

## San Juan Islands National Monument's New Docent

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The San Juan Islands National Monument is pleased to welcome our new docent for the Turn Point Light House on Lopez Island. As we recognize the legacy of the San Juan Islands, the Bureau of Land Management welcomes the return of Mrs. Carol Borchers Ericsson. Carol is the daughter of Louis A. Borchers who arrived at Turn Point May 1, 1902 as the Assistant Keeper. He was promoted to Keeper of the light house in 1906 during its height of use. With her intimate knowledge of this valued historical site and her gift at storytelling, she will inform and entertain visitors to this important part of the National Monument. "It is a pleasure and joy to meet someone with firsthand knowledge of the running of the lighthouse" Said Nick Teague the BLM recreation lead on the Islands. "I look forward to hearing her stories." Mrs. Ericsson was already instrumental in the compilation of information that is on display in the museum located in the Mule Barn at Turn Point. Her generous contributions of her grandfather's photos have brought to life many of the little seen historic secrets from the past. The museum is named in honor of her father for the important work that he took part at the turn of the century; his daughter is carrying on his legacy. The Bureau of Land Management are very grateful for our partnership with TPLPS, their stewardship for the historic resources have enriched the experience for visitors to the Turn Point Light house. Come out and meet Mrs. Ericsson as we welcome her back to the San Juan Islands.



In recognition of Carol's contributions and dedication to the Turn Point Light Station.



Margaret Jonas, Nick Teague, Carol Borchers Ericsson, Jim Bergquist



Louis A. Borchers circa 1906.