

FOOTPRINTS

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

Fall is here and this past summer was filled with accomplishments at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. The textile display has provided all the volunteers as well as the many visitors with a first-hand look at turn of the century weaving necessities for daily life. You can buy a handsome area rug, hand woven at the Museum of Pendleton wool, for your home and help the Museum at the same time, take a look.

The Museum web site is remodeled and up for all to visit at www.2rhm.com where you can keep up with Museum activities, download forms, make donations, and renew your Historical Society membership on line. Take a look and tell all your friends and family to take a look as well. The Museum also has a new logo, brand, and tag line, "Where History Lives". The website also links you to the new Museum Facebook site at www.facebook.com/2rhmuseum, so visit the site and keep up on events and news at the Museum.

Added to these accomplishments were two successful Plant Fairs, Heritage Day events, a brand new Museum 'look' with new exterior paint, an update to the Native American basket display and computer upgrades. With this, you begin to see how much the very dedicated volunteers at the Museum have accomplished this year. A job well done! Join us in 2015.

- Richard Johnson, President, Camas-Washougal Historical Society

Renew or Start Your Membership Today

2014 is almost over and it is time to start thinking about renewing your Museum membership for 2015. Membership runs from January 1st to December 31rd. A membership application for 2015 is on the back page of this newsletter. If there is a red color on the date of your membership on the mailing label, your membership is overdue.

Your yearly membership supports the Historical Society so that the history in our area may be displayed, stored and preserved for the future.

- Colleen Daniels, Member Coordinator

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Lois Cobb
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Welcome New Members

Susan Hurlbut

Jeannie & Bill Macrae-Smith

As of October 2014

Robert G. Jones

Art and Jacquie Svidren

Quarterly Meeting Program

“*Veterans Coming Home*” will be featured at the fall meeting of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society, Saturday, November 15th at 2:00 pm at the Camas Police Station Community Room.

In honor of Veteran’s Day and the many people who have served our country through military service, the members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4278 will present thoughts of coming home from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Iraq. Bob Hitchcock, Commander of VFW Post #4278 and Vietnam veteran will moderate the presentation.

Also included in the meeting will be a recap of the year at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum and the election of the nominated Board Members to serve on the Board of Directors for the CWHS.

This will be a good opportunity to renew or start a membership in the Historical Society and support its work in the community. Also, books and periodicals from the Museum will be available to purchase. Refreshments will be served.

A special feature at the meeting will be brand new men and women’s bicycles that are up for auction. Graciously donated to the Museum by Mike Hambleton, the 26” Northern Ridge bicycles will be in a drawing with a limited number of 50 tickets per bicycle. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and a drawing will be held when 50 tickets are sold. The bicycles will be on display at the Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00 am-3:00 pm, through November 22nd. Tickets are also available for sale at the Museum.

Come support the Veterans of our community and for information on the meeting, etc. contact Secretary, Marilyn Brown at 360-833-1828 or mjb20@comcast.net.

Volunteer News

Volunteers are the heartbeat of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. This year, 4,413.25 volunteer hours were logged and Museum hosts welcomed 748 guests to the Museum through September. These generous volunteers come from all walks of life and work with a partner, Tuesday through Saturday, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm as Hosts at the Museum.

Training in Museum information and leading tours is given each year and most volunteers work once or twice a month. To explore the possibilities of volunteering, contact Lois Cobb, Volunteer Coordinator, at 360-835-8742, at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum... “*Where History Lives.*”

Lois Cobb, Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you to the following volunteers for ‘making history live’ in 2014.

