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Newsletter of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society - Two Rivers Heritage Museum
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From The President...

Thank you all for supporting the Camas-Washougal Historical Society. Your membership is very important to the continued operations of the Society and the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. Last year, the Museum logged over 4,600 volunteer hours. It takes a village to make your Museum successful. You can help by volunteering to be a host/hostess for a 4-hour shift per month.

The Museum received a grant from the Beals Memorial Fund again this year totaling \$7,972.00. The funds will be applied to new paint for the exterior and interior of the Museum, replacing two outdated computers, and display enhancements. A special thanks to Steve Daniels for his efforts to apply for and report the grant activities.

If you have a Fred Meyer rewards card you can help the Museum earn \$ by signing up for their Community Rewards Program. No cost to you or loss of your rewards points. They will simply donate a small percentage of your purchase value to the nonprofit of your choice. Choose the Museum at www.FredMeyer.com>Company information>Community Programs>Community Rewards. Search for us by our name or our non-profit number: **85742**.

The Museum still needs a Volunteer Director to oversee day to day operations and planning. If you or someone you know may be interested please let us know.

The Museum has received a lot of positive feedback on our Facebook page. Take a look and "Like" us when you get a chance. Remember, you do not need a Facebook account to visit our page, just enter www.facebook.com/2rhmuseum in your browser and enjoy.

The Museum web site is in the last stage of development and should be on line soon. So stay tuned, we will let you all know when the website goes live.

Bring your family and friends to the Two Rivers Heritage Museum!

- *Richard Johnson, President, Camas-Washougal Historical Society*

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Beals Grant Honor Received

For the fourth year in a row Camas Washougal Historical Society (CWHS) has been honored to receive the Chester and Marion Beals Memorial Grant. The Board approved several projects including partial funding for painting the exterior of the Museum and carriage house; replacement of two computers: two portable canopies; display dividers of Museum exhibits and a volunteer appreciation activity planned for later this year.

- *Steve Daniels, Beals Grant Committee Chairperson*

Quarterly Meeting Program

BASKETS HOLD HISTORICAL TREASURES

As one of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum fine exhibits, the Native American baskets will be featured in the Camas-Washougal Historical Society presentation on Saturday, August 30 at 2 p.m. at the Camas Police Station.

The stories held by these beautiful baskets will be shared by Donna Martinez, basket curator of the Museum. Donna is a basket weaver herself and is one of the Museum's newer volunteers. A native of the Pacific Northwest and having Southwest Indian ancestry, she has been a resident of Clark County since 1995. She is a member of the Columbia Basin Basketry Guild and chose to join the Two Rivers Heritage Museum as a volunteer. She would like to help tell the fascinating and historical story of Camas and Washougal and participate in basketry curation from within the world of a small local museum.

Donna will weave the information of the origins of the Museum's basket collection with information on the creation of the baskets and how they were used in their cultures.

This presentation is one of a series of offering insight into the rich history of Camas and Washougal reflected through the collection of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. Please join us on Saturday, August 30.

HERITAGE DAYS

Join us Saturday, September 6



The Two Rivers Heritage Museum opens its doors to everyone on Saturday, September 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Annual Heritage Days. Along with free admission to the Museum there will be demonstrations of blacksmithing, rug weaving on the Museum's new loom and spinning and vendors for your shopping pleasure.

Drawings for many gifts from the community will include a Pendleton Blanket and gift certificates. Tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. You do not have to be present to win.

Top off the day with a hotdog lunch, a root beer float and/or an ice cream sundae and drinks at the Heritage Days Ice Cream Social, 'Under the Big Top.'

SAVE THIS DATE, *September 6* and join us at 1 Durgan Street, Washougal for a day of fun. Come and enjoy your local Museum. For questions, including vendor information, call 360-835-5449.

Volunteer News

Are you bored? Are you tired of sitting in front of the TV? Would you like to make new friends? Meet interesting people from this area? I have a solution...come join us at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum as a volunteer. We have openings for host and hostesses. We will train you.

It is easy and most of all, it is fun. You can volunteer for as little as four hours per month. We also need photo curators, gardeners, research assistants, inventory recorders, and maintenance help. There are many areas of involvement that will fit your interest. Please call 360-835-5449.

