryan House Museum will be extra busy during Rhubarb Days this year. The Sumner Downtown Promotion Association is moving many of the youth events to the Ryan House area.



On the front lawn the GFWC Valley Volunteers, the VFW and the Historical Society host two children's activities, ***Rhubarb Racers and Rhubarb Rockets.***



The Washington State Fair will be back with Mabel, the Milking Cow. This is fun for the kids and brings back many memories for adults.



Calvary Community Church will sponsor a number of law games including the popular Rhubarb Toss

The McLendon Hardware Kid's Planting Booth and the YMCA youth activity booth will also be by the Ryan House Museum.



East Pierce County Fire & Rescue will be back with the smoke house or a fire truck. On the front lawn, Mike Conner and VFW members will man the ***VFW Booth.***



Sumner's Rhubarb Song is coming back!

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Sumner Historical Society

Caretakers of the Ryan House Museum

Mission Statement: To collect, preserve and display books, letters, diaries, photos, clothing, and other artifacts of the history of Sumner and surrounding areas

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The Ryan House Museum is affiliated with the NEA as a Blue Star Museum offering free admission to the nation's active duty military and their families.

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You can find a membership form on our website.



Visit our web site!

www.sumnerhistoricalsociety.com

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Sumner's Rhubarb Song is coming back!

When was the last time you heard Sumner's Rhubarb Song?

It would probably have been in the late 50's. The Rhubarb Association in 1956 put on a song contest to honor hothouse rhubarb.

Sumner resident and past Historical Society Board Member, Ruby Bortle won the contest by writing "Rhubarb". with her original lyrics set to "Jada Jada", a popular song of the time. The music was sent to California and recorded by the Velvetones to be used to promote hothouse rhubarb up and down the West coast.

63 years later the song is coming back! 2019 Rhubarb Days

Sunday, July 28th, 10 am on the Main Street Stage

Choir Director Karlene Sandoval and a 16 member group from the Sumner High School Choirs will present Karlene's special arrangement of the Rhubarb Song.

Come to Rhubarb Days Sunday morning, support the choir and tour the Ryan House Museum!



SPARTAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION



Booster Club for Sumner High School Choirs

The on-line version of the newsletter is now available!

The Historical Society now offers a digital version of the newsletter for those who may want to receive and read it as a PDF document.

Get on the list for the on-line version, send your email address to:
sumnermuseum@comcast.net



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Summer 2019

Ryan House Museum Summer Calendar

July & August ~ Open every Saturday & Sunday, 1 – 4 pm.

Exhibits and special events:

All Summer, Radios at the Ryan House, vintage radios, and other "over the air" artifacts and educational pieces

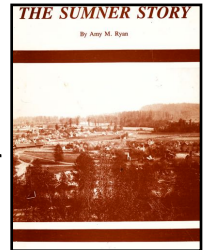
July 27 & 28th, Saturday & Sunday, Open 10 –5 during
Rhubarb Days in downtown Sumner

August 11th, Sunday, Open 10 –4 during the Classy Chassi
Car show in downtown Sumner

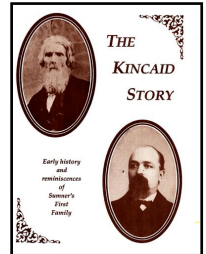
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The History of Sumner
by Amy M. Ryan



The Kincaid Story
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Sumner's First Family



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