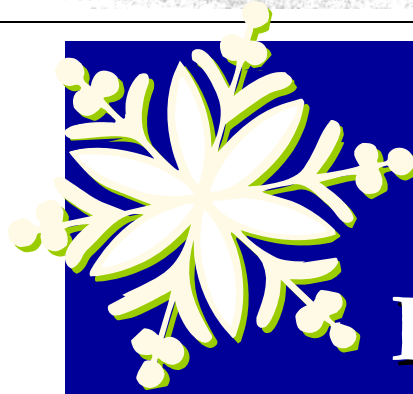




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5th Annual Handmade Holiday Bazaar

Saturday
December 6th
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday
December 7th
Noon to 5 p.m.

LOCAL ARTISTS
FUDGE, JAMS, AND JELLIES
HANDMADE POTTERY
SOAPS ♦ TEXTILES
JEWELRY ♦ WOOD CARVERS
FOOD BOOTHS

MUSIC
SILENT AUCTION
♦ SANTA'S WALK
DECORATED TREE AUCTION
♦ A GREAT HOLIDAY TRADITION

NOTICE:
NOVEMBER Potluck and General Meeting

- Date: November 9, 2014
- Time: 1:30 pm Potluck, 2:30 pm Program
- Program: TBA
- Location: Heritage Center, Hwy 18 & Durham Lane, McMinnville

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

FREE ENTRY WITH FOOD DONATION

We will also be needing a few volunteers, so if you would like to sign up, please contact Karen Sitton-Saxberg
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President's Letter



YCHS Members,
This month we have two important duties to discharge. The candidates for the Board of Directors are shown elsewhere in this newsletter. There is one renewing member and three new candidates. Please take the opportunity to review their brief biographies and look for your ballot in the mail. You should receive it no later than early November and your vote is due by the 1st of December. Depending on where you mail it from please leave enough time for it to arrive by December 1st. In that ballot there will also be an opportunity to vote on the proposed Bylaw changes that were in the last issue of this newsletter, and again in this issue. The ballots will be counted and results announced at the Annual Meeting in December.

In other news, we have recently held two more successful events. The Farm Auction at the Heritage Center and Tea, Crochet and Lingerie in the Poling Church at our Lafayette site. All who attended had a good time and I can't thank enough all the volunteers involved. From the planning to the execution, there is a lot of work that has to be done and our volunteers always step up and make it happen.

The October General Meeting was the first to be held in the new Heritage Hall.

Everyone enjoyed the new venue and the program by Sarah Miller about vintage lingerie. Following the meeting we had a 65th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Joanne and Glen Watts. Cliff and Pam took the podium and spoke in appreciation of them. Cake, ice cream and root beer floats were served in celebration. Those who were there saw that the Heritage Hall is very near completion now. The largest remaining item is the Fire suppression system for the entire building. It should be complete before year end.

I want to acknowledge a couple of resignations we have recently received. Marge Owens and Gary Coats have both resigning from their official positions in Lafayette. Neither of them can contribute as much as they want to and feel that some new blood would be beneficial, however, we will continue to see them as often as they can helping the team in Lafayette. A great thank you is due to both of these individuals. They have contributed much and their regular presence will be missed.

Thank you for your support of the YCHS.

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YCHS President
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Submitted: October 15, 2014

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Board Meeting Recap ~ October 8, 2014

The following recap is a condensed version of not-yet approved minutes from the board meeting. All committee reports are filed in the record book with the minutes at the Lafayette Site.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Activities & Events Committee**—The Tea, Crochet and Lingerie event was successful. Several attendees expressed interest in volunteering. The Auction on September 27th was successful. Treasures in the Attic netted approximately \$1200. The committee is setting up the calendar for 2015. Events to expect are Secrets of the Past, Oregon’s Birthday celebration and a Miller Museum Fourth of July event.
- ◆ **Heritage Center and Property Development**—John Lewis reported that the Heritage Hall is almost complete except for some finishing details and the sprinkler system. Next steps are furnishings, equipment and a telephone system. A contract is being reviewed to pave the ADA parking area and walkway.
- ◆ **Lafayette Development & Operations**—Karen Sitton-Saxberg reported that concrete has been poured for the new sign mount. Some exterior security lights are being replaced and repositioned for better property coverage. A mason is scheduled to work on the Poling Church foundation.

President’s Report:

- ◆ Steve Leonard reported that the proposed amendments to the bylaws will be posted in the November newsletter along with the Board Candidate biographies.

Secretary’s Report:

- ◆ Rick Fieldhouse reported on an event that Society members might find interesting. Tuesday, October 28th at 7pm, Ken Austin, founder of A-dec, will be speaking on the history of the company. This event is free to the public and will be at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg.

