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Newsletter of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society –

Two Rivers Heritage Museum

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From the President...

Forty years ago, a small group formed the Camas-Washougal Historical Society. This group brought to life the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. Our volunteers are stewards of the museum and from my standpoint, do an excellent job. We must train the next group of stewards and we should be on the lookout for new people interested in history and working within the museum. Also, declining membership in the Society is a challenge and one we all must address.

Our Gathering Place at Washuxwal project is on schedule and ramping up. With permits in hand we are soliciting bids for site preparation, structure construction and other phases of the project. The fund-raising aspect of the project is on-going, as we need to fund the cultural, security and landscaping portion of the project. The Gathering Place committee is looking for members interested in the cultural aspects of the project and how to present them to the public.

Our next event will be the Society annual meeting on Saturday, November 17, held at the Camas Police Station. We will hold elections for board members. If you are interest in joining the CWHS board, contact me at 360-835-5449, and I will submit your application to the Board. We have four openings.

The Museum is nearing our winter closure, October 27 to March 1. There is still time to come and enjoy your outstanding Museum, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11am to 3pm. Also drop by to check in on the construction of the Gathering Place.

As the holidays begin, I would like to wish all of you a happy and joyous season.

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

Camas-Washougal Historical Society Board of Directors for 2018

Officers

Jim Cobb, President
Alma Ladd, Vice President
Betty Egger, Treasurer

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Lois Cobb
Richard Johnson
Marilyn Brown
Patricia Suggs
Dick Lindstrom
Norm Paulson, ex-officio

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF HISTORY

40 years ago as Camas and Washougal grew so did an idea for establishing a historical society. After many hours of planning, Camas-Washougal Historical Society was established. The full story will be visited at the annual meeting of the Historical Society on **Saturday, November 17 at 2pm at the Camas Police Station Community Room.**

Join us to celebrate the progress over 40 years for the Society, hear the latest on the Society's newest project, the Gathering Place at Washuxwal and elect the Board of Directors for 2019.

Down From the Hills

The Two Rivers Heritage Museum has received a donation of antique mining equipment from the Skamania Mines. David Percell has donated many artifacts from mining in the 19th and 20th centuries including ore carts, tools and a coal force. These will be on display when the Museum opens again in March 2019.

Thank You, Past Board Members

The Board of Directors thanks Walt Eby, Judy Brown and Brian McClatchie for serving on the Board. Walt has guided the maintenance of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum for many years and has assured that all systems are in top condition. Judy served as Board secretary and Brian has helped in many ways including Accessions Curator, doing a great job of updating the Museum's accession process. They will be missed!

The Gathering Place at Washuxwal... A Reality

The Gathering Place at Washuxwal is on its way. With the groundbreaking on October 17 behind us, we are near the start of construction and final stretch of focused fund raising.

It will be placed right beside the south side of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. An open-air pavilion, fashioned after the Native American plank house will have displays that reflect the history of the first settlement along the Washougal River, including the rich history of the Chinook Nation.

Shortly after we began the project, we realized it would take two phases to complete. Phase one would be the actual structure and phase two is the art and story display work. The GP committee was tasked with finding the best design to be constructed and permitted. With assistance from Lewallen Architecture in Camas, we have completed the design process and have a permit to proceed with building the structure.

Phase two, the Art and Story Development, is evolving with help from a committee of folks working with local artist, Adam McIsaac. Adam is an expert on Columbia River art and has worked with Chinook descendants and experts to provide the project with demonstration art story boards. The committee is currently developing a program of story presentations for guest and Museum displays – a big task. If you or someone you know would like to help with this phase of the project, contact Jim Cobb 360-835-5449 or send an email via the website at www.2rhm.com.

The project fund-raising momentum continues to grow and has propelled the project to the construction start gate. With over ninety donors contributing cash, in-kind fair market value donation and grants, we are well past the \$100,000 point and look forward to completion of the structure sometime in the spring of 2019. With so many people donating their time and money, this is truly a community project. We look forward to your continued support to take us to the finish line.

- Richard Johnson, GP Committee Member

(Below) Ground breaking ceremonial diggers included: Jim Cobb, Molly Coston, Brad London, Jason Ferrier and Richard Johnson.



