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YCHS's New Membership Coordinator

CARLENE KADELL
I was born and raised here in McMinnville, graduating from Mac High during poodle skirts, white bucks, rock n' roll and draggin' the gut.

In 1980 I married Chuck Kadell. I have two children and he has three. Together we have 11 of the cutest grandchildren anywhere, and two adorable great-granddaughters. They all bring us so much joy and keep us busy with their activities.

I retired from McMinnville School District #40 in 1998 after 5 years as an assistant secretary at the then Junior High, and 13 years as a lead secretary at Adams and Memorial Schools. Prior to

that I was a legal secretary for many years.

Chuck and I enjoy traveling, RV-ing, wintering in California, spending time with family and friends, going to ball games... and PEOPLE!

When I am not trying to keep track of Chuck, I like to make cards, cook, walk, work in my yard, read biographies and line dance. I like country music, anything red, and most people don't know I love football.

I look forward to getting to know our hard-working volunteers and members better, and challenge every member of Yamhill County Historical Society to enroll two new members in our



organization in the next year.

Thank you for the opportunity to help the Yamhill County Historical Society to grow.

Carlene Kadell
Membership Coordinator

NOTICE:
September Potluck
and General
Meeting

- Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011
- Time: 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 pm Program
- Program: Do you know what we have?
- Location: Yamhill Valley Heritage Center 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon

Heritage Center Wins an Award!

Eleanor Fuhrer, Regent for the Yamhill County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented a Certificate for Outstanding Display of the Flag of the United States of America to the Heritage Center. The award was presented by Mrs. Furher to the Heritage Center and received by the YCHS President, Carolyn Meeker, at the dedication ceremony of the

new Flag Monument. The Flag Monument was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Ray Kauer and to Mrs. Barbara Kauer for their vision and support of the new Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.

The local chapter of the DAR selected the Heritage Center to receive its 2011 award for the proper use, correct display and patriotic presentation of the American

flag. The certificate was presented in a handsome black frame and was signed by the National DAR Chairman, Virginia Poffenberger and their President General, Merry Ann T. Wright. The award will eventually be displayed in a place of honor in the Administration Building at the Heritage Center.

The new Flag Monument was completely funded by the

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President's Letter

Dear YCHS Members,

I hope you all were able to attend our 4th annual Harvest Fest this past weekend at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. This year was special for many reasons, but particularly so because we were able to dedicate our new Flag Monument to the memory of Mr. Ray Kauer and to Mrs. Barbara Kauer for their vision and support of our new Heritage Center.

Mrs. Kauer was escorted to the monument by Waldo Farnham and immediately after the formal dedication said a few words to the audience. Typically, Barbara was self-deprecating and spoke mostly about the hard work and dedication of the Heritage Center volunteers. She also spoke about the YCHS' plans to eventually replace the temporary dedication sign with a bronze plaque. The plans for this plaque include an artist's rendition of a photo of Ray Kauer, shown from the back, looking out at the metal frame work of what was to become the Exhibit Hall of the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.

The impressive Flag Monument was the inspiration and design of Waldo Farnham and was constructed by Haworth, Inc from McMinnville. It was a beautiful sight to see that huge American flag being raised by the VFW Post 10626, also from McMinnville. Miss Samantha Kelchner sang the National Anthem and Richard McJunkin played his bugle. You really should have been there!

Again, a big "thank you" to all of the people who have donated Heritage Bricks for this project. The Flag Monument was completely

financed by your donations of these bricks.

In fact, we have approximately seventeen bricks towards filling another section on the base of the monument, so please get your brick orders in soon. We need 99 bricks to fill each section of the hexagon base and there are three sections left to complete. If you didn't see your brick on the base of the monument at Harvest Fest, rest assured that it will be included on the next section of the base. Some of the funds raised by future brick donations will be used to construct paved areas that have been approved by the Americans with Disabilities Act. I would like to make it clear that I am talking about the funds being used for these paved areas and not the bricks! Until the base is filled (a total of 297 bricks) all brick donations will be used on the base of the Flag Monument.

