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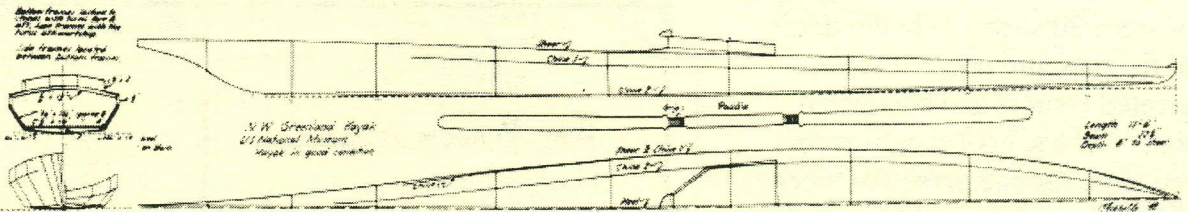
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Something's up at the Jensen Museum

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Raffle Poster



The next time you come to the museum, look up!

In the Arctic Culture Gallery and in the Circumpolar Theater, there is indeed something new under the roof: two kayaks, made by Harvey Golden of Portland. Harvey has traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, England and Ireland looking at old kayaks in museums and has studied examples from Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Siberia. He makes measured drawings of these wonderfully engineered boats and then replicates them. He first came to the museum to draw the muskrat kayak from Kotzebue and would like to do the same with the umiak. His replica of a 19th-century Aleut frame shows how the boat is constructed and his 18th-century West Greenland model is complete with paddle, harpoon rests and other hunting attachments.

Although Harvey uses modern materials – new wood instead of driftwood and fabric instead of sealskin – he uses traditional techniques of construction. The intricate

frames are tied together and the coverings sewn on, then they're painted to replicate the color of the original. Harvey has personally paddled each kayak as he has completed it. In fact he is planning a trip in one of his kayaks down the Columbia River, from the headwaters to the Pacific Ocean.

And did we mention the kayak raffle?

Harvey Golden, who has two of his kayak replicas on display, has generously donated one to the museum to be used for a special fundraising event. He plans to make a Northwest Greenland-type complete with paddle, explaining that this type of craft is very similar to what contemporary kayakers are used to paddling. A limited raffle of 300 tickets will take place over the next four months with the winner announced at the Salmon Bake in September. For more information about tickets, which are \$25, please call the museum at (503) 838-8468 or write to; *Jensen Arctic Museum, 590 W. Church St. Monmouth, OR 97361*

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Volunteers keep Jensen tradition alive

The Jensen Arctic Museum started as an all-volunteer adventure.

Paul Jensen – in his role as curator – was a volunteer and always introduced himself as such. The first exhibits were the effort of a small group of volunteers. Most of the remodeling that was done was also a volunteer effort. In its early years, the volunteer docent group of some 30 strong kept the doors of the museum open. They greeted visitors and conducted tours when school groups were too large for one person or when Dr. Paul was busy or away. A few of them were involved in helping to catalog the collection and setting up the computer system. Some cooked for the Salmon Bake in the fall and organized the Birthday Party in the summer.

They were always invaluable in their cheerful involvement. The actual worth of all that time and effort over the past 13 years has never been fully calculated in terms of comparable wages. A conservative guess would have to be a six-figure one.

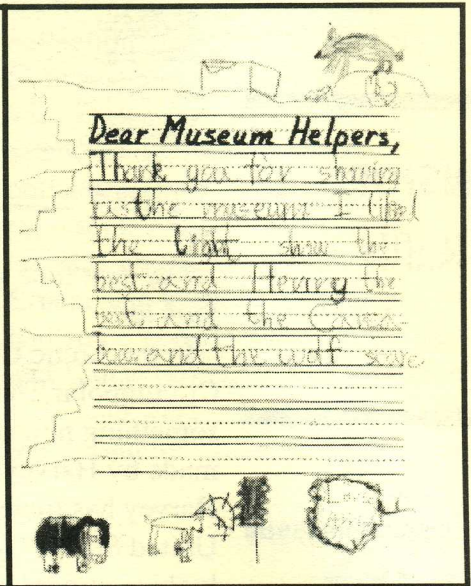
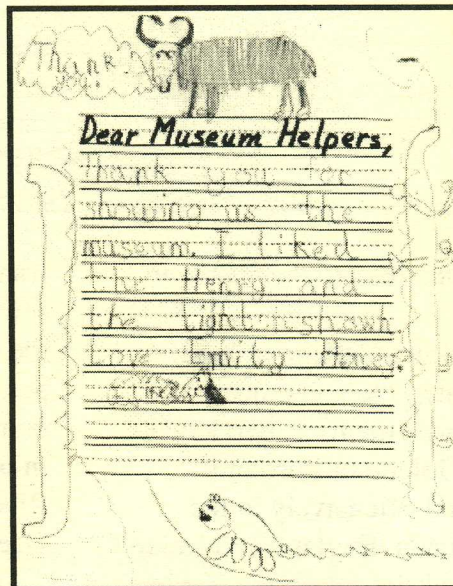
All things change just as the volunteer role in the museum has changed. Our group is smaller now, a bit too small, really. The needs have changed, too. A current need is for school tour guides – people who like to interact with children and learn about the Arctic. We host anywhere from five to fifteen tours a month during the school year. This is often a short-notice job, as

we rarely tell a teacher no just because we don't have a docent already scheduled.

We also need people who will act as greeters and guides for the individuals and families who visit the museum. This is the volunteer job so many of you – who have been involved with the museum for years – recognize. Sometimes, as docent, you get to sit and read a good book. Sometimes you host a steady stream of visitors with their many questions.

The members of Board of the Friends of the Museum are also volunteers. Over the years, they have guided the growth of the museum, have planned for its future and helped to foster its financial stability. They are the guiding force for coordinating the Birthday Party, Salmon Bake and raffle. Without the effort and support of all of these people the museum could not thrive.

We thank and appreciate them every day the museum is open to the public.



Current Volunteer Honor Roll

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