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99th Annual Manson Apple Blossom Festival

May 9-11 2019

Royal Proclamation

*Her Majesty,
Queen Megan Clausen*



Her Majesty, Queen Megan Clausen is delighted to proclaim the appointed days May 10 and 11, 2019 be celebrated in honor of Manson's enchanting apple blossoms and harvests. Following its elegant and joyous tradition of 99 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.

Crown making, a family tradition since 1948

BY DIANA PIÑON STAFF WRITER

MANSON – It was 1948 when Edna Bennett started making crowns for the Manson Apple Blossom royalties – ever since the tradition was kept in the family.

That year Queen Marjorie Bennett wore the first crown ever made by Edna. Before then there was no crown given to the Queen nor Princesses. The handmade crowns are made from shells that are formed into apple blossoms, decorated with nail polish and unique rhinestones. “Grandma Bennett worked with shells down at Wapato Point and she was allowed by the Indians

A permanent crown and scepter for the Queen, along with tiaras for the Princesses were made by Edna in 1973.



Photo by Diana Piñon

Mona Ferguson (left) is the next Bennett family member who will take over the Apple Blossom crown-making. This 2019 is Susi Bennett's last year in charge of the crowns.

to look and get shells,” said Susi Bennett.

A permanent crown and scepter for the Queen, along

with tiaras for the Princesses were made by Edna in 1973. Those items are kept by the Apple Blossom Committee

and every year the royalty gets to wear them for a year

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Manson Apple Blossom Festival Grand Marshal Dean Morehead



Photo courtesy of Manson Apple Blossom Committee

Left to right: Princess Perla Viviana Villasenor, Princess Marisol Mendoza, Dean Morehead, and Queen Megan Clausen.

BY MANSON APPLE BLOSSOM COMMITTEE

Dean was very surprised and humbled to be asked to be Grand Marshal of the Manson Apple Blossom Parade. It, frankly, shocked him but he is honored to act in that capacity.

Dean's early years were spent in Manson where both of his parents were educators. He later moved with his parents to Lester, a stop on the railroad line between Snoqualmie Pass and Cle Elum, in the Tacoma watershed.

There were two students in his grade level. He lived there two years before going to live with a family in Manson. He attended four high schools in four years. In spite of living several different places, Manson has always been “home.”

Following his high school graduation, Dean attended Washington State University and was involved in ROTC. Upon graduation in 1969, he served in the U.S. Army, attending Armor and Aviation schools. He served in Vietnam as a Cobra helicopter

pilot.

He taught Spanish, English, and Social Studies in Brewster for six years and in Manson for 27 years. In addition, for several years, he taught English to parents in the evenings. In 1994-95, he spent eight months teaching English to Spanish speaking students in Cali, Colombia. To enrich the cultural experience for his students, Dean led several groups of Manson students to Mexico and Spain during the summer months.

In 1996, he married Kaki

and now has three children and eight grandchildren.

Dean enjoys golfing, travel, and spending time at his cabin at Canoe Creek. He served as president of Habitat for Humanity and Kiwanis. Dean was a Scout Master for Boy Scouts of America, having earned his Eagle Scout Award in his youth. He also volunteered with Lake Chelan Marine patrol. For many years, he tabulated the Apple Blossom Royalty selection ballots.

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- 2010 Irma Keeney
- 2009 Susi Bennett
- 2008 The La Mar Family
- 2007 Richard & Lauretta Parr
- 2006 Allen & Judy Steele
- 2005 Terry Urness Family
- 2004 Kathy Miller
- 2003 Ben & Elaine Smalley
- 2002 Alice Killian
- 2001 Dan Farrell
- 2000 Buddy and Martha McClellan
- 1999 Larry & Dorine Eldred
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- 1996 Leo & Helen Louis England
- 1995 Beemer & Ruby Sutterfield
- 1994 Wayne Stanford
- 1993 Cora Hartley
- 1992 Dick & Shirley Cochran
- 1991 Vic Ashmun
- 1990 Junior Cadillac Band
- 1989 Orville (Cork) Ott
- 1988 William (Bill) Harding, Jr.
- 1987 Barbara Fort Hisel
- 1986 Georgia Pittman
- 1985 Ruby Brown
- 1984 Ivan Morse
- 1983 Dick Ward
- 1982 Boyd & Barbara Walter
- 1981 Jess Peck
- 1980 Clara Strong
- 1979 Willis & Wanda Miller
- 1978 Jack Bryne
- 1977 John & Edna Bennett
- 1976 Louis & Margaret Wapato and Lucy Evans
- 1975 George (Pop) Barkley

Manson Apple Blossom Festival Featured Quilter Karen Jeffries

I was born and raised in Manson and attended Manson Elementary, Junior High and High School, graduating in 1969. After graduation, I attended Eastern Washington University for two years. In 1971, I married Marvin Jeffries and we have been married for over 47 years. Marv went on active duty in the Navy, and we were stationed in Northern California and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. We returned to Manson to raise our family. We have two children Heather Coe, who is married to John Coe and teaches with John in Lake Stevens. They have a daughter Madelynn and a son Coren. Our son Sean lives and teaches in McCall, Idaho. I retired from Manson School District in 2014 after working 30 years as a paraeducator.

