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YCHS Exhibiting in Portland

Once again YCHS put their show on the road for all the world to see at the Expo Center in Portland. The exhibit at the Northwest Ag Show included a tractor, sheep shearing equipment, small farm tools, and blacksmith tools. There were also pictures on the walls and videos running to show our events. A team headed by Al Steinke put the exhibit together, transported, and manned the booth.



Cynthia Christensen spent all three days there dressed in period costume,

spinning, and talking to visitors. Al Steinke, Tony Meeker, and Dave Cruickshank also greeted some 300-400 people. Many people were very interested in what we were sharing.

Dave and Doris Cruickshank, Steve Cone, Allen Tessman, Jerry Tessman, Chuck Kadell, Gloria Lutz, Cynthia Christensen, and Tony Meeker helped Al bring this production to fruition.

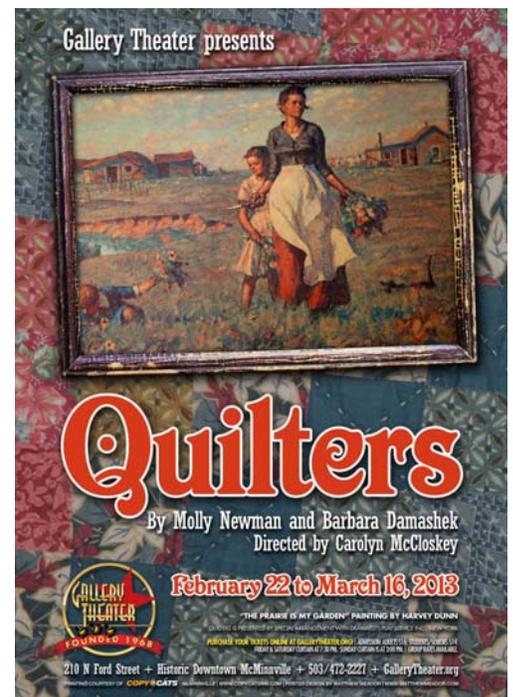
Gloria Lutz

NOTICE:
MARCH GENERAL MEETING and Potluck

- **Date: SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013**
- **Time: 1:30 pm Potluck, 2:15 pm Program**
- **Program: YCHS History Detectives**
- **Location: 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd, McMinnville**

Quilters

The Gallery Theater in McMinnville will be performing "Quilters" from February 22 to March 16. Using drama, dance, and song, this story depicts a woman and her six daughters as they faced the challenges and rewards of frontier life. For more information call (503) 472-2227 or check online at GalleryTheater.org. This is a wonderful story. Bring your funny bone and a hankie.



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President's Letter

Members,

The daffodils are about 4 or 5 inches high now and the promise of spring is in the air. This brings us to the preparations for Farm Fest which are currently underway. Remember to put the date on your calendar for April 13th. The Oregon Draft Horse Breeding Association will be there again for the plowing competition, the Steam Engine will be operating, the Sawmill and Blacksmith Shop will be open, and food will be available. This has been a signature event in the past and we hope that this year will be bigger and better.

The Miller Museum was closed in January for cleaning and organizing. Marjorie Owens and her team report having made good progress and are happy with the results. During January the old and worn floor covering in the kitchen was replaced with the generous support of the Genealogical Society. They covered the majority of the cost and I want to thank them for their support.

A team from the YCHS and led by Al Steinke put together a display and attended The Northwest Agricultural Show on January 29, 30 and 31. The team felt that the effort was enormously successful with more than 300 visitors during the show. Thanks to Al Steinke, Chuck Kadel, Gloria Lutz, Cynthia Christensen, Dave and Doris Kruickshank, Tony Meeker, Steve Cone and Dave Tessman for their generous donation of time and effort.

Last month I reported that we anticipated completion of the roof on the Hutchcroft School very soon. Harold Washington did complete the cedar shingling of the roof in January. We want to thank him for his donated time on that project. The roof looks

great. Current efforts are towards completing the replacement of the siding that had to be removed during the move. The Sawmill team has provided numerous hours of labor in providing lumber for this project and has now milled sufficient siding to do the job. Thank you to the Sawmill Team.

The Business Plan Review Committee has met several times recently and is making progress towards finalizing a summary plan that reflects our current state of progress on the Heritage Center and realistic plans for the near term future. The intention is to provide supporting documentation for grant applications for funding of the completion of the center section of the main building that we have now been referring to as the Heritage Hall.

