

FOOTPRINTS

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

As spring is upon us at the Camas-Washougal Historical Society and the Two Rivers Heritage Museum, we reflect upon the changes to improve our visitor experience. The Heritage Room has been redesigned, the Parlor has been enhanced and a new Rotating Display and a Curiosity Cabinet have been created.

I want to give credit to volunteers Walt Eby, Dick Lindstrom, Lois and Jim Cobb, and Barbara Quinn for their extra effort with these many improvements for the 2014 Museum opening.

Work continues on our new website. A new Brand is being developed for the Museum which includes a new logo, tag line and color palette. Accolades to Karen Johnson for taking the lead on this project.

Lucia Worthington is our new volunteer Director of Development. She is on the Clark College Business/Management faculty and advisor for the Entrepreneurship Club. Lucia is leading planning for new strategies for the future and enlisting community support along the way.

Eagle Scout, Scott Landwehr successfully finished several tasks at the Museum for his Eagle project. He stabilized the display wagon outside the Carriage House, finished a planter box and refinished the Museum outside sign above the entrance. Scott deserves a big thanks from all of us.

Visit the Museum soon and bring a friend, a visitor, a neighbor and help us grow in numbers and understanding of local history.

2014 promises to be an exciting year for the Historical Society and Two Rivers Heritage Museum.

- Richard Johnson, President, Camas-Washougal Historical Society

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Local Eagle Scout, Scott Landwehr, helped complete several tasks around the museum. Thank you Scott!

Quarterly Meeting Program

A presentation of the HISTORY OF TEXTILES will be given by Barbara Quinn on Saturday April 5, at the Camas Library, sponsored by the Camas-Washougal Historical Society. It will include the important role textiles have played in every day life and the development of our country.

Barbara Quinn is a master craftsperson in spinning, weaving, tatting, beadwork, knitting and crocheting. She is a retired journeyman electrician and a member of the Northwest Regional Spinners Association. Barbara has shared skills with other craftsmen from Scotland to Australia. Barbara was a key to reconstructing the rug loom in the current Two Rivers Heritage Museum Rotating Exhibit and will be giving weaving instructions on the loom.

Barbara Quinn welcomes attendees to bring any textiles for identification of their origin, materials and history. Have you wondered about that shawl your grandmother made?

Also on April 5, the LaCamas Navy Mothers Club #570 will present to the C-W Historical Society the original Navy Mothers Club Charter in celebration of their 70th birthday. Commander Sharon Long will present the Charter to President Richard Johnson of the Historical Society.

The meeting is open to Historical Society members and the community. Refreshments will be served.



Weaver Barbara Quinn demonstrates her skills.



Volunteer News

Volunteers are back to work after the winter break and continue to be the heartbeat of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum and the Camas-Washougal Historical Society.

After an orientation for the new year for the over thirty volunteers that greet you Tuesday – Saturday at the Museum, they are ready with information and guidance through the Museum. Many volunteers do double duty as docents, committee and board members for the Museum and the Historical Society.

A cadre of volunteers did many behind-the-scenes projects while the Museum was closed. Work was done in cleaning, updating and creating new displays, making signs, computer work, inventory and research. The Museum needs volunteers for the following jobs:

Museum Director- 20 hours a week

Photo Curator

Inventory

Plant Fair preparation, staffing

Hosts- Tuesday-Saturday 11-3

Host and/or Hostess of Historical Society meetings- three per year

Facebook manager

When you visit the Museum you will find the gift shop full of books including two new books, *Legendary Locals of Camas-Washougal* by René Carroll (Museum docent and newsletter editor) and *Columbia River, End-to-End* by Jack Grauer. Also new at the Museum are historical bookmarks created by Virginia Warren and tote bags created by Karen Johnson.

The time and talents of volunteers brings life to the Museum and provides an avenue for giving back to the community. Join us! Call Lois Cobb, 835-8742, leave a message.

- Lois Cobb, Volunteer Coordinator

From the Tool Bag

During the winter closure of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum many projects were completed. In the maintenance area, restoration work was done on the outside of the building to control the areas of dry rot. With this work and previous repairs, the building is ready for a new paint job this year.

