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## **Fall In Love With The Dogs**



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Pre Halloween Bash Metal Show

Saturday October 26, 2019  
Metal Night @ 8pm

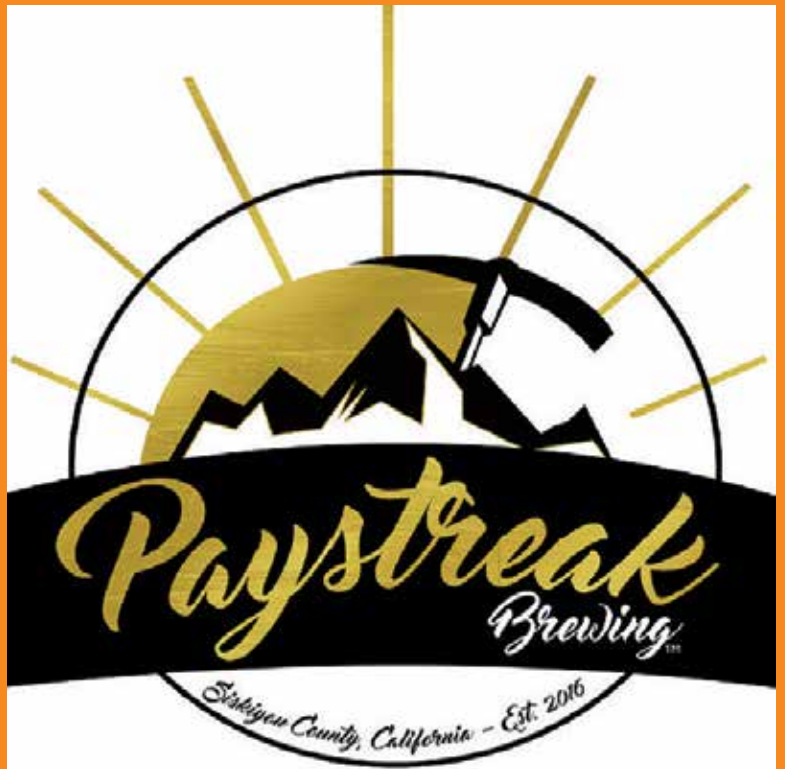
Friday November 1, 2019 @ 8pm  
Day of the Dead Make-up  
Competition

8pm to 11pm



Thursday October 31, 2019  
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Kids at 7pm  
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# YREKA ELKS NEWS



The Diamond Bar at Yreka Elks

## Lodge Tour November 5th

The last Siskiyou County Historic Society tour for the fall season will be of our Lodge building on November 3rd, at 5:00 p.m. Meet in the foyer inside the building. This should be a very special tour, as it is the first one of its kind for this location and is also supported by the Genealogy Society of Siskiyou County and Yreka Historic Preservation. The tour will explore the ground floor of the building and its spectacular and historic Diamond Bar, where a few steps will be encountered. Then, for those willing and able, a quick view of the projection room on the second and original lodge room of the Knights of Pithia and the Elks on the third floors will be seen, which will take a climb up a flight of steps. People not wishing to climb the stairs can wait on the ground floor for a short time and view historic items. Special stories will be shared about old time Yreka, construction of the building, interesting people involved in the famous bar, and of course, the real "truth" about the bar and the robbery bullet hole that will be encountered!



David McMillan and Brian Favero

## BPOE 1980 Neon Marque Light Retored

Trustees Jo Larsen and Byran Duncan located the old Elks neon marque sign in the red door attic of the lodge. New members Scott and Mary Hopper found Fire Creek Gallery in Ashland, Oregon, to restore the sign and its neon lights. Byran Duncan made arrangements and transported the sign to Ashland. Artist David McMillan restored the sign, and is pictured here with Exalted Ruler Brian Favero, with the completed restoration. Jo and Brian were the financiers of the endeavor. The sign will be rehung soon, with an official rededication on November 9th.