As many of you may know, Joanne Watts is stepping down from the Chairmanship of the General Meetings Program Committee. Joanne has done a wonderful job with the programs and is quick to acknowledge the assistance she gets from all the committee members. Even as she is trying to disengage she has been thinking about the programs forward into the spring. Sarah Miller has agreed to take on these responsibilities after May. This will provide some time for Sarah and Joanne to coordinate the handoff. I want to thank Sarah for volunteering to take this on and look forward to working with her in the future.

Steve Leonard

YCHS President

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Submitted: February 14, 2013

Pioneer Days

Pioneer Days is coming in May. Please mark your calendar and give Terry Nelson a call at (503-559-1762) if you are able to volunteer or know of someone who is interested in doing so. They do not have to be a YCHS member. If you can't volunteer but still want to help out, try baking some cookies or brownies and throw them in the freezer. You can bring them to the next general meeting and we can keep them in cold storage and thaw them out to give our hungry volunteers a homemade treat. Your efforts are much appreciated. Thanks a bunch in advance.

Cynthia Christensen, Education Coordinator

Board Meeting Recap ~ February 13, 2013

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

Committee Reports: All committee reports are filed in the record book with the minutes in the Lafayette Log Cabin.

- ♦ **Business Plan Review Committee**—Steve Leonard reported that a draft of the Plan is near completion. The committee has interviewed two consultants to possibly provide professional advice but no decision has been made on this issue.
- ♦ **Education Committee**—Cynthia Christenson reported on the planning of the 2013 Pioneer Days. It was discussed that there are several education-related events, and the society might need a coordinator and point of contact to arrange extra resources for these events. Cynthia will continue to coordinate the Ag shows.
- ♦ **General Meeting Committee**—Sara Miller has agreed to help with the General Meeting Program Committee starting in May. She will work closely with Joanne Watts.
- ♦ **Lafayette Site Committee**—Marge Owens reported that the January cleanup was a success. A donation was received to cover the cost of a monthly cleaning service for both the log cabin and Poling Church. The recovering of the kitchen floor has been completed.
- ♦ **Heritage Center Committee**—Cliff Watts reported that seasonal maintenance and cleaning work is underway. The Heritage Center will revert back to the Friday/Saturday opening schedule after Farm Fest 2013.
- ♦ **Hutchcroft School Committee**—It was reported that the windows and siding will be complete by the end of March. Other work will follow the priority list.
- ♦ **Property Development Committee**—Cliff Watts reported that they are discussing a sign proposal with possible donation.

President's Report:

- ♦ Steve Leonard reported on a new application to be filed with the Post Office for members who possess a post office box key. It was suggested that a notice be placed in the newsletter reminding members that if they have an employer who does matching fund donations, they should consider the society. The treasurer should be advised of any potential employer donations.

Treasurer's Report:

- ♦ Katie Baker presented the treasurer's report, which is filed with the committee reports in the record book in Lafayette. Katie brought to the attention of the board the need to review current processes for committee budgeting, the authorization and reporting of expenditures by committee chairs. The Budget Committee will make a draft committee budget policy to present at the next board meeting. Once passed, the new policy and procedures will be rolled out to the committee chairs.

Secretary's Report:

- ♦ John Lewis reminded members that committee reports need to be emailed in advance of each board meeting. John reported an issue of maintaining a central file for sent and received official society correspondence. John will review the existing mail policy and report back to the board with any potential amendments. There is a need for more fireproof file storage cabinets. A box will be placed in the office of the log cabin where correspondence is to be placed for filing.

Unfinished Business:

- ♦ The board accepted the completed 2011 financial report as certified and submitted by Want Emery. Steve Leonard will solicit proposals for an audit and annual review.

New Business:

- ♦ Sara Miller has accepted the General Meetings Program Chair. Cliff Watts reported that there are now Chairs for the Farm and Harvest Fest Committee. Jo McIntyre announced her resignation from the board after March. Collections Management Policy: As a follow-up to the motion adopted at the last board meeting, the President requested that the Secretary draft a new section to the policy that deals with historically significant structures. The author of a book about the Shuck Clan has offered the society the rights to copy and sell the book. The author requested a release letter that grants the YCHS the right to do so. A draft will be prepared for consideration. Conflict of interest forms were filled out by the board members in attendance.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Lewis, Secretary*

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Yamhill County Historical Society
& Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association
Present

Farm Fest 2013 Plowing Competition

Saturday, April 13, 2013 – 10 am–4 pm

**Largest Gathering of Draft
Horses & Mules in Oregon to
compete in plowing competition**

*Rare opportunity to watch 20+ teams
of draft horses & mules in a plowing
competition, see demonstrations,
& meet the teamsters.*



Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville
(Intersection of Hwy. 18 & Durham Ln.)