I took my first quilting class from "Little Sister Quilts" in 1999. My first quilt was called a sampler quilt and will be on display at the quilt show. I have come a long way since that quilt was made. Learning how to hand appliqué has been one I enjoyed because I enjoy working on them during football, basketball and baseball games. Now that I've made a quilt using machine appliqué, I think I enjoy doing hand appliqué better.

In the early 2000's, I joined the quilting guild. Since then, I have enjoyed the Leavenworth retreat and all the help from the fellow quilters. For about 15 years, I've belonged to Round Robin with eight other ladies. We have fun quilting, eating, and just sharing about our families.

This is such an honor to represent our guild and show what I've been quilting over the years.



Photo courtesy of Manson Apple Blossom Committee
Manson Apple Blossom Festival Featured Quilter Karen Jeffries.

CROWNS

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during their reign. After 29 years, in 1977 Edna handed down the crown-making to Nita Bennett, her daughter-in-law. Nine years later, in 1986 Susi was asked to own the crown-making responsibility, with no hesitation she accepted it. Susi's very first crowns adorned the head's of the 1986 Royalty.

From 1977 to 2006 Susi was a P.E. and Biology teacher at the Manson Secondary School where she taught middle and high schoolers.

Each Bennett has added their personal touch to the design of the crowns. Susi's typically incorporated a large crown for the Queen and two smaller crowns for the Prin-



Mrs. John Bennett
Manson's royal crown maker

Photos by Diana Piñon

Edna Bennett started the family tradition of crown-making in 1948 for the Apple Blossom Royalty. BELOW: Mona Ferguson's crown (middle) along with two other crowns made by Susi Bennett for past royalties to wear in the Apple Blossom Parade.

cesses. "I try not to do the same thing twice, so they are different and it is something special," explained Susi. The crown-making process starts



once the Apple Blossom committee discloses the theme and color of the year's float.

Thirty-three years after making her first crown, Susi hands down the crown-making responsibilities to her cousin Mona Ferguson for the 2020 festivities.

Throughout the years, Susi enjoyed going up to the school and fixing the

royalty's crowns. "I take my little box. In my little box I have all the leftover pieces with my glue and that's a really fun part because I get to talk to them," said Susi. Memorable crowns she made include the ones from 1987, 1988 and 1986.

Mona will be in charge of creating the crowns for the 100th annual Manson Apple Blossom Royalty. Mona was a Manson Apple Blossom Queen herself back in 1982, during her senior year which she said was a life-changing experience.

Three years ago, Mona recalls Susi asking her if she was interested in taking over the crown-making. Now the time has come and as she prepares to take over, her mind is already filled with creative designs. At the moment she has been playing around and has already created one crown that has lots of glitter and sparkles. "To me it's all about the community ... I want to keep that tradition alive and well," Mona said.

As she handed the baton to the next member of the Bennett family Susi said, "we love to do this, it's our donation to the community."

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Manson Apple Blossom Festival Arch Bearers



2019 Arch Bearers are left to right: Ana Celia Suarez, Nadia Tejada, Crystal Mendoza, Libbey Ireland, Raeauna Mogan, Evelyn DeJesus, Brenda Alonso, Lesley Alvarez, Nadia Verduzco, and Teresa Venegas. Photo courtesy of Manson Apple Blossom Committee



www.mansonappleblossom.com

Manson Apple Blossom float wins award



Photo courtesy of Lindsay Timmermans

The 99th Manson Apple Blossom float won the Golden Apple Award for their float at the 100th Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival parade on Saturday, May 4 in Wenatchee. Pictured with float are Queen Megan Clausen and escort Oliver Ellingson; Princess Perla Villasenor and escort Avery Thompson and Princess Marisol Mendoza and escort Cole Beazley.



Manson Apple Blossom Festival Junior Court



Photo courtesy of Manson Apple Blossom Committee

Apple Blossom Enchanted Kindergartners: Back row, left to right: Josselyne Sanchez, Noah Broome, Magali Leyva and Jorge Marthen-Salinas. Front row left to right: Geysler Didra, Marlie Thompson, Ramon Olivera, and Tatym Sutherland.

Manson Apple Blossom Festival Events

Thursday-Saturday, May 9-11
Student and Community Art Show

10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, Allisons of Manson, 71 Wapato Way. Come view the latest art from students and community members from the Lake Chelan Valley. Preview the artwork of the local community and students. Chairpersons: Nancy Stark and Phil Thomas

Friday, May 10
Chicken Noodle Dinner and Pageant

Dinner at 5 p.m., Manson High School; Coronation at 6:30 pm. Manson High School Gym. Enjoy the Chicken Noodle Dinner followed by the formal crowning of reigning Queen Megan and hear her Royal Proclamation to officially begin the festival weekend. Following the Royalty will provide flowered arches for the Royalty's grand entrance and exit. The Ladies in Waiting will provide flowered arches for the Royalty's grand entrance and exit. The Ladies in Waiting will be the Kindergarten Junior Court of flower girls, train bearers and trumpeters. Entertainment will be provided by the 4th and 5th grades of Manson Elementary for the enjoyment of the Royal Court and those in attendance. The evening will end with Queen Megan and her Princesses leading the traditional Grand March. Chairpersons: Heather Ireland and



Hayli Thompson

Saturday, May 11
Manson Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

6:30-10 a.m., Manson Grange Hall basement. A delicious faire of pancakes, eggs, ham, juice and coffee. \$8 adults, \$5 kids 12 and under.

