

# The West Side

Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

May 2006

## Basket Weaving 101

We were honored to have Connie Zimbrick Graves as our program speaker at our April meeting. Connie became interested in how her Native American ancestors made various baskets and other woven items, so she dug in and learned the art, which had been nearly forgotten prior to the creation of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. She was raised in Willamina, and now resides in Gopher Valley.

She was fortunate to have started learning her hobby early, in that after the tribe was reformed, she received additional training in this nearly lost art. Her mother and grandmother were not raised to appreciate the tribal culture, and were 'encouraged' to become more like non-natives.

Connie came prepared with a wide assortment of her handiwork, which she invited attendees to hold and feel. She gives training and exhibitions at numerous locations around the northwest, and especially enjoys showing her work to children and teaching them some of the history and culture of her ancestors.

Using a wide variety of native plants and trees, Connie is very adept at preparing the materials and weaving them into the final product. She displayed her hand-woven hat, which when dry in summer months has holes for ventilation, but when wet in the winter, the holes swell shut, making the hat nearly waterproof.

Obviously comfortable with speaking before crowds, Connie surprised us once by using her teeth to strip off the thin coating from a Willow tree twig. Nothing goes to waste in her efforts, even the leftovers have specific uses.

Connie recommends placing any woven baskets in the family bathtub once a year or so, to rejuvenate the fibers. We thank Connie for her interesting and informative presentation and hope she returns sometime.

Hi Everyone,

Last week I received a well-thought letter from a member expressing his opinions on some of the aspects of the new museum complex plans. It was appreciated and put on file for future plans. This is the kind of participation the board needs. It lets us know what the members think and we can consider it. We welcome all and any suggestions and would ask that you put it in writing so it can be presented to the building committee and the board. Thanks George.

Also thanks to Opal Lahley for her article about Elk Falls, KS. "The outhouse capital of the State". Then the several articles of interest from Joann Watts. Even though Joann is not always able to make the meetings we know we are in her thoughts. Thanks Joann. The notes and words of encouragement have always helped during stressful times.

The board is aware that we represent the membership and we keep this in mind when making decisions and proceeding with activities and plans. Please continue to contribute your thoughts and ideas.

Work continues on the restoration of the exterior of the Log Museum. What a beautiful Building!!

Remember the Garage Sale (June 29, 30 & July 1, 2. Your donations are needed. Also contact Millie Armstrong (503-472-6489) and set up times you can help arranging, pricing and on the days of the sale.

The date of August 6th was set for the Annual Picnic. We are looking for a site for this event. If anyone has a suggestion please contact Shirley or anyone on the board. Thanks.

The Harvest Festival date for this year is October 14th. We considered having it earlier in hopes of better weather but the one attempt at an earlier date produced the worst weather we have ever had so guess we will give October another try. Sincerely, Shirley

## Board Meeting highlights

The board met on April 11th in McMinnville, with all officers and directors present except Lorna Grauer, who was ill. Treasurer Ken Williams reported a beginning balance of \$4,637.73, deposits of \$9,376.18 and payments of \$9,060.96, resulting in a balance of \$5,088.84. Louise Heindl has agreed to fill the position of volunteer chairperson. Kathy Peck reported two new and four renewing members. Marge Owens updated the board on the restoration of the exterior of the Log Building, and also reported on the River Reflections History Quiz. There were only three entries received and graded, out of the thirteen middle schools these were submitted to. Shirley McDaniels has agreed to chair a by-laws committee, to review our by-laws and work with an attorney to bring them up to date. The board agreed that moving slow on any amendments on these will be the best approach.

The board agreed to ask an attorney to attend board meetings for the months of June, July and August to help get it through some growing pains it is experiencing. August 6th was selected for the annual picnic date, time and place to be announced later. The Harvest Festival will be held on October 14th. The digital camera will be stored in the museum, but access will be restricted by use of several compact flash (memory) cards. The McPhillips family has agreed in concept to donate additional acreage to the new museum site. The building committee is authorized to pay up to \$2,000 to have the new property surveyed, if donated funds or resources are not otherwise found to have this important work accomplished.

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**Dues Changeover**

As you probably know, July is our changeover to an annual dues renewal for all paying members. Once we get through this transition year, this renewal system will be easier for everyone to remember and deal with. Renewals will always be due in July and new members will have their dues prorated to July 1st.. Reminders will be mailed with the May newsletters annually.

Our membership chair will provide you with a personal status notification within the next several months. Our goal is to have every member paid up to July 2007 by July 2006. We acknowledge that we may encounter a few bumps in the road, and beg for your patience during this transition.

