



Quilter Alice Rhodes and gardener Patty Snyder set up for the Mukilteo Garden and Quilt tour this Saturday, July 18. The quilt they're hanging is one of quilter Barbara Dau's titled Asian Fusion.

Beacon photo by Sara Bruestle

Make Mukilteo a destination this weekend

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Mukilteo isn't just a ferry town anymore – it's a destination.

Several community organizations in conjunction with the city of Mukilteo are hosting a series of events this weekend to turn Mukilteo into a destina-

tion city.

"Rather than have Mukilteo just be a speedway that people travel to get someplace else, we're encouraging them – and the residents here – to stop and enjoy the quality of life that we can experience here," Mukilteo Historical Society's Diane Tinsley said. "The events sponsored for this weekend really show the variety of family-oriented recreational activities that are provided in Mukilteo."

MHS and the City of Mukilteo will host a Civil War marker dedication ceremony from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

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Sunday, July 19, at Pioneer Cemetery to celebrate the military accomplishments of war veteran N.B. Fowler.

N.B. Fowler was the brother of J.D. Fowler, co-founder of Mukilteo. He served as captain of the 23rd New York Infantry, Company K. He fought in numerous battles in the Civil War, including the Second Battle of Bull Run, the Battle of Antietam and the Battle of Fredericksburg.

N.B. Fowler was the first to be buried at Pioneer Cemetery, located at 513 Webster St. in Old Town Mukilteo, at his

death in 1873.

Government markers weren't easily attainable in the West when N.B. Fowler died, so MHS is presenting one on Sunday to commemorate his war efforts, said Jim Shipman, a member of the Washington Civil War Association who will portray N.B. Fowler at the ceremony.

"Just like we have the memorials in Washington, D.C. for the veterans of Vietnam and other wars, we're honoring the significance of N.B. Fowler's contributions," Tinsley said. "There's a sen-

se of patriotism and pride in individuals fighting for their values and beliefs."

The Washington State Civil War Group Honor Guard will perform a firing of their muskets and play Taps, followed by the unveiling of the marker and the laying of a wreath on N.B. Fowler's headstone.

Other speakers include noted Pacific Northwest historian David Dilgard, descendants of Civil War veterans and historical re-enactors from MHS.

Gov. Isaac Stevens, the first governor of the Washington territory, and his son Hazard Stevens will also be honored for their military service in the Civil War during the ceremony; MHS member Mas Odoi will speak to their accomplishments.

For more information, contact Diane Tinsley at diane@mukilteohistorical.org.

Other events happening **Saturday, July 18:**

The Mukilteo Way Garden Club and the Mukilteo Lighthouse Quilters are collaborating to host their second **garden and quilt tour** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The tour features 10 gardens in and around Mukilteo and 140 handcrafted quilts.

Proceeds from the 2007 tour were funneled back into the community, including a donation to the non-profit Compass Health and two horticulture scholarships.

"It's a unique combination - you see quilt shows and garden tours all the time, but our event brings the two together," tour vice president Alice Rhodes said. "Artistically, we appreciate each other's work because we both work with different color and design combinations and work with our hands."

Tickets are \$12. Visit www.mukilteobeacon.com

[mukilteogardenandquilttour.org](http://www.mukilteogardenandquilttour.org), stop at any of the several locations listed on the Web site, or call Alice Rhodes, (425) 361-0757 to order. The day of the tour, tickets will be available at Gallery Homes Real Estate at 610 5th Street. and at Mukilteo City Hall at 11930 Cyrus Way.

For more information, contact Rhodes or visit the web site.

The Mukilteo Presbyterian Church will host a **charity luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For a \$7 donation, visitors can lunch on a variety of sandwiches, salads and desserts.

Proceeds go to the Mukilteo Food Bank, located inside the church at 4514 84th St. SW. Visitors may also bring canned or dried goods donations to the food bank, which will be open for tours.

"The food bank does a lot of good work and supports a lot of people, but it's amazing how much the need has grown," luncheon organizer Mim Loree said. "We need to support everybody."

For large group reservations or more information call Loree, (425) 355-9656 or call the church at 425-355-2802.

The Mukilteo Arts Guild and the city of Mukilteo are sponsoring the **Mukilteo Waterfront Arts Festival** from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Lighthouse Park. Visitors can browse the original artwork of more than 40 artists from the Puget Sound region, while enjoying live music, storytelling, children's activities, food and drinks. Proceeds from the food and beverage vendors benefit the Arts Guild Student Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors pursuing art in higher education.

"We're excited because this

is our first art festival in Mukilteo," guild vice president Christine Schmalz, said. "It's going to be next to the beach so people can walk along the water, have their kids play on the playground and just make a nice day of it on the Sound."

For more information call Schmalz at (425) 423-0450 or visit www.mukilteoartsguild.org.

The Mukilteo Historical Society is also providing a variety of free activities on the Mukilteo Lighthouse Station grounds at Lighthouse Park. From 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., members of MHS dressed as Mukilteo pioneers will perform **historical re-enactments** and tell stories about life in Mukilteo and Washington state in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

A **music program**, including musical performances by instructors from such schools as the Gene Nastro School will serve as intermission between the MHS storytelling.

The descendants of Civil War veterans attending the marker ceremony on Sunday will be there to share stories with other history buffs, Tinsley said. Civil War memorabilia, including discharge papers signed by President Abraham Lincoln and N.B. Fowler's sword will also be on display.

Visitors are also encouraged to tour the Mukilteo Lighthouse, explore the beach, picnic and go boating this weekend, Tinsley said.

For more information on the historical and musical performances contact Tinsley at diane@mukilteohistorical.org.