I am happy to report that Carlene Kadell has been appointed by the YCHS Board of Directors to be our new Membership Coordinator. This is an important position in our organization and we are fortunate that she has agreed to take on this job. Carlene and her husband, Chuck, are a stalwart part of the team we have to drive this all-volunteer organization. Everyone can help her get started by renewing your memberships today, if you have not already done so.

Carolyn Meeker
YCHS President
Phone: (503) 835-8481
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Submitted: August 16, 2011

YCHS at the County Fair



The Yamhill County Historical Society would like to thank Karen Sitton-Saxberg, who was responsible for contacting and setting up a booth at the Yamhill County Fair. Also, thanks to the volunteers who were present to answer questions, hand out material and sell books, hats and the new t-shirt and tote bags. The location of the booth was great, with lots of people stopping in and the smells of all the food booths close at hand. It was a very enjoyable time and we look forward to doing it again next year.

Board Meeting Recap ~ July 13, 2011

The following recap is a condensed version of not yet approved minutes from the board meeting.

All approved board meeting minutes will be filed at the Lafayette Miller Museum.

Committee Reports: All committee reports will be filed in the record book with the minutes.

- ♦ **Heritage Center Accessions Committee**—Tony Meeker reported that the Heritage Center Accessions Committee and the Restoration Committee would like to merge. They will draw up a proposed charter and budget to present to the board.
- ♦ **Lafayette Site Committee**—Garry Coats has found evidence of a bug infestation at the log cabin. Carolyn Meeker will obtain a professional inspection of the Lafayette Site.
- ♦ **Ice Cream Social**—Kim Courtin presented a report on Katie's behalf. Ice Cream Social was a huge success.
- ♦ **Activities and Events Committee**—Upcoming events are Dragging the Gut Festival, Harvest Fest, and Handmade Holiday. Treasures in the Attic will be postponed to September 2012. Rebecca Riggs has agreed to be the Parade Coordinator for the Activities and Events Committee. There was a consensus that we should have a booth at the Yamhill County Fair.
- ♦ **Merchandising**—Tami Spears showed the new YCHS t-shirts and canvas bags that are available for sale at the Miller Museum.
- ♦ **Membership**—Carolyn will be sending out reminder notices to those who have not yet renewed their membership. Our membership year starts in July. New members who join any time after the first of the year are good until July of the next year.

No pro-rating. Membership cards now can be handed out at the Miller Museum when new/renewing members join there in person.

- ♦ **Lafayette Cemetery**—The cemetery will be sprayed for weeds as soon as the neighbors of the cemetery are notified.

Grant: YCHS won a grant from the First Federal Savings and Loan. This contribution is for the flag monument at the Heritage Center.

Treasurer's Report: This is filed in the records book in Lafayette.

President's Report: The heritage bricks have been ordered.

Oversight Committee: Waldo Farnham provided a tour of the Restoration Shop, the new administration area, and the Exhibit Hall. Waldo discussed the history of the Oversight Committee and ideas for the future. A sheet was provided with some budget options.

Unfinished Business:

- ♦ The Brainstorming work session date was set for August 31 at 5:00. There is no specific agenda for the meeting.
- ♦ Criminal Background Checks are now required for all new and current board members.

New Business:

- ♦ Steve Leonard was appointed to the board to finish Don Hurless' term.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Berthelsdorf, Secretary

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Ursula Doud

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Tony Meeker

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Joanne Watts

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Marjorie Owens

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Gloria Lutz—Heritage Center

Garry Coats—Lafayette

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Tami Spears

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Cliff and Pam Watts

Publications/Gift Shop:

Jean Sartor

Restoration Shop:

Cliff Watts

Sawmill:

Don King

Secrets of the Past Tours:

Karen Sitton-Saxberg

Steam Equipment:

Vern Yeager

Treasures in the Attic:

Shirley Venhaus

Observations

How quickly summer has slipped by!

August is half over!!