Wednesdays at 7pm - Early bird starts at 6:30

Yreka Elks Lodge #1980 - 332 West Miner Street  
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## A detailed black and white map of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest area. The map shows a network of roads, including major highways like SR 99, SR 96, SR 203, and SR 243. Towns and communities labeled include Happy Camp, Selma Valley, Hamburg, Scott Bar, Horse Creek, Yreka, Montague, Grenada, Big Springs, Grass Lake, Ft. Jones, Greenview, Etna, Gazelle, Edgewood, Weed, Mt. Shasta, Dunsuir, McCloud, Bartle, and Pondosa. Other locations include Dorris, Macdoel, Mt. Hebron, Tennant, Medicine Lake, and Tulelake. The map also depicts the Klamath River, Iron Gate Reservoir, Copco Lake, Lake Shasta, Lake Siskiyou, and various smaller lakes and reservoirs like Lakeview, Lakeview Reservoir, and Lakeview Reservoir. The Shasta-Trinity National Forest boundary is outlined with a thick line. The map is oriented with North at the top.



A horizontal scale bar with alternating black and white segments. It is marked with '0' at the right end, '5' in the middle, and '10' at the left end. The word 'Miles' is written at the right end. Below the bar is the word 'Scale'.

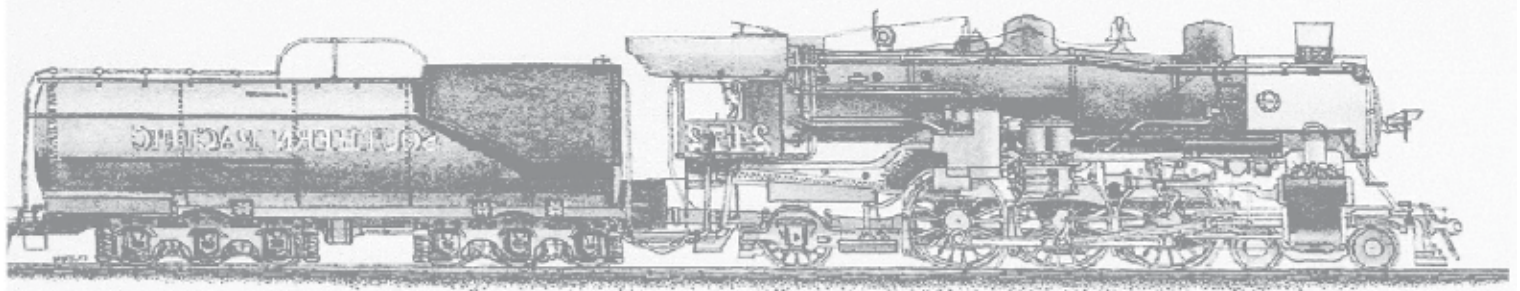


All the inspiration you need to plan your next excursion in Siskiyou County. Gather your information, grab a spot on the grass next to the beautiful Klamath River and start planning!



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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

## DUNSMUIR MUSEUM at the Amtrak Depot

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society will open the DUNSMUIR MUSEUM October 5th and 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. after which the Museum will be closed for the winter months.

Do follow us at [www.dunsmuirdepot.com](http://www.dunsmuirdepot.com)

We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers to staff the Museum on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, RAILROAD DAYS, town events, and for visiting groups. Thanks to Hazel, Hank, Kit & Omar, Neil & June, John D, Jerry, Fred, Billie, Stacy & Blake, Phil, John S, Carol, Phyllis, and Rick. They are the best!

Should you wish to join our volunteers, please email us.

The Museum will reopen April 2020.

