



November 2010

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Vintage equipment from Yamhill County Historical Society's collection was used to work up the oat fields at the Heritage Center on a beautiful Saturday, October 16th. About a dozen volunteers plowed and drilled the fields for the winter. A crop of Austrian Winter Peas was planted. This will provide nutrients for the soil when it is plowed under during Farm Festival April 9, 2010. Chef Tony Meeker prepared a delicious lunch of hot dogs and beans for the hunger workers.

November Potluck and General Meeting

- **Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2010
- **Time:** 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 Program
- **Program:** My Grandma; Roma Sitton by Karen Sitton-Saxberg
- **Location:** 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville

Our Military Collection

If you did not get to see the military display on October 1 and 2, you really missed viewing some of the many items in our collection. Give Jean Sartor, Colin and Milly Armstrong, Karen Sitton-Saxberg, Gloria Lutz, Theresa Berthelsdorf, Carolyn Meeker, Ken Rogers, Jene Kerr and Ursula Doud a big hand for setting it up and/or being the

docents. Part of this display will be visiting Hillside Retirement Community and Osprey Point on November 11. The book the McMinnville High School students wrote, An Interview With History, was available. That book is now for sale at the Lafayette Museum.

Yamhill County Historical Society Official Ballots

The society's official ballots were mailed on November 1st. The ballots must be returned in the pre-addressed envelope provided to the society's Registered Agent, Attorney Jerry Hart and must be received by December 1, 2010.

Membership cards will be enclosed with the ballots.

President's Letter

Greetings to my fellow YCHS members!

Our "Buy a Brick" Program is off to a great start! We have confirmed (the check has been delivered) orders for 14 bricks and several others have told me that they will be sending in their orders soon. At \$100 per commemorative brick, the YCHS has brought in \$1,400 for the building project at the Heritage Center. The funds raised in the Brick Project will be used in finishing the construction at the new Heritage Center and future operation's costs. Of course, the cost of \$100 for each of these bricks can be deducted as a charitable contribution.

Milly and Colin Armstrong are way out in front with their order for 11 bricks! We need to have everyone else get on board to really make this project a success. As I noted in last month's letter, these bricks will be used in various projects, such as walk ways, walls and the raised base of a 60' flag pole at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.

If you have any questions regarding the "Buy a Brick" project, please call me at 503-835-8481 or email me at acmeeker@frontier.com.

The four candidates for the YCHS board positions open in

2011 were profiled in last month's newsletter. The ballots for this election will be mailed to members the first of November.

It is important to know that the ballots must be returned by mail no later than December 1, 2010, or they will not be accepted. This is in accordance to the YCHS bylaws and exceptions can not be made! There will be a pre-addressed envelope included with your ballot, but the member must provide the postage. Family memberships will be allowed two votes per household, and all other memberships will have one vote. Please be looking for these ballots to arrive the first week in November, and be certain to vote and return your ballot so that it will arrive before the December first deadline.

The new YCHS Board of Directors will be announced at the Annual Meeting in December.

I hope that you have all been enjoying the beautiful fall and attending the General Meetings. The programs have been outstanding and the fellowship wonderful!

Carolyn Meeker, President

A
Handmade
Holiday
Bazaar

Saturday and Sunday
December 4th and 5th, 2010

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Proceeds to Benefit
The Yamhill County
Historical Society

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
Hwy 18 and Durham Lane
McMinnville, OR

Lafayette Museum News

We are going to miss our lovely flower beds now that fall is here. We received many compliments on our improved landscape, thanks to Garry Coats. And now, thanks to a generous donation from one of our museum's most ardent supporters, we have the funds to purchase our riding lawn mower. Although this couple chooses not to be recognized for all their generosity and help through the years, those of us who know their willingness to support the museum can only offer a sincere thanks for their help once again.

Welcome back to Louise Heindl who has been on a little "R & R" this summer. Our faithful volunteers, along with assistance from the Genealogy Society, keep the Lafayette site running smoothly, and we appreciate their support.

Marge welcomed Ken and Patti Luse from Eugene recently. They donated several items from the father of Verl Miller. We are reminded that Verl and Dorothy built the log building which houses our research center along with a display of personal items from the Miller family.

We were invited to share several antique lace items in the "Amazing Lace" show recently. These items will be on display in the Poling Church through November.

