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# The West Side

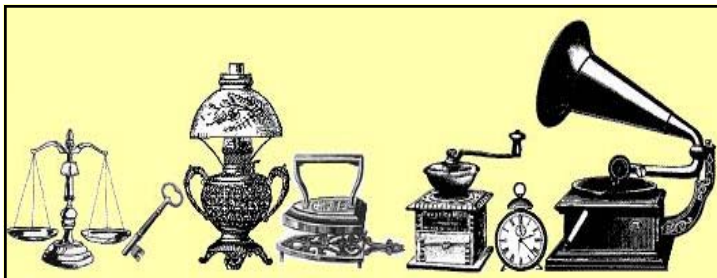
Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society



## Treasures in the Attic

Saturday, September 18th  
10am to 4pm  
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center  
Highway 18 and Durham Lane  
McMinnville, Oregon

Appraisers with expertise in many areas will be present to help you to determine the value of your cherished family heirlooms and collections. This is a fundraiser for the YCHS Heritage Center with a fee of \$5 per item being charged, limit of three items.



### TREASURES FOR SALE

Quality items donated to the society by a local antique store and other items will be available for purchase for exceptional prices.

Refreshments will be available.

The Heritage Center will be open to the public.

For more information, contact Shirley Venhaus (503) 434-0567 or Joanne Watts (503) 835-5893

Yamhill County Historical Society  
Presents



Secrets of the Past:  
Trains, Planes, & Sunken Ferries...  
~ Entry Fee \$5 ~

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Come join us at  
Third Street Pizza Co.,  
433 NE Third Street, McMinnville, OR

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- ◆ Slideshow ◆ Photo Display
- ◆ Local historian shares stories of the local transportation in it's infancy—Trains, Planes, Sunken Ferries and the Horseless Carriage Comes to Town
- ◆ No-host bar and food available for purchase

11 ~ 2  
SATURDAY  
SEPT. 25



## Membership Reminder

It is not too late to renew your membership and be part of the exciting activities that are taking place in our historical society. Use the form on the back of the newsletter and mail it today. If you are not sure if you have paid, please check after your name on the label. The number tells what year your dues are due. Our dues year runs from July 1 to June 30th each year. If you have a "09" or "10" next to your name and it's highlighted, that means your dues are due. If you have questions, you are invited to call or email Gloria. Contact information is located on the back of this newsletter.

Gloria Lutz, Membership chair

## President's Letter

Greetings, YCHS members,

I hope everyone had an opportunity to read the very nice article in the News-Register that Karl Klooster wrote about this year's Harvest Fest.

The YCHS Board of Directors manned the Information Booth for this event and had a great time doing so. We saw old friends that we haven't seen in years and made some new ones. We signed up thirteen members to Yamhill County Historical Society and, I believe, all but two of those were new members.

Our annual picnic was a fun event with Karen Sitton-Saxberg providing homemade ice cream. Picnic goers had fun, and built up some muscles, taking turns cranking the five gallon antique churn. Thanks to our Program Chair, Joanne Watts, we were treated by Dr. Chrystaline Christensen to recitations of "Cowboy Poetry." Thanks Dr. "C!"

Garry Coats has been doing a wonderful job in

landscaping and maintaining the grounds at our Lafayette site. The historic Poling Church is due for a new exterior paint job soon. When that is completed, the whole complex will be in top shape. We want to thank Mr. Coats and all of the volunteers at the Lafayette site for their great work!

On a sad note, Stan Christensen passed away this week. Stan was one of the founders of the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District. He was a huge supporter of Yamhill County Historical Society and our new Heritage Center. After his funeral at Macy's in McMinnville, his family held a reception at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. Stan was one of those rare individuals who contributed to the betterment of all who knew him. He will be missed.

Carolyn Meeker, President

## Lafayette News



A great big "Thank you" to the Yamhill County Genealogy Society for a very special gift. Nancy Mahi and Kathy Burden presented us with a new laminator to be used for protecting signs and other important documents. Although it was a gift to the research center at the Miller museum, it will be shared by both organizations in the future. As each group continues to update and add more research information, our partnership will continue to provide the community with a valuable service.

We can't stop bragging about our improving landscape thanks to Garry Coats. Flowers are blooming in the borders, shrubs are trimmed and lawns mowed and edged. Caring for three large lots is a two day mowing job. Could a riding mower be in our future? Sure would be nice.

We're having a "Retirement Sale." You might want to stop in and check this out! Shelf space is badly needed in the research center, so we decided to eliminate duplicate copies of some research books. These are not books from our collection but books that have been dropped off by friends or left over from past garage sales. Volunteer Anita Vander Meide has been re-organizing the shelves and has collected quite a few books. We have priced them to sell so we invite you to stop by. We recently added several new books by local authors. Don't forget your 10% discount as part of your membership benefits.