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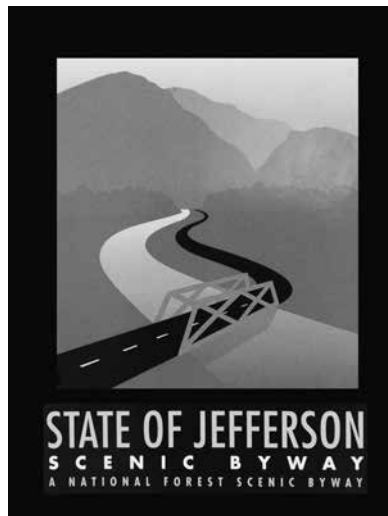
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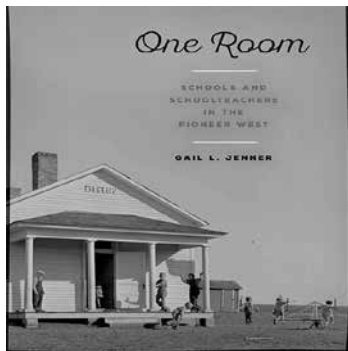
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5, 2019

Paystreak Brewing - 2nd Annual Oktoberfest in Etna, California.  
See Page 7 for all the info!

October 5, 2019

Fort Jones Lions Fall Festival in Fort Jones, California. See Page 34.

October 5, 2019

Russian Ballet Theatre presents Swan Lake, The Ross Ragland Theater,  
Klamath Falls, Oregon. Call (541) 884-0651 for information.

October 12, 2019

Rescue Ranch 2nd Annual Fall in Love with the Dogs Gala, Yreka, California.  
See Page 4 for the details. Please join us at this event. We are continuing to  
move forward on implementing our vision for an On Site Veterinary Clinic at  
Rescue Ranch. This would ease the medical and transportation costs  
associated with meeting the medical needs of our rescue dogs. Tickets are  
\$50 each or two for \$80. Tickets can be purchased at Rescue Ranch on Oberlin  
Road or at the Rescue Ranch Thrift Store on Main Street in Yreka. For more  
info, please call 530-842-0829. Thank you and hope to see you at the GALA!

October 12, 2019

McCloud Apple Harvest Festival AND Heritage Quilt Show, Main Street,  
McCloud, California 96057. Call McCloud Chamber at (530) 964-3113. See  
Page 28 for info.

October 12, 2019

Oktoberfest at Turtle Bay in Redding, California. Call for info: (530) 243-8850.

October 19, 2019

OKTOBERFEST, Mt. Shasta, California. Call (530) 918-8383 for info.

October 26, 2019

Weed Sons and Daughters of Italy #1269 Polenta Dinner, Weed, California.  
See Page 29 for all the info!

October 31, 2019

Paystreak Brewing Halloween Costume Contest, Day of the Dead Make-Up  
Contest, Etna, California. See Page 6 for info.

November 1, 2019

ROSES AND RUST Vintage Market, Anderson, California.  
Call 530-378-6789 for info.

November 24, 2019

Klamath River Community Hall Old Time Turkey Shoot. See info on Page 22.

November 30, 2019

Dog Pony and Bike Parade in McCloud, California. Call (530) 964-3113 for info.

December 1, 2019

Klamath River Community Hall Holiday Craft Fair and Brunch. See Page 22.

December 3, 2019

North State Giving Tuesday. See Page 5 for details.





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A Continuing Saga ... Real Life Logging Stories  
by Hank Nelson of Wasilla, Alaska



## "The Glory Years of Hi-Ball Logging"

Rousted out, flushed from their lairs in the timbered slopes and canyons of the "Lower-48," a small but determined remnant packed up their bindles and escaped the impending doom of civilized encroachment. As it turned out, the isolation and far-flung nature of the North Country was, to the restless breed, a veritable Utopia. At its zenith, during the Glory Years of the Big Woods, over sixty camps dotted the landscape of Alaska: Admiralty Island, Chichagof, Baranof and Prince of Wales Islands were the stomping grounds for the Hyperborean Strain. Fanned by gentle breezes, a moist Humboldt current and persistent rain, the emerald empire, or banana belt, was a perfect tree growing country. Timber grew in endless procession, from tree line to waters edge along the Inside Passage. Geographically suited, the Inside Passage, encompassed by water, had protected coves, bays, inlets and deep-cut channels. It was made to order. Logs could be easily and efficiently rafted together at the booming grounds, then towed to town. In time, large sea-going barges began transporting the timber from the logging sites to the mills. All of this was fine and dandy but equipment and spare parts didn't exactly grow on trees. The mills and logging camps required regular maintenance, supplies and shipping. None of it was cheap... and the vital connection between camp and town and the "outside" was linked by floatplanes. The intrepid bush pilots flew in all kinds of weather, wind, sleet or snow. Thanks to them, medical assistance, immediate supplies and the mail got through.

