

# Storyteller Force brings story of Finnish immigration to life

Learn about the history and folklore of early Finnish pioneers in North Lincoln County Saturday, April 14, 2 to 3 p.m. at the museum. Storyteller Doug Force will take you back to the early 1900s to tell the story of the Kangas family, Finnish immigrants, and intertwine their trials and triumphs with the legend of Tomten, a gnome-like mythical creature, reputed protector of farms and caretaker of livestock.

Force, who sits on the Museum’s board of directors,

has been storytelling since he was a child. Curiosity and the knowledge and reflections of other people’s lives have kept him engaged in active listening and the use of elements of storytelling to this day. Force used and developed his diverse story telling skills as an educator at all levels of public and private venues, from middle-level public schools through graduate level university courses.

“Doug’s enthusiasm and gift of storytelling make each presentation memorable!” NLCHM Director Jeff Syrop said.



**Kangas Brothers’ Dairy Barn** on the south end of Lincoln City is a landmark with a long history. The Kangas family, Finnish immigrants, moved to the Drift Creek area in 1919 from a homestead near Devil’s Lake. There they started a dairy farm on 80 acres of land. The barn was built by them in 1931. It housed 40 cows. The family sold milk in 5-gallon containers to workers building the Coast Highway. Later they began shipping milk to Mayflower Dairy in Portland. In 1955 the dairy closed. Doug Force will feature the family in his storytelling program April 14.



**Storyteller Doug Force** in costume for some pioneer tales. Don’t miss Doug’s presentation on Finnish farming pioneers of north county at the museum.

### MUSEUM HOURS

#### Current

Wednesday-Saturday  
Noon to 5 p.m

*June 1 through Aug. 31*

Wednesday-Sunday  
Noon to 5 p.m.



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## Jeff Syrop joins NLCHM as director

Jeff Syrop joined NLCHM as director this January, taking over from long-time former Executive Director Anne Hall.

Syrop was born in and raised mostly in Hawaii. After graduating with a degree in anthropology, he worked in several museums in Hawaii.

Back on the mainland, he worked as an archaeologist for six years before becoming curator at the Lincoln County Historical Society. He and his wife, Emy, have been living on the Oregon coast for several years. They enjoy being active, making art, and hanging out with friends and their two cats.

“I plan on finding creative and inclusive ways of reaching people through new technology, social media and educational outreach.”  
“Anne Hall did an amazing job at NLCHM, and I’m excited to continue her great work. See you all at the museum and thanks for the support,” Syrop said.



Jeff Syrop, new NLCHM director, and his wife, Emy.



# New and renewing members

**INDIVIDUAL (\$20)**

Bill Boyce  
Thomas Chandler  
John Craig  
Douglas Force  
Hope Harbour  
Linda Jackson  
Betty Jones  
Greg O’Keefe  
Kyle Kennedy  
John W. Lundin P.S.  
Russell & Kathleen Messmer  
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Eleanor Morris  
Chester & JL Erlanger Noreikis  
Johanna Quade  
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Frank & Margo Heater  
Chet & Susan Hasselbrink  
Richard Hawkins  
Phil & Cecelia Jensen  
Daniel Martin

Tom Martin  
Jack Martin  
Carla & John McCoy  
Sener & Julie Otrugman  
Jim & Jeri Pentheny  
Sandra Petty  
Russell & Melissa Smith  
Jack & Judy Wilson  
Otis & Dorothy Winchester

**SUSTAINING (\$50 to \$99)**

Genevieve Atwood  
Jack & Gerry Brosy  
Tom Edwards  
Sandy Gruber  
Charles & Emma Heater  
Brice E. Niemi  
Patty & Rich Emery Siberz

**SUPPORTING (\$100 to \$199)**

Sharon & Robert Borgford  
Eugene Coles  
Director, Tillamook County  
Pioneer Museum

**ORGANIZATIONS/  
BUSINESSES (\$100)**

Jim Fraser, Public Accounting  
Lincoln City Visitor Bureau  
RQ Mills Hardware



*A shiney array of glass floats will have an on-going presence in the museum. The opening of this new exhibit was well attended.*

## Float opening brings about 70; new exhibit on advertising soon

About 70 people came out for the opening of the Japanese floats exhibit. The exhibit is on-going. If you missed it, check it out.