By Jean Sartor

Historic Lafayette Museum

605 Market Street/P.O. Box 484 Lafayette, OR 97127

Hours:

Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday 10 am to 4 pm
Or by appointment 503-864-2308

Heritage Center

11275 SW Durham Lane McMinnville, OR 97128

Hours:

Saturday—10 am to 3 pm

Board Meeting ~ A Condensed Version of Unapproved Minutes ~

October 13, 2010

•**Committee reports:** All committee reports will be filed with the minutes.

•**Treasures in the Attic** brought in a good amount of money.

•**Poling Church**—Shirley Venhaus is working on getting inspectors and estimates for the foundation of the **Poling Church**. Marjorie is also concerned about the stairs in the basement of the church. Garry Coats and some of the board members will look at these issues with the inspector.

•**Computer Committee**—Tom presented information on the **computers** and the need for backups. Theresa moved and Phyllis seconded that we spend \$130 from the research library fund to get a 2TB back up drive. Passed unanimously. We also may eventually use the 1TB drive that is currently being used for Gloria's interview project. Carolyn brought up the need to document where all our equipment is. Tom will take care of purchasing the backup drive.

•**Photo Project**—Tom updated us on the photo project. We revisited the **Pacific Frame Gallery contract**. The consensus was to let Tom and Jennifer proceed with this project. It was decided that the society will be sensitive to family members and not sell individual or family portraits. Tom and Jennifer will draw up a policy for the photo project, and will present at the next board meeting.

•**Treasurer's report:** Kim presented the treasurer's report and suggested that we be careful in our spending.

•**A&E report:** Tami distributed a current calendar with all our events through August 2011. Kim clarified that the "public events" fund is the A&E fund. Cliff and Pam Watts requested funds for Farm and Harvest Fest. Karen moved and Tami seconded that we transfer the funds allowing the Farm and Harvest Fests 2011 to take place.

•**Governance Committee:** The board reviewed the bylaws and went over questions about the upcoming election. It was decided to go with the recommendations of the Governance Committee. Supporting documents will be filed with the October board meeting minutes.

•**Business Plan**—Rich Foster of Cascadia Consulting met with the **Business Planning Committee**; he will soon have an action plan for us regarding applying for the larger grants.

•**Brick Fundraiser:** Tami is designing a form for ordering the bricks. Carolyn is keeping one copy of each form, and one copy will be stored in the

locked fireproof file cabinet in the Poling Church. We have sold 20 so far!

•**Painting the Poling Church:** Carolyn is getting three bids. Phyllis suggested that we check the license numbers of the contractors. The church is on the National Register of Historic Places. The money for the painting can come out of the Miller Endowment Fund.

•**Volunteers/Committee members who are not YCHS members**—Non-members who are working as volunteers are covered under our insurance policy. The consensus was that a policy to require all volunteers to be YCHS members was not necessary, and that it could cause us to lose volunteers. Non-members should not be given keys or alarm codes to either site in order to protect the society's collections. Kim recommended that every January 1, all volunteers should sign the volunteer form. Karen suggested that we have two volunteer coordinators, one for Lafayette and one for the Durham Lane site. Tami will put a request in the newsletter, and make up a job description for the volunteer coordinator. Karen will ask Mary Jo Capps about calling potential volunteers.

•**Audio Equipment**—Don will meet with RJ to find out what he is willing to do for us regarding audio equipment. Don also brought up the issue of permits for construction projects, and our responsibility to make sure permits and fire safety codes are met.

•Carolyn presented the contract with the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Once the pastor signs it, it will be filed in the 2010 record. We collected enough funds at the last meeting to cover the cost of the hall.

•**New Business—General Meeting dates** for 2011: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 12, May 10, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 11. **Board Meeting dates** for 2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14.

•The Property Development Committee requested that we register the name "Yamhill Valley Heritage Center" with the state of Oregon. Tami moved and Shirley McDaniel seconded that we go ahead and register the name. Carolyn volunteered to pay the \$50 fee, which covers the registration for two years. Passed unanimously.

Next Board meeting is Nov. 10, at 4:00 at the Miller Museum.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Berthelsdorf

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Win an Afghan

Alda Scharf, a member from Amity has donated a beautiful afghan as a fund raiser for Yamhill County Historical Society. It will be raffled off at the Sunday, December 12 annual meeting. It will make someone a wonderfully warm Christmas gift. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 and are available at the Lafayette Museum. They are also available at the general meetings in November and December. Your support is appreciated.