- *Lois Cobb, Volunteer Coordinator*

You've Got Just the Ticket

Attached to this newsletter is your very own, free raffle ticket for our Heritage Day drawings. Just fill in your name and contact and drop it off at the Museum during normal business hours or at Heritage Day. While you're here we hope you'll purchase a few more winning tickets! Proceeds help Museum operation all through the year.

From the Tool Bag

There's a new look to the Two Rivers Heritage Museum this month. Glenn Hartman & Sons Painting has replaced the old mustard color on the exterior with a cleaner, appealing look. Funding from the 2014 Beals Memorial Fund grant provided a much needed new paint covering to our facility. Check out our new look!

Thanks to Alma Ladd and volunteers who relocated all the Plant Fair plants from around the building so the painters could do their jobs.

-Walt Eby, Maintenance/Display Coordinator



Plant fair customers enjoy healthy and unique varieties of plants we have to offer.



Plant Fairs Blossom!

Two very successful Plant Fairs were held at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum this spring. We made over \$2,000 for the Museum with plants, bird houses, garden signs and bird baths in May and June. We thank everyone who helped make the Plant Fairs a successful fund raiser.

The plants featured at the Plant Fairs are all locally grown plants from the many beautiful gardens of Camas and Washougal. If you have extra plants during your spring gardening next year please call the Museum and we will arrange to welcome them to the Museum Plant Fair and can arrange to help dig them, if needed. We especially have requests for peonies, herbs, purple and white lilacs and hosta lilies.

Call the Museum and leave a message for Alma at 835-8742 to donate any plants. Special thank yous go to the Community Garden Club Members: Lilla Larson, Lois & Jim Cobb, Bruce & Ginger Fagg, Jack Ross, Wanita Griggs, Carol Phillips, Gail & Don Hagen, Walt & Pauline Eby, Richard & Karen Johnson, Marilyn Brown, Norman Vaughn, Josh Stahly, Steve Heil, Bernie Englund, Dick Lindstrom, Patti Mingus, Pat Suggs, Brad London, Millie Goodall, Collin Murray, DeEtte Ford, Steve Komlofske, Jan Gustafson, and all the many others that helped throughout the year.

- Alma Ladd, The Plant Lady

Message from our Development Director

Two Rivers Heritage Museum's value to the community is being recognized in multiple ways. An after-hours event for the Chamber of Commerce, our presence at the Camas History Appreciation Day, participation in the Washougal Main Street Informational event and our participation with the C-W Port waterfront project keep our Museum on many community "radar" screens. This month, the Museum hosted the Local Connections Business Group welcoming 20 people here. I expect that each person attending will become a multiplier of five times to tell others about the treasure which is our Museum.

In our first planning session last spring, we assessed our strengths and weaknesses with the prospect of moving on to the opportunities our future holds in our community and the region. The future holds much promise for us. We are moving into Stage Two of planning to identify and initiate programs and pursuing grants that will serve as the foundation for growth.

Our location is ideal. Mini tours can be linked to the Pendleton Mill tours and store and to nearby historic sites – a mile in both directions – east and west. As a group, we have many innovative ideas and hope to bring some of them to the Implementation Stage in the year ahead.

- Lucia Worthington, Director of Development

Stay Informed Electronically!

The Historical Society is building an email network for short, monthly updates. Would you like to be in the loop? Email trhm@trhm.comcastbiz.net and join the network. Watch for updates from President Richard Johnson.

Also, be sure to "Like" us on Facebook and "Share" the news you find interesting. Go to www.facebook.com/2rhmuseum



If you have an interest in gardening, Alma could sure use some help in keeping our potted plants watered! Call the museum to volunteer. It's an easy way to help.

Basket Project in Progress

The last few months have seen activity in the Two Rivers Heritage Museum basketry cases as the whole collection was photographed in curatorial style and the display is currently being redesigned. Donna Martinez, Museum Basket Curator, joined the Museum community as a volunteer and has brought with her experience as a basket weaver and with an interest in the history of the local area.

