



Historical/Archive Department Report

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As the museum closed up for the winter, we moved the Archive Department into winter mode.

Several things that take time, such as scanning of slides and other documents that normally are not done at the museum are moved into the winter months to get completed. These items are normally in the hands of the archive staff and are worked on while not at the museum. This gives the archive staff more time to work uninterrupted during this sometimes long hard work.

While the museum is closed for the winter, the archive department is also closed and will resume operations when the museum opens up again in 2022.

With the start of 2022, some donations are coming into the museum. As we progress, the archive department will be making several new collection available on the website for the members and the public to view.

There are several open questions to the Archive Department that will have to wait until we can return to the museum and perform research, most all the members and public that have asked those question understand that we will not be able to report back on our finding until the museum opens again.

Again I would like to remind all that most all the work taking place in the archive department is a **“Work in Progress”**.

Each month we release new materials to the archives pages. Please be on the look-out for these new items. The new material is announced in the Latest Museum News column on the website.



If you have not visited the Historical/Archive Department web page recently, please consider looking at them to see “What’s New” in the Western Pacific Documents page.

https://wplives.org/wphistory_wp_documents.html

As I point out in each of my reports every month, we still need some donation help with the materials needed to keep the archives moving forward and protecting them.

Needs for the Archives:

We are always looking for help in getting materials properly stored and we need the support of the membership with helping supply storage materials for the archives.

We still need help in getting funding and storage materials for the archive department. Should you be able to help out, please let us know!

Items listed below are still needed to help keep our collection stored properly and should you wish to help us out, we certainly would like your donation and help.

- Computer program to track all the Historical/Archive items
- Original copy of Windows 10 to be used in the Archive Department
- Archive storage boxes for 35mm slides. (We need more, as we have over 20,000 + slides and counting!)
- Large archival storage boxes

Should any member receive any donation and/or get an inquiry about a donation, please get in touch with one of the archive staff or archive committee to make sure we properly address the donation or inquiry.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers that help us in the Historical/Archive Department. In 2021 several members stepped up to give us a hand in receiving, accepting, storing and general help with the archives. Without their help it would be difficult to process and handle the donations and move to safe storage.



Thank you to all the archive staff who take the time to help us out.

Thank you to all the members of the FRRS/WPRM who contribute to the society and the archives.

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