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Newsletter of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society –

Two Rivers Heritage Museum

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From The President...

This spring brings a major project for the Camas-Washougal Historical Society's (CWSH) Budget and Finance Committee. They have begun the task of creating policies covering all financial activity and fiscal compliance. Thanks to Steve Daniels for taking the lead on this endeavor.

Our financial expert and long-time volunteer, Dorothy Durkee, is retiring from the duties of Treasurer. We commend her for the great job for the Historical Society and the Two Rivers Heritage Museum she has done for 37 years. Betty Egger, former CWSH bookkeeper, is stepping in and providing her talent and skills as Treasurer. Task Coordinator, Colleen Daniels, has volunteered to add the Bookkeeping activities to her Museum task list. A big thanks to all for giving so much time and talent to the CWSH and the Museum.

My wife, Karen, and I had the pleasure of giving a private tour of our Museum to Katie Anderson, Clark County Historical Museum (CCHM) Director. We enjoyed her expertise and advice regarding our inventory and display activity and look forward to future collaboration on topics and display ideas. See Ms. Anderson's reflections on her visit in this newsletter on page 3. Thanks, Katie.

I urge all of you to visit the Vancouver Train Station to see the Seattle, Portland and Spokane Railway historical display in the station's waiting room. The display is sponsored by CCHM and is very much worth the trip.

- Richard Johnson, President, Camas-Washougal Historical Society

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Membership Renewal

It's Membership Dues Time! Thank you to members of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society that have renewed their membership and welcome to new members. Your support of the Historical Society and the Two Rivers Heritage Museum assures that the history of our area is displayed, stored and preserved for the future. For those that have yet to renewed your membership for 2015, this is a great time to do so and help make history live in our community,

If your year of renewal is colored red on your newsletter's address label, it is a reminder that your membership is not yet current. Send your renewal to PO Box 204, Washougal, WA 98671, or you can renew your membership on line on our website www.2rhm.com. You can also deliver it to the Museum, Tues-Sat from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and stay for your free tour and see what is new in our Museum.

In addition, you can give a membership to honor someone on a special occasion or to a young person as their first membership in support of our community.

- Colleen Daniels, Membership Coordinator

CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS- SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY “THE CAMAS PAPER MILL”

History of the Camas Paper Mill from its beginning to the present will be featured at the Historical Society’s first presentation of its Spotlight on History Series, Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Camas Police Station Meeting Room. Master historian, Virginia Warren, will present the history beginning with the LaCamas Colony through the eras of the Pittocks, the Leadbetters and the several companies that have owned the mill.

Ms. Warren will weave the history of the Camas Paper Mill with history of the people and the town of Camas and share interesting facts about the area that surrounds us daily. A display of pictures and items will be provided by the present owner of the mill, Georgia Pacific and the Two Rivers Heritage Museum

The presentation welcomes community members of all ages in Camas and Washougal to travel back to the beginnings of Camas for an afternoon.

Meet Virginia Warren.....Virginia has lived all her life in Camas and is a true student of history of its people, businesses, community organizations and everyday life. She learned to drive in the countryside around Camas which served her well in the Civil Service as a convoy driver during World War II. She raised three boys and is a great grandmother. Virginia worked in the Camas mill in the bag factory and has followed the Mill’s involvement in the community for many years. She was very active in the Friends of the Camas Community Center and other groups including the CWHS where she serves as Oral History Curator.



Volunteer News

Thanks to all the volunteers who dusted, polished and inventoried during the winter closure. Dick Lindstrom built a handsome display rack for the newly woven rugs and Walt Eby and Richard Johnson accomplished many tasks that makes the Museum just a little better. We have a great group of volunteers but we could use more. This time of the year we need outside help on the Museum grounds including, strange as it may seem, to water our plant inventory.

There is a need for more host and hostesses to greet Museum guests and conduct tours. Conducting tours is most interesting as you become friends with your tour group. Many come from distant places and they also have a story to tell. For four hours a month you can help make history live for Camas and Washougal.

Thank you, volunteers, as we look forward to a successful and busy season.

- Lois Cobb, Volunteer Coordinator

Be A Part of This Year’s Heritage Day –

Promote Your Special Activity

The Two Rivers “Heritage Day” Committee is looking for individuals, clubs and or groups who would like to promote their special activities. Do you have a special skill or hobby that you enjoy and would like to share by setting up a booth at this year’s Heritage Day on Sept 19, 2015?

