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Newsletter of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society –
Two Rivers Heritage Museum
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Museum Hours: Thursday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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From the President...

Amazing how fast time passes! August is here and our Two Rivers Heritage Museum pavilion project, The Gathering Place at Washuxwal, is moving along. Logs and building materials for the structure are about to arrive. Actual construction should begin the first week in August.

The second phase of funding for the Gathering Place has started. Help us finish this museum project. We are close. Let's finish with a bang.

Our next Society presentation in the History Lives Series will be Saturday, August 17 at 2pm at the Camas Police Station Community Room. Cameron Blagg III will be presenting the Museum with 11 first edition prints from his father's collection of Native American inspired art. These prints are beautiful works and the Museum is extremely grateful to be receiving them. Join us as the Society accepts this donation.

The Museum's annual Heritage Day is around the corner on Saturday, September 14 at 1 Durgan Street, Washougal from 11am to 3pm. Plan to stop by to visit the Museum at no charge and enjoy the traditional hot dog and root beer float lunch.

We are in need of volunteers to staff the front desk of the Museum. Simple duties include, greeting our visitors, taking admission payment and answering the phone. Docents are also needed to conduct tours and guide our visitors through the Museum. Both work Thursday through Saturday, 11am to 3pm. Two Rivers Heritage Museum is a fun place to volunteer!

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

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Our Museum is in Search of Stories!

The Museum is looking for historic items, photographs and documents that tells the history of the area. We are looking for people with interesting items and information about ancestors with deep roots in our community. Telling the story behind your donation helps preserve the rich heritage of our area for future generations.

As Accession Curator, Gayle Godtlibsen meets with potential donors to review the item. She helps learn about the piece and determines if the Accession Committee should receive the donation for consideration to add to the collection at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum.

If you have items you would like us to consider, bring them to the Museum on Friday between 11am and 3pm. If you unable to come on a Friday, please call the Museum 360-835-8742 and leave your contact information for Gayle.

Welcome new CWHS Members for 2019!

Bruce & Ginger Fagg	Janet Harte
Mable Jones	Pam Long
Madeline Mesplay	James Ogan
Amee Rasmussen	Myron Wurzer
Friends of Cedar Creek Grist Mill	

CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2019

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Name _____

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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 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

Discovery High School Students Create Gorge Display

The Columbia River Gorge has come to life, thanks to the efforts of 52 Discovery High School students who recently built a 9-by-9 foot display representing 90 miles of the gorge canyon.

Students studied the history, geology and geography of the area as well as learned how to use a variety of artistic mediums such as plaster of Paris and paint to create the display. Divided into 17 teams, most with three students apiece, the students worked on specific areas of the gorge. The project took and taught teamwork, collaboration and communications skills.

“Everybody on the CWHS Board was enthusiastic about the partnership,” said Richard Johnson, CWHS Board member and museum volunteer. “By and large people have been totally surprised about the quality of the work. We’re excited about how it looks and functions.”

Members are encouraged to come and take a look at this new display created by our local youth.

Heritage Day filled with History and Fun on September 14

A day of connecting to the past, Heritage Day, will be Saturday, September 14 from 11am to 3pm at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. It will offer experiences in living history through free admission to the museum, live music, demonstrations, vendor booths, displays, lunch, and a drawing.

Enjoy the traditional lunch of hot dogs, ice cream sundaes and root beer floats and a stroll through the museum displays, see plants for sale and check out the building of The Gathering Place pavilion.

Back again is the popular “Another Shade of Bluegrass” band, filling the air with toe-tapping music and energy. Vendors include Clark County Flying Eagle “A’s” vintage cars, Early Day Gas Engines, Fort Vancouver Antique Equipment Association, Wood Krafts, Navy Mothers and more.

Heritage Day is made possible by Museum volunteers, led by Lois Cobb and Dick Lindstrom. Event sponsors are Clark County PUD, City of Washougal, Pendleton Mills, Washougal Fire Department and Riverview Community Bank. Any event proceeds benefit operations and improvements at the museum.

Son of Local Artist to Present Works and Stories of Father's Art

Cameron Blagg III, son of professional local artist Cameron Blagg, will be the Camas-Washougal Historical Society featured speaker on Saturday, August 17 at 2 p.m. at the Camas Police Station Meeting Room, 2100 3rd Avenue, Camas. The presentation is a part of the CWHS's History Lives Series and is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

Cameron will talk about his father's prolific work painting Native American inspired pieces. The senior Blagg grew up in Oklahoma at the edge of Cherokee and Choctaw Indian Reservations. His art is inspired by his love of western history and Native cultures. His piece depicting Celio Falls can be seen in the front room at the Museum.

Cameron will also share memories of his childhood in Washougal, growing up 6.5 miles north of Bear Prairie in a canyon along the upper Washougal River. The family lived simply in a small cabin they built. They produced their own electricity with a water wheel and used wood to heat their home and cook.

Cameron will also present the CWHS with 11 limited-edition pieces that his father created. Please join us to hear this special talk and celebrate this generous gift to our museum.



Cameron Blagg

Museum Calling for Volunteers

Do you have some spare time? Do you enjoy history, people and community? Do you have a special professional skill you'd be willing to share? We are looking for more people like you to volunteer in a variety of areas around the Two Rivers Heritage Museum.

Currently we have openings for Archival, Native American and Objects Curators as well as Building Maintenance Coordinator and Librarian. These are jobs that happen behind the scenes at the Museum. We also always need more front desk and docent volunteers to work short, four-hour shifts once per month.

Please consider us if you are looking for a chance to volunteer with others who share your interest in our local heritage and history. Even if you have only a few hours a month, we could use your generous help. Call 360-835-8742 or stop by to pick up a volunteer form.

Family Research Assistance Available

Are you interested in seeking information about your family or friends that have roots in Camas or Washougal? The Two Rivers Heritage Museum may be able to help. We have extensive family files filled with newspaper clippings and notebooks of information created by families and donated to the Museum.

Pat Suggs, Research Curator, is available to assist. Call the Museum 360-835-8742 for information and to reserve a time for research.

Annual Plant Fairs Help Raise Funds for Museum to Flourish

The 2019 Two Rivers Meritage Museum Plant Fairs were very successful, and Camas and Washougal gardens are flourishing with new plants found there. Thanks to all volunteers who dug, planted, donated, labeled, sold, watered and purchased plants.

We have many lovely plants still for sale that are blooming now. Bee balm, evening primrose, alstroemeria, hardy fuchsia and balloon flower are a few still available for fall planting. Plants are available when the Museum is open, Thursday through Saturday, 11am to 3 pm.

Also, we can use plastic one gallon or larger containers and we need volunteers to help repot, weed, water, etc. If you are available, please call and leave a message for Alma at 360-835-8742.

Please contact Alma if you have plants in the spring that you can donate as well.

Happy Gardening,

- Alma Ladd, The Plant Lady

The Gathering Place Nears Final Fundraising Goal

The Gathering Place at Washuxwal, is closing in on the final \$40,000 of funding needed to reach the budget goal of \$250,000!

The fundraising team recently mailed and emailed a packet of information representing the artistic and landscaping phase of the project with a request for additional donation to help us reach the goal. If you would like to make a gift, please send it to the museum, C/O Gathering Place



Project volunteers are excited that cedar logs are currently being readied for delivery before the end of summer. The project vision will begin coming more into focus once the structure begins going up. Donors and prospective donors can witness the progress on the project and feel the excitement growing!

Many thanks to all who have participated in making The Gathering Place a reality! ...where history lives... and stories unfold.

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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.