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Day to Day Updates

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Message from the Director, Mark Granlund

Welcome to the launch of the new WCHS e-newsletter. We hope you enjoy this quick monthly update on heritage news, special events and programs going on throughout Washington County. Please let us know by reply e-mail what you would like to see in future issues of our new e-newsletter. We would love your feedback.



Museum Building Update

Construction is underway on a 6,400 sq.ft. addition to the Washington County Museum. The foundation is done and framing is well under way this month. Check out up-to-date construction photos at the website above.

Upcoming Programs

Monthly Crossroads Lecture Series at the Washington County Museum

"On The Oregon Trail & Pioneer Life" with WCHS Mobile Museum Presenter Rachel Foxman
Wednesday, February 20th
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Dressed in period costume, Mobile Museum presenter Rachel Foxman will take us on an imaginary journey in the 1850's with a family as they prepare a trip on the Oregon Trail. She will show how pioneer families lived once they arrived in the Oregon Territory and highlight the difficulties of this great migration. Guests will be able to handle pioneer artifacts from the museum's collection and take part in a History Mystery quiz to identify peculiar objects.

Lectures are held at the Washington County Museum and are free to WCHS members, PCC students, faculty and staff, employees of corporate members, & children under 6. All ages are welcome. Admission is \$3 per person. Come early as seating is limited.

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Exhibits Now Being Shown at the Washington County Museum

In The Collins Gallery:

Whipsaws to Chainsaws: History of Logging and Timber in Washington County

The Washington County Historical Society and Museum welcomes you to visit our exhibit on the development of the logging industry in Washington County, Oregon. Surround yourself with photographs, artifacts and stories of local logging throughout the past 150 years.

Doing Time: Then and Now

This exhibit focuses on the history of law enforcement in the county through intriguing tales of murder and mayhem set in the context of mid-19th century life. The exhibit features the restored Old Washington County Log Jail built in 1853. The history of the old log jail is filled with color and mystery. The building served as a jail for seventeen years, from 1853-1870. It not only held county prisoners, it held territorial prisoners. The Territorial Penitentiary in Oregon City was burned shortly after it was built, which made it necessary to hold prisoners in county jails.

In The Collectors Cabinet:

School Days: Heritage and History

The Tigard Historical Association will be displaying their traveling exhibition *School Days: Heritage and History*. View a collection of local school memorabilia dating back to the 1800's. Historic photographs, yearbooks, textbooks, sports trophies, banners, and a band uniform will give you glimpse of school in earlier days. The display will be on exhibition from March 1st through April 30th.

Traveling Exhibits Now Being Shown Near You

Currently Showing at the Hillsboro Main Library:

This Kalapuya Land

A fantastic exhibit that chronicles the lives and culture of Native Americans living in the Willamette Valley is now traveling to public venues throughout Washington County and beyond. The exhibit is currently on display at the Hillsboro Main Library, 2850 NE Brookwood Parkway, where it can be found through mid-April.

Local Heritage Links

Click on these local links for more information on local heritage events and places of historical interest in Washington County.

Cedar Mill Historical Society
www.cedarmill.org/history

Friends of Historic Forest Grove
www.historicforestgrove.org

Genealogical Society of Washington County Oregon
www.gswco.org

Hillsboro Historical Society
www.hillsborohistorical.org

Oregon Historic Cemeteries Association
www.oregoncemeteries.org

Oregon Historical society
www.ohs.org

Sherwood Historical society
www.sherwoodhistoricalsociety.blogspot.com

Tualatin Historical Society
www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org

Tigard Historical Association
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