THE GATHERING PLACE AT WASHUXWAL



The Camas-Washougal Historical Society invites you to be a part of an exciting project that will provide new opportunities to expand educational programs and increase visitor interest in the Two Rivers Heritage Museum.



The Gathering Place at Washuxwal *...where stories unfold*

This beautiful outdoor pavilion will help bring history to life through storytelling and serve as a unique backdrop to host educational and community events.

- ▶ Adorned with Native American carved art, the structure will be reminiscent of the Columbia River-style cedar plank house.
- ▶ Educational programming and interesting historic displays will provide a sought-after venue for student field trips region-wide.
- ▶ Located within sight of Hwy 14, it will serve as a significant tourist attraction and add depth to the visitor experience at the museum.
- ▶ Project planning involves the local Native community to insure authenticity of their stories.



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Be a part of this exciting project! Funding rests with a combination of gifts from CWHS membership, and local community as well as grants and corporate giving. Share in the excitement and help make this vision a reality with your financial support. Use our donation form or give online at www.2rhm.com. Learn how to get involved by contacting CWHS President, Jim Cobb at 360-835-5449.

CWHS mission is to research, collect, preserve, and make available the rich history of Camas and Washougal, WA for the public. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. CWHS is a registered tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, Tax ID #91-1181503.

Beals Memorial Grants... A valued Partner to the Museum

For the eighth year in a row Camas Washougal Historical Society and the Two Rivers Heritage Museum have been honored to receive the Chester and Marion Beals Memorial Grant.

In 2018 the CHWS Board approved the use of the grant on several projects including a computer printer, wireless smart projector, carpet tiles, paneling for display, partial funding for a new expanded security system and the annual volunteer appreciation activity.

Over the last eight years, the Beals Memorial grants, in partnership with volunteer expertise and donated services from the community, have enabled the maintenance of the Museum building, keeping up with changes in technology and the improvement of the maintenance of the collection of artifacts and historic items.

We have been able to insulate, finish the interior and install a security system in the Carriage House, replaced worn carpet and flooring throughout the Museum, installed window UV sun shield screens and improved the electrical lights and outlets in the curator work stations in the Museum basement. The exterior of the Museum has been repaired of dry rot and completely painted, a master landscape plan developed for Museum grounds, and addition of a small heritage herb garden.

Over several years we have purchased new computers, copiers, printers, video equipment, cameras, portable canopies, signage, lights, furniture, storage cabinets and specialized boxes for archives. For volunteers, the Beals grant assisted in the development of Tour Guide Manuals and helped sponsor an annual volunteer appreciation luncheon.

The Beals Memorial Grant has been invaluable in the operation of the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. The Beals Memorial grant has been ably managed by the Beals Grant Committee, led by Steve Daniels, chairperson.

- Steve Daniels, Beals Grant Chair

Welcome New Members

The year is almost over and we want to thank those CWHS members who have paid their 2018 membership dues and we want to thank the new members that have joined this year:

Holly Chamberlain and Charlie Mitchell
Brian Dailey
Sharon Lee-Faris and Patrick Faris
Penny Guest and Jim McGlenn
Gretchen Hoyt
Don and Marlene Nau
Ted and Anna Norris
Robert Schimelfenig
Nicholas Smits
Maureen Tipton
Duane Zollo

Membership Has Many Benefits

You might want to know what are the Historical Society member's 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
- Help support the Museum and this newsletter.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2018, now is a good time to do so. A membership application is on the back of this newsletter. If your year of renewal is colored red on your address label, your membership is due to be renewed.

- Colleen Daniels, Membership Coordinator



Remembering Rod Groth

Long time Museum volunteer, Rod Groth passed away. Rod was always ready to help on a moment's notice. He loved conducting tours, visiting with people as he escorted them through the Museum. His beautiful singing voice stilled forever but remembered on several recordings he made with his church choir.

- Lois Cobb, Volunteer Coordinator

CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – YEAR 2018

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Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

(Email not shared)

Check One
<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Appreciation for Heritage Day's Success

Three dedicated Two Rivers Heritage Museum volunteers, Lois Cobb, Dick Lindstrom and Alma Ladd have assured for many years that every second Saturday in September the Museum celebrates its heritage at a special event, Heritage Day. The three express their thanks for 2018 below...

