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Newsletter of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society –

Two Rivers Heritage Museum

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## From The President...

This will be my last contribution to the Camas-Washougal Historical Society newsletter as President of the Board. While I plan to continue as a board member and volunteer, I will relinquish the task of Board President to newly elected board member Jim Cobb. Jim was nominated and elected Board President at the February meeting. It has been a privilege to work with dedicated board members who care so much about the success of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum.

With change comes opportunity, and YOU can make a significant difference by offering your time and talent as a board member or volunteer. One of the CWHS goals for 2016 is to double the membership from 120 in 2015 to 240 in the coming year. Each of you can help by recruiting just one friend, relative, or acquaintance to become a CWHS Member and help support the museum and its mission. A larger membership will vastly improve our outreach for operations and program support.

I'll leave you with one last reminder that Two Rivers Heritage Museum is a community treasure that we must protect and nourish for future generations.

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

### Camas-Washougal Historical Society Board of Directors

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## Be a Part of Heritage Day September 17, 2016

The Two Rivers "Heritage Day" committee is looking for individuals, clubs and groups who would like to promote their special activities at this year's Heritage Day on Sept 17, 2016 at the Museum.

Participants set up and operate their own booth. This venue will show off and promote your activity to all who come to enjoy our Heritage Day event. For more information and sign-up, call Dick Lindstrom, 360-608-5642(c), 360-834-6402(h).

## Member Open House March 20

The Two Rivers Heritage Museum is bursting with a new look and new exhibits and want members to help celebrate a promising new season.

Be our guest at a Member Open House, Sunday, March 20, 2 to 5 p.m. for a good look around. Meet the curators of the new exhibits and hear the story behind their vision for an interesting display of history. Also help welcome and meet Jim Cobb our new president of the CWHS Board of Directors. Light refreshments will be available.

Take this opportunity to bring a neighbor, a relative, a friend to discover our communities' Museum. ...'where history lives.'

# Two Rivers Heritage Museum and Camas-Washougal Historical Society Schedule of Events

Thurs, Feb 25	Museum volunteer training, 10 am–2 pm. Lunch included, at the Museum.
Thurs, Mar 3	Museum opens for the season. Thursday-Saturday 11 am - 3 pm.
Sun, Mar 20	Historical Society member Open House at the Museum, 2 pm – 5 pm
April	Historical Society Community Presentation (date to be determined)
Sat, April 30	Deadline for donated plants for the Plant Fairs
Thurs, May 12	Camas-Washougal Bus Tour with Virginia Warren 10 am–2 pm Lunch included
Sat, May 14	Plant Fair, 10 am - 4 pm, at the Museum
Sun, June 5	Plant Fair #2, 11 am – 3 pm, at the Museum
Sat, July 24	Camas Day Parade – Come see the CWHS entry
Thurs, Aug 11	Camas-Washougal Bus Tour with Virginia Warren, 10 am-2 pm Lunch included
August	Historical Society Community Presentation (date to be determined)
Sat, Sept 17	Heritage Day, 11 am – 3 pm at the Museum
Sun, Oct 31	Museum closes for winter. Opens March 2017
November	C-W Historical Society Annual Meeting (date to be determined)

## Welcome to these new 2016 Historical Society members:

Marc Anderson  
Paul & Jodi Gilmore  
Roberta & Wendell Heims  
Susan Hoffman  
Linda Weatherill

## 2016 Membership Dues Due!

It's membership dues time! I want to thank those members who have already paid their 2016 membership dues and welcome to our new members. I would also ask that those who have not yet paid their dues for 2016 to do so as soon as you can.

Your dues supports the Camas-Washougal 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 and is due. For members that have not yet renewed and new members, there is a membership application on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you!

- Colleen Daniels, Membership Coordinator

## Volunteers Needed! Join Us!

Opportunities abound with the Camas-Washougal Historical Society and the Two Rivers Heritage Museum for volunteers to make a difference by using your experience, time and talents. Offering part-time assistance at the Museum ensures many community treasures will be here for future generations.

Volunteer positions include Museum docents, organizing, filing and researching photos in the research department, inventory of Museum items, restoration of artifacts, picture framing, document oral histories, construction of exhibits, grant writer, gardening (maintenance of heritage herb beds and plant fairs), weaver to work and demonstrate loom, "Clean Team" for Museum exhibits.

For information and to volunteer, call/leave a message for Lois Cobb at 360-835-8742 and she will contact you.

A volunteer training and sneak preview of the new 2016 exhibits will be held at the Museum on Thursday, February 25, 10 am to 2 pm, lunch included.

## New Look to Your Museum

A great way to spend a winter's afternoon is to visit Two Rivers Heritage Museum and experience the new updated, refreshed atmosphere and exhibits. Open Thursday through Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm, the Museum is sporting new floors, the new featured exhibit of a one-room schoolhouse plus four more brand new displays.