We know we have people in our community who are involved in fun projects such as model railroading, square dancing, book clubs, hiking clubs, wood carving, model aircraft, biking clubs and any one of a hundred other activities. These individuals and groups would set up and operate their own display booth. This venue will show off and promote your activity to the public during our Heritage Day event. You will be responsible for your own tables, tarps and set up. For more information and signup, call Dick Lindstrom, 360-608-5642 (cell), 360-834-6402 (home).

Visiting Museum Director Impressed by TRHM

The following is part of a letter written by Clark County Historical Museum Executive Director Katie Anderson after her recent visit to TRHM.

“On Monday, February 23, I had the pleasure of a private tour of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum with Richard and Karen Johnson. As a new resident of Clark County I want to take advantage of all the cultural and natural resources this wonderful area has to offer. As the Executive Director of the Clark County Historical Museum I particularly want to be familiar with the other history related resources in the county. The passion and commitment of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum volunteers is plain to see. I was also impressed with the breadth of the collection and just how much you have! From the exterior the building doesn't look big enough to hold all the exhibits, research room and collections storage.

“As we walked through the Museum I heard some of the dreams and challenges you face. How to get more people in the door is a common challenge for museums. The ethnobotany garden you are planning is a great idea and will provide opportunities for a special tour for all ages. The best museums engage with their community; small museums often excel at this in part due to the dedication of their volunteers. Two Rivers Heritage Museum is a jewel! Your collection, volunteer team, website and location are great strengths. More people need to know what you have to offer. I look forward to cross-promoting your events and hopefully collaborating on a future event.”

Katie Anderson, Executive Director
Clark County Historical Museum

Plant Fairs to Spring up Soon

The CWHS and Museum are preparing for our annual plant fairs on Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum, 1 Durgan St, Washougal, WA. Also, plants will be for sale during May when the Museum is open, Tues-Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We are seeking donations of plants for the Plant Fair. They can be brought to the Museum in pots or call to have dig team assist you. Call the Museum at 835-8742 and leave a message for Alma Ladd. Plants needed are- peonies, hosta lilies, lavender, calla lilies, purple or white lilies, tomatoes, herbs, spider wort, green or white hellebores and unusual perennials. We have plenty of day lilies, bearded iris and mums and flower pots. We also welcome donations of garden décor, bird houses and bird feeders. April 30 is the deadline for donating plants, etc.

Would you like to help prepare for the sales? We need volunteers to weed pots, dig and plant donated plants and help with preparing labels and labeling plants. A short volunteer job comprises of locating 1 inch, white or cream colored metal mini blinds and cutting them into 6” pieces to use for pricing stakes. 200 6” stakes needed. Call the Museum and let Alma know that you can help.

Thank you to Lois Cobb for spending many hours weeding pots of plants and to Richard & Karen Johnson and Walt & Pauline Eby for cleaning flower beds and sorting pots. Thanks also to Jack Ross for loading and unloading donated mums and helping whenever asked.

Bill Lavin, Washougal True Value Hardware, has generously donated chrysanthemums for the Plant Fairs and we thank him. Mark your calendar and bring your friends and neighbors to the Plant Fairs on May 16 and June 7. Find locally grown plants for local gardens.

Happy Gardening,
-Alma Ladd



From the Museum Tool Box

A new feature display at Two Rivers Heritage Museum is of local high school youth who have gained notable recognition for their accomplishments. Currently Alexa Efraimson, a Camas High School senior and a nationally recognized track star sponsored by Nike is the Museum's featured display. Watch for her this season to continue her record winning ways.

The suggestion for this feature came through the Museum and Historical Society's suggestion box.

Volunteers interested in doing research for a timeline display are encouraged to contact the Museum at 835-8742 and leave a message for Walt Eby. Spending time in our research files, photos and using the internet are useful skills for this task.

