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Newsletter of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society –

Two Rivers Heritage Museum

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From the President...

Spring....what a beautiful time of the year! Everything is starting to grow and flourish and so is your museum. Growth is necessary for any organization to survive and Two Rivers Heritage Museum is doing just that. Our Gathering Place at Washuxwal structure will soon rise. As the structure rises, an effort to gather the stories and tales of bygone times to be presented to the public has begun. Planning on how to use the new addition to the museum is our new priority.

The Research Department of the museum has been busy answering requests for historic information and the inventory committee has been recording the items we have stored. Our photo department has been selecting 1000 pictures to be posted as part of an area data base which includes several other local museums.

The museum visitor count is up due to good advertising and news coverage. The number of scheduled tours is increasing.

The museum's exhibit committee has been updating displays and planning for the future. We are looking forward to the final spring plant fair June 9 and Heritage Day on the second Saturday in September.

Growth is important and it does present challenges. New ideas, new projects and added maintenance all require more help. We are asking friends and families to contribute a few hours a month. Your museum needs volunteers to aid in its growth and it really is a fun place to work.

- Jim Cobb, President, C-W Historical Society Board of Directors

Camas-Washougal Historical Society Board of Directors for 2019

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Dorothy Durkee
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Ivar Godtlibsen
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Thank you, Tidland Family!

For the first year, CWHS has been honored to receive the Tidland Family Historical Fund Grant given to help support the operations of the museum. The Tidland Grant Committee is still processing several project requests for recommendations to the Board for approval.

- Steve Daniels, Chairperson, Tidland Grant Committee

Group Tours! The More the Merrier!

Did you know our Two Rivers Heritage Museum hosts many group tours? From elementary school classes to senior centers to family reunions, it is a fun way for visitors to explore our rich history. Extra volunteer docents are often called in to help enrich the experience for our guests.

Do you have a group that would enjoy a tour? Would you like to help docent for groups or on a regular basis? Contact Lois Cobb at 360-835-5449.

CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2019

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Check One
<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership
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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 Jan 1 to Dec 31. New members joining between January 1 and July 31, pay the full annual dues. New members joining between Aug 1 and Oct 31 pay 50% of the annual dues. New members joining from Nov 1 to Dec 31, pay the full annual dues to cover the remainder of the current year and the following year. Please make checks payable to C-W 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

Beals Grants Make Significant Contributions to Museum

For the Ninth (9th) year in a row CWHS has been honored to receive the Chester and Marion Beals Memorial Grant given to help support the operations of the museum. The Beals Grant Committee is still processing several project requests for recommendations to the Board for approval which will also include the annual volunteer appreciation activity planned for later this year.

From 2011 to 2018 the Chester and Marion Beals Memorial Grants has enabled us to do many things including the following:

- To insulate and cover the walls and install an inside security system for the Carriage House.
- Provide additional security coverage around the Gathering Place pavilion and purchase new upgraded security equipment.
- Over several years purchase new computers, copiers, printers, video equipment, cameras and software.
- To develop our web site.
- Replace old carpet and flooring with new carpet and flooring throughout the museum.
- UV sun shield screening on windows in the Museum.
- Developed a master landscape plan for the Museum grounds.
- Over several years to purchase signage, display lights, office chairs, donation boxes, storage shelving, portable canopies, ceiling lights, custom built photo storage cabinet and library bookcases, freezer, wall paneling, archival boxes, development of Tour Guide Manuals and create small Heritage Garden.
- To provide additional electrical lights and outlets in the basement for curator workstations.
- To repair dry rot on the exterior of museum and paint the exterior of both the museum and carriage house.
- Annually to have a Volunteer Appreciation luncheon.

- Steve Daniels, Chairperson, Beals Grant Committee

Save the Dates!

- JUNE 1 - CWHS Community Presentation, "Finding Fort Vancouver,"
2 pm, Camas Police Station
- JUNE 9 - Plant Fair, 11am-4pm, Museum
- AUG 17 - CWHS Community Presentation (TBA)



- SEPT 14 - Heritage Day, 11am-3pm, Museum
- OCT 26 - Museum closes for the season
- NOV 16 - CWHS Annual Meeting/Program

Archaeologist to Speak about the FIRST Fort Vancouver

Local archaeologist Amy Clearman will present "The Search for the First Fort Vancouver" on Saturday, June 1 at 2 p.m. at the Camas Police Station Meeting Room, 2100 3rd Avenue, Camas. The presentation is hosted by the Camas-Washougal Historical Society and open to members and the public.

