

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CORNISH SOCIETY

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Jottings from Jean.....

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society is here! At last we have a group for all Cornishmen in the our part of the great US of A.

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We want to learn more about the land from which we came, to help those interested members with finding ancestral records, to become a known force in our communities by introducing Cornwall to the communities.

Special thanks are due to the Founding Committee for getting things going: Joan Tregarthen Huston (#1) to whom you sent your membership applications and dues; Marcia Allen Rothman (#2) who pulled together the Newsletter and sent it on for proofing and distribution; Betty Read Scott (#4) who opened her home without knowing us, recorded minutes, and got the coffee and cookie table ready for the meeting, and myself. Thanks, too, to those who came to the May 30th meeting on faith that all of this PNCS would really happen and then sat through the approval of the by-laws and the election of officers. The Cornish Corner was full of great information on display. All of us got acquainted (many names at last became attached to faces) and we look forward to meeting many more members at the July 19th picnic.

At press time we had 36 members from as far North as Salt Spring Island, BC, South into Oregon and even San Jose, California and East to Spokane with a Montana member expected in shortly. **Here's how you can help:** each of us have siblings, cousins, parents and children/ grandchildren. Consider inviting (or even gifting them with memberships) them to join us as Charter Members. Many will be delighted to know more about Cornwall and their Cornish heritage even though many may not wish to attend meetings. Make copies of the PNCS application and return to the Treasurer for each new member.

The membership application asked for information about the part of Cornwall from which your families have come. PNCS will maintain a file of our Cornish names and parishes, eventually can index them and identify your interests, using the membership numbers assigned.. If you are a genealogical researcher you know what a help such a file can be. If you aren't interested in active searching, you still can check such an index and perhaps find a cousin.

Our WebSite will identify PNCS to the outside world, thanks to Marcia Rothman. Check it out: <http://www2.whidbey.net/kernow/pncs/pncs.html>

We're on a roll! May we grow and grow.....and be ever more proud of our Cornish heritage,

Jean Richards Timmermeister
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Next meeting: July 19 Picnic

The July meeting of PNCS will be easy access to Interstate 5 in the hope that the most members can make the event. At this writing we have no members in Idaho but many Washington, one British Columbia, several Oregon: the location was chosen to make it as easy as possible for most of you. **Plan now to come to Fort Borst Park in Centralia, Washington at Exit #82 on Sunday, July 19th to Shelter #1.** Fort Borst is a city park which is easily seen from the Freeway and is simple to reach: turn West off I-5 to the first main intersection, take a left (South) to the park.

We've rented the Shelter for the early shift (10 am to 3 PM) and you are invited to come around 11 we will eat at noon. Please bring your own table service, beverages (no liquor allowed), any food you desire plus a "dish to pass". The Shelter (roof only no walls) has a barbeque but not a stove (please bring charcoal if you plan to barbeque hot dogs or whatever). There is just one electrical outlet so plan to bring food which does not require heating (Pot luck experts can tell you that keeping food hot for several hours is not too difficult: heat the recipe, carefully wrap the dish or pan tightly in many layers of newspaper for insulation, then wrap all in an old towel tightly, put it in a box for easy handling: do not undo the wrappings until just before ready to serve) We will have four tables for our Society.

According to PNCS by-laws, the July meeting would be our annual meeting but as we are new, we have none of the typical annual meeting "stuff" with which to contend: we are just going to become acquainted! We might just play a get-acquainted game but promise no "three-legged races." Bring anything you would like to share one-on-one with other members in the way of Cornish ancestry records, display, etc. bearing in mind that space and weather can be a problem: you may need a cardtable.

See you there: send an e-mail message to our PNCS e-mail address to let us know if you are coming (PNCS123@aol.com) or a postcard to PNCS, 10116 Stoli Lane NW, Silverdale WA 98383-8826.

Besides me sending you the newsletter supplements, they both can viewed on our PNCS web site at <http://www2.whidbey.net/kernow/pncs/pncs.html>