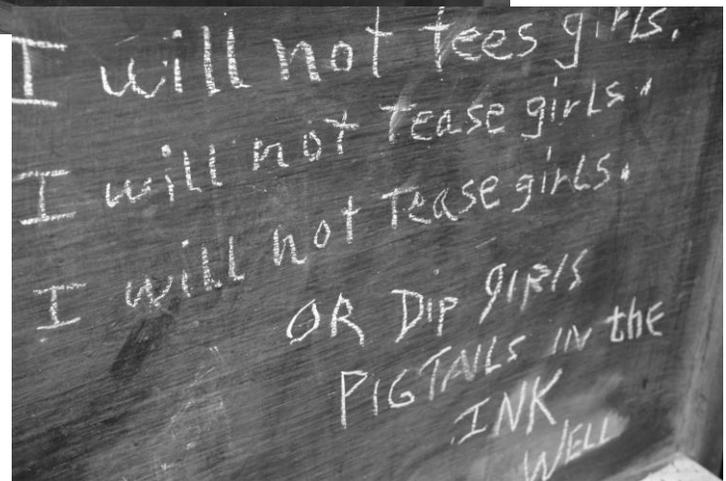
Volunteers have been busy during the winter preparing the new exhibits and many other jobs behind the scenes. Accolades go to Walt Eby who has lead the planning and work done. These days to find Walt, find him at the Museum with many other volunteers still working and to be named later.

The Museum reopens March 3 for all to enjoy.

### School Days

Schools were a 'one-stop-shop' as they were created in a new community. The school teacher taught everything from math to music and reading to kickball, and served as the school nurse. This was the case for Camas and Washougal and their small schools were sprinkled throughout the area from the Columbia River to Livingston Mountain from the mid-1800's to the 1950's. See separate story on Camas schools.

The featured exhibit at the Museum is a one-room schoolhouse, complete with an organ and a potbellied stove. Included also is school furniture from local schools, supplies, sports equipment, pictures and books. Camas and Washougal retired teachers, Carol Phillips and Cynthia Purdy, are the lead curators of the schoolhouse exhibit.



### Mining in our Hills

In the 1850's prospective miners found no room in the California gold fields so they turned north to the Pacific Northwest. Silver Star Mountain, northeast of Camas and Washougal, was a destination for as many as 900 miners at one time. They searched for gold in many places looking for quartz which can contain gold. What they found was copper. The ore was crushed in a stamp mill, loaded and taken to Tacoma in horse drawn wagons to a smelter. The many mines were productive until the 1930's and 40's.

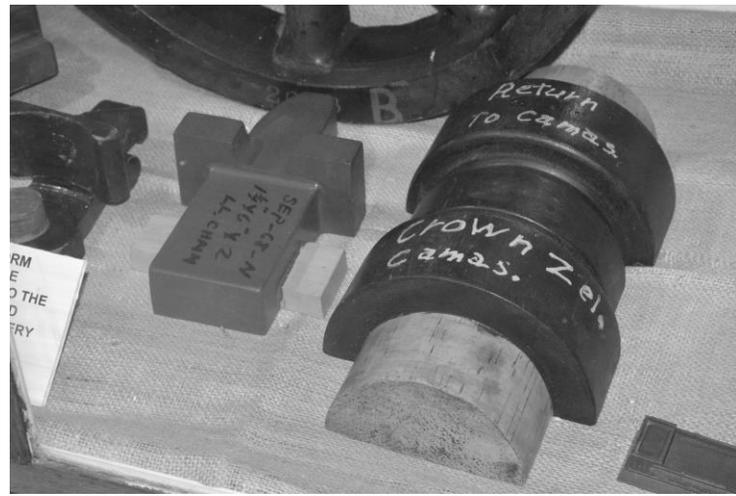
Brad London is curator for this new mining exhibit that will include information on the mines in this area of the Pacific Northwest

## Two Towns Two Mills

The two mills in Camas and Washougal have been the backbones of these communities from 1880s to the 1980s and continue now since the high tech industrial age made its appearance. Two new exhibits remind us of the importance that each mill played in the development of the East Clark County area.

Camas Mill - The new exhibit of the Camas paper mill reflects the history from its inception in 1883. Henry Pittock bought 2,500 acres of land around LaCamas Lake and established a paper mill to make paper for his newspaper in Portland. From the first mill on to Crown Zellerbach ownership and beyond, the exhibit shows the life of the mill through memorabilia, operations of the different mill departments and a historic timeline documented by CWHS board member, Dick Lindstrom.