Projects planned by the Display Committee were accomplished. These project were-

- Lighting was installed in six display cabinets improving visibility,
- New display dividers were constructed to separate farm, timber and tool displays and each were updated with new signage.
- The Main Display Room displays were revamped, cleaned and given a new look with new signage.
- A fourth and major project continues: Taking inventory. We are slowly identifying and updating the cataloging in the Museum. This is an extensive project that will justify the inventory with the Museum's Past Perfect computer program.

In the Rotating Display room, the display was changed for the year to Making Textiles. Volunteers started with a gift loom from the North Clark County Museum and reconstructed it from many pieces.. Many skills in building, woodworking and weaving went into reviving the loom and it is now operational as a rug loom.

All of these work projects were accomplished by dedicated volunteer work of Rebecca Bolin, Dick Lindstrom, Lois and Jim Cobb, Barbara Quinn, Rod Groth, Richard Johnson, and Walt Eby.

The Museum displays sparkle and promise many discoveries. The Tool display boasts 168 tools, can you identify them?



-Walt Eby, Maintenance/Display Coordinator

“MAKING TEXTILES” the Museum 2014 Rotating Display

The Two Rivers Heritage Museum's Rotating Display is changed every year, and brings a new focus on the past. This year it features **Making Textiles**. Spinning, carding, weaving and sewing were a major part of every household for centuries until the industrial revolution began in the early 1900s. The skills in making textiles by hand are still practiced today, preserving the past.

The North Clark County Museum in Yacolt gave our Museum two looms several years ago. One, a 1930's Union 36 loom, was chosen for display, and much to the surprise of the volunteers, parts were missing. Dick Lindstrom, with the guidance and knowledge of Barbara Quinn, textile master and teacher, made new parts for the loom. Together, with help from Walt Eby, Richard Johnson and Rod Groth, retired Pendleton Mill weaving supervisor, they put the loom together and warped or prepared the loom for weaving.

The loom is set to weave rugs and the material for weaving, selvage cut from the top and bottom edges of woven blankets, has come from the Pendleton Woolen Mill. It is colorful and durable material and makes beautiful rugs. The first rug is on display at the Museum, the second rug was given to Pendleton and now the loom has been warped for six more rugs. The rugs will eventually be on sale at the Museum.

Barbara has agreed to teach Museum volunteers and others to use the loom, so that it can be demonstrated on a regular basis. Also included in the display are spinning, carding and sewing supplies and equipment from the past, along with quilts and blankets. Come see this great display!

From the museum garden PLANT FAIRS COMING SOON

Two Rivers Heritage Museum will have two **Plant Fairs** this spring. The first is May 17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the second is June 1, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., both at the Museum. Gearing up for the Fairs means we need plant donations from your garden and help to ready the plants that are already at the Museum for sale. If you have plants to donate for the Plant Fair, or if you need help in digging plants to donate, please call Alma Ladd, 835-8742 and leave a message.

We will begin working the first of April on flower beds at the Museum and getting plants ready for the Fair. Help is also needed the day of the Fairs for selling and loading plants. The plants at the Fair are all locally grown and go successfully from one garden to another.

- *Happy Gardening, Alma Ladd*

Museum Available for Private Group Tours

Private tours of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum are available. This offers an opportunity for classrooms, special study groups, convention/meeting side events, assisted living residents, or a large group of relatives. Days and times will be arranged specially for your tour. Tours for groups must be arranged ahead of time with Lois Cobb by calling 835- 5449 or the Museum at 835-8742.



2014 Membership Dues Due!

It's Membership Dues Time! I want to thank those members who have already paid their 2014 membership dues and welcome to our new members. I would also ask that those who have not yet paid their dues for 2014 to do so as soon as you can.

Your dues supports the Historical Society so that the history of our area may be displayed, stored and preserved for the future. If your year of renewal is colored red on your newsletter address label, your membership is not current. For your convenience, a pre-addressed envelope is provided inside this newsletter for your membership payment. Thank you!