During the Hey-Day of the Big Woods, the logging camps represented a melting pot of diverse and, at times, colorful and highly entertaining individuals. Soured on the social trappings of the day, the breed saw the camps as a refuge, a place of sublime solitude and tranquility. At the very center, constituting the "Hub" of all camp functions, was the cook-shack. It was here that the fortunes of every logging operation rose and fell. Protocol at mealtime was, by necessity, totalitarian. Each logger was assigned a seat at the table, while a "Deacon's Seat" was reserved for the camp boss, superintendent or visiting dignitary. The typical logger's bill of fare was substantial. It was, in fact, a longstanding mandate, strictly adhered to and self-imposed throughout the industry. The pure strain could not and would not tolerate a bad cook and, in this regard, the breed was fickle.





## Inspirations from the Forest

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There was little or no wiggle room in the scheme of things for the likes of Grease Burners or Gut Robbers. Good camp cooks, on the other hand, were considered worth their weight in gold. Camp morale stood high on the list of priorities. In spite of the isolation and distance between camps, word traveled fast. Loggers would not stay or hire out at a camp where it was rumored that the quality of the grub was insufficient and poorly prepared, and in that context, the age-old axiom that a successful logging operation literally ran on its stomachs was absolutely true. By nature, loggers were a sensitive lot and set in their ways. Old methods and traditions, tried and true, died hard. Etiquette was basic and rudimentary. A triangle shaped iron "Gut-Hammer" hung just outside the cook-house door. At each mealtime, the flunky "rang the bell," by rapping from side to side the inside of the triangle with a piece of steel or iron rod. *(see photo on Page 16.)* To the loggers, the clanging of the cook shack chimes was music to their ears. The loggers lined up outside, then filed in and sat down. A small army of flunkies scurried about... waiting on the tables, serving the food in large bowls and atop huge platters to the ravenous loggers. The loggers ate prodigiously and in reverence. Afterwards, they retreated to the bunkhouse for the evening. Then, a half hour or so, before lights were out, the camp flunkies brought them hot chocolate, while the Bard sat, reciting logging poetry and reading aloud favorite Paul Bunyan stories to the drowsy loggers. There was never any doubt about it. Camp life, to the dwindling breed, was the supreme Mecca, while at the same time the last stand for the pure strain.

Then, as the loggers slept, they dreamed of a place called Smile High Canyon, at the end of a fishhook shaped bay. They slept peacefully, counting stumps, and always, at daybreak, a fresh stand of tall green timber awaited them, a place where it was easygoing, flat, rolling ground, with just enough adversity to make it interesting. No more and no less, where each logger was given a bonus and paid at the end of each day, where there were no logging accidents. You never got old, tired nor lame. •

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# DISCOVERING THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

By Gail Jenner - Enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and unique realms which can be found scattered about The State of Jefferson.

## "The Tolowa of the Smith River and Redwood Landscape"

Historically the Tolowa (Taa-laa-wa Dee-ni') were located along the Smith River and today's Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, whose "occupational history" most likely spans 8,500 years. Those who lived traditionally on the Smith River were known as Gee Dee-ni' (upriver Tolowa), while those who lived downriver at the mouth of the Smith River were known as Da'-chvn-dvn Dee-ni'.