Each morning I wait a minute longer for it to be light enough to check the heifers.

The hills reflect the early dawn while the valley sleeps under a cover of mist.

These mornings the metal of the pasture gate is cold and damp with dew.

The cattle are bedded down all but one has a calf by her side.

A few more days and my early morning patrol will be over for this year.

Nancy Thornton



Nancy Thornton

Harvest Fest 2011 Enjoyed By Many

Over 1,300 visitors and volunteers enjoyed the annual Harvest Fest celebration at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center on August 13-14. People came from far and wide, by themselves and with their families, young and old, to enjoy the harvest, vintage equipment, tractor parade, music, food and other farm-related activities. At one point on Saturday mid-day more than 500 cars were parked in the parking lot!

A big THANK YOU to the many volunteers who spent countless hours in planning and making Harvest Fest 2011 happen. We cannot mention everyone's names but are so grateful to all the people who willingly gave their time and talents to make this a great event, with a special thanks to the following:

- Dave Cruickshank and Wade Miller for coordinating the Tractor Parade, which had more than 50 tractors in the parade (featured tractor being Allis Chalmers this year)

- BJ Jones and Mel & Debbie Kelchner for their wonderful efforts in coordinating the food booth. Thanks to Mel Kelchner for his cooking talents, and to all the folks cooking and serving food and desserts.

- Gloria Lutz and Cynthia Christensen for coordinating the kids' activities and animals

- Joanne Watts, Jean Sartor, and the folks in the Activities Building who hosted booths, talked with people, served coffee and cookies, gave demonstrations...

- The fun entertainment – The Mavericks, The Grape Stompers clogging group, Marie Bailey, her music students and the old-time fiddlers, George & Carolyn Stastny, and Kory Knutz on the piano and his impromptu ensemble!

- Tony Meeker and Richard McJunkin for their logistical talents in getting all the guests parked and transported, and to Chris Harris, the new owner of the facility across the road, who allowed us to use the grounds for parking

- Gloria Lutz for her dedication and willingness to plant, water and nurture all those great plants and flowers around the property

- Carolyn Meeker for her great idea and leadership in the sale of Heritage Bricks as a fundraiser for the flagpole monument. The new flag pole area is a wonderful addition to the property, and the 15'x25' flag flying 65 feet above the grounds is glorious!



- The VFW for their assistance at the opening ceremonies and flag-raising dedication ceremony, and for their service to our country



- To the folks who provided great information and demos at the sawmill, blacksmith and steam engine locations

- To the "Harvest Team" who made sure the crop was harvested

- **To our sponsors – Fisher Farm & Garden, Wilco, and NW Logging**



And, to the Harvest Fest committee for all their ideas, efforts, time and dedication in making sure the event happened as planned!

Again, thank you to all who helped, who attended, and who supported Harvest Fest!

Pam and Cliff Watts, Committee Chair



Sarah Miller



Tonia Beebe

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	3 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	8	9 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	10 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
11	12	13 General Meeting 6-8	14 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Board Meeting 4pm	15	16 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	17 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
18	19	20	21 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	22	23 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	24 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
25	26	27	28 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	29	30 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	

Event Locations

- ◆ September 13, 2011—
General Meeting—
Yamhill Valley Heritage
Center, 11275 SW
Durham Lane and Hwy
18, McMinnville
- ◆ September 14, 2011—
Board Meeting—
Lafayette Miller Museum

Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 9 —General
Meeting
- ◆ October 12 —Board
Meeting
- ◆ October 12-14, 17-19—
Pioneer Days
- ◆ October 21—A&E
Committee Meeting
- ◆ November 9—Board
Meeting
- ◆ November 13—General
Meeting
- ◆ December 3, 4—YCHS
Holiday Bazaar
- ◆ **December 11—
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**
- ◆ December 14—Board
Meeting

