



PROMOTING STEWARDSHIP OF WHALES AND THE SALISH SEA ECOSYSTEM THROUGH EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

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Greetings from The Whale Museum!!

Just before we wrapped up the Spring/Summer issue of the newsletter, we received word that J Pod and some members of L Pod were back in the Salish Sea. It was exciting to be able to share this with our readers. Sadly, a few days later, we learned that Crewser (L-92) was missing and considered deceased. This 23-year old male was an important member of the community as are all of the Southern Residents. His passing is a reminder that this is a fragile community in need of our help.

Every year, we have numerous opportunities to engage more than 34,000 museum visitors. Our mission is to educate the public and create stewards of all ages for the whales of the Salish Sea. We need your support to help us continue to engage our visitors.

Here is an update on our 2018 funding. We have some things to celebrate and some areas that need help:

- Our **Marine Mammal Stranding Network** received federal funding for 2018. These much needed funds cover this critical program's expenses!!
- Our Museum is located in a wonderful **historic building** in Friday Harbor. We continue to address the issues of the building which includes recent funding for a temperature control system for the Exhibit Hall. Your support helps us pay the electric bill and keep the doors open year-round.
- One of our **Research** areas focuses on acoustics at Lime Kiln through the hydrophone which streams live 24/7 at www.seasound.org. Sound is critical in the orcas' world and this helps us monitor activities and potential impacts. Funding is needed to continue this outreach and research.
- Our **Soundwatch Boater Education Program** is on the water helping boaters Be Whale Wise! We have funding for more than 100 days this season. Keeping the vessels in top condition is always a challenge. Help this program by keeping the boats in top shape and fueled.
- Our **Education Programs** never stop, from school groups to summer camps to group tours! For the 2018-19 school year, we are working to create a virtual tour experience which will enable out-of-area schools to participate in our educational offerings.

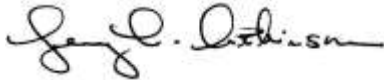
How can you help?

Please help fund one or more of these critical areas. Look through the list on the reverse side (or at the updated list on our website: <http://whalemuseum.org/pages/sponsorship-opportunities>). If there is an area where you would like to give, please let us know by filling out the form on the reverse side and returning it in the enclosed envelope. You can even **Donate Now** on our website.

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Thank you for your generous support of our mission. Together, we can make a difference for the Southern Resident Orcas. By increasing awareness about their plight and telling their stories, more people are becoming stewards and joining us in efforts to help these orcas become a thriving population.

All the best,



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Please clip and return in the envelope provided. Thank You for Your Generosity!

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My contribution is enclosed in the amount of:

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I would like my contribution to support:

- General** contribution to benefit The Whale Museum’s entire mission
- Education** Programs, including resources for the “Virtual Presentation” School Program
- Research** Department and its work, including upkeep of the acoustics facility at Lime Kiln lighthouse
- Soundwatch** vessel maintenance
- Marine Mammal **Stranding** Network
- Building** Maintenance & Upkeep, including paying off the mortgage
- Exhibit Hall**, including new exhibits and upgrade of existing exhibits
- Museum **Library** & other Collections
- Other, please specify: _____

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