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NOTICE: NOVEMBER Potluck and General Meeting

- Date: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013
- Time: 1:30 pm Potluck, 2:00 pm Program
- Program: The Shire of Mountain Edge—Sarah Miller and the SCA
- Location: HERITAGE CENTER, Hwy 18 & Durham Lane, McMinnville

Fourth Annual Handmade Holiday Bazaar

Saturday
December 7th
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday
December 8th
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FREE ENTRY WITH FOOD DONATION
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
Hwy 18 and Durham Lane, McMinnville

LOCAL ARTISTS
FUDGE, JAMS, AND JELLIES
HANDMADE POTTERY
SOAPS ♦ TEXTILES
JEWELRY ♦ WOOD CARVERS
FOOD BOOTHs
PHOTOS WITH HISTORIC SLEIGH

GREAT GIFTS
FOR EVERYONE
SILENT AUCTION
SANTA’S WALK
DECORATED TREE AUCTION
A GREAT HOLIDAY TRADITION

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.
YCHS Members,

In this month’s issue of this newsletter you will see the line-up of candidates for election to the Board of Directors for terms beginning January 2014. Two candidates, Cynthia Christensen and Rick Fieldhouse that are currently on the Board are running for another term. There are two more candidates, Jo McIntyre who would be returning to the Board, and Sarah Miller who would be new to the Board and has an active history with the YCHS. All of these individuals have been ardent supporters of the Historical Society and will be valuable assets as Board Members. I encourage you to vote for all of them. You will receive a ballot in the mail shortly. Ballots are due December 1st and we will have the results of the election at the Annual Meeting on December 15th.

I hope all of you had an opportunity to attend Treasures in the Attic last month. Carolyn Meeker did a great job of organizing this event which was enjoyed by all who attended. It was certainly successful, with net revenues to the YCHS of approximately $2,200.

For several months the Board of Directors has been discussing ways to improve the line of communications and budgeting process for the many committees that work on the activities of the YCHS. It was thought that the creation of a few Master Committees reporting to the Board with all other activities reporting to those Master Committees as sub-committees or as coordinators would be an improvement. As a result, at the last Board Meeting the Directors adopted a new organizational structure. Most committees remain as they were, but report to a Master Committee, and some functions are now coordinators where a committee was not the currently functioning structure. The Master Committees, to which most committees now report, are Heritage Center Development and Operations, Lafayette Development and Operations, Activities and Events, Education. Other committees will report to these Master Committees, except for a few Board-level committees reporting to the officers of the Board. The new structure should improve communications and budgeting for all committees.

As a reminder, you may expect to receive a mailing from the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition’s 2013 Cultural Campaign in November. We are participating in the campaign and encourage you to support it. The Lafayette group remains short on help these days. If you can help support our efforts in Lafayette please contact Marjorie Owens. I’m sure she would appreciate the call.

Thank you for your support.

Steve Leonard
YCHS President
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Submitted: October 15, 2013
**Committee Chairs**

- **Accession/Preservation**
  - Lafayette: Ursula Doud

- **Accessions/Restoration**
  - Heritage Center: Cliff Watts

- **Activities and Events**
  - Carolyn Meeker

- **Audit**
  - Kim Courtin

- **Blacksmith**
  - Jeff Monahan

- **Budget**
  - John Lewis

- **Business Plan & Grant Review**
  - Steve Leonard

- **Computer**
  - Tom Cattrall

- **Farm/Harvest Fest**
  - Cliff and Pam Watts

- **Freezer**
  - Vacant

- **General Meeting Programs**
  - Sarah Miller

- **Governance**
  - Carolyn Meeker

- **Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery**
  - Todd Holt

- **Lafayette Site Committee**
  - Cynthia Christensen

- **Landscaping**
  - Gloria Lutz—Heritage Center
  - Garry Coats—Lafayette

- **Miller Museum**
  - Marjorie Owens

- **Outreach Committee**
  - Kory Knutz

- **Photographic Project**
  - Tom Cattrall

- **Property Development**
  - Tony Meeker

- **Publications/Gift Shop**
  - Jean Sartor

- **Sawmill**
  - Don King

- **Secrets of the Past Tours**
  - Karen Sitton-Saxberg

- **Steam Equipment**
  - Vern Yeager

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**Board Meeting Recap ~ September 11, 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.

- **Education Committee**—The committee is currently getting ready for the Fall Pioneer Days; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

- **Farm & Harvest Fest Committee**—Estimated attendance of the Harvest Fest was 1,425. Ideas for the future, volunteer and leadership needs are being discussed.

- **General Meeting Program Committee**—Programs have been outlined through January 2014.

- **Handmade Holiday Committee**—Vendor applications are coming in. Advertising will start soon.

- **Heritage Center Committee**—Cliff Watts reported that there will be staff meetings the second Wednesday of every month at noon in the break room at the Heritage Center. Safety meetings will also be held and records of the meetings will be kept on file. Signage funding for the Activities and Events building was approved.

- **Heritage Center Landscape Committee**—Yamhill Carlton Junior/Senior High School students helped prepare for Fall Pioneer Days.

- **Hutchcroft School Committee**—A grant has been submitted to the YCCC for the Hutchcroft School bell tower. If awarded, the work is scheduled to start next summer. The front porch and ADA ramp are installed but there are still items on the bid which need to be performed.

- **Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery**—The Boy Scouts are cleared with our insurance company to work at the cemetery and be there on Halloween night. Todd Holt has been appointed as chairman of the Cemetery Committee.

