

Videographer captures personal histories, tributes

Vikky Dauciunas — that's pronounced "da-Q-ness" — likes people and she believes that each of us has an interesting story to tell.

That's why she's a "personal historian," making video recordings that focus on the lives and key events of "ordinary" people who want a video for their families, friends and descendents.

Dauciunas has launched a new business in Friday Harbor, Vikkyd Productions, Inc. — say it "Vikky D" — to create a range of video products including tributes, scrapbooks, memoirs, and even "video ethical wills" so that each of us can talk directly to our families, friends and descendents after we're gone.

"Telling your story through video is the perfect way to preserve and share who you are,"

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said Dauciunas, who started making videos 10 years ago in California. "And it's a priceless gift for loved ones."

Vikkyd Productions is already at work with several islanders and island families to record and preserve their lives and experiences. This summer, Dauciunas produced a video tribute for Mary Rice's 80th birthday celebration.

Dr. Rice, of Friday Harbor Labs, said she's "overwhelmed" by the "amazing" DVD that Vikkyd Productions turned out for her.

Dauciunas is working with the San Juan Historical Museum



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to update its library of oral his-

stories. This includes digitizing the library to CD and to a format that can be loaded to digital media players, such as iPods and MP3 players.

"The stories have taught me so much about the wonderful place we live in," she said. "Listening to the voices brings alive how it was many years ago, here on the island."

For those who prefer the oral tradition of the spoken word, Vikkyd Productions can also record stories on audio CDs.

Before moving to Friday Harbor four years ago with her husband, Vince, Dauciunas

worked in the corporate world. She's using her business savvy to produce various types of video promotions that help local businesses and non-profits to "tell the story" of their products and services.

Grant Calverly of San Juan Timberframes reports that "the 2006 Seattle Street of Dreams Video Kiosk" Vikkyd Productions did for him "has already brought in several qualified leads" in just a few weeks of its display.

"The quality was fantastic. I can't wait for our next project with Vikky, which will be a targeted video brochure."

Dauciunas is a member of the Association of Personal Historians.

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