"The Two Rivers Heritage Museum has another Heritage Day behind it. A big thank you to everyone on the committee and all the volunteers for their efforts in making 2018 Heritage Day a successful, smooth running event. It is your day, and you 'all did good'. Thanks to you all." - Dick

"Two and a half months of no rain and you guessed it! A light sprinkle for Heritage Day. Just enough to clean the air. Cool enough for Dorothy and Ron Durkee to cook those delicious hot dogs and just right for the ice cream dippers, Rebecca Bohlin, Geri Beck and Karen Johnson. Dan Nau handed out the water and lemonade. Our set up crew was Walt Eby, Richard Johnson, Brian McClatchie, Steve Heil, Bob Peake and Ed Simpkins. Thanks also to those who stayed and helped with clean up. Bob Peake came out of retirement to help and we appreciate your help. My sincere thank you for a job well done. Can I count on all of you for next year?" - Lois

"We thank all our wonderful volunteers who hosted in the Museum during Heritage Day directing visitors, demonstrating and answering questions. Volunteers included Maxine Ambrose, Carol Phillips, Betty Egger, Steve and Colleen Daniels, Shirley Scott, Cynthia Purdy, Susan Hulburt, Ed Simkins, Marlene Nau, Steve Komlowski, Carol Dykstra, Donna Barrett, Duane Markel, Judy Davis, Laura Liggett, and Bruce Fagg. Kathy Marty demonstrated the traveling loom and Amanda Ediger the large 'walking' spinning wheel. The museum had an exciting day with a full house of visitors including many for the first time. Thank you everyone for 'making history live.'" - Alma

There is a Place for You! Join us!

Two Rivers Heritage Museum is operated solely by volunteers. A rare thing these days. This means it takes many folks, working together to offer a fine collection of history to visitors and the local community. There are jobs for everyone...out front and behind the scenes...you choose. Openings now are:

- Board of Directors- Secretary and three at-large members
- Museum-Hosts, Maintenance Coordinator, Gardener, Accession curator
- Website and /or Facebook manager

Contact Lois and Jim Cobb at 360-835-5449 to volunteer or for questions.



Plant Fair's Roots are Deep

When someone asks, 'What plants grow well in Camas and Washougal?' have them put May and June on the calendar for the Plant Fairs at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum. For years these plant fairs have been featuring a wide variety of local plants, directly from local gardens and meadows.

Alma Ladd, the plant lady, assures that a great variety of plants are at each sale, all ready to find a new garden home. She thanks all generous gardeners who donated plants and those who helped dig and pot them for the sales. The most popular and sold out plant was Camas Lilies. Thanks to the Toedtli family for donating bulbs, and to Jack Ross for digging and help potting them. Thanks also to Lilla Larsen for her many years of truckloads of plant donations.

Other volunteers who helped with sales, preparation and donated plants were Sharon Lee-Faris and Patrick, Brian McClatchie, Carol Phillips, Bernie Englund, Dorothy Durkee, Judy Alonzo, Carol Dykstra, Steve Heil, Betty Egger. Yvonne Cox, Janice Schaefer, Helen Moore, Marilyn Brown, Josh and Judy Stahly family and master gardener Vern Schanilac.

One more thank you to everyone who helped keep the plants watered during our very hot summer.

The Plant Fairs are possible with the help of Lois and Jim Cobb in charge of signs and cashiering and Richard and Karen Johnson who add wonderful plant holders, bird houses and other garden accessories to each sale. And, of course, thanks to the gardeners who come and buy plants at the Fairs.

- *The plant lady, Alma Ladd (pictured above)*



WANTED – Plant People

Volunteers are needed to help weed pots, pot plants and water next spring in preparation for the Two Rivers Heritage Museum Plant Fairs. As plants wake up in the spring and need to be divided, consider donating them to the Museum. Plants needed are Chinese ground orchids, hyacinths, wildflowers, purple phlox, but no iris, please. If you have time to volunteer to help plant contact Lois at 360-835-5449.

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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.