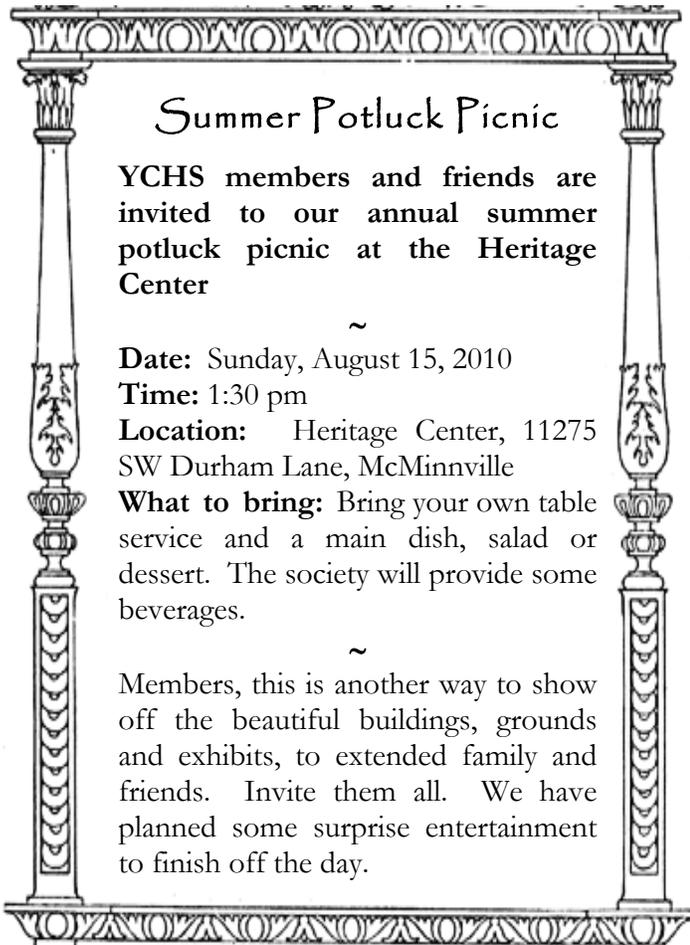


The West Side

Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society



Summer Potluck Picnic

YCHS members and friends are invited to our annual summer potluck picnic at the Heritage Center

Date: Sunday, August 15, 2010

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville

What to bring: Bring your own table service and a main dish, salad or dessert. The society will provide some beverages.

Members, this is another way to show off the beautiful buildings, grounds and exhibits, to extended family and friends. Invite them all. We have planned some surprise entertainment to finish off the day.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with Harvest Fest. Where would you like to help for a two hour period? We need greeters at the admission booth, cooks for barbecued corn on the cob, selling fresh corn off the back of the truck, help in the root beer float booth. Contact Pam Watts at (503) 434-0490 or pwatts@onlinemac.com to sign up now!

Time for Membership Renewal

It is that time of year again. Please don't forget to send in your membership dues. Our membership cycle is July 1st to June 30th.

Gloria Lutz, Membership chair

Yamhill County Historical Society
Presents

Harvest Fest 2010

Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8
10:00 am—3:00 pm
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, OR



HARVEST FEST ACTIVITIES

- Threshing, binding and bailing of oats using vintage farm equipment and mules.
- Tractor Parade at 1:00 pm.
- Vintage farm equipment on display.
- Hay rides, animals, and kids' area with hands-on activities.
- Food and other vendors.
- Old time music.
- Family fun!
- Agricultural and historical displays, including local authors and organizations.
- Sawmill, blacksmith, steam engine and other demonstrations.

Admission \$3 per person

Ages 12 and under FREE

Members free with YCHS membership card

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

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| 10:00 | Flag Raising Ceremony |
| 10:15 | Blacksmith Dedication (Saturday only) |
| 10:15 | Steam Engine Dedication (Sunday only) |
| 1:00 | Parade of Tractors and Teams |
| 2:00 | Slow Tractor Race |

All other events going on throughout the day

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President's Letter—YCHS Mid-Year Review

Greetings, YCHS members,

I would like to welcome all of our returning and new members to Yamhill County Historical Society. Most of you probably already know that the Society consists of two museum sites. The original site is located in Lafayette where we have both the historic Poling Church and the Miller Museum. The new museum, the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, is located just south of McMinnville on Durham Lane.

In 1994, YCHS received a gift from Verl and Dorothy Miller that was used to construct the Miller Museum. YCHS continued to expand their artifacts and collections promoting and documenting the history of Yamhill County until the original site was no longer adequate.

