December 2010

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**NOTICE:**
**ANNUAL MEETING and Potluck**
- Date: Sunday, December 12, 2010
- Time: 2:00 pm Potluck, 3:00 pm Program
- The Society’s officers will give their annual reports and the election results will be announced
- Program: Christmas Celebration
- Location: 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville

**Observing Veteran’s Day**

Yamhill County Historical Society celebrated Veteran’s Day by taking an exhibit of the society’s military collection to Hillside Retirement Community and Osprey Pointe in McMinnville. The trailer that normally carries the covered wagon was outfitted with pegboard by Cliff Watts. We then created a mini-museum on wheels. Captain Colin Armstrong guided guests through the displays. 1940 newspapers and Darwin “Stormy” Husted’s scrapbooks were on display inside the retirement centers. Milly Armstrong helped with that exhibit.

Dave Cruickshank, Dale Keim, and Cliff Watts took turns driving the trailer to the various locations.

**A Handmade Holiday Bazaar**

Saturday and Sunday
December 4th and 5th, 2010 💫 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Christmas Tree Auction 💫 Raffle 💫 Hourly Drawings
FREE ENTRY
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
Hwy 18 and Durham Lane, McMinnville, OR

Captain Colin Armstrong
Dear YCHS members,

For those of you who have already purchased your Heritage Bricks, I would like to say thank you on behalf of the Yamhill County Historical Society. For those who have not yet made your contribution to the “Buy a Brick” program, there is still time for you to offer your support. A donation to this project is not only tax deductible but will help the YCHS succeed in completing our new Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.

Your donation of $100 will purchase one standard sized brick engraved with your choice of words utilizing up to three lines with a maximum of 17 letters per line. You may purchase as many bricks as you wish. The gift of a brick(s) would make an excellent present for the upcoming holidays. By buying a brick today, you can help “pave the way” for the success of our new Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. Sorry, but I couldn’t resist the pun.

The ballot(s) for the election of new board members should have arrived by now. Please be certain that they are returned (in the envelope provided) by December 1st or they will be disallowed.

We had a very good program at our general meeting this month. It was presented by Karen Sitton-Saxberg, one of our board members, on her grandmother, Roma Sitton. Roma Sitton, as many of you know, was one of the founders of the YCHS and was also from a Yamhill County pioneer family. I would like to say a special thanks to Farrel Fuerst and Nancy Thornton for their work for our organization. Not only do they put in many hours at the Lafayette site, but they always help with the coffee and kitchen preparation for our general meetings.

Our mission statement is “The Yamhill County Historical Society is a not-for-profit educational and public service organization engaged to protect, preserve, and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County.” All of our dedicated volunteers work hard to achieve these stated goals.

I hope all of you had a happy Thanksgiving and will be attending our annual meeting on December 12th at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in McMinnville at 2:00 pm. The Society’s four new board members will be introduced at this meeting, and the YCHS officers will give their annual reports.

Please remember that we will be having our first “Handmade Holiday” event at the Heritage Center on December 4th and 5th from ten to five. Besides hay rides and a kids’ crafts corner there will be food and lots of handmade gifts to purchase for the holidays.

If you have questions on the “Handmade Holiday” event, you may contact Phyllis McBride at 503-516-1652 or email pinokeeo@gmail.com.

You may contact me at 503-835-8481 or email acmeeker@frontier.com.

Carolyn Meeker, President

Planning a Vacation?

Please notify Gloria Lutz (503) 472-7563; glutz@onlinemac.com or write to YCHS, PO Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127.

She can forward newsletters to your temporary address or hold them until you return home.

Otherwise, your newsletter comes back to YCHS and we have to pay additional postage!!
Committee reports: All committee reports will be filed with the minutes.

- Jennifer Sokol Blosser presented a photo committee report including a policy for individual and family portraits. The policy reads: "From now on, it will be the policy of the Yamhill County Historical Society that any family or individual portraits not be offered to Pacific Frame & Gallery, nor used by the Yamhill County Historical Society for reproduction and retail sale. This restriction does not extend to those performing genealogical research." The new policy passed unanimously.

- Marjorie Owens reported that the new mower and edger are here and we are welcome to come see them in the storage barn. In October, 449 volunteer hours were recorded. Over 100 of them were Marjorie's! She also asked that we close the Miller Museum to the public during the month of December so the volunteers can catch up on some work. Passed unanimously. Marjorie also gave us short tutorials on handling the alarm system and the copy machine.

- Jean Sartor reported that we sold $275 worth of books in October. She also passed out postcards of an event at the Chehalem Cultural Arts Center in Newberg that includes a display of our quilts. This will be going on through January 8.

- The Activities and Events Committee reminded us about the “Handmade Holiday” event Decembe 4 and 5 at the Heritage Center.

