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Newsletter of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society –  
Two Rivers Heritage Museum  
One Durgan Street – PO Box 204, Washougal, WA 98671 -- 360-835-8742  
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## From the President...

Two years ago, Camas-Washougal Historical Society board members were discussing the future of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. Realizing that to succeed any endeavor it must grow. Thus, the idea of a replica Native American plank house was born. Now, as we look at our back yard, we can see the results of this plan.

Arising from the old lawn and yard, we have a log structure. Soon we will see a roof, artistic additions, landscaping and finally, the finished product. The results will be one of the most unique structures in the City of Washougal - The Gathering Place at Washuxwal. This will be a new tourist attraction, an educational facility and an exciting addition to the Two Rivers Heritage Museum.

Thanks to all who have worked on this project. Each donor and volunteer, even in a small way, have made this a truly cooperative project.

The job is ongoing as we start to develop the education aspect of the project. The telling of the stories of the Native Americans and early pioneers of Washougal and Camas has just begun and I hope will continue for many years to come.

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

### Camas-Washougal Historical Society Board of Directors for 2019

#### Officers

Jim Cobb, President  
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Betty Egger, Treasurer

#### Board Members

Dorothy Durkee  
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## Museum Volunteers Refresh Displays

As the Museum is closed for the winter, opening again in March 2020, the display committee is planning a new look for the Two Rivers Heritage Museum Carriage House. They continue to work on the Last Chance Mine Display and have other ideas developing. Something to look forward to visiting in the spring.



# CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2019

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**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 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

## Calling for Plant Fair Assistance

Black Nursery pots are needed for the Museum's Plant Fairs. 1 and 2-4 gallon pots can be dropped off at the Museum along the north side of the building, 1 Durgan Street, Washougal. Consider sharing plants and small trees for the Plant Fairs that are held the 3rd Saturday in May and the 3rd Sunday in June. Call the Museum, 360-835-8742 and leave a message for Alma Ladd.

## Gathering Place at Washuxwal Rising

Contractor, Mark Albin (right), works to insert the giant cedar poles into their metal support pegs (September 2019). The Gathering Place (below) stands ready for the next steps of construction (October 2019). Fundraising continues for landscaping, signage and artwork.



## Confluence Tells the Stories of Native People

CWHS members and the community are invited to attend a presentation about the work of the Confluence organization to connect people to the history, living cultures, and ecology of the Columbia River system through Indigenous voices. It will be hosted by the CWHS on Saturday, November 16 at 2 p.m. at the Washougal Community Center, 1681 C St, Washougal WA. The event is free.

Confluence Executive Director, Colin Fogarty, will speak on “Connecting to Place Along the Columbia River.” The community-supported nonprofit, based in Vancouver, WA, works through six art landscapes, educational programs, and community gatherings in collaboration with northwest tribes, communities, and the celebrated artist Maya Lin. Confluence is also building a digital library of first-person narratives of Native elders, thinkers and leaders.

The presentation comes at an important time for the CWHS and the Two Rivers Heritage Museum, as they begin construction of the Gathering Place at Washuxwal. This plank house-inspired pavilion will serve as a backdrop to tell stories of the earliest inhabitants to the area.

The Confluence believes that, for too long, the story of the Columbia River system has been essentially, “Lewis and Clark ‘discovered’ this place and the pioneers settled it.” The mission of Confluence is to move beyond this oversimplified story to elevate the long-marginalized voices of Indigenous people.

Fogarty, who became Confluence Executive Director in 2014, has always been drawn to the notion that we are surrounded by history and that it is up to us to see it. As a public radio journalist at Oregon Public Broadcast, his stories were heard frequently on NPR and he won regional and national awards. He covered state and regional politics, Oregon’s landmark Death with Dignity law, the bankruptcy of the Archdiocese of Portland and many other issues. Along the way, Fogarty kept returning to the theme of history and its role in our everyday lives.

Light refreshments will be served.



**Confluence Executive Director, Colin Fogarty, will speak on “Connecting to Place Along the Columbia River.”**

### **CWHS Members to Gather**

The CWHS Annual Meeting will be held as a part of the upcoming presentation on Saturday, November 16 at 2 p.m. at the Washougal Community Center, 1681 C St, Washougal WA.

Members are encouraged to attend the short business meeting that will include election of CWHS officers. We hope to see you there!

## Thank you, Heritage Day Volunteers, for a Successful Event!

Heritage Day 2019 at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum was celebrated on the second Saturday in September with sunshine and ice cream weather. Local folks and visitors enjoyed touring the Museum and visiting the displays, seeing the new Gathering Place building site and enjoyed lunch. Many thanks to the vendors and volunteers who greeted, guided, served hot dogs, sold plants and helped make Heritage Day a place where history lives...

Thanks to Coordinating Committee: Lois Cobb, Alma Ladd, Colleen Daniels, Dick Lindstrom and Betty Egger. Event volunteers: Jim Cobb, Brad London, Jim Ogan, Ron and Dorothy Durkee, Josh Stahley, Karen and Richard Johnson, Rebecca Bohlen, Madeline Mesplay, Don and Marlene Nau, Pat Suggs, Steve Daniels, Bob Peake, Judy Davis, Ed Simpkins, Carol Dykstra, Bruce and Ginger Fagg, Kathy Marty, Shirley Scott, Amanda Ediger, Sue Semkifox, Susan Tripp, Susie Clark, Gayle and Ivar Godtlibsen, Jannie Vanderberg and Helen Moore.

Thank you to our vendors and display hosts: Students from Discovery High School, Old Time Engines-Jim Barrett, Flying Eagle A's Car Club, Fort Vancouver Antique Equipment Assoc., Washougal Lions Club, Navy Mothers Club, Garden Shop-Vern Schanilec, 'Another Kind of Bluegrass' Band and City of Washougal.



**James Barner delights youngsters with his display on electricity.**

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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.