Fortunately, in 2003, YCHS was given the land at the Durham Lane site by the Kauer and McPhillips families. The Ray Kauer family later also donated over two million dollars to the society and these funds, along with the land donations, were used to begin construction on the new Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.

By 2009, the sawmill, blacksmith shop, and storage building were completed. Almost every weekend, a dedicated crew of volunteers can be found working on the Restoration Shop and Exhibit Hall. The latest work is being done on the outer portion of the Administration Building by both volunteers and paid contractors. The meeting area of the Administration

Building will have two distinct areas to utilize. It will provide 1200 square feet of space appropriate for classes, meetings, and other social events. The outer shell of this construction is expected to be completed later this year.

The November 30, 2009, YCHS Statement of Financial position listed the value of the land owned by the Society as \$142,743. and the buildings and improvements were valued at over \$2.75 million. As of June 30, 2010, YCHS' total assets are estimated to be \$3,344,393.85 with our current liabilities approximately \$42,422.00. This amount includes an interest free debt being held by Farnham Electric. Much of the work and materials for the construction at the Durham Lane site have been donated by several local county businesses.

Cascadia Consulting is finalizing a Five Year Business Plan for YCHS which will be implemented as soon as it is completed. While we are, at present, an all-volunteer organization, this plan calls for YCHS to phase in a paid staff person over the next five years. This plan makes the assumption that YCHS will continue to grow and have the continuing support of our community.

You can help support YCHS and have a lot of family fun by attending Harvest Fest on August 7th and 8th at the Heritage Center. I hope to see you there!

Carolyn Meeker, President

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

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

Steam Traction Engine Dedication Sunday, August 8th

The volunteers restoring the Heritage Center's 1912 Peerless steam tractor are almost done. This rare, extremely well built machine was originally used for plowing large fields in Eastern Oregon in the Burns area. It will pull 6-8 bottoms depending on the soil conditions.

The Peerless was purchased by Ray Kauer and donated to our museum as an excellent example of a large plowing or "hauling" engine. Our volunteers had an interesting, educational, and fun time getting the necessary repairs done.

After the dedication at Harvest Fest, we can all see this awesome beauty steamed up and driving around. Someday we hope to pull plows and have other fun.



Frank Schurman

Ray's Vision Continues

With the first anniversary of Ray Kauer's passing, we can look back at the vision he had for the Heritage Center and see all the accomplishments that have been made toward his vision.

We have the Restoration Shop almost completed. The Exhibit Hall has many pieces of agricultural equipment on display. The warehouse, which was the first structure built on the site, is in use continually. It has a "Mini Museum," a schoolhouse display, a cabin display, and a preservation freezer. A bathroom is almost complete. In addition, it is used for temporary displays and events.

The completion of the sawmill and the blacksmith shop have been added in helping us move toward Ray's vision. The Peerless steam-powered tractor that he bought and donated to

the Heritage Center has been restored and will be put to use. Beginning this fall we will put in the lawn for the town square. The gazebo will be constructed on skids this winter and moved out on the lawn next spring for our festivities.

Ray continues to give. The auction that was held on April 24 was equipment that he had donated to the museum to use as we needed. Any piece that wasn't needed in the collection could be sold and the money used for the operation of the museum. We made about \$10,000. That money is going toward the operation expenses of the Heritage Center.

Yamhill County Historical Society volunteers are working hard to keep Ray's vision alive.

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's 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

Treasures in the Attic

YCHS will be hosting the annual Treasures in the Attic on Saturday, September 18th, 2010 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. It will be held at the Heritage Center located on Durham Lane.

Several local appraisers will be present to provide you with knowledgeable information concerning source and value of your cherished family heirlooms and collections. A fee will be charged for this service. There will be collectable items available for purchase. Watch your newsletter for more information or call (503) 434-0567.



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Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future

August 2010 Happenings



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	5	6 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	7 Harvest Fest 10—3 Lafayette Museum Closed
8 Harvest Fest 10—3	9	10	11 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Board Meeting	12	13 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	14 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
15 Summer Potluck Picnic 1:30	16	17	18 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	19	20 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	21 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
22	23	24	25 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	26	27 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	28 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
29	30	31	Locations: 8/7-8: Harvest Fest—Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville 8/11: Board Meeting —Lafayette Museum 8/15: Annual Member Picnic—Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville			



YCHS Upcoming Events

- September 8, 2010—Board Meeting
- September 14, 2010—General Meeting
- September 18, 2010—Treasures in the Attic
- September 25, 2010—Secrets of the Past Tour
- October 12, 2010—General Meeting
- October 13, 2010—Board Meeting
- October 16, 2010—Pumpkin & Plow 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

Heritage Center's New Look



July 2nd and prepared various areas for planting. The next morning about 50 people ranging in age from a baby in a pack on his dad's back to retired folks, planted all of these native plants, watered them, pulled weeds, spread compost and sawdust, and potted about 35 ornamental bare-root trees that had been donated to us by the Master Gardeners. This was all done in two hours! What a whirlwind of accomplishment!