- *Colleen Daniels, Membership Coordinator*

Welcome New Members

Welcome to these new 2014
Historical Society members:

Larry and Wendy Buklis
Jim Fisher
Consuelo Jones
Virginia Keyser
Margaret McCarthy
Vern and Faye Schanilec

As of March 10, 2014

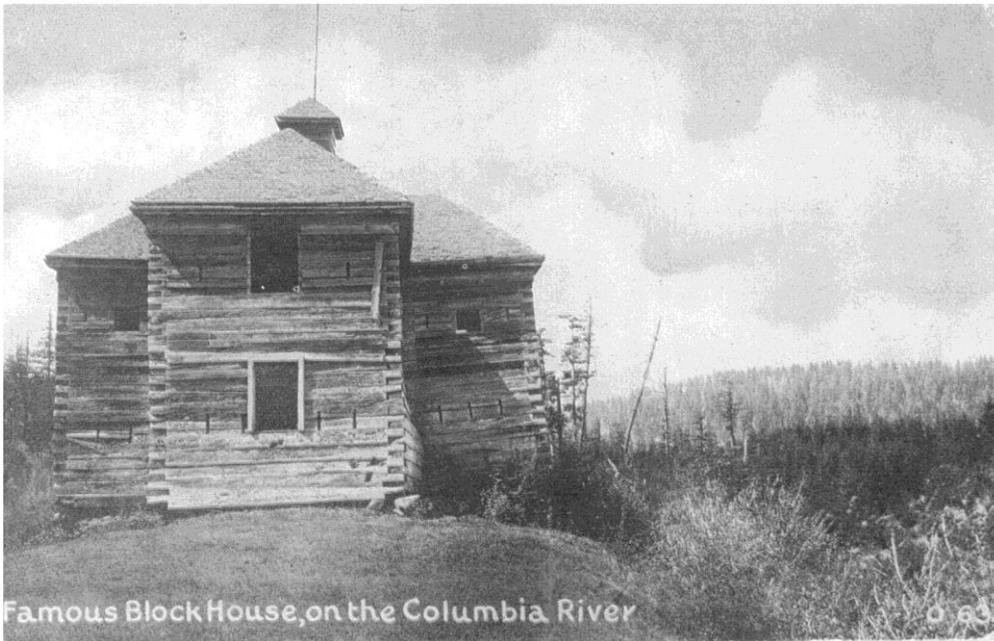
Little Known History of Fort Riggs in Washougal

Reuben Riggs was born in New York in 1804. He came to Washington Territory by way of upper Canada, Oct. 10, 1852, with a wife named Sarah and six children. He settled on a Donation Land Claim (DLC) March 5, 1853 thru August 20, 1857. This was a Township 4 East of W.M. overlapping into Section 15 and 22. He applied for a DLC #758, August 20, 1857.

His DLC #758 was described as follows: Commencing at the SE corner of Section 15, thence west 10 chains. Thence north 40 chains 22 links. Thence west 40 chains 50 links. Thence south 73 chains 81 links. Thence north 86 deg. east 17 chains 50 links. Thence north 80 deg. east 15 chains 50 links. Thence 85 deg. 45' east 17 chains 50 links. Thence north 24 chains 50 links to the place of beginning. A total of 317.55 acres, (South line along the Columbia River. At this time Rueben Riggs was the eastern DLC of a string on Claims westward. JEC Durgan settled on land adjoining Riggs' east side March 1, 1885. On August 15, 1887, Durgan applied for a DLC #764.

During the Yakima Indian war of 1856, a block house was built near Riggs' south eastern corner. "Reed Island" could be observed. A couple of solders from Fort Vancouver were assigned to the block house during the Indian War. If problems arouse, volunteers and locals were assigned to the block house for protection if need be. This block house was called "Fort Riggs." No Indian fighting at this block house occurred.

- Curtis Hughey, March 7, 2014



This Columbia River block house and palisade was similar to Fort Riggs which was located in Washougal along the Columbia Rivers across from the eastern tip of Reed Island.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 3 - Camas-Washougal Chamber AFTER HOURS
4 – 6 pm, Two Rivers Heritage Museum

April 5 - HISTORY OF TEXTILES by Barbara Quinn,
2 pm Camas Police Station

Sponsored by the C-W Historical Society

May 17 - PLANT FAIR - 10 am – 4 pm
Two Rivers Heritage Museum

June 1 - PLANT FAIR #2, 11 am – 3 pm
Two Rivers Heritage Museum

Be a part of history!

2014 will mark the 100th Commencement at Washougal High School (WHS). To celebrate this milestone year, the Washougal School District is collecting favorite memories and stories from WHS alumni. To share your story or stories you heard from family members that attended WHS, log on to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BGNGB69> Or you can pick up a form at the district office, located at the office located at 4855 Evergreen Way, Washougal.

All contributions will be put into a collection to be available to all at the museum!

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 30. 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.