



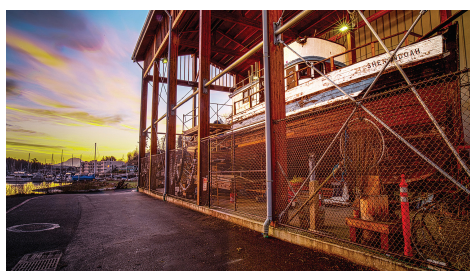
## HARBOR HISTORY MUSEUM

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### “CITY OF GIG HARBOR GRANT BENEFITS ALL WITH FREE ADMISSION TO HARBOR HISTORY MUSEUM”

Complimentary Admission Beginning in 2018



**Gig Harbor, WA** – Thanks to support from the City of Gig Harbor, Harbor History Museum admission will be free for all general public visitors through 2018 with plans for ongoing support in subsequent years. This exciting development is an important step in our "Increasing Access" initiative launched earlier this year.

We're delighted to be able to create more opportunities for both community members and visitors to experience the cultural heritage of the greater Gig Harbor area. Now, all those new to and visiting the area can delve into the region's history anytime.

The Museum will gratefully accept donations in support of museum programming in lieu of admission. Program fees will still apply, with reduced rates for members.

“We love the idea of opening our doors to all; no matter what their income level,” says Director Stephanie Lile. “Our community is full of amazing stories that we are eager to share. We’re grateful to the City Council for demonstrating their support through this budget allocation.”

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***Maritime Gallery (2016) by Harbor History Museum***

**About Harbor History Museum:** Harbor History Museum creates opportunities to experience the heritage of the greater Gig Harbor communities by collecting, preserving, and sharing the rich history of the area. Our vision is to be the cornerstone that provides a gathering place and a sense of identity for our community. Founded in 1964, the Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society dba Harbor History Museum opened its new facility in 2010. The museum campus includes an 1893 fully restored one-room school house; a 65-foot fishing vessel currently under restoration; 7,000 square feet of exhibition space; and a 900-square foot library, research and meeting room. The Museum provides a variety of public education programs. Our core educational program is the Pioneer School Experience (PSE), which serves over 1,400 students every year. Led by a trained “School Marm,” the children experience a pioneer school classroom complete with lessons, recitations, music, recess, and lunch. Our permanent exhibit features professionally designed exhibitions, larger-than-life experiences, and opportunities for hands-on exploration of our region’s rich history and unique heritage. Artifacts, video kiosks, hands-on exhibits, computer interactives, and a small theater bring Peninsula history to life in our permanent galleries. In addition, the Museum provides 3-5 special exhibits throughout the year so there is always something new to see and experience for our members and visitors.

**WINTER HOURS (*Jan. – April*)** — Wednesdays–Fridays 10 am–5 pm, Saturdays 10 am–4 pm.

**SUMMER HOURS (*May – Dec.*)** — Tuesdays–Saturdays 10 am–5 pm, Sundays 12 pm–4 pm.

**ADMISSION** – Complimentary Admission for all general public visitors courtesy of the City of Gig Harbor.

**MEMBERS** – Receive discounts and special notice for upcoming events and programs.

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