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NOTICE:
October Potluck and General Meeting

- Date: Sunday, October 9, 2011
- 2:00 pm: Potluck
- 3:00 pm: Program
- Program: Lewie Loy and the History of the Chinese in Yamhill County
- Location: 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Road, McMinnville

Yamhill County Historical Society
Presents



Lafayette School House ca. 1874

Secrets of the Past: School Days, School Days

~ Entry \$8 ~

- ◆ Lecture on Old Schools of Yamhill County
- ◆ Lunch ◆ Slideshow ◆ Photo Display
- ◆ Local historian shares stories from the past
- ◆ Bring your old Lunch Box.; the oldest will win a prize!

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Come join us at the
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
Hwy 18 and Durham Lane
McMinnville, OR
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12 ~ 3
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 29



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President's Letter

Dear YCHS Members,

I would like to welcome all of our new members and thank all of you who have already renewed your memberships. For those who have not yet renewed your membership I would like to encourage you to do so as soon as you can. The Society depends on the support of our members and we all very much appreciate the loyalty and continued support that you have shown over the years. As a nonprofit, public service organization we have been fortunate to have kept our base and even increase our membership at a time when many historical societies have had to close their doors. This is due, at least partly, to the firm support of our members and an increased visibility in our community which has drawn new people to the YCHS.

Our seemingly tireless volunteers have been able to shoulder the responsibilities

and workload that often require paid staff in similar organizations. The Yamhill County Historical Society has been able to grow and continue work on our new Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, while maintaining our museums and research library at the Lafayette site, largely due to the dedication and hard work of these volunteers. One of these dedicated volunteers recently noted that our Lafayette site "runs like clockwork!"

It has been an honor for me to serve on the YCHS Board of Directors since 2009 and get to know the many talented and hard working people in this Society.

Carolyn Meeker
YCHS President
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Submitted: September 15, 2011

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Reconnecting the Figurines

Since I have no children, I have recently been trying to find relatives of people who gave me things over the years. I wanted them to go to someone who might appreciate them. When I was a kid, my friends' grandmother gave me an Ebony figurine, made in Kenya. It was the figure of a woman. I'm still in touch with this friend and I asked whether she would like it. She said no thank you. I thought about giving it away and decided I could contact her brother, who is an attorney in Spokane. I emailed him and sent a picture of the stature.



To the surprise of both of us, he had been given by his grandmother, the mate to my figurine, a male! It was on the desk he was emailing from. I sent my figurine to him. Once



they were reunited, he sent me a picture.

This attorney has recently gotten into genealogy. The last name of his grandmother, who gave us the figurines, is Cornelius. He has recently found that they are related to the same folks the town of Cornelius is named for. I just keep making more friends and more connections when I reach out; and I love it!

Gail Howard

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Carol Reid, President
(503) 472-9631

Board Meeting Recap ~ August 10, 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.

- ♦ **Lafayette Site Committee**—Karen Sitton-Saxberg reported that all three buildings at the Lafayette site have water and potential bug issues. Plants and shrubs need to be moved away from the log cabin and the gutters need to be cleaned. The committee is working on obtaining estimates for all the needed work. Jean Sartor requested that the board approve free admission at the Lafayette museum for a trial period until December 2011.
- ♦ **Activities and Events Committee**—Upcoming events are Secrets of the Past Tour and Lectures of Yamhill County's old schools and the Second Annual Handmade Holiday Bazaar.
- ♦ **Lafayette Cemetery**—We discussed the need for a new sign and gate at the

cemetery. Perhaps the blacksmith shop could make a gate? Money was allotted for the purchase of a new sign.

Secretary's Report: Theresa Berthelsdorf reported that our records for 2010 have all been duplicated and will be delivered to our attorney Jerry Hart, who is our registered corporate agent. This is required by our bylaws.