Treasurer’s Report:

- ◆ John Lewis provided the treasurer’s report which is on file in the record book in Lafayette. The final report of the YCCC

grant has been submitted. Treasurer Lewis reported that the CD has been closed and the balance transferred to the bank account. The revenue for September was light but expenses were not. There was an approximate decrease of \$4800 in retained earnings from operations. The revenue from the September, 27th auction will provide a good bump to retained earnings, and the Society is still well in the black so far this year. Treasurer Lewis reported that income from memberships was approximately \$6700 year-to-date and this is down from recent years. There was some discussion of reworking the membership fees and form, and providing alternate ways to pay dues in addition to personal checks.

Unfinished Business:

- ◆ Rick Fieldhouse has submitted the application for the TLT Fund Grant and now awaits the response from the City of McMinnville.

New Business:

- ◆ Baker House Project—Steve Leonard reported on the progress the working group (Steve Leonard, John Lewis, and Cliff Watts) has made with Dr. Malcolm Marquis discussing a proposed project to construct a replica of the historic Baker House as an addition to the Heritage Center site. There was discussion of construction requirements including ADA codes, fire suppression needs, and other concerns. The Board approved of the diligence of the working group’s efforts and there were no objections to allowing them to continue meeting with the potential donor to discuss the project. The Board has not empowered the working group to enter into any contracts at this point in time.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rick Fieldhouse, Secretary
Submitted October 15, 2014*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accessions Lafayette:

Ursula Doud

Accessions/Restoration

Heritage Center:

Cliff Watts

Activities and Events:

Pam Watts

Audit:

Jo McIntire

Blacksmith Shop:

Jeff Monahan

Budget:

John Lewis

Business Plan & Grant Review:

Steve Leonard

Education Committee:

Cynthia Christensen

Farm/Harvest Fest:

Cliff and Pam Watts

Governance:

Carolyn Meeker

Handmade Holidays:

Karen Sitton-Saxberg

Heritage Center Development & Operations:

Tony Meeker

Hutchcroft School:

Steve Leonard

Insurance Committee:

Tony Meeker

Lafayette Development & Operations :

Karen Sitton-Saxberg

Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery:

Todd Holt

Landscaping:

Gloria Lutz—Heritage Center

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Miller Museum:

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Photographic Project:

Tom Cattrall

Publications/Gift Shop:

Jean Sartor

Sawmill:

Don King

Secrets of the Past Tours:

Karen Sitton-Saxberg

Steam Engine:

Vern Yeager

Treasures in the Attic:

Carolyn Meeker

Tea, Crochet & Lingerie and New Miller Museum Displays.....





October General Meeting & Farm Auction.....



New Heritage Hall.....



NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Lafayette Museum Open 10-4		Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	1 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 		4 ELECTION DAY	Lafayette Museum Open 10-4		Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	8 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
9 GENERAL MEETING 1:30 pm		11 VETERANS DAY 	Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 BOARD MEETING 5:30 pm		Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	15 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
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			Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	27 THANKSGIVING 	Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	29 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
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Event Locations

- ◆ November 9—General Meeting 1:30 pm—Heritage Center
- ◆ November 12 —Board Meeting 5:30 pm—Lafayette Museum

Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 9—General Meeting
- ◆ November 12—Board Meeting
- ◆ December 6-7—Handmade Holiday
- ◆ **DECEMBER 14—ANNUAL GENERAL 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
Contact: 503-435-9700

NOTICE: ANNUAL MEETING and Potluck

- Date: Sunday, December 14, 2014
- Time: 1:30 pm Potluck, 2:00 pm Program
- The Society's officers will give their annual reports and the election results will be announced
- Program: TBA
- Location: Heritage Center, McMinnville

Upcoming Newberg Events

- ◆ October 28—The History of A-dec Corporation by Ken Austin and The Newberg Historical Society 7:00 pm—Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E Sheridan St., Newberg. This event is free and open to the public.
- ◆ November 15—Fiddle Jam & Variety Show by The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Association 1:00 pm—Newberg Masonic Lodge, 402 E Sheridan St., Newberg. This event is free and open to the public.

2014 YCHS Board Candidate Biographies

In December, the YCHS will be having our annual election of board members. There are four positions open on the Board of Directors. The following four candidates have been nominated by the YCHS Nomination Committee.



Mercedes Chaves

Mercedes was born a native Oregonian and has lived in the Yamhill county area for many years. She is a single mother, of two children, and two grandchildren. "Originally I was interested in getting to know more about the town where I live and that is what inspired my involvement with the YCHS. I am also working towards the goal of giving my children hands-on examples to enrich their lives here in Yamhill County." She is bi-lingual in Spanish.

