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

The Camas-Washougal Historical Society (CWHHS) was formed 39 years ago. It has been 21 years since we moved into our present, permanent location. On March 2, 2017 we will open the Two Rivers Heritage Museum for our 39th year.

Looking forward, what can you expect at the museum for 2017? First, new flooring on the ramp to the interior of the Museum and the kitchen sporting fresh paint and a new 1930's style linoleum. Also, new ceiling lighting has been installed for better viewing of our displays. As the year continues, four of our musical instruments will be refurbished and available for playing by staff and visitors. In the weaving room you may find a volunteer busy weaving on one of our fine woolen rugs which are for sale in our Museum store. The elimination of duplicate and unidentified items from the Museum basement is an ongoing project and will create more storage for rotating displays.

We have a new library, with a catalog system that makes information in books, documents and research information much more available. Hosts will be able to easily access the new system and assist visitors.

The future looks bright for our museum. These are just a few of the plans for 2017. Remember, we are always looking for volunteers. Ask a friend if they have a few hours to spend working with us. See you at the Museum.

*- Jim Cobb, President,  
Camas-Washougal Historical Society*

### Camas-Washougal Historical Society Board of Directors for 2017

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## Open House Celebrates Reopening

The Two Rivers Heritage Museum will open March 2 for the 2017 season. To celebrate there will be a special Open House on Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Regular admission will be \$1 off. Admission is always free for current members.

The Museum may have been closed for the winter but it was never quiet. Volunteer curators, board members and new members have been working on a library, storage, inventory, research files and displays.

Stop by for the Open House or during any visitor hours (Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) to see what is new!



# Train Instruction “On the Fly” in Camas

Two Rivers Heritage Museum curators are excited about the newest acquisition, a transmitter for train orders “on the fly.” This device was part of the Camas train station during the Spokane-Portland-&-Seattle Railroad (SP&S) era, and stood near the station for a long time. It was finally removed for scrap and lucky for us, Robert Etapa, a Camas mill employee, was given permission to take the crane. It was mounted on a stand in his yard for many years before he offered it to the Museum.

During the early days of railroading, managing the trains evolved in a variety of ways. For some locations, where orders needed to be given to passing trains that did not stop, train transmitters were developed to hand off orders “on the fly.”

The transmitter now at the Museum was used to hand off orders by placing a hoop in one of the three brackets with orders attached. On the SP&S line, the top bracket was for engine orders, the middle for passenger car orders, and the bottom for caboose orders. The train would slow and the engineer or staff member would reach out and catch the orders by hand. This operation saved valuable time as passing trains did not have to stop to receive orders.



Thank you to the readers of the Camas-Washougal Post Record who responded to the questions about the Mail Crane (photo to the right) in the recent edition of the paper. Your interest and ideas were helpful in the research.

## Welcome to these new 2017 CWHS members:

Dannie Anderson  
Rhonda Golliher  
James & Sharon Martell  
Mark & Mary Rohr  
Ted & Shelley Vanderheyden  
Brian McClatchie  
Eric & Sarah McDaniel  
Jackie Tyler  
William Zalpys

## Local Plants Flourish at Two Plant Sales



Area gardeners will once again find healthy local plants at the CWHS Plant Sales Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, June 11 at the Museum.

If your garden is overflowing with new growth, see if there are plants that you could donate to the sales. The hard winter may have taken a toll on some gardens so new plants from our local area will be welcomed by our customers!

To make a donation, contact the Museum, 360-834-8742 and leave a message for Alma Ladd, our resident Plant Lady and Plant Sale Chairperson. She will arrange with you to get the plants to the Museum. There is a ‘dig team’ that can assist you or will meet you to unload.

Plants that are always popular at the sales are hellebores, calla lilies, lavender, spider wort, peonies, hosts lilies, small trees and succulents. Camas lily bulbs will be available at the sale. Also welcome are bird houses, garden art, bee boxes and garden stakes.

All donations need to be at the Museum by May 1. Help is always welcome preparing for the sale and working at the sale. Call the Museum at 360-834-8742 and leave a message for Alma Ladd.

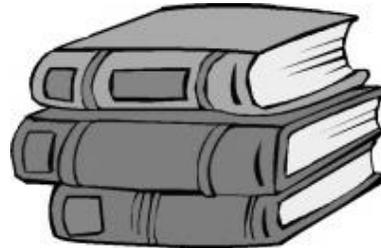
Bring you gardening friend and neighbor for a day of great shopping.

# From a Box of Books to a Library

Judy Mason, a retired librarian from the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, visited Two Rivers Heritage Museum last summer to research family history and has been working at the Museum ever since. She surveyed the many books the Museum housed and set out creating a Museum library. She has sorted, cleaned, documented, created a research system and worked with the Board of Directors to refine the collection to reflect life and history in east Clark County.

Judy's many hours have been greatly appreciated and have also included work with Museum archives organizing a mini library including family files by surname, Donation Land Claim documents and homestead records. This information will be readily available for visitors with the assistance of a Museum host.

More work has to be done before the whole library will be accessible and displayed on new shelving. Volunteers' assistance is always welcomed.