Thanks.....Jean

### 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 ~ August 11, 2010

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

• **Museum report:** Marjorie reported on Garry's continuing care of the grounds and a visit by the Poling grandchildren. She also let us know that the metal barn in Lafayette will be cleaned out soon and that they need more helpers when that time comes.

• **Photo report:** Two changes were noted on the agreement with Pacific Frame and Gallery. Tami reported on her and her family's disagreement with selling copies of her ancestors' portraits. Theresa had moved and Shirley M had seconded to accept the agreement, but they rescinded the motion, and Carolyn will check on the legalities of this agreement with Jerry Hart.

• **A&E report:** working on mapping out the warehouse for vendor spaces and display areas. At the Heritage Center, Oct. 23 will be a veterans' event and Dec. 4&5 will be the "Handmade Holiday." The A&E committee is working with Mr. Brandt of Yamhill County Planning and Zoning to make sure we are working properly within the zoning limits for the Heritage Center.

• **Harvest Fest:** The information booth took in \$615.00, which included 13 memberships, and sales of hats and the prints donated by Al Cronk. Pam will present a complete report on Harvest Fest at our next meeting Sept. 8.

• **Treasurer's Report:** Kim presented the treasurer's report. Currently we have \$297,036.87 cash on hand.

### Unfinished Business:

• Carolyn reported that she is still working on getting a full copy of the **Dr. Marquis Charitable Remainder Trust**.

• **Business Plan:** Each board member was presented with a copy of the first final draft of the YCHS 2011-2015 business plan. We all need to read and study this 63 page document and note any questions, discrepancies, or mistakes. There will be a special meeting just to address this issue.

• **Mail Policy:** Phyllis moved and Karen seconded that we change the policy to store the mail logs in the Lafayette museum and to add the vice president as one of the officers that could pick up and open mail. Passed unanimously. There was a consensus to continue picking up the mail twice a week.

• **Volunteer/Committee/Board Work Session:** Tuesday, August 31, 5:00 at the Heritage Center will be the "Brainstorming/Work Session." We encourage all board members and committee heads and volunteers to attend! There will be food!

• **Certificates of Appreciation:** Theresa submitted all the names that were sent to her. Ken added Steve Cone to the list. Tami moved and Don seconded that we accept the entire list with the addition of Steve Cone. Passed unanimously. Karen will hand letter the certificates for the picnic.

• **Audit Report:** Kellie has begun our audit and expects to have it done by the next board meeting.

### New Business:

• **Ad-hoc Nominating Committee:** Phyllis, Marge and Matt are going to form this committee to come up with nominees for the three or four board positions that will be open next year. Our bylaws require a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 15 board members. Our current bylaws went into effect November 11, 2008.

• **Treasures in the Attic** will be September 18, 10-4. Shirley V has formed the committee and the appraisers are lined up.

• **Ad-hoc Governance Committee:** Members include Kim, Don, Shirley V, Ken, Bob, Matt, and Carolyn will chair. Will oversee our upcoming election to see that we follow the bylaws.

• **Restroom and lighting at Heritage Center warehouse:** Even though these have already been installed and paid for, they would have had to have board approval for the project. However, this project was started before the board motion to require board approval of all expenditures. Shirley V moved and Phyllis seconded that we approve the project retroactively. Passed unanimously.

• **Riding Lawn Mower request:** Ursula Doud had donated a used push mower which Garry Coats is currently using. Karen moved and Phyllis seconded that we approve a purchase of a new riding lawn mower with a limit of \$850.00, to be paid for out of the Miller fund. (We still have \$31,000.00 in the Miller Fund but that must last until June 30, 2011 since the fiscal year for that fund is July 1- June 30.) If an appropriate mower cannot be found for that price, Jean and Marge will bring the issue forward again at the September meeting. Passed unanimously. Don and Karen will help with the shopping.

**Next Board meeting is Wednesday, September 8, 4:00 at Lafayette.**

*Respectfully submitted, Theresa Berthelsdorf, secretary*

## September General Meeting and Potluck

Please note that the September general meeting will be held at the Heritage Center. It will be the usual potluck. Mike Full of the Yamhill River Pleistocene Project will bring "real early Yamhill River history." This will be in the form of bones that Mike and others have recovered from the Yamhill River mud. There will be a lot of room so we hope to have new members and a lot of invited guests to join the meeting. Please bring jackets as we may have a sea breeze.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 14, 2010

**Time:** 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 Program

**Program:** Mike Full from the Yamhill River Pleistocene Project

**Location:** YCHS Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville

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# September 2010 Happenings



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	2	3 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	4 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
5	6  <b>Labor Day</b>	7	8 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Board Meeting	9	10 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	11 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
12	13	14 6:00 P.M. General Meeting	15 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	16	17 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	18 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3 <b>Treasures in the Attic</b>
19	20	21	22 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	23  <b>Autumn</b>	24 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	25 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3 <b>YCHS Tour</b>
26	27	28	29 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	30		