Fort Vancouver played a critical role in the settlement of American pioneers in the area. In 1825, the British Hudson's Bay Company built the first Fort Vancouver as a fur trade post on the bluff above the Columbia River. In 1829, they moved the location of the fort to the lower plain, where the reconstructed fort now stands.

"The exact site of the first (1825) fort has been lost to time and the mystery of its location has intrigued area residents and archaeologists for at least a century," said Clearman. "The area where the first fort sat began to be developed in the late-19th century and is now an urban residential neighborhood. This means the fort's location is on private property."

For her Master's thesis project, Clearman worked with neighborhood residents to archaeologically excavate for evidence of the first fort on their property. Her talk will cover a short history of the North American fur trade in the Pacific Northwest, the role of Fort Vancouver in establishing settlement in the area, and results of the search for the first Fort Vancouver.



Amy Clearman will speak about work to excavate for evidence of the first Fort Vancouver.

CW Historical Society Thanks Longstanding Members!

Every CWHS member is important. Membership dues help keep our museum up and running, improving and working hard to protect and display our proud local history.

As we remind everyone to pay their yearly dues, we'd like to give special recognition to our longest standing members! Thank you all!

Lois Jemtegaard, Washougal-1978; Jeanette Jester, Camas-1978; Bernice Pluchos, Vancouver-1978; Ronald & Dorothy Durkee, Camas-1979; Thor & Lilla Larsen, Washougal-1980; Doris Brooking, Camas-1982; Cynthia Purdy, Vancouver-1982; Nan Henriksen, Camas-1983; Carol Phillips, Washougal-1987; Charles & Alma Ladd, Camas-1990; Shirley Scott, Washougal-1991; Virginia Warren, Vancouver-1992; Lester & Wanda Sonneson, Washougal-1993; John Buchholz, Camas-1994; Charles & Gayle Krohn, Vancouver-1995; Theodore Morris, Camas; 1995; Donna Barratt and Jim Barratt, Camas-1996; Donna Brown, Vancouver-1996; Roland Hughey Rougemont, 1996; Richard & DeEtte Ford, Washougal-1997; Ruth Hansen, Washougal-1997; Brian Higginson, Washougal-1997; Gertrude Luthy, Washougal-1997; Ann Marie Piller, Camas-1997; Ken & Gilda Powell, Vancouver-1997; Patricia & Ernie Suggs, Washougal-1997; James Freeman, Camas-1998; Robert Howe, Camas-1998; Barbara Kelly, Vancouver-1998; Norm & Lisa Paulson, Camas-1998; Susan Fletcher, Orting-1999; Donald & June Hays, Washougal-1999; Larry Liehr, Vancouver-1999; Rene Carroll, Washougal-2000; Thomas & Karen Smith, Camas-2000

Every attempt was made for this list to be accurate. We apologize if any one was missed.

Museum Welcomes Local Artifacts and Stories!

Our museum is filled to the brim with interesting and historic artifacts which tell the rich history of Camas and Washougal. A committee of volunteers has been working over the past several years to identify, catalog, cull and reorganize the museum's sizable collection and create space for additional local treasures of the past.

The committee has also created and documented a new donation procedure and clearer criteria to determine what items to accession. They follow Washington State rules and best practices set out by the PastPerfect Software in all aspects of the donation process. They are now ready to welcome donated items from members and the community.



Volunteers Karen Johnson & Gayle Godtlibsen.

New museum volunteer, Gayle Godtlibsen of Washougal, has stepped up as Accessions Curator. She talks with or meets prospective donors and examines items with consideration of relevance, condition and duplication.

Another important aspect of accessioning is collecting local stories that go along with the artifact. "It is all about the stories," added accession committee member, Karen Johnson. "It is what brings these pieces to life for visitors."

Godtlibsen is at the museum each Friday during regular hours from 11am-3pm for accessioning work. She is also available by appointment and is willing to travel to a donor if they have a large item, a collection or have no way to get to the museum.

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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.