

Royal Proclamation

*Her Majesty,
Queen Bryanna Harris*



Her Majesty, Queen Bryanna Harris is delighted to proclaim the appointed days May 7 and 8, 2021 be celebrated in honor of Manson's enchanting apple blossoms and harvests. Following its elegant and joyous tradition of 100 plus years, it is proclaimed that community members and visitors alike shall join in on the magic of festivities held in our enchanting Village on the Bay. May all who join be charmed by our friendly atmosphere as we celebrate this year's crop of memorable activities.



Courtesy Manson Apple Blossom Festival
Queen Bryanna Harris (center), along with Princesses Alisson Adame (left) and Maddison Alejo (right) will reign over the 100+1 Manson Apple Blossom Festival, Rooted in Tradition Again, on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8. They were selected on Jan. 30, in a livestream broadcast thru the Manson Apple Blossom Festival Facebook page.

Bryanna Harris

Bryanna Harris is the 17-year-old daughter of Eric and Jennifer Harris and the 4th generation to graduate Manson High School. She is the older sister of her two freshman siblings, Isabelle and Griffin.

Bryanna has been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America for four years and is President her senior year. She has also been in Future Farmers of America for four years along with the Manson Jazz Cats and Pink Gloves Boxing for three while also helping start the Cat Club that meets once a month. She has played Volleyball and Softball all four years of high school. Has done Basketball and Cheerleading since her sophomore year. She is also involved in girls' multiple church and community groups. She is most proud of her four mission trips, two of which were to Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria.

She enjoys reading, skiing, photography, watching movies with her family and playing with her chocolate lab Coco. Bryanna plans to go to a four-year university to study criminal justice with a minor in business and wants to eventually author a book that encourages young girls to follow their dreams and never give up.

Her favorite show is 'The Good Witch' and her favorite book is 'The Art of Racing in the Rain' by Garth Stein. Bryanna hopes that participating in Manson Apple Blossom will encourage others to step out of their comfort zones and reach for their dreams.

In her spare time, Alisson enjoys CrossFit, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys volunteering and doing her internship with a local nonprofit organization called Thrive Chelan Valley where they help serve, empower, and advocate for local youth. A project Alisson took over her senior year was Thrives' Foods2School program where she packs and delivers bags of food every week to both Manson and Chelan schools. After graduation, Alisson plans to attend a four-year university to major in either physiology or psychology in hopes to become a physical therapist or a counselor one day.

Alisson's favorite TV show is Gilmore Girls and her favorite novel is "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros. Alisson believes participating in Apple Blossom will allow her to contribute by giving back to her community who has helped her not only grow as a person but also given her opportunities to show her leadership.

Maddison Alejo

Maddison is the 17-year-old daughter of Efrén and Artemia Alejo and is older sister to 13-year-old Emely and 8-year-old Efrén Alexander Jr.

Maddison has been an honor roll student since her sophomore year and has participated with the Manson Jazz Katz since her freshman year as their percussionist. Her interest for sports has allowed her to play varsity soccer since her freshman year and varsity basketball since her sophomore year. Her passion for music has led her to volunteer at North Shore Bible Church (NSBC) as their full-time pianist/drummer since 2016.

In her spare time, Maddison enjoys listening to music, going on hiking adventures, getting involved with all events in her local church and spending time with family and friends. Some of her other hobbies include drawing, photography, practicing her musical skills and creating simple DIY's around her home. Maddison's favorite tv show is Teen Wolf and she enjoys rereading the book "Blue Moon" by Alyson Noel.

After graduation Maddison hopes to attend one of the four universities, she has been accepted to in hopes to earn her bachelors in audio productions or graphic design. Maddison feels it would be an honor to represent the community that has helped her get to where she is now. "The community has supported me like a second family with my desires for my future and no words can describe the privilege it is to represent family."

Alisson Adame

Alisson is the daughter of Estela Pineda and Raul Adame and has two brothers and one sister; 25-year-old Ulises, 22-year-old Gisele and 12-year-old Melvin.

Alisson has served her class as senior class President and was class Vice President her sophomore year and class Secretary her freshman year. She was also student Secretary for a peer support group called Manson Connect her senior year, was Co-President of the Film and Media Club her junior year and was a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) club where she raised and showed hogs at fair her junior and senior year. In addition, Alisson has participated in volleyball her freshmen and sophomore year, winter cheer all 4 years and was Co-Captain her junior year, fall cheer her junior and senior year, and softball her freshmen, junior, and senior year.



