

2021 Heritage Award Recipient – John Kamb, Jr

John comes from a family with a longstanding presence in Skagit County, which he has used a basis for enriching the knowledge of area history for many years and for many people through personal connections, presentations and a variety of publications. He has served on the Board of the Historical Museum several times and has been elected as its president at least twice. He is currently President of the Skagit Pioneer Association.

John paid a particularly important role in the preservation and restoration of Skagit City School and is always ready to greet and chat with visitors who attend events at the school. He has a treasure trove of collections and artifacts that he has shared with the museum and with attendees at Skagit Topics, including political buttons and piggy banks. He maintains a Facebook page where the collections are shared with interested people near and wide. It is not unusual for folks who are searching for historical information to call John before reaching out to the Museum staff.

Equally important as the information that John possesses and shares, is the calm and supportive presence he brings to organizations. He is willing to listen, clarify and share his opinion in ways that encourage participation. He is the kind of person who “shows up” when something needs to be done, He will be missed as a Board member as his term expires, but there is no doubt that he will continue to be a resource for the Historical Society’s mission.