Museum Hosts, Archival Records, Computer Work, Etc

Maxine Ambrose, Donna Barratt, Rebecca Bohlin, Rene’ Carroll, Jim and Lois Cobb, Steve and Colleen Daniels, Ron Durkee, Betty Eggers, Bernie Englund, Joyce Garrett, Gay Gehman, Millie Goodall, Wanita Griggs, Rod Groth, Jan Gustafson, Steve Heil, Lois Jemtegard, Bob Jensvold, Richard and Karen Johnson, Steve Komlofske, Alma Ladd, Brad London, Charlene Lampton, Donna Martinez, Patti Mingus, Jeannie Macrae-Smith, Bob Peake, Carol Phillips, Cynthia Purdy, Shirley Scott, Ed Simkins, Josh Stahly, Bob Suggs, Jannie Van der Burgh, Norm Vaughn, Virginia Warren, Carol Dystra, Ceil Kirchner, Lucia Worthington, Susan Hurlbut



Volunteer, Walt Eby, leads a group of Hathaway Elementary students on a tour.

2014 Heritage Day Was Enjoyed by Many

Another successful Heritage Day was held September 6th at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum, thanks to perfect weather and many guests and volunteers. The wind was foiled by the new special weights created by Walt Eby for the dining canopies. The outside crew that set up the Ice Cream Social were Ed Simpkins, Bob Peake, Brad London, Jacob Murray, Collin Murray and Jim Cobb. Cashiers for the Day were Colleen and Steve Daniels, hot dog servers were Jim Cobb, Rebecca Bohlin and Jacob Murray, ice cream and drink servers were Bob and Jo Behar, Mary Alice Pfeifer, Collin Murray & Josh Stahly.

The inside the Museum crew were Betty Egger, greeters Bob Jensvold and Elaine Margeson Clark, along with Alma Ladd and Cynthia Purdy at the player piano. Rod Groth narrated stories of the antique tool display and Donna Martinez related the history behind our Native American Basket display. Karen and Richard Johnson demonstrated wool rug weaving on the restored loom and Barbara Quinn created yarn on her spinning wheel. Bob Suggs and Anna Mae Suggs, Virginia Warren, Curtis Hughey, Bernie Englund, Ann Groth, Shirley Scott, Donna Barratt, Les Sonnenson, Belva Baz, Carol Phillips, Maxine Ambrose, Wanita Griggs, and Mary Sauter were the information crew. Patti Mingus and Marilyn Brown sold tickets for the Heritage Day drawing featuring donations including a Pendleton travel blanket.

Dick Lindstrom coordinated the many displays and demonstrations at Heritage Day. Thank yous go out to David Cox, Gary Lewis, Clark County Flying Eagle A's Car Club, Camas/Washougal Fire Department, Lacamas Navy Mothers Club, Jim Barratt, Vern Shanilec, Michelle OHara, Bill Holsclaw and Clark County PUD.



Dick Lindstrom works the loom as Barbara Quinn spins wool yarn at Heritage Days.

A special thank you to a new volunteer, Susan Hurlbut for being our official photographer. It takes a lot of volunteer help for an event such as our Heritage Day. I send a personal thank you to each and every one for your help and to anyone we may have missed

Lois Cobb, Volunteer Coordinator

WINTER CLOSURE

Two Rivers Heritage Museum will be closed for the winter from November 24th until Tuesday, February 3rd. Opening in February with a new featured display to be announced and many new plans for 2015. For questions about the Museum and to **arrange group tours during winter closure, call 360-835-5449.**

FIRST WASHOUGAL AREA SCHOOLS

The four SE townships in Clark County and adjoining west half of townships in Skamania County were first called the "Washougal Area". There was no town at Parker's Landing at this time when the first settlers came in 1845-1850. Parker's Landing was then an area on the Columbia River that was used as a means of contact with the outside area for it was the landing for boat transportation.

In 1852, the Clark County Commissioners organized 5 school districts, Washougal Area was No. 1. The first school was on the east border of an old Donation Land Claim #108 of Richard Ough. This would be in the Washougal neighborhood near A street and 21st, along the old Cascade Military Road at that time The Military Road came from Fort Vancouver, out along Mill Plain, north around Lacamas Lake and then south to Parkersville and east to Skamania, etc. Coordinates for the Ough claim are NW1/4 of NW1/4 of section 17, TIN, R4E just south of the north section line.