A Handmade Holiday Bazaar

WANTED

- ◆ Donation or loan of tree stands. ◆ Items/giveaways for hourly drawings.
- ◆ Handmade items to be sold to benefit the society. ◆ Bake sale items to be sold at event.
- ◆ Food Vendors.

Contact Phyllis McBride at (503) 516-1652 or pinokeo@gmail.com

Lost and Found

Have you lost some serving spoons and other pieces at our potlucks? Our collection is growing, and the lost and found box will be there at the Sunday, November 14th meeting. Please check near the name tag box for your missing item(s).

Speakers Wanted

Are you or someone you know a good speaker and loves history? We need speakers who know a lot about the local Chinese underground, graveyards, Hotel Oregon, trains, or life in Yamhill County in the 1800's? The YCHS Secrets of the Past Tour Committee is looking for people who are interested in giving presentations on local history.

If you are interested or can provide contacts, please contact Tami Spears at tami@spearsintl.com.

Advertise in the Newsletter

To help the historical society offset the expense of publishing this newsletter, we are now offering advertising space to local Yamhill County businesses. If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact the Newsletter Editor Tami Spears at tami@spearsintl.com.

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1/2 Page	\$65	\$585
Full Page	\$125	\$1,125

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November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	4	5 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	6 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
7	8	9 6:00 p.m. General Meeting	10 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 4:00 p.m. Board	11	12 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	13 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
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Event Locations

- ◆ 11/9—General Meeting— 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville
- ◆ 11/10—Board Meeting—Lafayette Museum

Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 4,5— Handmade Holiday
- ◆ December 8—Board Meeting
- ◆ December 12— ANNUAL MEETING
- ◆ January 9, 2011— General Meeting
- ◆ January 12, 2011— Board Meeting
- ◆ February 9, 2011— Board Meeting
- ◆ February 13, 2011— General Meeting
- ◆ March 9, 2011— Board Meeting
- ◆ March 13, 2011— General Meeting

NOTICE: ANNUAL MEETING

- **Date:** Sunday, December 12, 2010
- **Time:** 2:00 pm Potluck, 3:00 Program
- **The Society's officers will give their annual reports and the election results will be announced**
- **Program:** Christmas Celebration
- **Location:** 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville

Book Report

Koenig's Wonder by Linda Kuhlman
 Northwest author Linda Kuhlman has written a novel that involves horses, revenge and love—all in a Willamette Valley setting. Some of her research was done at the Miller log cabin. It is an entertaining novel which sells for \$17.95 at the museum.

- Nancy Thornton

YCHS Volunteer Coordinator Wanted

YCHS Volunteer Coordinator Position Description

The YCHS Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the recruitment, integration, orientation, and recognition of volunteers for the society.

Responsible to:

- YCHS Board of Directors

Time Required:

- 10—20 hours per month
- Length of service time: 1 year minimum commitment

Abilities Required:

- Detailed oriented
- Flexible
- Dependable
- Excellent relationship and team-building skills
- Ability to maintain open lines of communication with other volunteers as well as potential volunteers.
- Capacity to work in collaborative environment with a variety of personalities.
- Capacity to assess needs and then plan accordingly.
- Access to personal computer required and necessary.

Works with:

- Board of Directors
- Membership Secretary
- Committee Chairs (i.e. Activities and Events Committee, Farm/Harvest Fest Committee, Education Coordinator)

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with Board of Directors, Membership Secretary, and Committee Chairs to assess YCHS volunteer needs.
- Assess current and new volunteer qualifications, skill sets, individual expertise and maintain a

“special skills” database. (i.e. volunteers with special skills they would like to volunteer—web design, data entry, grant writing, public speaking, use of personal vehicles/trucks, etc.)

- Cultivate and support volunteer network by keeping regular contact with volunteers.
- Recognize/assess areas of opportunity in volunteer base.
- Maintain monthly contact reporting with Board of Directors.
- Provide monthly report and/or articles for the YCHS newsletter *The West Side*.
- Work with the Board of Directors to develop and implement a plan to recognize volunteers.
- Review volunteer satisfaction and performance in the context of the role they have been asked to do.
- Assess volunteer base to ensure that the volunteers we have remain satisfied with the work they are doing for YCHS. Identify volunteers that are interested in taking on more, different and/or bigger responsibilities.
- Succession Planning—help to ensure YCHS does not become stagnant. Review volunteer roles and responsibilities. Change volunteer roles and responsibilities to reflect changes in their personal situations, as well as ensuring a sensible process of transferring knowledge and responsibilities from one volunteer to another.