Courtesy Sherrard Studios
Left to right 2020 Manson Apple Blossom royalty Princess Nadia Verduzco, Queen Teresa Venegas and Princess Libbey Ireland will be joining the 2021 royal court on the Manson Apple Blossom Festival float.

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Doug and Jama England to serve as grand marshals for 100+1 festival

Doug England, was raised in Manson from a long line of early Apple growers, the Davis family became the Fort family then the England family.

Jama, from Brewster, met Doug at Washington State University in the late 60's, married, attended graduate school and military service, while raising a family then moved back to Manson in the early 70's.

They have early memories of Manson Apple Blossom Festivals. They were chaperones for the dance held in the basement of the Grange Hall. Jama was asked to chair the Edible Apple Contest which she did for several years. Then she moved on to chaperone the royalty in the 1980's. Then became chairman in early 2000.

All of these were interspersed with Jama on the school board, community council, business association, working part time at Allisons and church activity. Doug was a field man for Northwest Wholesale for six years, then the manager of Manson Growers for over 40 years. Doug was also busy



Doug and Jama England.

Courtesy Manson Apple Blossom Festival

with Scouts, and served as an EMT for 20 years, and church activities. Then he served 12 years as Chelan County Commissioner.

The England's have raised many a child but are specifically responsible for Britt, Jared, Nate, Megan, and Miguel. Therefore there are 25 grandkids and two great-grandkids. Both are retired from most

things now.

This is a first to be Grand Marshals for two years - 2020 and 2021 - a novelty year. Unsure how this festival will look - lots of traditions will be changed with the Grange Hall not available for use and Kiwanis ending. COVID rules forced many changes, but being the pioneers we all are, we forge ahead to gain normalcy.

Manson Apple Blossom Festival Junior Court



Courtesy Manson Apple Blossom Festival

Left to right are: Jessa Broome, Spencer Schoenwald, Everardo Villaseñor, Daniela Vargas, Rafael Jordan Moran, and Xitlaly Marquez.



Festival Button

This year's royal court designed the 2021 Manson Apple Blossom Festival Button. They are available at the Manson Chamber of Commerce, Manson Bay Market, and Alta Winery. They are \$3 and photo buttons will be a special price of \$3 this year.

Festival Events - May 7 & 8

The 100+1 year of the Manson Apple Blossom will begin Friday evening, May 7 at 6 p.m. with the Pageant where Queen Bryanna Harris along with Princesses Alisson Adame and Maddison Alejo, who are reigning over the 100+1 Manson Apple Blossom Festival, Rooted in Tradition Again, will be officially crowned, outside under a tent at the Northshore Bible Church, located at 123 Wapato Point Parkway. A box dinner of a chicken salad croissant and flat apple pie (made locally) will be available. Cost is \$10 for anyone over 6 years of age. Those six and under can enjoy a chicken leg and flat apple pie for \$6.

Parade line up 2021

Flag VFW/American Legion
Manson Fire Department
EMT
Grand Marshals
Past royalty 50's
Manson Community Float
Jr. float
Manson preschool
Rep. Keith Goehner
Manson Growers
Precious Promise
Christian Preschool
Rep. Mike Steele
Past Royalty 60's
The Learning

Corner Preschool
Washington State Apple Blossom Float
Past Royalty 70's
Manson Chamber of Commerce barrel train
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North Cascades Bank
Lake Chelan Helicopter and England Chiropractic
Past Royalty 80's
Appleechee Queen
Lake interiors
Lake Chelan Health (hospital)

Lake Chelan Fruit
100 Years of Pittman Family Farming
Leavenworth float
Past royalty 90's
Antonio's landscaping
La Brisa
Past Royalty 00's
Chelan County Fair ambassadors
Corvette club
Past Royalty 10's
Motorcycle group
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Line-up subject to change

Festival activities continue Saturday, May 8

Pancake Breakfast

6:30-10 a.m.

Saturday, May 8 will be a busy day with the Manson Apple Blossom Pancake Breakfast kicking off the day from 6:30-10 a.m. at the Northshore Bible Church, 123 Wapato Point Parkway, under the tent. They will be serving the usual fare for \$10 for those above 6 years of age and \$5 for 6 and under.

Fun Run

8:30 a.m.

The fun run, formerly called the pig jig, starts at 8:30 a.m. in front of the business center. Register online at rnsignup.com/Race/WA/Manson/MansonAppleBlossom5K2K. More info at MansonAppleBlossom.com/events. Preregistration 7:30 a.m. in person. The race is real and virtual. Participants will receive a t-shirt.