Pig Jig Fun Run
Registration 7:30 a.m. - Race 8:30 a.m., downtown Manson. Turn in your registration early for a discount rate. All ages are welcome to participate in the 2k or 5k race. Registration forms at www.northcascadesbank.com. Chairperson: Kyla Allen. Sponsored by North Cascades Bank.

Street Fair
Bright and early at 8 a.m., Saturday morning. Along main street our vendors will display their wares... come meet our new vendors! Chairperson: Linda Blessin

Quilt Show

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Manson Grange Hall, upper level. View the homemade quilts and vote for your favorite. Featured quilter this year is Karen Jeffries. Come see her collection and other beautiful quilts. Chairperson: Chelan Valley Undercover Quilters, Christy Libbey and Sue Neff

Parade 11 a.m.

11 a.m., downtown Manson. This year's parade will be led by Grand Marshal Dean Morehead. The Royal Court of the Manson Apple Blossom Festival will follow riding on the Apple Blossom Float designed and built by Diana Ellsworth and Kathy Pittman. Floats, marching bands, horses and lots of fun await you at the annual Apple Blossom Parade. Chairperson: Megan Schoenwald

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

1-5 p.m., end of the parade route, by the fire station. For more information visit www.mansonparks.com or call 687-9835. Prize and t-shirts for participants.



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2019 Manson Apple Blossom Royal Court and Escorts



Queen Megan Clausen and escort Oliver Ellingson
Left: Princess Perla Villasenor and escort Avery Thompson
Right: Princess Marisol Mendoza and escort Cole Beazley

Photo courtesy of Manson Apple Blossom Committee

Manson Apple Blossom Festival History

By MANSON APPLE BLOSSOM COMMITTEE

The first Manson Apple Blossom Festival was held on Wednesday, May 11, 1921. The first royalty queen of the festival was Ruby Phelps Brown in 1928. 1947's 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 women (Edna Bennett, Nita Bennett, Susi Bennett) who created the first crowns for the

royalties starting in 1948.

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 Fortnightly 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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This year the Manson Apple Festival honors royalty from the years:

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Button Designer Winner
Isabella Wisdom

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Manson Apple Blossom Festival Parade Lineup

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|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Flag VFW/
American Legion | 36. Past Royalty 1989
Restaurant | 47. Lake Interiors |
| 2. Manson Fire Department | 37. Quincy Junior
High School Band | 48. Past Royalty 2009 |
| 3. U.S. Forest Service | 38. Manson Car Club | 49. Foothills Middle
School Band |
| 4. EMT | 39. The Village at the
lake HOA | 50. Lake Chelan Pirates |
| 5. Manson High School
Band | 40. Chelan Fire and Rescue | 51. Neighborhood
Street Rods |
| 6. Grand Marshal | 41. Chelan Valley
Community Nurse | 52. The Culls |
| 7. Kiwanis | 42. Past Royalty 1999 | 53. Butte Brand |
| 8. Manson High School
Float | 43. Pioneer Middle
School Band | 54. Manson Middle
School Band |
| 9. Jr. Float | 44. Wenatchee Valley
Corvette Club | Parade lineup
subject to change |
| 10. Manson Parks Office | 45. Antonio's
Landscaping and
Rock Walls | Chairperson:
Megan Schoenwald |
| 11. Representative
Keith Goehner | 46. La Brisa Mexican | |
| 12. North Cascades Bank | | |
| 13. The Learning
Corner Preschool | | |
| 14. Cashmere Middle
School Band | | |
| 15. Cashmere Float
Association | | |
| 16. Past Royalty 1959 | | |
| 17. Manson Community
Library | | |
| 18. Representative
Mike Steele | | |
| 19. Heritage Heights | | |
| 20. Lake Chelan
Helicopter and
England Chiropractic | | |
| 21. Pateros Middle
and High School Band | | |
| 22. Precious Promise
Preschool | | |
| 23. Washington State
Apple Blossom Float | | |
| 24. Lions Club | | |
| 25. Past Royalty 1969 | | |
| 26. Lake Chelan
Shotokan Karate | | |
| 27. Lake Chelan High
School Band | | |
| 28. Miss Lake Chelan | | |
| 29. RE/MAX | | |
| 30. Chelan County Fair
Ambassadors | | |
| 31. Past Royalty 1979 | | |
| 32. Cub Scouts pack 59 | | |
| 33. Lake Chelan
Middle School Band | | |
| 34. Lake Chelan
Community Hospitals
and Clinics | | |
| 35. Windermere SUP
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