

Museum of the North Beach

Moclips by the Sea Historical Society

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Dear Supporters of the Museum of the North Beach,

Our museum has had over 62,000 visitors, from every state and 30 countries. Moclips by the Sea Historical Society & Museum (MBTS) is 324 members strong, has over 4,300 followers on Facebook, Friends who Love the Museum of the North Beach, and our website, moclips.org, has logged over one million visits. We've accomplished a lot, establishing the Museum as a featured tourist attraction and terrific North Beach asset.

Currently, MBTS' primary goal is to build a replica of the 1905 Northern Pacific Railway (NPRY) Depot that once stood in Moclips and was the western-most terminus of the NPRY line. Once built, this replica will become the permanent home of the Museum of the North Beach. Here's the timeline of project beginnings:

- **In August 2015:** The Curtright family donated an acre of beautiful park-like land on State Route 109, about a quarter mile south of the current Museum, which is an ideal location for the new Museum building.
- **In October 2016:** A culvert was installed, gaining vehicular access from SR109 to the property.
- **In 2017:** A boundary line adjustment, completed in early February, converted the four lots to a single piece of property. A pre-application consultation in May, followed by the pre-development review, in July, led to the Depot Project's site plan approval. The Depot Project property is zoned residential-recreational (R3), so a conditional use permit requesting to build and operate a museum with gift shop was applied for in August. A Notice of Application and Public Hearing, Conditional Use Permit, was published for public review in September. On October 9th, MBTS Board of Directors attended the GHC Board of Adjustment hearing, and with overwhelming support, our permit was approved.
- **In 2017:** We hired Parametrix to complete a topographical survey, and the professionally engineered drainage site plans necessary for the Grade & Fill permit application to reach final approval, which it did.
- **In 2018:** In June, with the help of John Larson, Curator of the Polson Museum, several specific trees were selected, felled, and transported to their mill at the Historic Grays Harbor Seaport, in Aberdeen. In November, The Polson's fabulous volunteer milling crew completed cutting the lumber, to be used in the entrance of the future Depot.
- **In 2019:** In February, we hired Riekkola Construction, and the grading & filling, as well as the engineered drainage ditch and pond, were completed by June. In July, MBTS relocated our historic 1910 NPRY caboose, which we'd previously saved from being destroyed, to the new property.
- **In 2023:** In January, Wayne Skinner joined our board of directors. He's also taken on the duty of New Museum Depot Project site manager. Riekkola Construction completed onsite work, and the site is now ready for us to begin building the depot.

- **In 2024:** Kay McCaslin, a longtime Museum member and supporter, joined our board of directors. She's also very astute due to her many years of experience working in the construction industry and is an integral part of our forward momentum with the New Museum Depot Project team.
- Rob Curtright, also a longtime Museum member and supporter, joined our board of directors.
- MBTS received a large donation of \$520,000 from the estate of a longtime member and supporter, Joan Marks. These funds are a big boost for the Museum of the North Beach.

Other great news, for the many capital foundation donors and volunteer supporters who've worked so hard to keep the Museum going:

- We've hired Chris Quinlisk, Site Superintendent, SEAQ LLC General Contractor, in coordination with our Depot Project Team, as Chris puts it, *"to bring our dream into fruition."* With Chris' help, we will be locally sourcing both the building materials and the labor, as much as possible, as well as local connections offering either reduced costs or donated materials.

Reconstructing the Moclips NPRY Depot will be a crowning achievement for the North Beach and Grays Harbor County, and a tourist destination like no other. To continue to have a place for both longtime and former residents to catalogue and share their families' North Beach experiences, with artifacts, documents, and oral stories is very important.

The New Museum Depot Project is noted as a specific goal of the Hidden Coast Scenic Byway Corridor plan, which began in 2008. Scenic byway enhancements require a strong community base, and Moclips-by-the-Sea Historical Society & Museum needs your support.

If you would like to be a part of this project, can provide much needed capital funding assistance, join our membership, become a volunteer docent, or simply find out more information, contact us at: (360) 276-4441, Museum of the North Beach, PO Box 231, Moclips, WA 98562, Curator, Kelly Calhoun: kelly@moclips.org, MBTS Board President, Lee Marriott: lee@moclips.org.

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We have been so blessed by all of you through the years and know that you will continue to be a big support and help us keep our forward momentum moving on the building project!

All Aboard!

Sincerely,

Lee Marriott, President
Moclips by the Sea Historical Society
Museum of the North Beach
Board of Directors



Aerial of the New Museum Site



Moclips Depot Trackage 1908

(Year determined from a sign in the lower-left corner advertising the Barnum & Bailey Circus in Tacoma and Centralia on August 22 and 24.)



Moclips Depot circa 1910



Moving the Caboose July 2019