Kids Have Fun at Harvest Fest

The Kids' Activities Area at Harvest Fest was busy all weekend, as many volunteers taught various skills to the children. Tonia Beebe helped kids make "button buzzers", the McMinnville High School girls helped them make colorful jump ropes, and of course, Cynthia Christensen was there with the ducks, geese, and chickens that all the children love to pet. There were also lambs to pet, wooden toy barns and animals to play with, clothes to wash with a washboard and scrub bucket, and games like "tug-o-war" to play. A favorite activity is dressing up in pioneer clothing and playing in the covered wagon. Thanks to the work of several volunteers, this year we had lots of items for the boys to choose from, including hats, vests, and pioneer shirts. Many people got their photos taken, and we sold over \$100 worth of "old

timey" sepia photo prints. A good time was had by all!



Cynthia Christensen

Historic Lafayette Museum

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

Hours:
Wednesday, Friday, and
Saturday 10—4
Or by appointment
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Yamhill Valley Heritage Center

11275 SW Durham Ln.
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Hours:
Saturday 10—3



Heritage Center Wins an Award!

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donation of Heritage Bricks at \$100 for each brick. Two sections of the hexagon base have already been completed with the donated bricks which bear the names or messages selected by the donors. One family, the Ritz family, donated sixteen bricks which tell the story of their family history in Yamhill County. The inspiration and design for the Flag Monument came from Waldo Farnham and was constructed by Haworth Inc. of McMinnville.

Eleven new Heritage Bricks were donated at the Harvest Fest event on August 13-14 at the Heritage Center and will be placed on the monument's base. Most of the bricks that have already been donated were placed on the two sections of the base which flank the steps leading up to the top of the monument. The remaining bricks which had been previously donated will be placed on the next section of the base as soon as the number of total new brick donations reaches one hundred.

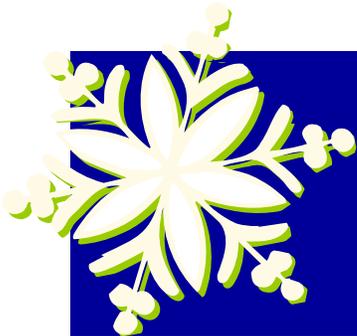
Mrs. Barbara Kauer spoke movingly to the crowd that had gathered for the dedication ceremony about her husband's dream of founding a place where the history and heritage of Yamhill County could be preserved and



Waldo Farnham and Barbara Kauer

shared for many generations. The Flag Monument is a fitting tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kauer's vision and support of the YCHS' new Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.

Submitted by Carolyn Meeker
August 16, 2011

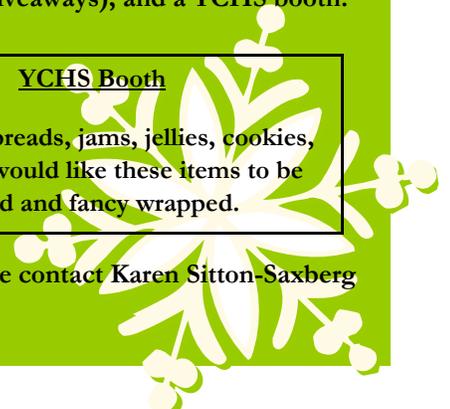


YCHS Holiday Event

It's time to start thinking about our annual winter holiday event, to be held December 3-4, 2011. We will be having our annual Silent Auction, the hourly Santa's Walk (hourly giveaways), and a YCHS booth. The committee would like to ask for the following donations:

<u>Silent Auction</u>	<u>Santa's Walk</u>	<u>YCHS Booth</u>
- Items and/or baskets of items to be auctioned at the event.	- Hourly giveaway items. Small items for all ages.	- Candles, breads, jams, jellies, cookies, etc... We would like these items to be boxed and fancy wrapped.

We will also be needing a few volunteers, so if you would like to sign up, please contact Karen Sitton-Saxberg DH2kissit@onlinemac.com (503) 434-2189 or Kathy Burden kerb1941@aol.com.





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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 (10 issues per year), 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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Questions? Call Membership Coordinator Carlene Kadell (503) 835-8481 or email: acmeeker@frontier.com

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