Most of the Tolowa settlements were located along the coast and estuary, and included such villages identified as Troolet, Howonquet, Tatatun, Tatitun, MesLteLtun, Etchulet, TucRockuctun, and Ltrucme. In addition, their place of origin was considered to be Yontocket, a village site located near the mouth of the Smith River where the people came together for World Renewal (Ne-Dosh) dances and other ceremonies.

The Smith River is a shorter watershed, approximately thirty-two "air miles" inland from the coast. According to Shannon Tushingham, research associate from the University of California, Davis, who worked with the California Department of Parks and Recreation Archaeology, History and Museums Division, the headwaters of the river is located in the nearby Siskiyou mountains, "flowing first through the Oak Wood- land mixed hardwood zone and Klamath mountains, then west through an approximately ten-mile-wide redwood belt, and finally through a four-mile-wide flat coastal strip where it meanders for approximately eight miles before emptying into the Pacific Ocean."

The Tolowa inhabited villages along the coast for much of the year, particularly during the rainy season. In late summer, families would travel and make temporary camps along the coast as they fished for smelt; the families who camped there each year, however, owned these sites. Late summer was also the time of year when men would gather and form groups to hunt offshore. Finally, from September to mid or late November, families would travel inland to fish for salmon and gather acorns. As with other coastal tribes, Tolowa villages were autonomous, and there was no "Tolowa tribe" per se. In fact, Tolowa is actually a Yurok and Hupa word, which was (according to Kroeber) adopted from the name of a village originally located at Lake Earl named Tolokwe.

Gail noticed that a historical date was wrong in her story in the September issue.  
Our sincerest apologies.

In a number of ways the Tolowa resemble the Hupa and the Yurok and were greatly influenced by the sea. In excavations at Tolowa sites, archaeologists have uncovered the earliest redwood plank houses, the earliest evidence of tobacco smoking in the Pacific Northwest coast region, and the only semi-subterranean sweathouse recorded in northwestern California. Further cooperative research is ongoing under a partnership established between the Tolowa, UC Davis, and Redwood National and State Parks. It encompasses the area identified as the Jedediah Smith Campground and Hiouchi Flat, although much of what is now Del Norte County lies within the ancestral territories of the Tolowa. •



Photo: Tolowa woman in dress.  
Curtis, Edward S., 1868-1952,  
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## ***In Loving Memory of Gary Wayne Gausen***

Gary Gausen passed away on August 28, 2019, at the age of 66 years.

Although born in San Rafael, CA, Gary spent decades of his life enjoying the outdoors in the Klamath National Forest whether for work or play.

Gary was married to Mary Urquhart on October 2, 1976 in Sonoma, California.

In 1981, Gary and Mary moved to Scott Bar, a small community in Siskiyou county, where Gary began his career with the United States Forest Service on the Klamath National Forest. It was in Scott Bar that he and Mary Urquhart Gausen started their family, having two boys Scott and Tyler. The Gausen family moved to Fort Jones in 1994 where Gary spent a considerable amount of his free time building their family home from the ground up. Gary was known for his amazing craftsmanship and vast knowledge in many areas of construction.

Gary's sons were his pride and joy, and you could find him at any and every sports or recreation event for each of the boys whether he was coaching or cheering them on from the sidelines. Gary worked hard to provide a strong and fulfilling upbringing for his sons, and their love for him is apparent in the heartbreak that is brought with his passing.

Gary was a powerful asset to the USFS, having worked on the Oak Knoll Engine, Scott Bar Engine, Kelsey Creek Engine, Brush Disposal Crew with the Scott River Ranger District, Scott Valley Rappel Crew, Chena Hotshots with Alaska BLM, Eldorado Hotshots on the Eldorado National Forest, Recreation on the Klamath National Forest Trail Crew, and Recreation in North Dakota.

Gary put his career aside when the time came to commit all of his efforts to taking care of his mother in Minnesota. He stayed with her until her passing, and then returned back to his roots on the West Coast. Gary enjoyed living in the Southern Oregon area for the last 5+ years.