Along with the help of Lois and Jim Cobb, Museum volunteers, three dedicated members of the Columbia Basin Basketry Guild, Betty Tandberg, Judy Bridges and Dorothy Landeen assisted with this important, detailed project of measuring, photographing and verifying identification. Dorothy Landeen is a descendant of Betsy "White Wing" Ough whose baskets make up a large part of the display. White Wing's granddaughter, Gracia Ough Jones donated her grandmother's collection to the Museum. Many of the other baskets were donated to the Museum by the estate of Clifford and Ines Duncan. In coordination with the Museum Display Committee, Donna is working on a plan to better tag and display the baskets, giving museum visitor's information about how the baskets were made and used in their cultures of origin.

The Native American basket display is one of the first things you see when visiting the Museum and awaits your assessment.



First Area School

The first school house in the Camas-Washougal area would have been west and near the mouth of the Washougal River's original channel in Township 1 at the time of the survey below. Since then, the area has been worked over to make a difference in the topography, The area was settled by 5 families through the first 9 month of 1850. By 1855 there were 26 local Donation Land Claim families in Township 1, range 3 and 4 East, including the Maxon family who had a storage building on their claim that was used for the school. The first 10 blocks of Parkersville was platted out in 1852. The school house would have been west of Parkersville.

Location of First Area School

(From Government Survey Crew field notes, in part ca 1855)

Township 1 North, Range 3 East of Willamette Meridian

From corner of Section 11, 12, 13 and 14. Northward 17.41 chains (1149.06feet)
Washougal school house bears N 67 W.

40.00 chains (2640 feet) set a post for quarter Section Corner. From post, Indian hut at fishery on Washougal Creek (River), bears N 80 E about 25 chains (1650 feet). Indian burial ground bears N 51 E about 16 chains (1056 feet) distant.

School house bears S 63 W.

Notes:

Donation Land Claims were set up from 1850 to 1855 so folks could settle on territorial land. They had to live on the land for 3 years to lay a claim. DCL's were replaced by the Homestead Act in 1862 -settlers had to live on the land for 6 months and improve it in 5 years.

Willamette Meridian- A point identified by the U.S Government Surveyors in NW Portland in 1850 by which to survey the greater Portland area. *Ranges* run East and West and *Townships* run North and South. *Chains* are used like a tape measure.

- Curtis Hughey, July 2014

Welcome New Members

Welcome to these new Historical Society members:

Ronald & Barbara Baldus

Grant & Carol Jones

Robert G. Jones

Charlene & Mark Lampon

Pam Long

Lisa Malcom

Stuart & Barbara Morgan

Richard & Anne Philbins

Bradley Richardson

Josh Stahly

As of July 31, 2014

2014 Membership Dues Due!

This year is half over and I want to thank those members who have already paid their 2014 CWHS membership dues. I would also like to thank the new members that have joined this year.

I would also ask that those who have not yet paid their dues for 2014, to do so as soon as you can. If there is red color on the date of your membership, your membership is overdue. Please drop your payment in the mail to PO Box 204, Washougal, WA 98671, or better yet, swing by the museum and drop it off and look around. For members that have not yet renewed, there is a membership application on the back of this newsletter. Thank you!

- Colleen Daniels, Membership Coordinator

CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2014

Two Rivers Heritage Museum, PO Box 204, Washougal, WA 98671 – 360-835-8742

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

(Email not shared)

Circle Membership Type			
Individual	\$15	Supporting	\$100
Family	\$25	Contributing	\$250
Organization	\$25	Sponsoring	\$500
Sustaining	\$50		

Check One
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Updated Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership
Number of Family Members: _____

Note: Membership dues cover one year from January 1 to December 31. Please make checks payable to Camas-Washougal Historical Society. We are a nonprofit organization depending on memberships and private donations to operate. Thank you.

Museum Staff: Membership Binder updated __ Membership card given __

We always need volunteers!! What are you interested in?

_____ Museum Host _____ Gardening _____ Polishing Furniture _____ Filing _____ Helping with Heritage Day _____
 _____ General Cleaning _____ Computer work _____ Other interest _____

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CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Society is to solicit, receive, assemble, collect, research, preserve and make available for the present and future public, historical data, information, oral histories, artifacts, documents and photographs that tell the story of the history and development of the Camas and Washougal area of Clark County, Washington State, U.S.A. The Society is to operate and maintain the Two Rivers Heritage Museum at One Durgan Street in Washougal, Washington and such libraries and archives and carry out any other activities that may be necessary or desirable to display and preserve its accessions.