Undercover Quilt Show

Until 3 p.m.

The Undercover Quilt Show will be at the Northshore Bible Church and will be open until 3 pm. The cost of entry is a button. Come see the handiwork done during the pandemic.

Grand Parade

11 a.m.

The Grand Parade starts at 11 a.m. in the area of Lake Chelan Building Supply. Come join in the fun and see all the returning royalty, cars, horses, and hopefully the Culls.

Royal Tea

1 p.m.

At 1 p.m. there will be a Royal Tea hosted by the current royalty for the past Royalty only at the Northshore Bible Church. This year is the first year where all past royalty are invited back to participate in the pageant, parade and a royal tea. The Manson Apple Blossom committee invites all past royalty to bring your crown and come join in all the festivities. Email: mansonappleblossom@yahoo.com

Entry forms for events at mansonappleblossom.com

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A look back at past Manson Royalty Where are they now?

Norm Manly, Community Volunteer, visits with past Manson Apple Blossom Royalty

By NORM MANLY,
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

This installment of "Where Are They Now" features Mona (Miller) Ferguson, one of three sisters that served as Manson Apple Blossom royalty over the years. Mona was Manson Apple Blossom Queen in 1982. Sister Susie (Miller) Fox was Queen in 1980 and Kathy (Miller) Jackson served as Princess in 1981.

The theme of the 1982 Manson Apple Blossom Festival was "Extra Fancy". The Manson Apple Blossom Committee was led by Chairman Nancy Stotko, Vice Chairman Shannon Byquist, Treasurer Karen Jeffries and Secretary Susie Clausen.

We asked Mona why she ran for Manson Apple Blossom royalty and she said, "Honestly, I always dreamed of being Queen at our festival and since my sisters served as royalty, I had too! I really loved the parades. It was so exciting to put on my crown, my beautiful white dress and smile and wave along the parade route," Mona said with a big grin.

Mona thanks her grandparents, Willie and Wanda Miller for their support during her reign as Queen. "They owned the Variety Store in Manson (where Northshore Café is located today), they were loved by everyone. Grandma Wanda attended every event the Miller girls were part of, she was our cheerleader along with dad and mom (Gary and Sandy Miller).

Shortly after graduation from Manson High School Mona packed her bags and moved to Hawaii, no plans, no job, just a dream of bigger and better things to come; Mona is a free-spirit! It didn't take long to enter the working world, she spent seven years working as a flight attendant for American and Continental Airlines.



Daryl and Mona Ferguson.

Mona returned to Manson in 1990 and was ready to start a family in her hometown. Mona laughs when she said, "You will not believe how many different jobs I've had in my life. Some of my friends will remember me from my time at the Boat Company, or the years I owned and managed the Cabana Motel in Chelan. Others know me from my 14 years as a Mammogram Tech at Confluence Health. Currently I am working for my daughter, Allie Hoyt at Chelan Valley Property Management Company. I have two wonderful grandkids, Hudson (5) and Addisyn (3) Hoyt."

Mona's youngest daughter, Emma Stockhalm graduated last year from the University of Montana, attending on a basketball scholarship. Mona has amazing memories attending Emma's games in Montana. Emma currently lives in San Diego with her boyfriend, Adam and she works as a teacher. Emma has mom's crafting talents and will continue the "Manson Apple Blossom crown making" tradition in the family.

If you look up "volunteer" in the dictionary you will find Daryl Ferguson, Mona's husband. A member of the Lake

Chelan Rotary, he has volunteered at the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival for the last 26 years. Daryl has served on the Parade Committee for the Manson Apple Blossom Festival for six years, working with Megan Scholenwald. Daryl shared some great news with me as he just got word Wenatchee will hold their Apple Blossom Grand Parade on June 12.

Two years ago Mona took on the job of making crowns for the Manson Apple Blossom Festival, a family tradition since 1948. Edna Bennett made the first Apple Blossom crowns in 1948. Edna made crowns for 29 years then passed the baton to her daughter-in-law Nita Bennett who continued the tradition for nine years. In 1986 Susi Bennett took on crown making duties until 2019 when she stepped down and Mona took on the duties. Mona said, "It's all about the community. I want to keep that tradition alive and well." Mona has her crown making shop in the basement level of their beautiful home overlooking Lake Chelan.

When asked to give advice to girls thinking about running for Manson Apple Blossom royalty Mona said, "Definitely do it! It is a chance to learn about yourself, sharpen your skills as a public speaker and learn about our amazing community. The best part is you get to wear one of the awesome crowns I've recently made."