Also, coming soon is an exhibit focusing on advertising in the mid-1900s. Hand-drawn art and

humorous tag-lines filled the pages of newspapers and phonebooks in the 1950s. The exhibit will display some early north county advertisements along with associated artifacts from the time. The exhibit is scheduled to be up by May 1.

## Memorial donations

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**FOR WILLIAM PENDARVIS**

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Anne Hall  
Muriel Hicks

*Gifts to the museum* are a great way to honor loved ones. Call for information.



**DID YOU KNOW?** On May 19, 1910, the steam schooner “Marhoffer” caught fire about three miles from shore when a blow torch exploded in its engine room. All but one crew member (the ship’s chef) made it to shore safety as the flaming boat drifted towards shore. It soon broke up in the heavy surf and all that remained was a warped, rusted boiler that now gives the bay, just north of Depoe Bay, its name. The boiler is still there today, visible at low tide.

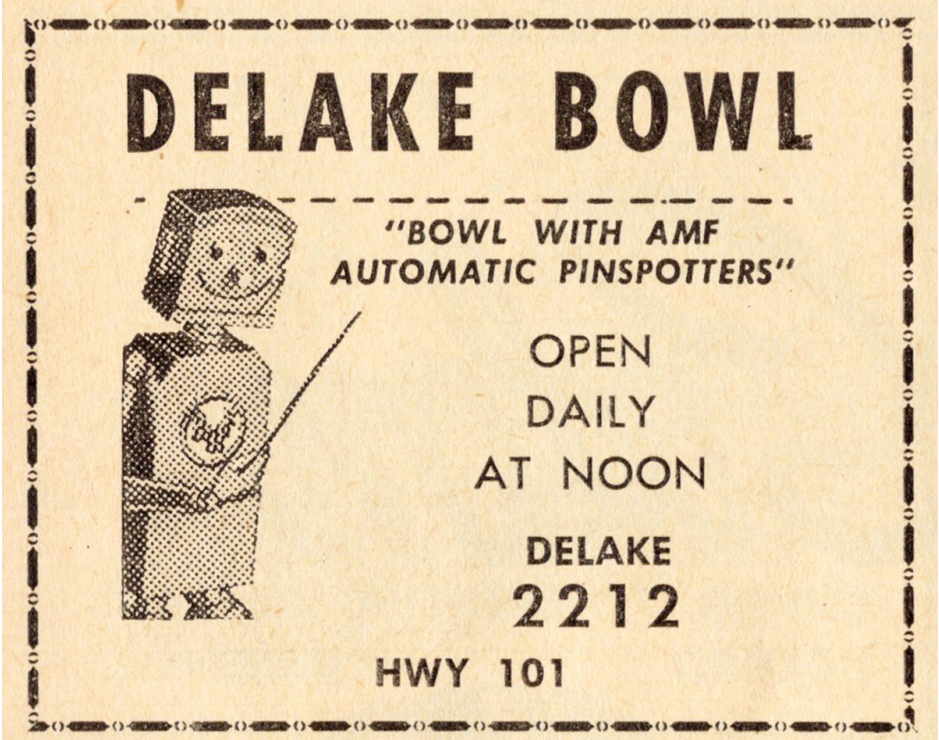
## NLCHM increases use of social media

NLCHM Director Jeff Syrop has increased use of social media to educate and advertise museum programs and events. About 25% of the visitors to the Japanese Glass Fishing Float exhibit opening heard of us online.

“One of our Facebook posts went ‘viral’ and reached

16,000 people! This is a wonderful way to reach people, especially during the slow winter season,” Syrop said.

Check the museum Facebook page (listed on masthead) for historical photos and the latest on museum programs and events.



*This Delake Bowl Advertisement, from 1957, will be part of a new exhibit on advertising scheduled to be up by May 1.*



*Retiring NLCHM Executive Director Anne Hall (right) was honored and presented with a bonus at the board of directors’ Christmas dinner. President Mick McLean (middle) and board member Patsy McLean (left) confer as Hall reads a card of appreciation.*