Treasurer's report: Kim says we spent more than we took in last month. Her Profit and Loss YTD comparisons, balance sheets, check detail, class quick report, savings account reconciliation, and Profit and Loss Budget Performance 2009 and quick report, savings account reconciliation, and comparisons, balance sheets, check detail, class we took in last month. Her Profit and Loss YTD Treasurer's report:

- Insurance update: our insurance excludes molestation from our liability policy unless all volunteers go through background checks. This would be too expensive, but all our volunteers do sign an agreement saying that no volunteer will ever be alone, one-on-one with any child. We need to be watchful of this issue. We are covered for all our farm animals at Farm and Harvest Fests as long as these are listed and as long as the animals are handled by professionals. The Pioneer Cemetery is now listed in our insurance, and as such, is covered.

- Business Plan: copies were passed out to all members to read at home, and return at the December meeting. We also discussed a four page document listing 21 potential grants. Shirley Venhaus will pursue the $5000 YCAR Realtors grant. Shirley will also pursue the $250 Prudential grant.

New Business:

- Pioneer Cemetery contract. Carolyn will give the contract and letters to Jerry Hart for his opinion on our potential liabilities. Note: we also have to file a 1099 for the $850 paid to the landscaper who cleaned up the cemetery this year.

- Judee Wisecarver Ward wants to put us in her charitable remainder trust, along with Linfield College. She has a 48 acre estate near the landfill. She also has some antiques to donate.

- We have sold 23 Heritage bricks so far. Tami will have new brochures in December to promote the brick sales.

Unfinished Business:

- Don is working on getting a layout and estimate for an inter-building PA system at the Heritage Center. Gloria would also like local audio for individual displays. Don will have a report for the next board meeting.

- Poling Church update: we have lead paint. Carolyn presented an estimate from Lonnie Rose for $67,000.00 for removal of the lead paint and then painting with new paint. We need to get a historic preservation grant to be able to afford this. A free inspection was done by a company from Carlton, and the results were printed up in a small booklet which will be on file in the Miller Museum. We can use this report when applying for a grant. Carolyn called for an ad-hoc committee to deal with the church issues. Members will be Don, Karen, Shirley V, Carolyn, and Garry Coats. We will revisit this at the next board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 4:00 at the Miller Museum in Lafayette.

The next general meeting will be our annual meeting, Sunday, December 12, 2:00 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in McMinnville.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Berthelsdorf
Heritage Quilts—the Common Thread

The Chehalem Cultural Center located in the heart of Newberg is a welcome addition to Yamhill County. Located in a renovated school building, the center provides classrooms for various art classes, community meetings and activities as well as space for Portland Community College classes. There is a spacious gallery on the first floor. Under the direction of Robin Anderson, the center plans changing exhibits of interest to the community. Yamhill County Historical Society has been invited to share several antique quilts and furniture from our collection. This holiday theme exhibit will feature both early and contemporary quilt styles. Quilt artist Trisha Hassler will be featured along with several of her contemporary quilts.

The exhibition dates are November 15 to January 8. The center is located at 415 E. Sheridan in Newberg (behind library). Please call 503-487-6883 for more information.

By Jean Sartor

Pioneer Medical Terms

From necessity, early pioneers were compelled to be self-reliant. It is interesting to note some of the ingredients they used are still known to the medical profession today: belladonna, laudanum, digitalis, cascara, to name but a few.

Tetherow Wagon Train Constitution 1845 by Bernita Jones Sharp
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### Event Locations
- December 4, 5—Handmade Holiday—Heritage Center
- December 8—Board Meeting—Lafayette Museum
- December 12—Annual Meeting—7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville

### Upcoming Events
- January 9, 2011—General Meeting
- January 12, 2011—Board Meeting
- February 9, 2011—Board Meeting
- February 13, 2011—General Meeting
- March 9, 2011—Board Meeting
- March 13, 2011—General Meeting

### NOTICE
**HISTORIC LAFAYETTE MILLER MUSEUM CLOSED THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

The Miller Museum will be closed for the month of December for a little spring cleaning. Volunteers will be busy cleaning, reorganizing, moving filing cabinets, and taking care of the to-do list. If you would like to help, please contact Marjorie Owens. The museum will reopen in January, 2011.

### Book Report
**RISK FOR FREEDOM** is the story of life under communism in Czechoslovakia. Written by local artist and businessman George Stastny. Driving toward Sheridan, we’ve admired his landscaping and sculptured pots at Stastny Gallery. Now you can read his story.

- Nancy Thornton
Yamhill County Historical Society Holiday Gift Guide

Help support the Historical Society. Buy some of the great items we have for sale at the Lafayette Museum. You can find wonderful gifts like the ones pictured here.

Heritage Bricks
Buy one Today!
YCHS Heritage Bricks Order Form

Name __________________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________________
City ________________________________ State _______ Zip ___________
Phone ______________________ Email ______________________________

Inscription (one character per box—include spaces and punctuation in boxes)

BRICK #1

BRICK #2

Inscription (one character per box—include spaces and punctuation in boxes)

Amount for Bricks $ ______________  Additional Donation $ _____________
Total Enclosed $ _______________________________

Make checks payable to: YCHS
Detach and Mail to: YCHS Attn. Heritage Bricks P.O. Box 484,
Lafayette, OR 97127
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, 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: ____________________________

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

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

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 Gloria Lutz at 503.472.7563 or email glutz@onlinemac.com

Become a Yamhill County Historical Society Member Today!