Left to right 1982 Manson Apple Blossom Royalty Queen Mona Miller, Jeff Gilbert, Princess Sheila Seymour, Lonnie McClellan, Princess Roxanne Van Doren and Tony Armbruster.

Manson Apple Blossom History

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1921

Wednesday, May 11 was the first Manson Apple Blossom Festival. Nearly 500 guests responded to Manson's "Farm Bureau" invitation. The exercises were held at the Manson Pavilion. Mrs. E.A. Butterbaugh played the piano, while senior members of the Sunday School sang a song. M.E. Field delivered the welcome and spoke of what Manson was 30 years ago and the struggles early settlers had to undergo to make Manson what it was. Thirteen little girls gave a blossom drill with a song. After the program came the unique banquet at the new Manson Fruit Growers packing room nearby. This was followed by an auto parade of 125-200 autos through the orchards. A dance was held later that night at the pavilion.

1922

M. E. Field was again the toastmaster for the Manson Apple Blossom Festival which took the form of a picnic at the Growers Union Warehouse. This was followed by a lively game of baseball between the Chelan and Manson boys at the Mission Church diamond, and a dance at the pavilion in the evening.

1923

J. O. Killian was the general chairman. About 700 people gathered at the Manson Growers Warehouse for a basket lunch. The programs, "Johnny



Gary Bégin/LCM File Photo
Queen Ruby Phelps was the first queen of the Manson Apple Blossom Festival and reigned over the 1928 festival.

Apple Seed" and "Mid Summer Eve", were presented by both the high school and grade school students, as well as community members.

1924

Mr. A.N. Banks was the

general chairman. April 30 was the first festival held at the new Community Hall. Around 600 people were in attendance.

By NORM MANLY,
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

While interviewing the 1987 Manson Apple Blossom Queen, Brooke (Stevenson) Isaak, for a "Where Are They Now" article, I immediately titled her as the "Can Do Girl". Brooke is a very humble, optimistic and goal-oriented person. We are fortunate she is living in our community.

Billboard's number one song in 1987 was "Walk Like an Egyptian" by The Bangles, "Platoon" won the Academy Award for Best Picture and the Minnesota Twins beat St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series. Back home, of equal importance, the Manson Community selected royalty for the Manson Apple Blossom Festival. This year's theme was "A Little Bit of Heaven", royalty included Queen Brooke (Stevenson) Isaak and Princesses Amy (La Mar) Dobbs and Lauri (Burrue) Grindstaff. Royalty Escorts were Todd Jeffries, Jamie Stenoien and Mike Harris.

When asked why she ran for Manson Apple Blossom royalty Brooke said, "I looked at it as a way to give back to a community that had provided me with so much support. It was my goal to represent Manson in a positive and professional way." Did you have a mentor while attending Manson High School? "Joe Teague was our counselor, and coach. He was a very special person to all students, a great listener and provided guidance when asked. I played all sports, volleyball, basketball, softball. Coach Teague was there to help



Scott and Brooke Isaak.

me improve my skills and learn the importance of teamwork. He was my rock star!"

Brooke's favorite memory while serving as Queen was riding the float in the Manson Apple Blossom Parade. "It brought tears to my eyes to see so many people from our community turning out to support the event. It was also a special time of the year as we moved from winter to spring," Brooke said.

After graduation Brooke attended Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. She graduated in 1991 with degrees in Business and Finance. With encouragement from a mentor, Brooke moved to New York City and began working for the money management firm McCowan Associates. Her role in the firm

was to research and recommend stocks for their Portfolio Managers to invest. Starbucks was one of her most memorable recommendations as she had to convince her managers that the coffee trend was here to stay. Eventually Brooke had her fill of the big city and three years later she returned to Seattle and went to work for Laird Norton Trust as a Research Analyst, studying the stock market for positive opportunities. She remained there for two years.

Her next step was a big one with the opening of "Island Candle", her first business in 1996. The business grew fast and soon they were selling thousands of candles to Nordstrom's, REI and Neiman Marcus. In 1997 Brooke married Alan Grossberg and during their 12-year marriage

were blessed with two children, Miles and Piper.

Brooke eventually sold Island Candle so she could concentrate on raising her children yet always yearned for her next professional opportunity. In 2010 she turned to learning the business of Real Estate working as a realtor for Realogics Sotheby's International Realty, selling exceptional properties in Eastern Washington.