Her experience has been varied, including babysitting, working in an exercise facility and with Mid-Valley as a trainer for some of the handicapped folks. Then she worked directly with a local home where some of the handicapped clients maintained residence. Later she worked for the US Forest Service entering data using GIS and in sales for Discover Business Services in Wilsonville. She finds that working with the public is quite rewarding on various levels.

Mercedes has been active with the Historical Society since she became involved earlier this year. She has said that she feels that she has already benefited greatly by working with various folks to complete and continue working on projects associated with the Yamhill County Historical Society.



Ken Rogers

Ken was born on the family farm in Filer, Idaho and grew up in Emmett, Idaho. After High School he served a tour of duty in the US Air Force.

Ken and his wife moved to McMinnville in 1948 where he attended Linfield College. He was then offered a position in the McMinnville School System performing teaching, coaching and counseling duties.

Ken has been a member of the Yamhill County Historical Society for several years and has helped as a volunteer with many of our projects including Pioneer Days. He has said "It would be a privilege to serve on the Board".



Dave Rucker

Dave was born in McMinnville and attended McMinnville schools. He was a member of 4H and the FFA throughout his childhood and has extended family throughout the County. Upon graduation from Mac High, he moved to Portland as the first in his family to attend college. After much contemplation and general studies, he fell into the world of politics followed by the pursuit of social services. He worked in Portland and Eugene for the last 30 years with OSPIRG, Sierra Club, Citizens Utility Board, Central City Concern and SNOWCAP Community Charities. Eventually he realized that perhaps the big city was not his dream home and returned to McMinnville where he now finds meaningful work with the YCAP food bank. Over the past 6 months he has organized a crew of Wilco employees to work on the Malone Cemetery restoration and is also working with the Yamhelas Westsider Trail group, staffing the booth at YC events, volunteering with a State Representative election campaign, and looking forward to some fall work with Miller Woods.

He hopes that we can remember where we have been and how we got here, and that our history may be considered when deciding our future.



Cliff Watts

Cliff is a familiar face to many of you. He has been nominated for a second three year term on the YCHS Board of Directors and is an active YCHS member. He has been Vice President of the Board of Directors for the last two years. He tirelessly manages the Heritage Center and has been, along with his wife Pam, Chairman of Farm and Harvest Fest, Chairman of the Heritage Center Accessions & Restoration committees, and actively participates in the Heritage Center Operations and Development and the Activities & Events Committee. Cliff has been a resident of Yamhill County since 1965, and he and his wife Pam have been involved in the community for many years.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments:

In accordance with Part XII of the YCHS BYLAWS the Board of Directors has approved for submission to the membership the following Amendments to those Bylaws. The ballot to vote on these changes will be included with the ballot for the Board of Director election. Please include both when you mail them to our agent. We will count the ballots and announce results at the December Annual Meeting.

AMENDMENT 1

For some time now the membership has voted to change the dates of General Meetings of the YCHS on a case by case basis from second Tuesday evenings, as stated in the Bylaws of the YCHS, to second Sunday afternoons in the months of April, September, October and November. May is an exception where the second Sunday is Mothers Day and the membership has generally chosen not to create a conflict. As this has been a consistent trend it becomes advisable to amend the Bylaws to reflect this change permanently.

Therefore, an amendment to the Bylaws is proposed as follows:

The Restated Bylaws of the Yamhill County Historical Society shall be amended at Paragraph II, Section 6, part a) to read ***“The general meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Tuesday of May; and on the second Sunday of all other months, except that in December, the meeting on the second Sunday shall be the Annual Meeting of the Society.”***

AMENDMENT 2

At the present time the YCHS membership renewal date is July 1st for each year. Gathering membership renewals has historically been a long process in most years, with some members waiting to as late as January to renew. Most membership organizations renew membership on a calendar year basis and the Board of Directors believe that changing to a calendar year membership would improve the function of the process and possibly improve membership count, in that some memberships lapse simply due to forgetfulness because of the unusual renewal period.

Changing membership renewal date will cause some complication in the first year in order to set the new schedule; however, it is thought to be a worthwhile effort for years to come.

Therefore, an amendment to the Bylaws is proposed as follows:

The Restated Bylaws of the Yamhill County Historical Society shall be amended at Paragraph II, Section 2 to read:

Term of Membership.

- a) 1) The membership period is one (1) year from July 1 through June 30 until the end of the membership year in 2015.***
- a) 2) In 2015 the membership period shall be July 1 through December 31 of 2015. Membership dues for this period shall be ½ of the then published annual dues rate.***
- a) 3) Beginning in 2016 the membership year shall be January 1 through December 31.***



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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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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