Pendleton Mill - As a neighbor of the Museum and a long-time business in Washougal, the Pendleton Woolen Mill, purchased and renamed by the Bishop family in 1906, is featured in a new exhibit. See images of the mill, fabric from mill, and historical information and featuring a hand carder for wool, used before preparing wool to weave became mechanized.



## Native American Display

The Native American basket, arrowhead collections and stone tools exhibit illustrates the rich history of the native people who were the first families that lived in our local area. A large native culture shared the local resources of salmon, huckleberries, salal, camas root and wapato and used the various items displayed at the Museum. Donna Martinez, curator, has designed a stunning exhibit that greets you as you enter the Museum. Connect with the deep roots of our communities by enjoying this exhibit.

## Veterans Recognition

The new exhibit to recognize local veterans reminds us of the many sacrifices of time and often lives that our communities experienced. The exhibit includes photos and items from the WWI, WWII, Korean and The Cold War. Included is a montage of photos of local veterans put together by Don Ramsey, husband of retired Museum director Betty Ramsey.



# Camas Schools History, Part II

## First Prune Hill Schools

One of the first schoolhouses in Camas existed prior to 1888, next to the Columbia River, below Prune Hill on a land claim owned by Joel Knight. In Sept 1890, the Heaton's deeded a short acre of land for a new school on the south side of the road along the River, south of the Knight's donation claim.

In 1904, the North Bank Railroad began surveying land for a rail line along the Columbia River between Camas and Vancouver and the school house was in the way. The Heaton's deeded school district # 36 an acre 1/3 of a mile north of the railroad, north of the Knights claim. On the east side of Brady Road, 1/10<sup>th</sup> of mile south of the intersection with McIntosh Road, a one room wooden school house was built and was used until 1920 when it was replaced with a cement block and brick schoolhouse. An outdoor water cistern, for holding spring water, was the source of water and out-houses were used. This school closed in 1931 and students were bused to Camas. The building was used by a church. After the school burned down, a private residence was built just east of the old school site.

## Ireland School

An 1888 map shows Ireland school located at the NE corner of intersection of NE 292 Ave and NE Ireland Road, east of what is now Fern Prairie store at Hwy 500 and NE 19<sup>th</sup>. In March of 1912, Benjamin Cavitt deeded 1½ acres to school district #69 for a wooden one room school to be built on the east side of Livingston Road, south of NE 60<sup>th</sup>. In March of 1921, C.A.Binder sold a warranty deed to school district #69 to build a new school ¼ mile to the north. This school closed in 1953 and students were bused to Camas.

## Grass Valley

In 1867 Henry M Knapp donated 1 acre of land to school district # 28 for a school in the Grass Valley area. It was a small log building which was later replaced by a brick building. The school was located on the south side of Grass Valley Road which is now NW Parker St and 38<sup>th</sup> St, Camas. After the school closed in 1936 and students bused to Camas, the building was rented as a residence. A murder took place in the residence. From then on no one would rent it as a home and it served as a barn and storage building.

- Curtis Hughey, Historian

## Plant Sales at Museum

Time to think spring and mark your calendar for the Two Rivers Heritage Museum's Annual Plant Fairs. The sales will be Saturday, May 14, 11am-4pm and Sunday, June 5, 11am-3pm at the Museum. Also, plants will be on sale after the Plant Fairs during regular Museum hours, Thurs-Sat, 11am-3pm.

Your garden will welcome the plants from the sale for they are primarily from gardens in the Camas and Washougal area. If you have plants to donate, call and leave a message for Alma Ladd at 360-835-8742 and she will meet you at the Museum or arrange to send a "dig team," if needed. The plants being sought are hellebores, calla lilies, lavender, spider wort, peonies, hosta lilies and sedum. We have plenty of iris right now. Also very welcome are bird houses, garden art, bee boxes, and garden stakes. All donations need to be in by April 30.

Would you like to help get ready for the sale? Volunteers are needed to prepare plants on hand, dig and pot plants that are donated and prepare labels. The funds from the sales are used to update exhibits, maintain artifacts and historical information.

Bring your neighbor and enjoy shopping through the wide variety of plants.

## Check out Visitor Information Display

In cooperation with the City of Washougal and using tourism funding, a new display for brochures and cards to direct tourists and visitors to Camas and Washougal have been installed on the outside of the Museum.

These are accessible anytime and provide information such as businesses, activities, lodging, celebrations and services for visitors.

The display will hold ten brochures or cards featuring visitor destinations around our communities and provide the first accessible tourist information in Washougal. It will be ready for summer guests.

# CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2016

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)*

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

<b>Check One</b>
<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  
  Display Work  
  Research Assistant  
  Computer Entry  
  Inventory  
 Gardening  
  Records and Archives  
  Clean Team  
  Heritage Day

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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.