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Newsletter of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society – Two Rivers Heritage Museum

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From The President...

Have you seen our herb garden at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum? The Heritage Garden Project is flourishing and we invite you to stop by and take a look. Also see the additional detailing on the Museum building trim and the sign that has been moved to give balance to the front of the Museum property.

Our Two Rivers Heritage Museum is a non-profit organization totally staffed with volunteers and we would love to have you join us with a gift of your time. It's a great way to give back to your community and it is fun!

Ready to volunteer? Give our Volunteer Coordinator. Lois, a call at 835-8742 to find out how you can make a difference. We also have open board positions so if you are interested in serving as a board member, call me at 597-4414.

- Richard Johnson, President, Camas-Washougal Historical Society

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Museum Plants Alive and Well ...With Your Help

The Two Rivers Heritage Museum Plant Sales have been very lively and successful this year. There are still many perennials for sale including day lilies, iris, plantains, ground cover and hosta lilies. Plants are available any time the Museum is open, Tues.-Sat. 11 am - 3 pm.

Help is needed to water plants, including the new Heritage Garden at the Museum. Help is also needed to weed pots and flower beds. If you can assist with any of these tasks, please call the Museum at 835-8742 and leave a message for Alma Ladd. Everyone helping together makes these warm summer tasks go smoothly. Good early evening exercise opportunities.

Bike Drawings Raise Funds

Two new bicycles await an owner at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. The bicycles will be raffled once the limited 50 tickets per bike are sold. Purchase a ticket for \$5 at the Museum. The bikes are multi-terrain for men and women.

Michael Hambleton, a CWHS member and contributor, presented the Two Rivers Heritage Museum with four new bicycles for the purpose of these drawings. Funds will be used for high school volunteer service awards. For further information call the Museum or go to the Museum Facebook page at www.2rhm.com

Beals Grant Awarded

For the fifth (5) year in a row CWHS has been honored to receive the Chester and Marion Beals Memorial Grant. The Board approved several projects including purchase of a new copy machine, the development of the Heritage Garden, replacement of worn flooring in the Museum and a volunteer appreciation activity planned for later this year.

The generosity of the community and individuals make it possible for the CWHS to "make history live" in our communities.

We appreciate the continuing support.

- Steve Daniels, Chairperson Beals Grant Committee

Heritage Day and Ice Cream Social September 19

Heritage Day, Saturday, September 19, is Camas-Washougal Historical Society's annual community gathering. It offers experiences in living history through traditional craftsmanship, food and exploring the Two Rivers Heritage Museum, a connection with our past.

Heritage Day is held at the Museum at 1 Durgan Street, Washougal from 11 am to 3 pm. Admission to the Museum will be free for the day, demonstrations of weaving and spinning in the Museum, a blacksmith and other displays will be set up outside the Museum. The Flying Eagle A's Model A Car Club will be displaying their vintage cars and the Camas-Washougal Fire Department will be on hand with a fire truck.

Lunch will feature all-beef hot dogs and the Ice Cream Social will offer root beer floats and ice cream sundaes. Also available will be coffee, lemonade and water. There will be plenty of shady seating available for lunch and visiting.

Special this year will be Granny's Attic, a sale of surplus and duplicate items from the Museum. Museum plants will be available for purchase and a raffle for a Pendleton blanket donated by Pendleton Woolen Mills, neighbor to the Museum.

Come and bring your family, your neighbor or meet a friend for lunch. Come see where "....history lives".

Heritage Day and the Ice Cream Social is coordinated by Lois Cobb and Dick Lindstrom. Granny's Attic is chaired by Betty Egger. For information, call the Museum, 835-8742.

New Heritage Garden at Museum

Fragrant and popular cooking herbs have been planted for display and hands-on learning sessions as part of Phase 1 of our Heritage Garden at Two Rivers Heritage Museum. Come and view our garden and ask for some fresh cut samples. They are delicious and add important nutritional value to foods.

Our focus is to give the younger generations – specifically local and regional school children - a sense of sustainable and healthy living that the earth can produce. As always we use thrift, ingenuity and the generous donations of labor to refresh and move forward. Member support is always appreciated and we look forward to your enjoyment of the Heritage Garden as it grows into the future.

- Lucia Worthington, Heritage Garden Creator



Herbal Culinary Tips:

Our fragrant rosemary is paired with thyme at the end of our herb garden. Rosemary is a wholesome herb that is a yummy addition to chicken and lamb dishes. It has possible healing benefits by being a rich source of antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds. It is used to improve digestion, enhance memory and is said to be good for the brain. Some people use it to increase circulation by rubbing it on a balding head to stimulate hair growth. Check it out - old fashioned remedies in our Museum garden.

Summer Plant Sale Sizzle

The two plant sales in May and June were very successful due to all of the people who shared plants from their garden, dug and potted plants, worked the sales and contributed garden décor and special plant items. Richard Johnson's bughouses and birdhouses flew off the stand and Karen Johnson's special kokyona hanging planters were a hit. Patti Mingus also offered garden stakes.