The second school was on an old Donation Land Claim #198 of Joseph Gibbons, south of Gifford Place and east of center, the area of the Orchard Hills Golf Course on NE 32nd. The school burned in April of 1878. The coordinates were SE1/4 of Sw1/4 of Sec.9, TIN, R4E.

The third school, a two room school house, was on a Donation Land Claim #6 of William Potter. In 1910 or 1911, the land was sold to Billy Wood by Alex Shepherd and he remodeled it into a home. Later the building was moved and is still a caretakers building at the Orchard Hills Country Club.

The fourth school was on the second floor of a town hall that was built in the mid 1880's in the new town of Washougal at the NE corner of A Street and 16th. This was near where the Two Rivers Heritage Museum sits today at 1 Durgan Street, Washougal.

The coordinates for the Donation Land claims can be resourced at the Museum and maps showing Camas and Washougal past and present are available for research.

Curtis Hughey, October 2014

Make Membership a Gift That Gives Back

A membership to the Camas-Washougal Historical Society/Two Rivers Heritage Museum make great gifts for friends, relatives, the postman, a teacher. New membership cards have been created reflecting the new Museum logo, just in time for holiday giving.

Memberships in the Historical Society and Museum go into Museum support. The 2014 memberships contributed to the restoration and operation of the antique loom in our featured exhibit, to new display lighting for our Native American Baskets and for construction of the new Museum web site. Every year memberships support improvement in the Museum and the service it can offer to the community.

To renew or start a membership send in the form in this newsletter or go to our web site www.2rhm.com/support/ and find the membership form to complete. You will be helping make 'history live' in our community.

BASKETRY

Donna Martinez, curator of the Native American baskets at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum, is completing the research of the origins of all the baskets and welcomes everyone to plan to visit the display in the spring and is planning information sessions for Museum Hosts in February.





Visitors to the museum enjoyed the healthy variety of plants available for a small donation.



Plant Fairs Flourish at Museum Over Summer

Our plants are all put to bed and ready for winter and we are looking forward to having plant fairs in the spring of 2015 (May and June). Please call the Two Rivers Heritage Museum and leave a message for Alma Ladd at 360-835-8742, if you have plants to donate in the spring. We especially welcome vegetable starts (tomatoes), peonies, herbs, purple and white lilacs, calla lilies, hostas and unusual perennials. We have plenty of day lilies.

If you can help dig and plant in the spring, please leave a message at the Museum. Also help is needed in the spring to sort, label, and price plants in preparation for the plant fairs, and at the days of the fairs. The plants at the Museum's fairs are locally acclimated and flourish in any garden.

Alma Ladd, the Plant Lady

BICYCLE DRAWING-RIDE AWAY ON A PRIZE

Four new Northern Ridge bicycles are being offered in a drawing through the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. Through a generous donation by Mike Hambleton, the Museum has two men's bicycles and two women's bicycle just in time for holiday giving. The bicycles are 26" with 15 index shifting, linear pull brakes, alloy rims, steel frame and handle bars, quick release seat, and knobby tires for street and trail riding. The men's is black with light trim and the women's is teal with white trim.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and only 50 tickets will be sold for each bicycle. The bicycles will be on display at the Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00 am-3:00 pm, through November 22nd. Tickets are available for sale at the Museum.

Contact the Two Rivers Heritage Museum for information, 360-835-8742 or attend the November 15th meeting of the Historical Society at 2:00 pm at the Camas Police Station Community Room to see the bicycles and purchase tickets.

CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2015

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: Active members membership dues cover one year from January 1 to December 31. New members joining between January 1 and July 31, pay the full annual dues. New members joining between August 1 and October 31 pay 50% of the annual dues. New members joining between November 1 to December 31, pay the full annual dues to cover the remainder of the current year and the following year. Please make checks payable to Camas-Washougal Historical Society.

We are a nonprofit organization depending on memberships and private donations to operate. Thank you.

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

Museum Host
 Gardening
 Polishing Furniture
 Filing
 Helping with Heritage Day
 General Cleaning
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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.