**Locations:**

- 9/8: Board Meeting—Lafayette Museum
- 9/14: General Meeting —Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville
- 9/18: Treasures in the Attic—Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville
- 9/25: Secrets of the Past Tour—Third Street Pizza Co., McMinnville

## YCHS Upcoming Events

- October 1,2—Oregon Days of Culture
- October 12, 2010—General Meeting
- October 13, 2010—Board Meeting
- October 16, 2010—Pumpkin & Plow Day
- October 23, 2010—Oral History Day
- November 9, 2010—General Meeting
- November 10, 2010—Board Meeting
- December 8, 2010—Board Meeting
- **DECEMBER 12, 2010—ANNUAL MEETING**
- January 9, 2011—General Meeting
- January 12, 2011—Board Meeting

## 2010 Harvest Fest a Success!

“Harvest Fest Hits its Stride” says Karl Klooster of the News Register (see article, August 11, 2010 front page, and subsequent article August 14, 2010).

*“...Though still a work in progress, on this early August weekend the Center lived up to its promise as the Historical Society’s showcase of a time when most valley inhabitants relied on the land for their livelihood.”*

Harvest Fest guests enjoyed two great days of weather and activities on August 7 and 8 as volunteers put on a show with vintage equipment and mules to harvest the field of oats planted on the Heritage Center property. Visitors enjoyed demonstrations in the sawmill and blacksmith shop, as well as stump pulling and wheel setting. People feasted old-fashioned root beer floats as they tapped their toes to music by The Mavericks, Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers, and George and Carolyn Stastny. Others enjoyed talking with the ladies spinning and making lace, as well as looking at antique quilts on display. Local authors were present and shared stories about their books and history of the area. Kids enjoyed dressing up in pioneer clothes, sitting in the covered wagon or in the schoolhouse, and pretending they were part of the pioneers on the Oregon Trail. Many other booths and displays rounded out the Harvest Fest activities, including the dedication of the blacksmith shop on Saturday morning and dedication of the 1912 Peerless Steam Traction Engine on Sunday morning. Dave Cruickshank did a great job as master of ceremonies and announcer for the tractor parade, providing interesting details about the tractors and their owners.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who planned and worked to make this event such a success – without their help, this would not be possible!

Photographs below taken by Tom Cattrall



Eva Martin Higgins enjoyed selling fresh corn right off the back of the truck!



## Oregon Days of Culture

Yamhill County Historical Society is participating in Oregon Days of Culture. We will have a military exhibit set up at the Heritage Center Friday and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 to 3 each day.

The theme is "Connecting History—During War Times." We will be featuring war time artifacts from YCHS's museum collection plus items from other's collections dating back to the Civil War.

All of these events throughout the state are open to the public and are free.

Gloria Lutz, Education Coordinator

### WANTED/NEEDED

- The Treasures in the Attic committee is looking for donations of baskets to raffle off. They are also looking for anyone willing to help set up and work during the event. Contact Shirley Venhaus (503) 434-0567.
- The sawmill is working hard making boards for us to use at the museum. More sound logs are needed. Please contact Chuck Kadell.

## Parade/Show Committee Chair Needed

The YCHS Activities and Events Committee is creating a new sub-committee called the "Parade/Show Committee." This sub-committee will be responsible for the society's participation in county parades like the Sheridan Days Parade or Alien Days Parade and shows like Turkey Rama or Carlton's Walk in the Park. This committee will be an integral part in the historical society's community outreach.

If you are interested in chairing this committee, co-chairing or being part of this committee, please contact Tami Spears at [tami@spearsintl.com](mailto:tami@spearsintl.com)

## Buy A Brick Fundraiser

The Property and Development Committee is looking into a Buy-A-Brick Fundraiser where community members would donate money to have their names engraved on a brick. These engraved bricks will be incorporated into the architecture and landscape of the Yamhill County Heritage Center either on a walkway, nature path or wall. For a donation, the brick will be engraved to your specifications and become a permanent part of the Heritage Center, creating an amazing tribute to our ancestors, town fathers, loved ones, and Yamhill County families. If you have any ideas, comments or feedback, please contact Carolyn Meeker at (503) 835-8481



### Pioneer Recipes: HARDTACK

The Civil War soldiers called hardtack "digestible leather." Put a piece in your stew or chili or dunk it in your drink. Caution should be used. It was not called teeth duller, angel cake, or ammo reserve for nothing. The basic recipe is flour, salt, and water. Some hardtack was used after 35 years. It keeps if kept dry.

2 cups flour  
3/4 cup water  
3/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

1. Mix ingredients into a dough and press onto a cookie sheet to a thickness of 1/2 inch.
2. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Don't cut yet.
3. Remove from oven, cut dough into 3 inch squares. With a fork punch 4 rows of holes, 4 rows per row into the dough.
4. Flip the crackers over and return to oven for 30 minutes more.

There are many different recipes and stories about hardtack. Google "hardtack" and be entertained.

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