Brooke married Scott Isaak in 2013 and settled herself back in Chelan, resulting in moving her business to Coldwell Banker at Lake Chelan. After a few years and a passion for food, Brooke and her husband were captivated by the franchise Sweeto Burrito—a fast casual restaurant specializing in big flavored burritos. Since opening their first store in Spokane Valley they added three more stores in Spokane and Coeur D'Alene.

With all this going on Brooke still finds time to volunteer. She served as "Mentoring Director" for Thrive Chelan Valley, a non-profit that exists to "serve, empower and advocate for all Lake Chelan Valley youth". She also serves on the Board of The Community Center at Lake Chelan. The mission of The Community Center is to "connect people with the resources they need and with each other in order to enhance the quality of life in the Lake Chelan Valley".

Brooke and Scott recently built a home on the South Shore. As a blended family they have seven amazing children ranging in age 12 to 27. They enjoy traveling the country in their plane that Scott pilots, playing in pickleball tournaments wherever they can find a game and watching their kids flourish in their lives.

When asked why a Manson student should consider running for Manson Apple Blossom royalty she responded, "The pageant builds self-confidence and encourages you to become a better public speaker. The experience pushes you out of your comfort zone, which opens many doors. It is also a great resume builder."



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Left to right 1987 Manson Apple Blossom Royalty Princess Amy (La Mar) Dobbs, Queen Brooke (Stevenson) Isaak and Princess Lauri (Burrue) Grindstaff.

HISTORY

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1925

The Chelan Leader contained the following proclamation, "To all the People of Chelan: Be it known that Friday, May 1 is the day set aside for the Manson Apple Blossom Festival and therefore the afternoon has been proclaimed a holiday. All business establishments are requested to close during the Festival and join with Manson in celebrating their Apple Blossom Festival" The festival began with a basket picnic at the Community Hall, attended by an estimated 1000 people. After a baseball game played near the old Indian Church everyone returned to the hall for the evening program. A dance

followed with approximately 300 attending.

1926

Friday, April 23 saw the largest crowd to date at the festival. J. O. Killian, entertainment chairman, introduced A. N. Banks who gave the welcome. School children performed "Yankee Doodle" and a pageant depicting various episodes in American history. Wenatchee's queen was in attendance. The afternoon baseball game between Wenatchee and Manson was followed by an evening program with various entertaining selections, including a Maypole Dance. By ten o'clock the floor was cleared and the dancing began.

1927

The Manson Grange con-

ducted the festival this year (and many to follow). The Manson Military Band attired in their new uniforms appeared on the streets of Chelan playing lively military music to remind Chelan folks of the festival. Wenatchee's Queen Beatrice and Princesses Marjorie and Ruby were in attendance for the afternoon program. Mr. Wellington Pegg of Wenatchee addressed the audience and "went so far as to predict that time would see 10,000 people living on the shores of Lake Chelan". The usual evening program and dance followed.

1928

Queen Ruby Phelps was the first queen of the Manson Apple Blossom Festival. Flower Girls were Juanita Davis and Betty Holden

History Tidbits

women (Edna Bennett, Nita Bennett, Susi Bennett) who created the first crowns for the royalties starting in 1948.

Mona Ferguson is the next Bennett family member making the royals crowns. She took over from Susi Bennett who retired from crown making in 2019.

- The only outdoor coronation was held in 1949.

- The coronation robe was added in 1960 for Queen Jeanine Ferree.

- Picnic and Basket lunches were served until 1938 when the chicken noodle dinner was added, yet in 1969 and 1970 fried chicken box lunches were served.

- The Lake Chelan Fort-nightly Club began honoring the Royalty in 1970.
- In 1973, Edna Bennett made a permanent crown and scepter, with personal tiaras for the Queen and Princesses which The Apple Blossom Committee kept.

- The Edible Apple Contest began in 1980 in which Jama England was the first chairperson.

- In 1985, the Royal Court had a Queen and seven Princesses.

- Two queens were ill during their reigns. Barbara Fort had the mumps in 1943 and Pam Blessin had the measles in 1973.



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and Princess Maddison Alejo
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1992 Queen Mindy Jeffries and Princesses Tara Jean Kalian,
Tara Marie Querin and Danielle Wieting

Rest In Peace Tara Querin Riggs (1973-2021)



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- The 1947 Manson Apple Blossom Festival was special for two main reasons. The Festival was moved to Saturday and the first parade was held that year. The parade route was uphill, from west to east.

- The first Manson Apple Blossom Festival button was added in 1949. Many buttons were ordered and the extra buttons were used the following year. The date 1950 was printed over the previous year's date with fingernail polish.

- There were three Bennett