## Historical Society Membership Matters

It's Membership Dues Time! Thank you to members of the CWHS that have 2017 memberships. Welcome to new members. Your support of the 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 update dues, this is a great time to do so and help to 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 or a new membership to P O Box 204, Washougal, Wa 98671, or submit it on our website, [www.2rhm.com](http://www.2rhm.com). If you deliver it to the Museum during visitor hours stay for your free tour and see what is new "...Where history lives."

- Colleen Daniels, Membership Coordinator

## Membership has Many Benefits

Your membership helps create the backbone of our Museum and organization. The CWHS provides members the following 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**
- ✓ **Support the Museum financially and receive this newsletter**

## Mark Your Calendar for 2017 Heritage Day

Heritage Day, Two Rivers Heritage Museum's annual celebration, will be held Saturday, September 9 this year and is interested in clubs, groups and individuals who would like to participate for the day.

The event is held at the Museum and there is ample space for booths and tables for display. Your participation will be promoted throughout the community. For more information and sign-up, contact Dick Lindstrom, 360-608-5642.



Visitor to the 2016 Heritage Day enjoyed the many demonstrations by volunteers.



Jim Cobb demonstrates how to “plays a tune” on the Bond player piano to be restored to useable condition.

## Grants Brings Music to Museum

CWHS is a recent recipient of a Clark County Historical Promotion Grant. The grant is funded by a \$1 surcharge on Clark County filings.

The grant will fund refurbishing of an Arion Square grand piano circa 1886, a Bond player piano circa 1921, a Cornish & Co pump organ circa 1910, and an antique child’s pump organ. These musical artifacts will be on display at the Museum.

“We feel it is important to have these instruments working as an upgrade to the Museum,” said Jim Cobb, CWHS president. “We are grateful to Clark County for selecting our project for funding.”

## Museums of the Gorge Convene

Several CWHS members will represent CWHS and the Two Rivers Heritage Museum at the second meeting of museums and other agencies representing art and culture in the Columbia gorge in Hood River, Oregon next month.

The purpose of the group is to share expertise, information, resources and support. Working together will enable the museums to join together to enhance tourist visits and explore qualifications for the Ice Age trail designation from the National Park Service.

There are more than 30 non-profit organizations representing the history and legacy of Oregon and Washington from Camas-Washougal and Troutdale east through Klickitat County in Washington and Wasco County in Oregon. Two Rivers Heritage Museum is at the ‘gateway to the gorge’ in Washington and excited about the future opportunities of the group.

## Prunes Down off the Hill

A new display can be found in the Museum’s Carriage House that reflects how Prune Hill in Camas got its name. A display of prune processing with its own fabric “prunes” represents one of the largest agriculture crops grown in the area.



# CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2017

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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*(Email not shared)*

**Check One**

New Membership  
 Renewal Membership  
 Updated Membership  
 Number of Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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  
  Cleaning Team  
  Heritage Day

## Two Rivers Heritage Museum & Camas-Washougal Historical Society Schedule of 2017 Events

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| Thursday, March 2  | Museum opens for the season. Thursday-Saturday, 11am to 3pm.      |
| Saturday, March 4  | Museum Open House - 11am to 3pm, \$1 off regular admission        |
| April              | CWHS Community Presentation (date to be determined)               |
| Monday, May 1      | Deadline for plants to be donated for Plant Fairs                 |
| Saturday, May 20   | Plant Fair, at the Museum 10am-4pm                                |
| Sunday, June 11    | Plant Fair #2, at the Museum 11am-3pm                             |
| Saturday, July 22  | Camas Day Parade, 11am. Come see the CWHS entry                   |
| August             | Historical Society Community Presentation (date to be determined) |
| Saturday, Sept 9   | Heritage Day, 11am-3pm at the Museum                              |
| Sunday, October 29 | Museum closes for the winter. Opens March 2018                    |
| November           | CWHS Annual Meeting (date to be determined)                       |

# Museum Volunteers Behind the Scenes

From the CWHS Board of Directors come volunteers that not only help guide the direction of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum but roll up their sleeves and work all year long. Several board members, assisted by CWHS members, have been inventorying the artifacts stored in the Museum basement and considering their origin, use in the Museum and their ability to reflect the life and times of East Clark County.

Walt Eby, Dick Lindstrom, Richard Johnson, Lois Cobb, Betty Egger and Alma Ladd, with assistance by Steve Daniels, Gail and Ivar Gotliebson, Pauline Eby and Karen Johnston have identified items large and small, that items or with no documentation.

These items will be offered to other museums, as per a longtime practice with museums. If not gifted to other museums, they will be sold to assist with new displays and updates to the museum.

Another long-term project coming up to date is the entering a record of donations to the Museum into a computer program, Past Perfect. This is a comprehensive program for Museums that keeps track of hundreds of items in a museum. Thank you to the volunteers that tackle this ongoing project.



**CWHS Board of Directors Back-Walt Eby, Lois Cobb, Richard Johnson, Dorothy Durkee, Lea Hornbeck, Marilyn Brown Front-Judy Wilson, Jim Cobb, Betty Eggar, Alma Ladd. Not pictured: Curtis Hughey, Dick Lindstrom and Norm Paulson.**

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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.

