

# Area Business Quarterly April 2020 Report

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## Accomplishments from the past quarter.

The Area 72 Archives had our February Archives Quarterly in Everett. It was one of the best Archives Quarterly I have attended. I loved the active participation and exchange of ideas that went on and look forward to even more in the future.

The Archives Repository was gifted a state of the art computer in February from past Archivist Trevor T. We also began having High Speed Internet in February. Dean T. purchased some new easels for the traveling display in January so we were able to donate our old easels during the February Archives Quarterly.

We did have our first Zoom Archives Steering Committee meeting on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. It started out a little bumpy, but business was conducted successfully.

We reviewed resumés during our February Archives Steering Committee meeting and selected two new members for the ASC, welcome Dylan S. and Robin M.!

I attended PRAASA in March (I think it was the last public event I was at.) I enjoyed the whole event and the opportunity to listen to the goings on within our Pacific Region. I attended a couple of different round tables; one on Newsletter and Web, and one on Archives. I'm happy to report that we, as an Area, are so blessed to have the love for service that we do. Our Area has a respect for it's past and a knowledge of how important it is to maintain that rich history both in it's Archives and its desire to publish an updated history book.

## Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

Like most folks, we are dealing with the current quarantine that has had us stay in our homes. Steve C. found a survey on the National Archives, National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) that we can fill out to help us spend our time on something archivally relevant while we are at home. Maryland also sent a document from the Society of American Archivists (SAA) regarding how to be an archivist at home. Thank you to both of you for helping me to keep my idle hands busy with constructive things. We always need consistent volunteers to help us organize and maintain the Area Repository. Work parties are always the third Sunday of the month, at the Repository, after the Archives Steering Committee meeting (around 11:30). Please email the Archives Chair ([archiveschair@area72aa.org](mailto:archiveschair@area72aa.org)) to ensure we are meeting.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

We are hoping to get our new computer hooked up and on-line in such a way as to be accessed remotely so that we can continue to manage our digital archives from remote locations. We have tentatively rescheduled the Regional Archives Workshop to sometime in the Fall. (Pending the outcome of the current health situation.)

Just in case you don't have enough to do in you're A.A. life; the Area Archives has a Work Party scheduled after each Archives Steering Committee meeting. (Pending the outcome of the COVID-19 health crisis) That is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM. Drop on by the Area Repository (3905 Steilacoom Blvd, Lakewood, WA), there's always something to do! If that is not a good time for you, drop us an email ([archiveschair@area72aa.org](mailto:archiveschair@area72aa.org), or [archivist@area72aa.org](mailto:archivist@area72aa.org)) and let us know you'd like to help out and what day or time would work for you.