Gary was well known for his love of the outdoors, always enjoying hiking, fishing, and exploring the forests. He also greatly enjoyed traveling to other countries whether alone or with his sons. One of his favorite countries to visit was Norway, the country of his very cherished native roots.

He is survived by his sons Scott and Tyler, sisters Charlotte and Roberta, nieces Veronica and Kristi, nephew Jason, and many cousins.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held from 1-3 pm, on Sunday, October 13th, at 7715 Eastside Road in Fort Jones, CA 96032.



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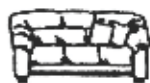


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By Bruce Duncan, Edgewood, California

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# CAN YOU IMAGINE?

Stories by Pamela Weatherby - Edited by Terry Weatherby  
Previously from Yreka, California



## “ Cheese Making ”

Can you imagine making cheese from scratch during the pioneer days? My pioneer grandmother, Emily Teresa Hodgetts Lowder, did just that with the help of her entire family on a ranch they homesteaded high in the southern Utah Mountains above Parowan, Utah.

After abandoning the fort at Panguitch Lake, the Lowder family settled in the small town of Parowan. Emily gave birth to six more children and remained in Parowan for the remainder of her life. At her 100th Birthday, all of her nine children were alive and surrounded her to celebrate her amazing life.

While in Parowan, John built a fine home for his family and together they prospered. In 1874, John and the Lowder family homesteaded a ranch not far from Cedar Breaks. At 9,500 feet, it was a beautiful area that provided the family with cool summers and clear, clean air. With the help of his elder sons, John was able to build a spacious log home. In 1875, John added a milk house and a vat house to the ranch. Making the cheese, for which they were well known, became a family affair during the summer months.

Making the cheese was a long and laborious process that began in the evening when John and the boys milked the cows in the milk house and collected six gallons of milk. In the vat house, Emily and the girls aerated the milk by pouring it from one clean pail into another several times. The aerated milk was poured into a well-scrubbed and scalded pot and covered with cheesecloth until the next morning. The milk house was clean and cool and seeing the bright milk pans set in alternating rows on the slats must have been a wonderful sight to see.

The next day, six more gallons of fresh morning milk was added to the huge pot along with some rennet and coloring. This heavy pot was set atop a vat of water heated by a wood-burning stove somewhat like a giant double boiler. The Lowder women would take turns tediously stirring the heating mixture until it began to curdle. At just the right time, the pot was removed from the stove and the stirring would stop. The brew took on a magical quality as the curd began to separate from the whey. Grandma Lowder knew exactly when to use a special cheese knife to cut the curd.



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Can You Imagine?  
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Following this process the cheese was ready to be pressed. The Lowder boys would pour the mixture into a huge round container like a colander. Following grandma's instructions, the cheese was pressed, lightly at first, and then gradually more and more pressure was added using a heavy lid weighted with large rocks. The whey would be collected in a large pan.

After twenty-four hours, the cheese was placed into six-inch hoop shaped molds made by Grandpa Lowder. The molds were lined with cheesecloth and placed onto large plates. These plates were turned over and over again several times a day for the first week. At the end of this week, the cheesecloth was removed and the rounds of cheese were covered with a thin layer of paraffin applied with a paintbrush. Now the cheese was ready to ripen in the cellar under the vat house. The cheese would ripen for a minimum of six months before it was ready to eat.

The Lowder family became well known for their delicious cheese. They sold some of the cheese and traded some for supplies with other pioneer families. In today's world, the Lowder family would be considered gourmet artisans by making this hand-crafted cheese all from scratch. •



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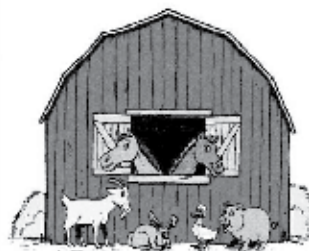
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# STITCHING IN THE DITCH

## Story by Judy Sartor Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

The ocean is vast and mysterious. It is no wonder that men—and women—have been drawn to it over the centuries. But, even though the Pacific Northwest has no names like Nantucket or New Bedford, whaling ditties, pirate legends, and shipwrecks remain deeply embedded in our cultural heritage.