Family members paying dues for May should pay \$25 +\$4.10, for June, payment would be \$25 +2.00, to take renewals up to July 2007. For individual members, this works out to \$15 + \$2.50 for May, and for June, \$15 +1.25. These are all prorated to establish an annual dues renewal date of July 1. Thank you for continuing to support us.

**Audio/visual help needed**

We are looking for someone to donate their video camera so we can again record our monthly programs. We have been missing out on taping these for several years, and encourage one or more of our monthly attendees to step up with a camera and tape the program. If no one steps up to the plate on this, we would encourage donations towards purchase of a camera & tripod.

**River Awareness Week**

Our society sponsored a quiz for 6-7 graders about waterways of the county. The following 6th graders were given \$25 and a certificate for their participation:

- Natasha Ashley (Faulconer-Chapman/Sheridan)
- Alivia Richardson (Willamina Middle School)
- Elisa Rogers (Willamina Middle School)

The quiz given is the one in the upper right-hand corner of this page. Test you history knowledge- take it yourself!

**Local & State River History Quiz**

1. What year was the "Christmas Flood in Oregon?"
2. Who built the first gristmill on Cozine Creek in 1853?
3. In 1883 Morrison & Embree opened their flourmill in Sheridan, hailed as the best water power in Oregon because of a ditch dug from the south of town. What is the name of that creek?
4. What is the full name and number of the ferry presently used at Wheatland?
5. Near what small rural community do the North and South Yamhill rivers converge?
6. What was the original use of the Lafayette Locks and dam?
7. Sawmill operators used log dams for transporting logs:
  - a. Name one good thing about this method?
  - b. Name one bad thing about this method?
8. Name six waterways in Yamhill County that start with the letter "H".
9. Which of the following was Willamina Creek named after?
  - a. Willamina Manley
  - b. Willamina County, Iowa
  - c. Willamina Branson
  - d. None of the above
10. Which river flows under the Bayou Bridge near Whiteson?
11. One the Willamette River at Newberg is a recreation site named after Joseph & Letitia. What is the site now called?
12. What are three waterways in Yamhill County that have animal names?
13. What was the original use of Carlton Lake?

(Answers in the summer newsletter)

**Crystal Rilee update**

Crystal is home and working on gaining back her strength. Knowing Crystal as we do, we rest assured she will give it her best effort and all her friends at the YCHS wish her a speedy comeback.

She is planning on visiting her boyfriend in Iowa this summer, and the board of her museum foundation continues long-range planning on development of future facilities on Parrott Mountain.

By Jim Lockett

Harvey W. Scott arrived in Lafayette in 1852 with his father and eight surviving sisters. The latter included 17-year-old Abigail Jane "Jenny" Scott, who would go on to become famous as national women's rights leader Abigail Scott Duniway. John Tucker Scott, who went by Tucker, rented a hotel from Amos Cook. He needed all the help he could get from the children to run it, and at 14, Harvey was old enough to be useful. Besides the hotel, which he named "Oregon Temperance House," Tucker Scott had an interest in several local farming operations. His son helped him with those as well, in addition to dabbling in other pursuits.

Historian Lee M. Nash wrote in the September 1969 issue of the Oregon Historical Quarterly:

"The most basic biographic fact about Harvey Scott is that, for his first 21 years, he was a typical pioneer and that he never escaped the influence of this early experience. In Washington and Oregon territories he helped his father clear three different farm sites, planted and harvested, helped set up and operate a sawmill at Forest Grove, split rails, did carpentry, surveyed and worked in a logging camp. "In 1855-56, age 17 and armed with his grandfathers' muzzle-loading Kentucky rifle, he spent eight months with the Washington Territory Volunteers fighting the Yakima Indian War. Scott was distinguished from his fellow frontiersmen but one respect - his compulsion to get an education in the face of incredible odds."

Scott's early education never got beyond McGuffey Readers. At 19, entering school at the Tualatin Academy, he was still studying primary work. But just two years later, he qualified for entry at Pacific University. The sole member of the graduating class of 1863, he emerged four years later with the first bachelor's degree awarded in the Pacific Northwest.

Scott became the Portland Library Association's first librarian. On the side, he began working on a law degree and writing editorials for *The Oregonian*.

In early 1864, owner Henry Pittock was in need of an editor for the paper. Impressed with Scott's editorials, he offered the job to him.

Scott earned his law degree and passed the bar, but decided the editorial position was more to his liking than the practice of law. Scott's editorials were steeped in history and cloaked in references from the Bible and the classics. His memory was photographic - he had memorized John Milton's entire "Paradise Lost" - and he enjoyed spreading knowledge to others through the editorial page.

