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WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 7, 2007

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DINNER AT 7 PM

PROGRAM:

**"FINDING THEA"**  
A VIDEO HISTORY  
OF THE FOSS FAMILY  
AND ITS MATRIARCHENJOY THIS VIDEO DOCUMENTARY  
WITH PRODUCERS AND DIRECTOR  
LUCY OSTRANDER AND NANCY  
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**FEBRUARY DINNER PROGRAM:  
"FINDING THEA" — A VIDEO  
HISTORY OF THE FOSS FAMILY  
AND ITS MATRIARCH**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:  
LUCY OSTRANDER, NANCY BOURNE HALEY AND DAN SELLERS

Through historical photographs and film, diaries, journals, and other research materials, combined with new and re-dramatized footage,

co-producers and directors **Lucy Ostrander** and **Nancy Bourne Haley** have created a video documentary that chronicles the amazing life of Thea Foss, the Foss family, and the Puget Sound-based maritime company now known worldwide. Dan Sellers worked as the videographer and editor on the project. Completed in 2006, the production spans the more than century-long period beginning in the late 1800's, when first Norwegian immigrant Andrew Foss and then his future wife Thea came to the United States—and specifically Tacoma and Puget Sound—to find a new life and their fortune.As explained in the video's descriptive notes, "Finding Thea" separates the woman from the myth. It combines rare archival footage, photos, and clips from the 1933 *Tugboat Annie* film...with contemporary reflections on her legacy along Washington's waterfronts. And as historian Michael Sullivan says, it is the "story of a woman immigrant, head of a family who built a [maritime] empire without being an empire builder."

Lucy and Nancy will discuss the extensive research as well as writing and editing process necessary to produce "Finding Thea." You won't want to miss seeing this new video documentary, and hearing personal reflections about the colorful, family-focused Puget Sound maritime history it features. ☒

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



## 2006 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN RAISES OVER \$19,000

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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CLIP AND MAIL FOR DINNER MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

NOON ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Name(s):

Telephone:

Total Number [at \$30 per person]:

Total Amount of Check:

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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.

### Mail in 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. Some of you are wonderful. Some are not so cooperative. For the January dinner we had to cope with New Year's Day being on Monday, our mail in deadline, but due to circumstances far beyond our control Tuesday was declared a federal holiday as well in remembrance of President Gerald Ford. We had no way of guessing for the caterer how many reservations are in the postal service waiting to be counted. No one ever

knows when something like this will happen again. We plead again to everyone to please mail in your reservations early to the PO Box. ✉

### Large Maritime Display at MOHAI

**Jack Carver** reports that there has been some discussion over the years about how little our artifacts are displayed at the Museum of History and Industry and about the loss of the maritime wing. We heard such comments at the last dinner meeting. In light of that situation, MOHAI currently has more of our models on display in their "Essential Seattle" exhibit than they have had for years. So many maritime sub-

jects are displayed that the MOHAI gives the appearance of being a maritime museum. This is the type of inter-organization cooperation that we are trying to organize for future work at South Lake Union.

MOHAI's director **Leonard Garfield** should be complemented on the maritime display at MOHAI. The "Essential Seattle" exhibit will be on display through the end of the year. As part of several exhibits, some of our models included are: USS WASHINGTON, BEAVER, DECATUR, NEBRASKA, VIRGINIA V and FLYER. ✉