The most famous of the Whaleships remain the Essex and the Two Brothers, sister ships captained by George Pollard, Jr. The Essex, launched in 1798, was small for a Whaleship at 88 feet. In 1820, she was old for a Whaleship. They were, surprisingly, not well built. The story of the sinking of the Essex by the attack of a sperm whale in that year is well documented. (I'll omit the atrocities that occurred while they were adrift for three months. Those are also well documented). Herman Melville used the story of the sinking of the Essex as the germ for his famous novel Moby Dick.

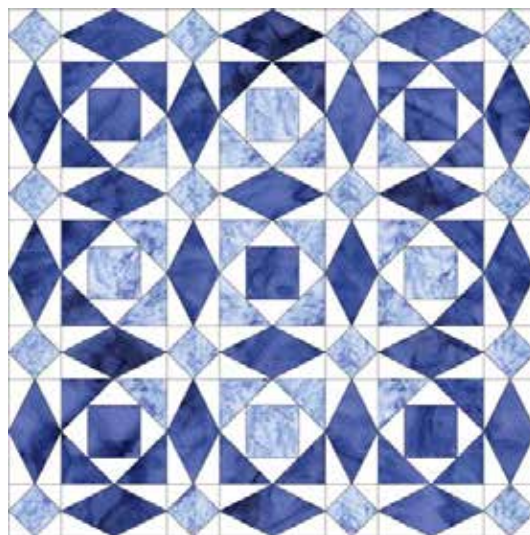
Two Brothers, launched in 1818 and only on her second voyage, was also captained by the hapless George Pollard, Jr. On February 11, 1823, Two Brothers sank in a storm off Hawaii. (Apparently the Captain was disoriented.) As a side note, the documented wreckage of Two Brothers was discovered by NOAA in 2008. She remains the only extant wreckage of the legendary Whaleships.

Perhaps you are asking yourself, "What does this have to do with quilting?" Good question. The answer is, probably more than I can tell you.

Left to their own devices for long stretches of time, the ladies of the whaling ports dealt with loneliness by devoting their hands to quilting. There is extensive documentation about other activities that caught their interest, but I will set those aside. This was the early 19th century, and the art of quilting was just gaining a foothold in the New World. There were many quilting ideas and designs to be traced. But that captain's wife in her fine house with the lonely widow's walk might turn to a quilt with an ocean theme.

One of the earliest named quilting designs in America was the Mariner's Compass. Numerous designs from maps could be traced or adapted. This is a fine paper pieced pattern, which is fortunate because of the possible intricacies.

Storm at Sea is not to be ignored. This marvelous pattern creates the illusions of movement. The arrangement of squares in squares and diamonds in rectangles causes the straight lines of the blocks to appear curved instead. But don't try to replicate this effect with a single block. The more blocks, the greater the effect. Then you are trapped. You must do the entire quilt. I started this quilt once, and it now holds pride of place in my UFO's. It is also on my bucket list.



lack of faith in Him.

Many variations of this quilt now exist, with the standard version resulting in a 12" finished square. There is also a giant version called Tsunami. Check it out if you are so inclined. These blocks measure 24".

The quest that lead to this story came from a recent camping vacation on the Oregon coast. We seek isolated beaches with little foot traffic, when possible. And we do immerse ourselves in the local lore—Indians and settlers, sea skirmishes, the War, lighthouses, cemeteries, quilt shops, and—yes—the occasional pirate. Have you ever been to Lincoln City?

Storm at Sea is a Biblical quilt pattern, meaning that it is based on Bible verses. The reference is Mark 4:37-41. "And there arose a great storm of wind and the waves beat into the ship until it was full." When Christ arose, he calmed the seas. He also rebuked his disciples for their

"Call me Ishmael."  
Herman Melville, Moby Dick



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