- Walt Eby

Welcome New Members

Please help us welcome these new 2015 CWHS members:

Mary Ellen Andre
D. Doyle
Mike Hambleton
Stephen Helphand
Collin Murray
Robb Olmsted

Museum Earns Beals Grant

For the fifth (5) year in a row CWHS has been honored to receive the Chester and Marion Beals Memorial Grant. The Board is in the process of looking at several projects which meet the grant's expenditure criteria. From 2011 to 2014 these generous grants have enabled us to do many things including the following:

- Insulated and covered the walls and installed an inside security system for the Carriage House
- Over several years, purchased computers, printers, video equipment, cameras and updated software
- Developed our web site
- Replaced old carpet with new flooring
- UV sun shield screening on windows in the Museum
- Purchased signage, display lights, storage shelving, portable canopies and the development of Tour Guide Manuals
- Repaired dry rot on the exterior of the Museum and painted the exterior of both the Museum and carriage house
- Annually have a Volunteer Appreciation luncheon

-Steve Daniels, Chairperson Beals Grant Committee

Help History Come to Life Through Volunteering

Museum Host or Hostess - A host or hostess works with a partner to greet and give tours to visitors of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tues-Sat. Other duties include accepting donations, selling items from the gift shop and assisting with care of the Museum. Training is included and we'd ask you volunteer once a month, or more if you'd like! Call the Museum and leave a message for Lois Cobb.

Website Coordinator - An Historical Society website coordinator is in charge of publishing content, maintaining continuity of themes, designing layout, streamlining navigation and increasing online presence to potential visitors. He/she must be familiar with publishing and design software in order to maintain the website. Strong communication skills and an up-to-date awareness of marketing techniques are important. There is some in-house work and some can be done from home. Call Museum and leave a message for Karen Johnson.

Plant Fair Assistants - Plant Fair preparation from now until May 16. Weed pots, assist with labeling, plant donations. Hours to be arranged. During the Fair, assist buyers in selection, purchasing, May 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and June 7, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Call Museum and leave message for Alma Ladd.

Research for Displays - Research for a timeline display. Research Museum files and photos and using internet. Call the Museum and leave message for Walt Eby.

Washougal Schools History, Part II

In 1891-1892 a two story, four room wooden school building was built at the NW corner of B and 25th St in Washougal on the donation land claim #132 of Charles C. Stiles and the land was donated by David Shepherd. All 12 grades studied in the building until the 1907-1908 school year when it became too small and the primary classes were held at the Congregational Church across B Street.

In 1910, a two story, 12 room wooden school was built on the north side of E Street between 24th and 25th Streets. Land was donated by Alfred O Hathaway. This school served the lower eight grades. The older school on B Street now became the first high school. The high school students met in the original 1891 school until 1925 when a two story , 12 room, brick high school was built on B Street, replacing the old wooden building.

The year 1934 saw a single story, 6 room, brick school built on G Street between 24th and 25th Streets. It served as a grade school and was called Hathaway School, 639 24th St. The 1910 school on the N. side to E Street became a Junior High. The new grade school began to overflow and used the Grange Hall at G Street and Washougal River Road. In 1936 and 1950 more rooms were added to Hathaway School. In 2002 Hathaway School underwent a major remodeling.

Omar Gause School was built in 1952 at 1100 34th Street and was used as a Junior High. In 1954 the old 1910 wooden school on E Street between 24th and 25th Streets was torn down.

In 1956 a new High and Junior High school was built at 1261 39 Street. Omar Gause School became another grade school. The 1925 high school building on B Street was used as an administration building and in 2000 the 1925 high school was sold to a developer.

In 1981 Jemtegaard Middle School was built at 35300 Evergreen Blvd. in 1981, leaving the school on 39th Street as the Washougal High School.

-Curtis Hughey



Stay Connected Though Email

Thank you to members who have sent in emails to help the Historical Society build a solid email list of members so information can be sent out periodically. If you have not sent us yours yet, simply go to www.2rhm.com.

- Click on Contact tab.
- Fill in your name, email and the key word "Update" as the message
- Complete the security question at the bottom of the page (hint: the answer is 7). Press Send.

Congratulations to Robert Howe who won the drawing for sending in emails. The goal is to spread the news of the Museum 'where history lives' in Camas and Washougal.

Camas Lilies For Sale

The Camas lily, the Camas namesake, is not always readily available. Now is a fine opportunity to get a 3 bulb pot of lilies for \$6 at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. They grow well in our area and bloom in the spring. Come to the Museum Tues-Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. for yours.

Donate Old Photos to the Museum Archives

The files at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum welcome any and all pictures that you have of anything happening in Camas and Washougal in the last 100 years. Pictures of school, community activity, business, and celebrations are valuable for research in our community and recording its history. Bring them to the Museum Tues-Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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 _____ 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.