- ◆ *Opening Ceremonies & Flag Raising by VFW
10:00*
- ◆ *Plowing Competition 10:30-2:30; Awards 3:00*
- ◆ *Working Sawmill, Blacksmith and Steam Tractor*
- ◆ *Heritage Center Museum Tours & Historical
Displays*
- ◆ *Pioneer Kids' Area with Hands-on Activities &
Animals*
- ◆ *50 Quilts from Yamhill Co. Historical Society
Collection*
- ◆ *Food, Old-Time Music & More!*

***\$3 per person—
Kids 12 & under FREE***

***More old-time family fun at
Harvest Fest—
August 17 & 18***

*For more
information:
503-434-0490 or
yamhillcountyhistory.org*

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	2 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
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10 GENERAL MEETING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	11	12	13 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Board Meeting 5:30pm	14	15 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	16 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
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Event Locations

- ◆ March 10, 2013—
GENERAL MEETING
—7th Day Adventist,
1500 Old Sheridan Rd,
McMinnville
- ◆ March 13, 2013—Board
Meeting—Lafayette
Museum

Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 10, 2013—Board
Meeting 5:30 pm
- ◆ April 13, 2013—Farm
Fest
- ◆ April 14, 2013—General
Meeting 1:30 pm
- ◆ May 8, 2013—Board
Meeting 5:30 pm
- ◆ May 14, 2013—General
meeting 6:00 pm—
Heritage Center
- ◆ June 12, 2013—Board
Meeting 5:30 pm
- ◆ July 2013—TBA Ice
Cream Social and
Summer Picnic

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



Did you know that many companies participate in matching funds for an employee's donation of money and/or volunteer time to not-for-profit groups? If you work for one of these companies, ask what you need to do in order to participate. Once you enroll, please let our treasurer know if we should be expecting matching funds to come in. Many thanks to those of you who are currently participating in these programs as your support is greatly appreciated!

YCHS Board of Directors

Lafayette Buzz...



Historic Poling Church

We're dancing to a new tune in our kitchen at the research center. "No more trip, stumble and fall!" Our new floor is a delight and each visitor gets the grand tour. We owe a grateful THANK YOU to the Genealogy Society who donated the lion's share of the cost. In the research center, files were updated and shelves were re-organized. We hope researchers will find it easier to locate information.

Our "fairy godmother" visited the museum recently and donated funds for a professional cleaning service. They cleaned the floors, furniture, display cabinets, dusted cobwebs. Windows were cleaned and new curtains hung in the back room. They'll be back to clean the log building as well. We are forever grateful to our

special friend for all the support she and her family give the society. Another star in her crown!

We will be featuring a new display on loan from Linfield. Entitled Pinot Pioneers: Women in the Early Years of Willamette Valley Wine Industry. Includes photos and artifacts. Don't miss it.

And finally the research center is looking for the membership rolls and minutes of the Sunshine Club. They owned the Hutchcroft School after it closed in 1936. The club began meeting there in the 20's.

Jean Sartor, Publications Coordinator

Please Return ASAP

Just a reminder to the party that borrowed the corral panels and stall mats from the Heritage Center that Farm Fest and Pioneer Days are almost here. Please return the items ASAP.

Thank you,

The Education Committee



Tell Your Story

Start thinking about a story you would like to share about your life. Farm Fest will again have "Tell Your Story". More information in next month's newsletter.

Gloria Lutz

Hutchcroft School Update

The roof is weather-tight and the old siding that was salvageable is being prepared for reinstallation. Additional replacement siding is being milled by our crew of fabulous Sawmill volunteers. Expect to see the rest of the siding to go up in March.

Half of the windows have been rebuilt and reinstalled. Expect the remainder to be done by the beginning of March.

We are a long way from being done but stick your head in the building at Farm Fest in April and see how far we have come.

Cynthia Christianson





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Membership Categories

NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

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.

Membership runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

- Senior/Student/Educator \$15 Family (Basic) \$30 Community Builder \$250+
- Senior Family (65+) \$25 Friend \$55 Community Benefactor \$500+
- Individual \$20 Supporter \$125+

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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I would prefer to receive the YCHS newsletter via: Email Postal Mail

Please check here if you do not wish to have your name and contact information released 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.

Please make checks payable to YCHS and return with this printed form to:

YCHS, P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127

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

YCHS Membership Application