The Heritage Center continues to get a new look. Due to inclement weather during Pioneer Days, children were not able to help us plant all of our native plants in the landscape. Along came Superman Tyler Tuckett looking for a project for his Eagle Scout badge.

Through his planning and his family's help, a group of about 15 came to the Heritage Center the evening of

Now the watering begins. We are hand watering these plants this year. Because they are native plants, they will not need watering or special care after this year.



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Oregon's Maps

Board member, Phyllis McBride, made the maps of Oregon depicting 1843 to the present and donated them to YCHS. They have been a very valuable teaching tool for our Pioneer Days. They are on display in the warehouse at the Heritage Center. Did you know that Yamhill County was one of only four original counties in the Oregon Territory? Two of those counties do not exist today. If you receive your newsletter via email, you can follow the green section on the map to see how Yamhill County has evolved since 1843.



Name the Tool

Can you name these tools and how they are used?

1



2



3



"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream."

Ice cream is a favorite American dessert.

The principle of lowering the temperature of ice water by adding salt to the water makes it possible to freeze a container of cream and flavoring that has been rotated in super cooled water. People have been creating "iced cream" since the Roman Empire.

This procedure was advanced in 1848 when Nancy Johnson took out a patent for the first hand cranked ice cream freezer.

When I was growing up in the 1940's, our ice cream freezer was a hand cranked one that had been modernized by attaching an electric motor that rotated a belt to rotate the gears. (Mom said that prior to this, Papa would jack up his Ford and attach a belt from the spinning wheel to the turning gear on the freezer.)

The bucket that the ice was put in was wooden. We kept water in it so that the slats wouldn't shrink.

The ice we used in the freezer came in chunks. Papa put them in a gunny sack which he hit with a hammer to break the ice into the right-sized pieces. We layered the ice with rock salt and added water to fill up the gaps. (We kids liked to suck on a piece of rock salt.)

In the early 1900's, technology made mechanical refrigeration possible. This increased the availability of commercially made ice cream. Ice cream parlors and drug store soda fountains became popular.

The Mormon Church's Words of Wisdom discouraged coffee houses and bars I think this contributed to the popularity of ice cream parlors as a gathering place in Salt Lake City. Snelgroves was a popular one. It is still operating in Salt Lake, I try to stop there when I'm in the area. Some of the nontraditional flavors that I remember were green pineapple,

Ice Cream

Honeymoon Delight and Tutti Fruity.

My folks told of an after hours visit they made to my Uncle Lee's soda fountain in Hollywood, California. Lee and his wife, Amy, made my father a meat platter sized sundae with a sample of every flavor of ice cream that they sold.

Our home refrigerator had a very small freezing compartment. It could hold two ice cube trays and a quart of ice cream. The ice cream was usually served the day it was bought other wise it would be too soft. Ice cream wasn't a regular dessert; it was served in small dishes as a special treat. Sometimes if company dropped in unexpectedly, one of the kids would be asked to ride his bike to the neighborhood soda fountain for ice cream to serve the guests. The ice cream was hand dipped and weighed to ensure the right amount.

On Sunday rides, Grandpa would often treat us to ice cream cones. They cost five cents for one scoop. Mom would have us lick our fingers and use them to push the scoop down into the cone so that it wouldn't fall out and make a mess.

Dairy Queen was the first franchised soft ice cream in our area. It appeared about 1950. A pineapple sundae sold for 15 cents. We were glad that Papa liked ice cream as much as we did, and he would often stop for family treats.

I'm very fond of ice cream. There are some flavors that I don't buy, for even if I hide Tin Roof or Almond Crunch in the basement freezer, I hear them calling; "Nancy, come and get me."

Nancy Thornton

WANTED

- **Self-loading log truck**—Shirley McDaniel has secured some logs for the society at a location just north of Hillsboro. We are in need of a self-loading log truck to pick up the logs and bring them to our sawmill. Contact Shirley McDaniel.

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