Benefits to Volunteer Position:

- Develop lifelong relationships with volunteers.
- Share the power of the YCHS mission with many individuals and families.
- Play a lead role in developing YCHS as a strong organization serving Yamhill County.

If you are interested in this very important Volunteer Coordinator position, contact Carolyn Meeker at acmeeker@frontier.com

YCHS Board Candidates Biographies



Cynthia Christensen

Cynthia has lived in Oregon all of her life and currently is living on her family's Century Farm in Yamhill County. She is a semi-retired former high school science teacher and has helped out at the Heritage Center by providing animal displays for the Farm and Harvest Fest and for Pioneer Days.

Jo McIntyre

Jo lives in Yamhill County and is a full-time freelance business reporter/writer for several publications in Yamhill County and Oregon. She has served on the Yamhill County Historical Preservation Commission and has been a member of the YCHS for several years. Jo lives in Yamhill County and is a full-time freelance business reporter/writer for several publications in Yamhill County and Oregon. She has served on the Yamhill County Historical Preservation Commission and has been a member of the YCHS for several years.



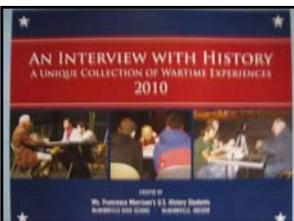
Shirley McDaniel

Shirley grew up near Cherry Grove, Oregon, and went to school in Cherry Grove and Gaston. Shirley is a retired elementary school teacher. She taught first and second grades in Newberg and McMinnville. She lives on a hazelnut farm in Yamhill with her foodprocessor husband, Byron. Shirley has belonged to the YCHS for

many years and has served on the board off and on during that time. Her current term is completed in December 2010, and she would like to be reelected to the board.

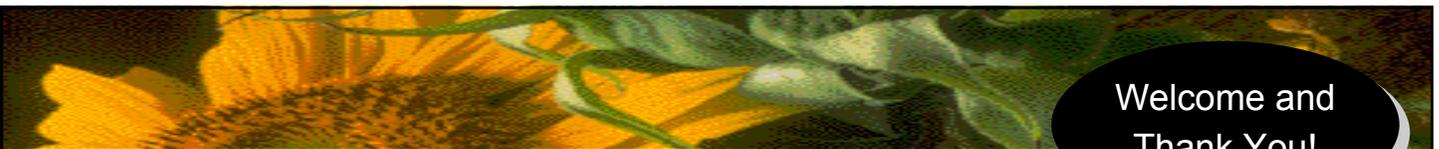
Kory Knutz

Kory has lived in Yamhill County all his life. Both sides of his family moved to Yamhill County in the mid- to late 1930's. Local history has always been a great love of his. Kory has been the presenter for the society's "Secrets of the Past: Third Street Unveiled" presentation and "Secrets of the Past: Dayton's Infamous History" tour. He owns his own landscaping business and is currently working on several new tour presentations.



Christmas Idea

The McMinnville High School's An Interview with History would make a wonderful Christmas gift for a veteran or the family of a veteran. It is available at the Lafayette site for \$15.



New Members

SUPPORTER

1 anonymous

SENIOR FAMILY

Ron & Ruth Ann Stoner

INDIVIDUAL

Ken Rogers
Tracey Warp

**SENIOR/STUDENT/
EDUCATOR**

Gordon Jernstedt

Renewing Members

SUPPORTER

Reita Lockett

Family

Mark & Jennifer Trumbo
Cynthia & Lyle Christensen
Everett & Winona Swain

SENIOR FAMILY

Trish Zakocas
Frederick & Zella Hisaw
1 anonymous

INDIVIDUAL

Shannon Venhaus
Eileen Lewis

**SENIOR/STUDENT/
EDUCATOR**

Bonnie Bohlig

Planning a Vacation?

Please notify Gloria Lutz (503) 472-7563; glutz@onlinemac.com or write to YCHS, PO Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127. She can forward newsletters to your temporary address or hold them until you return home. Otherwise, your newsletter comes back to YCHS and we have to pay additional postage!!



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Yamhill County Historical Society Membership Application

Membership

Yes! I want to support the Yamhill County Historical Society's efforts to preserve the county's rich history. Members receive *The West Side* newsletter, free admission to the Lafayette Museum and Library, access to genealogical and historical files, access to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, monthly potluck and program for members, invitations to special programs and events, and 10% off photo orders and gift shop purchases.

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