In a recent piece in *The Oregonian*, staff writer John Terry said: "It's tempting to relegate Scott to the pigeonhole reserved for standard 19th-century white male plutocrats: starchy, dogmatic, autocratic, opportunistic, conservative, Republican, opinionated, to the point of tedium." But he said that would ignore the traits that catapulted Scott to the pinnacle of the Portland power structure.

For half a century, Scott wielded tremendous power at the state level. He not only kept blood pressures high in the Willamette Valley high with his biting commentary, but extended his reach even to Indian territory and Eastern Oregon cattle and sheep range.

During Harvey Scott's time, editors didn't formulate editorial policy with the fair and open-minded attitude in vogue today. Editors considered their pages personal bully pulpits, especially when it came to politics. They banished any hint of opposition from their sections.

Scott was no exception. And his voice was one to be reckoned with in the Northwest. However, one person who refused to bend was his bright and forceful sister, Abigail Scott Duniway. He was strongly opposed to her principal cause - given women the right to vote.

When he refused to relent, Duniway launched her own paper, *The New Northwest*. And thanks to her biting remarks, her paper soon began to outsell *The Oregonian*. Her basic theme was this: "Half the women are overtaxed and underpaid while the other half are frivolous, idle and expensive. Both of these conditions of society are wrong."

Scott was upset about the challenge from his sister, but he never changed his mind on women's suffrage. In the end, Scott won the newspaper battle but lost the suffrage fight. Scott's son, Leslie, later gathered his father's writings into a six-volume work titled, "History of the Oregon Country."

Leslie Scott attributed his father's longstanding opposition to women's suffrage to practical political considerations. He said, "The great source of trouble is too much ignorant and irresponsible voting of taxes and governmental extravagance by citizens who do not feel the burdens thereby imposed on property. For this reason - and this reason chiefly - Mr. Scott stood opposed to women's suffrage - which would double, or more than double, he said, this sort of voter."

Scott served as president of the Lewis and Clark Exposition from 1903 to 1905 and chaired The Associated Press board from 1900 to 1910. He died two years before Abigail Scott Duniway realized her dream of become the first woman to cast a vote in Oregon.

A bronze statue of Harvey W. Scott towers over the top of Mount Tabor Park in Portland. A gift to the city by Scott's wife and children, it was sculpted by Gutzon Borglum. It was cast by the Kunst Foundry in New York and unveiled with great fanfare in June 1933. Borglum had been working on his time monumental sculpture of four American presidents on Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota, but took time out to do the Scott bronze.

Portland's Mount Scott was named after him, as is Harvey Scott Elementary School. McMinnville's Duniway Middle School is named after his sister. Scott and Duniway were just two of many leading Oregon citizens who got their start in Lafayette, then known as the "Athens of the West."

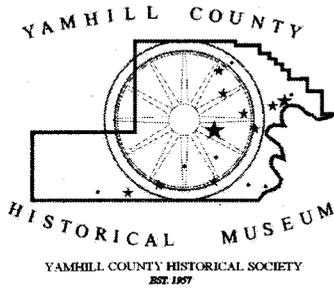


Harvey Scott was 27 in 1865 when Thomas Dryer hired him as editor of *The Oregonian*.

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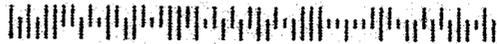
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Members receive the Westside newsletter and access to our research library free of charge. We are an all volunteer organization, and are constantly on the lookout for new helpers. If you can assist us in any way, financially or with your time or talents, it will be greatly appreciated. If you are not sure if you have paid your membership dues, please contact Kathy Peck at 472-6562, or check your mailing label, which should show this information also. (The month and year indicate your "paid through" period according to our records.)

Please check the insert from the December newsletter for info on the transition to an annual renewal date of July. (And don't hesitate to ask if you have questions)

## **Calendar of Events**

**Board of Directors: 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9th.** Our next regular monthly meeting will be held 6:30 p.m., same day, both at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in McMinnville. Our program this month will be Marge Owens, on "The End of the Lewis & Clark Voyage of Discovery—Where did they all end up?".

- ▶ 5/10, 11:00 to 2:00 DAR field trip (see last months newsletter for details)
- ▶ 6/29, 30 & 7/1, 2—Garage Sale (we need volunteers for this!)
- ▶ 8/13, 1:00-4:00 Watt Family Threshing Bee (details to follow in summer edition of this newsletter)

**New Members/Renewals:** We welcome renewing members **Betty Corff, Barbara Corff, Virginia Johnson, John Dowty, Ken & Barbara Knutson** and new members **Donald & Donna King** and **Nancy Toole**. Thanks for supporting our organization. We invite you to attend our meetings, visit our museum and become more involved in our local history!