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

President's Report: Carlene Kadell has volunteered to take on the Membership Coordinator position. Heritage Bricks continue to be a great success. The company that made the bricks will be going out of business. We decided that we purchase 330 bricks so we will have matching bricks for the remainder of the flagpole monument.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Berthelsdorf, Secretary

2012 Farm and Harvest Fest

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14, 2012, as the date for next year's Farm Fest and Plowing Competition. The Oregon Draft Horse Breeders' Association will join us again for a plowing competition with their horses and mules. Last year's event with 16 teams of draft horses was a great success, and we are looking forward to making it even better next year.

We'll gather again to harvest the crops on Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19, 2012, with two days of activities including the harvesting activities, blacksmith, sawmill, steam engine, food, music, displays, demonstrations and more!

If you'd like to help with these events, please contact Cliff or Pam Watts at [503-434-0490](tel:503-434-0490). We welcome your ideas and your help. It takes many volunteers to make these events successful!

Property Development Committee

The Property Development Committee meets monthly to discuss plans for the completion and future of the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center complex. Gloria Lutz is working with several volunteers to plant a small vineyard and apple orchard. A work party for maintenance items is being scheduled for the fall and volunteers are being enlisted. Plans continue for raising monies, finishing the buildings, and getting them open on a more frequent basis. The committee looks at ideas for improvement, how to fund such plans, and how those plans blend with the overall vision. If you have some thoughts for the Heritage Center, please give Cliff Watts a call at [503-435-9700](tel:503-435-9700) or email cliff@gormleyplumbing.com.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Don King

Secrets of the Past Tours:

Karen Sitton-Saxberg

Steam Equipment:

Vern Yeager

Treasures in the Attic:

Shirley Venhaus



Historic Photo of the
Poling Church

Lafayette Site News

The Lafayette site continues to offer free admission through the end of the year. This is a good time to bring family and friends to your museum. You will find many historic treats. Everyone is welcome! Don't forget to visit our expanding gift shop to purchase great new mementos of Yamhill County

Marjorie Owens, Research Librarian

New Items Added to the Gift Shop!

The Yamhill County Historical Society has added several new items to the gift shop. Be among the first to own our NEW T-shirts, Canvas Bags, and the Oregon Heritage Playing Cards! Get an early start on your holiday shopping. Don't forget our books for sale. We have a lot of new titles. Come to the Lafayette Museum Gift Shop now to see all the new items!



Don't forget our
Books for Sale!



T-Shirt

Available in Adult Sizes: Medium, Large, XLarge, XXXLarge

This is a gorgeous NATURAL color cotton/poly blend shirt with the YCHS logo imprinted on the chest. It is a reliable choice for comfort, softness and durability. This crew neck style tee is shrink and wrinkle resistant. Wear it with pride!

\$15.00

Shopping Tote

2-Tone - Natural/Spruce - Shopping Tote

Carry necessities with a touch of style. Now you can purchase your groceries or sundries and bring them home in a YCHS tote bag! These 100% cotton tote bags have plenty of room to carry everything you need when you are on the go.

- ◆ 12-ounce, 100% cotton twill, contrast canvas bottom
- ◆ Exterior pocket
- ◆ Web handles
- ◆ Dimensions: 14" H x 14.5" W x 5.5" D
- ◆ YCHS logo imprinted on the exterior pocket

\$20.00

Oregon Heritage Playing Cards

PLAY ♦ PRESERVE ♦ LEARN

Half of the Oregon Heritage Playing Cards show some of Oregon's most significant heritage sites and objects while the others tell why heritage is important and how Oregonians can help preserve sites and objects.

These decks were created by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department and were donated to the Yamhill County Historical Society. We have a limited quantity so hurry in to buy your educational deck and learn how to be a steward of Oregon's heritage!

