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

Springtime! Time to look ahead. With the Gathering Place at Washuxwal project progressing according to schedule, now is the time to look into the future. As we start to use our new structure, how will it fit into our everyday life of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum?

My vision is that the Gathering Place will gracefully become a part of the Museum and enhance a 360-degree display area where outdoor displays will be equal in quality to the inside displays. Where Historical Society members and visitors can walk over every inch of our complex and be entertained and interact with items of the past.

A stop at the Gathering Place, a pause at the fragrant native plants, a look into the Carriage House at mining, logging, railroad and farming memorabilia and a wander through the inside of the Museum's many displays and gift shop will provide a complete, interesting visit to a museum. Your Museum.

Look to the future. It is coming, ready or not.

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

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Volunteer Website Manager Needed!

The Two Rivers Heritage Museum's website needs to be updated and maintained by a qualified volunteer.

The cPanel with Wordpress system is being used but needs a manager. This could be done at the Museum or at home, at the most 2 hours a week. Most of the activity is between March and November. Most of the content is provided by our public relations team.

Do you know someone that would spend a little time making a big difference for the Museum? Leave a message for Ivar at 360-835-8742 or trhm@trhm.comcastbiz.net.

2020 Dates to Remember

- March 5 - Two Rivers Heritage Museum opens, 11-3pm
- March 28 – CWHS Presentation, 2pm, Camas Police Station
- April 3 - Camas First Friday "Spring into History" 5-8pm
- May 16 - Plant Fair, 10am-4pm, Museum
- May TBD - CWH Society Presentation
- June 14 - Plant Fair #2, 11am-3pm, Museum
- August TBD -CWH Society Presentation
- September 12 - Heritage Day, 11-3, Museum
- October 31 - Museum closes for the season
- November TBD - Society Annual Meeting/Program



CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2020

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Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

(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 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



Roberta Tidland and Rosalee MacRae

Thank you Tidland Family!

Two Rivers Heritage Museum was pleased to accept a generous donation from the family and estate of Roberta Tidland. Mrs. Tidland had a deep commitment to the Camas–Washougal Historical Society as one of its founding members and a founder of the Parkersville Landing National Historical Park. She was instrumental in getting the site listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Washington State Heritage Register in 1976 and the Clark County Heritage Register in 2019.

The Tidland family also donated items documenting the creation of the Parkersville Heritage Foundation. Included were photos and slides from the mid 1980s, engineer drawings for the park gazebo and kiosk, meeting minutes, newsletters and plans for landscaping and the Native American artwork project. These items will be available for viewing at the Museum. The items donated provides a timeline from the very early days of this project, addition to the park in the mid-1980s up to the recent brick orders for the Van Vleet Plaza at the Park.

In 1854, David Parker was among the 1st American settlers to make a Donation Land Claim to live in the Camas-Washougal area. He built the first dock on the Columbia River in this area. The Van Vleet family joined him in 1858 and resided there until 1978. Daughter, Dr. Lousia Van Vleet Wright was the 1st women doctor in this area.

Parkersville Landing Historic Park is located adjacent to the Camas-Washougal Port, 24 S. A Street, Washougal. It has a great view of the Columbia River, benches, walkways, picnic tables, natural landscaping and preservation projects.

-- Gayle Godtlilbsen, Accessions Curator

Welcome New Members

**Jean Hauge
Dawn Nakayk-Delc**

New and renewed membership is vital to our organization and our ability to accomplish our important mission. We ask all members to please take the time to renew your membership or suggest membership to friends or family who have a heart for the history of our area!

Confluence Executive Director to discuss Native American important role in our history at CWHS presentation

The community is 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 Camas-Washougal Historical Society (CWHS) on Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at the Washougal Community Center, 1681 C St, Washougal WA. The event is free and the public is welcome.



Colin Fogarty, Confluence Executive Director

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 near the end of 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.

Winter Closure Brings New Displays, Fresh Look to Museum

Winter closure was busy for the Display Committee, with significant changes in both the Museum main building and the Carriage House. Museum interior work was made possible by Walt Eby, who worked out a plan for our new look and made sure all the pieces would come together in a cohesive design. There was a lot of measuring, right down to tape strips on the floor where cabinets would be placed. Big Al’s movers made short work of moving the large display pieces for us.

Changes include:

- The “School Days” exhibit in the rotating display room was taken apart with some artifacts getting a rest while others were moved to displays in other parts of the museum. The rotating display room has been turned into an impressive Native American exhibit.
- The reception area received a new coat of paint and is now home to Discovery High School’s “Gorge” display making it more accessible with better viewing opportunities. Artifacts from, and pictures of local schools are also found in that area. The gift store has been reorganized and has a fresh new look.
- The Carriage House is slowly being transformed into a really interesting destination spot with the addition of new displays. The buggy was raised to the large deck with the help of Pendleton staff and WHAT A DIFFERENCE it has made to view the buggy details as you enter the Carriage House.
- There’s a great display titled “All Boxed Up” on the corner deck over the doorway. The addition of large banner pictures of local markets from the past adds a special touch to the display of vintage boxes and containers.
- Our surveying artifacts were turned into a display titled “From Here to There”. It describes how the survey tools and the Donation Land Act of 1851 are related to the history of our community.
- Work continues on a new display that will show relics from a local abandoned mine.

Display Committee members: Walt Eby, Richard Johnson, Gayle Godtlibsen, Karen Johnson, Ivar Godtlibsen

- Karen Johnson, Display Committee Member

Spring Brings the Annual Plant Fair to Benefit the Museum

Spring flowers are blooming even though it is still winter. If you are working in your yard and dividing plants, think of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum plant fairs and donate the surplus starts and clumps. Peonies, camellias, strawberries, hosta lilies, tomato starts, perennials, rhododendrons and azaleas are welcomed in small and moderate sizes.

Volunteers, led by plant lady, Alma Ladd start working in March. Call 360-835-8742 and leave a message for Alma Ladd that you have plants and/or you need help digging and dividing.

Thank you to everyone who has donated plants in the past and helped dig, weed, pot and sell plants. All of these jobs are open again this year for our two plant fairs, May 16 and June 14. Call the number above to volunteer. This year's plant fairs will have perennials and annuals including camas lilies, iris, violets, forsythia, solomon's seal, hellebores, crocosmia, canterbury bell and berries plus more from your donations.

Invite friends and neighbors to the Plant Fairs, Saturday, May 16 from 10am-4pm, and Sunday, June 14 from 11am to 4pm at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum, 1 Durgan St, Washougal. Proceeds from the fairs are used to continue to present an interesting and locally reflective museum and your support is appreciated.

-- *The Plant Lady, Alma Ladd*



Alma Ladd prepares for Plant Fair in May 2018.

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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.