

GRIZZLIES'58

Saturday, July 17th, 2010

Grizzlies '58 Enjoy Blake Island!

On Saturday morning, July 17th, a hearty band of twelve Grizzly 58'ers had a fabulous time cruising to Blake Island and enjoying the Tillicum Salmon Bake! The fun began at 11:30 AM when the Argosy vessel *The Lady Mary* departed Pier 55 with a full load of passengers that included our QA group: Don Giles, Vicky Foreman, Meri Gundram England, Don Hanson, Pat Fawler, Barbara Filigno, Patti Neville Smith, Pat Standard Woodhouse, Penny Walter Barker, Alan Lester and Steve & Sharon Martin.



As we left port it was cool and overcast, but the view was superb and, as we approached Blake Island, the sun began to appear from behind the clouds and as we entered the marina, most of the clouds had left and it was sunny and warm! We disembarked the boat and on the way to the lodge enjoyed steamed clams and nectar as an appetizer as several dancers danced nearby to a drumbeat in beautiful colorful native costumes. We then entered the lodge and watched the salmon being cooked over large open fires – an impressive sight! Next it was off to the main dining hall for a wonderful salmon dinner, with all the trimmings including a lovely portion of delicious chocolate cake.



The fabulous entertainment was on a large stage with a scene that included a large (lit) moon and many trees and large rocks. The play consisted of a narrator and several dancers that told stories of regional Native American tribes using both historical accounts and legend. The costumes were remarkable, the stage setting was beautiful and the dancing ended with three guys dancing with heavy raven masks on their heads that weighed between 35 and 55 pounds! The bills were manipulated by the dancers and made impressive loud clacking sounds.

Then it was time to explore the local area. Some of us hiked on nearby trails, others walked along the beach and still others just relaxed and observed boats coming and going in the state park marina. All too soon it was time to go and we loaded on the boat and had a nice sunny sail back to Pier 55, sitting together, laughing, telling stories, and just having a whale of a time! We were unanimous in wanting to do this fun event again next summer!

Here's some captions for the photos shown above (left to right):

- The Grizzly '58 gang of 12. Alan Lester, Sharon Martin, Steve Martin, Vicky Foreman, Don Giles, Penny Walter Barker, Pat Wilson Faller, Patti Neville Smith, Pat Standard Woodhouse, Don Hanson, Barbara Filigno, Meri Gundram England.
- Relaxing on the MV Lady Mary on the way to Blake Island.
- Having fun on the return to Pier 55.
- Arriving at Blake Island, Tillicum Village.
- Native dance upon arrival at Blake Island.
- Salmon cooking in traditional native manner.

Steve Martin