\$5.00

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
2	3	4	5 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	6	7 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	8 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
9 General Meeting 2-4	10 Columbus Day	11	12 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Board Meeting 4pm	13	14 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	15 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
			Pioneer Days			
16	17	18	19 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	20	21 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	22 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
			Pioneer Days			
23	24	25	26 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	27	28 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	29 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 <i>School Days</i> <i>Lecture 12-3</i> Heritage Center Open 10-3
30	31 Halloween					

Event Locations

- ◆ October 9, 2011—
General Meeting—7th
Day Adventist, 1500
Old Sheridan Road,
McMinnville
- ◆ October 12, 2011—
Board Meeting—
Lafayette Miller Museum
- ◆ October 12-14, 17-19—
Pioneer Days—Yamhill
Valley Heritage Center
- ◆ October 29, 2011—
Secrets of the Past
School Days Lecture—
Yamhill Valley Heritage
Center

Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 9—Board
Meeting
- ◆ November 13—General
Meeting
- ◆ December 3, 4—YCHS
Handmade Holiday
Bazaar
- ◆ **December 11—
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**
- ◆ December 14—Board
Meeting

Historic Lafayette Museum

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

Hours:

Wednesday, Friday, and
Saturday 10—4
Or by appointment
503-864-2308

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center

11275 SW Durham Ln.
McMinnville, OR 97128

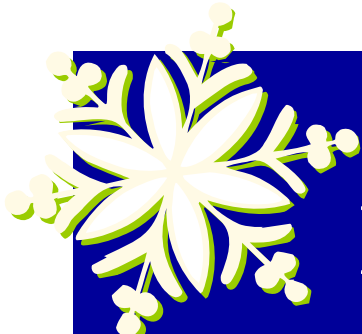
Hours:

Saturday 10—3

NOTICE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Date: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011
- 2:00 pm: Potluck
- 3:00 pm: Program
- Location: 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville





Second Annual Handmade Holiday Bazaar

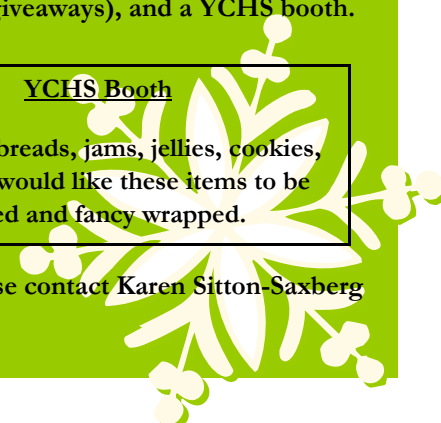
It's time to start thinking about our annual Handmade Holiday event, to be held December 3-4, 2011.

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.



Heritage Center Needs Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers to help on Saturdays at the Heritage Center to welcome guests, give tours of the facility, and work on some projects. Would you be willing to help? It can be one Saturday a month (museum is open from 10am-3pm), a couple of hours one time only, or any combination. Just let us know how you'd like to help and we'll get you scheduled. You don't need to know tractor repair or the details on every piece of equipment (we have a notebook that gives basic information!), but be willing to share some of the area's history with others or get in and get your hands dirty on some physical project!

Thanks so much to our crew of volunteers who maintain the property - Cliff Watts, Chuck Kadell, Gloria Lutz, Tony Meeker, Don King, Alan Tessman, and a band of others. Thanks also to Glen Watts, our tour guide who is at the Heritage Center every Saturday and gives the majority of the tours.

What am I/?

Do you know what this tool is or what it might have been used for? If so, please contact Marjorie Owens at the Lafayette Museum.





Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future

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Lafayette, Oregon 97127

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Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #103
McMinnville, Oregon
97128

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 (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.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____
(Work): _____ Email: _____

**Please mail this form
with payment to:
YCHS
P.O. Box 484
Lafayette, OR 97127**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Student/Educator \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family (Basic) \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Builder \$250+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family (age 65+) \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$55 | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Benefactor \$500+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$125+ | |

**Make checks payable to:
Yamhill County
Historical Society**

By filling out this form, the member(s) give(s) the Yamhill County Historical Society the right to release their name and contact information to other members, to the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition, and/or for the purpose of obtaining grant funding. Member information will never be sold or released for any other purpose unless written consent is provided by the member. If the member does not wish to have their name and contact information released, please check here.

Questions? Call Membership Coordinator Carlene Kadell (503) 474-0480 or email: amity1956@yahoo.com

Become a Yamhill County Historical Society Member Today!