Thank you to the volunteers who dug, planted or watered this season: Lois Cobb, Lilla & Thor Larsen, Jack Ross, Pat Suggs, Jacquie Baldwin, Ginger & Jacob Fagg, Colleen Daniels, Carol Phillips, Millie Goodall, Richard & Karen Johnson, Tanda Kuehl, Brad London, Rene Carroll, Bernie Englund, and Ed Simkins.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped at the two Plant Sales: Lois & Jim Cobb, Collin & Jacob Murray, Josh & Jodi Stahly, Steve Heil, Bob Peake, Norman Vaughn, Walt Eby, Colleen Daniels, Pat Suggs, Richard & Karen Johnson, Marilyn Brown, Judy Alonzo, Dorothy Durkee, and Master Gardener, Vern Shanilac.

All of our volunteers' help is greatly appreciated and everyone else I might have missed. Please contact Alma at the Museum, 835-8742, if you have plants to donate in the spring.

- Happy Gardening, Alma Ladd, Plant Sale Guru



Show Stopper!

Our entry in the 2015
Camas Days Parade, filled with local historians, caught everyone's eye. Thank you to Virginia Warren and Lois
Jemtegaard for riding in the parade with Duane Markel in his 1929 Model A Sedan. All three are CWHS members. Virginia and Lois are longtime residents of our community and we welcome Duane as a new resident of Camas.

Membership Has Many Benefits

The year is half over and I want to thank those CWHS members who have paid their 2015 membership dues and thank the new members that have joined this year: Mary Ellen Andre, Judy Brown, D. Doyle, Mike Hambleton, Steve Helphand, Laura Liggett, Duane Markel, Collin Murray, Robb Olmsted and Alex Stauffer.

Historical Society member's benefits?

- Free admission to Two Rivers Heritage Museum
- 10% sales discount at the Museum Store
- Discounts at many other museums
- Opportunity to volunteer and help history live in Camas-Washougal
- Help support the Museum and this newsletter.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2015, now is a good time to do so. A membership application is on the back of this newsletter. If your year of renewal is colored red on your address label, your membership is due to be renewed.

- Colleen Daniels, Membership Coordinator

Camas Schools History, Part I

As a second in a series of the history of Camas and Washougal schools, we continue with three historical profiles of schools in the Camas area. As Camas was settled, schools were scattered near the Columbia River and throughout the hills north, serving the children of settlers, closer to where they lived.

The first school in Fern Prairie was a log hut built in 1863 on the site of the present Fern Prairie United Methodist Church. Twenty four years later in June of 1887, Fern Prairie School District #10 built a new school on leased land in Section 22 NE1/4o NW1/4, located south and west of the first school approximately ½ mile.

In March of 1915, Fern Prairie School District bought ½ acre on the north side of what is now NE 29th St. and just west of 252nd Ave. In 1950 the school was closed and the Camas School District took in the students. School land then was used as a junk yard.

Livingston School District #13 to the north and east of Fern Prairie, leased land and built its first school in 1874. It was located on the SE corner of NE 182nd Ave and 119th St. A second school was built in 1881 on leased land on the north side of what is now Pluss Road at the west side of Camp Bonneville.

Part of District #13 merged with Fern Prairie in June of 1922 and the rest went into Evergreen School District in March of 1945.

Woodburn School District #33 established its first small one room school in 1882. It was in a wood building on the west side of 283rd Ave. about ½ miles north of NE 23rd St, Camas. On July 9, 1883, the Woodburn School District bought an acre of land on the now NE corner of 283rd Ave and 23rd St. The district put up a one-room wooden school building on the north side of the acre. In 1928 they replaced the wooden school with a multi-room brick building. When the school closed, the land reverted back to the seller's heirs and it is used as a residence today.

Series #2 in the next Camas-Washougal Historical Society newsletter.

-Curtis Hughey, Historian

From the Toolbox

Plans are in the works for replacing the worn flooring in three rooms of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. Coordinated by Walt Eby, Building Maintenance Chairman, the project is in the planning stages and will be installed during the winter closing of the Museum. This project is made possible by the 2015 Beals Memorial Grant.

The final touch to the new exterior painting of the Museum was finished for summer visitors with a vibrant trim, thanks to Walt and Lucia Worthington. Lucia assisted with the color choices and also with landscape design ideas. Other additions of two benches and caldrons of flowers along the front porch of the building make the Museum bright and welcoming to local and out-of-town visitors.

Weave History in to Your Home Decor

Be sure to check out the original, one-of-a-kind throw rugs woven at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum on the loom in the Textile Display. Volunteers have been busy weaving rugs of wool blanket edging from Pendleton Woolen Mills. The rugs are of various colors, sell for \$65 and will wear for years. Add a bright spot to your home.



CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2015

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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.