- **Property Development**—We are in process of information gathering for future products and grants. Large cement planters with memorial plaques were donated to the society and will be installed at the Heritage Center.

**President’s Report:**
- The Oregon Historical Society supports our efforts on behalf of the Murder Quilt Project. The finalized audit report is on file with the Secretary records.

**Secretary’s Report:**
- Kim has reviewed the Secretary records for the year and prepared an index for each month. The index includes the documents filed in addition to a summary of motions made by month. The index is filed in the front of the 2013 Secretary Records binder.

**Treasurer’s Report:**
- John Lewis presented the treasurer’s report, which is filed with the committee reports in the record book in Lafayette.

**Unfinished Business:**
- Board nominees were discussed and accepted. Information will be passed on to the newsletter editor for publication.

**New Business:**
- Collection Care Workshop—Cynthia Christensen attended a workshop and was required to submit an action item for collection care. After discussion, Cynthia will work on a grant for a scanner to digitally store historical documents and society records.

**Other Business:**
- Cynthia Christensen will be attending the Ag Show in Albany in November.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Courtin, Secretary
Submitted October 18, 2013

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**Genealogical Society**

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**YCHS Genealogy**

Louise Heindl
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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.

2013 YCHS Board Candidate Biographies

Cynthia Christensen
Cynthia Christensen has lived in Oregon all of her life and currently is living on her family’s Century Farm in Yamhill County. Cynthia is a semi-retired high school science teacher who raises chestnuts and poultry on the side. She is seeking her second three-year term on the YCHS Board of Directors. Currently she is the Education Coordinator and has played active roles in the restoration of Hutchcroft School and with our in-house and outreach educational programs.

Rick Fieldhouse
Rick Fieldhouse is a 5th generation Newberg resident and is a 4th generation graduate of George Fox University where he received a bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s degree in business. He currently does consulting work in Newberg and is the curator of the George Fox University museum collection. He currently serves as the secretary for the Newberg Historical Society. Rick has experience working with non-profit finance and management through his consulting work.

Jo McIntyre
Jo McIntyre moved to Oregon with her family from Michigan more than 40 years ago and has lived in Yamhill County ever since. She has been a news reporter for almost that long and today is a business news reporter for the Sheridan Sun and senior writer for the Yamhill County Senior News. She has previously served on the Yamhill County Historical Society Board of Directors and during her term helped the Blacksmith Committee re-organize itself.

Sarah Miller
Sarah E. Miller is a housewife from Newberg who keeps busy by volunteering. She has held local offices with two local branches of the Society for Creative Anachronism as well as a regional office. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Potters Association. Sarah has been a member of the YCHS since 2011 and currently coordinates the General Meeting programs.
## Upcoming Events

- **November 10**—General Meeting
- **November 13**—Board Meeting
- **December 7 & 8**—HANDMADE HOLIDAY
- **December 11**—Board Meeting
- **December 15**—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—Heritage Center 1:30 pm
- **January 8**—Board Meeting
- **January 12**—General Meeting
- **February 9**—General Meeting
- **February 12**—Board Meeting
- **March 9**—General Meeting
- **March 12**—Board Meeting
- **April 9**—Board Meeting

## Event Locations

- **November 10**—General Meeting 1:30 pm—Heritage Center
- **November 13**—Board Meeting 5:30 pm—Lafayette Museum
- **December 7 & 8**—HANDMADE HOLIDAY—Heritage Center
- **December 11**—Board Meeting
- **December 15**—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—Heritage Center 1:30 pm

## Historic Lafayette Museum

- **Address:** 605 Market Street, Lafayette, OR 97127
- **Hours:**
  - Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10-4
  - Or by appointment
  - 503-864-2308

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## Yamhill Valley Heritage Center

- **Address:** 11275 SW Durham Ln., McMinnville, OR 97128
- **Hours:**
  - Saturday 10-3
Lafayette Buzz...

Jean and Louise are serving on alternate Saturdays only. We have an opening for someone to do the book sales. On the Genealogy side, members are sharing alternate days also. We do have a new volunteer who attends Linfield College and is helping Tom with the Photo Department. Ursula has a volunteer from Yamhill/Carlton High School helping her on accessions. We are looking for some permanent volunteers who can give some of our regular volunteers extra help during work times. Part-time volunteers are needed to help with guest tours. We are looking forward to the Handmade Holiday December 7 and 8 at the Heritage Center site. We have had some of the vendors stop in and they have some very interesting wares that will be available.

Shirley McDaniel and the Lafayette Ladies

Carlton Letter Makes Big Time (1949)

About a year ago Lloyd Billings sent a letter to John McIntosh telling him why he couldn't pay a certain sum right then. It impressed John so much that he gave it to the Review for publication.

Last week Dr. Staats noticed the same letter in the Oregon Journal. How things do get around. For those who didn’t see it, we herewith reprint it:

In reply to your request to send a check, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to federal laws, state laws, county laws, city laws, corporation laws, liquor laws, mother-in-laws, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws and outlaws.

Through these laws I am expected to pay a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, gas tax, school tax, light tax, sales tax, liquor tax, carpet tax, income tax, food tax, furniture tax and excise tax. Even my brains are taxed. I am required to get a business license, car license, hunting and fishing license, truck license, not to mention a marriage license and dog license.

I am also required to contribute to every society and organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life; to women’s relief and the gold digger’s relief. Also to every hospital and charitable organization in the city, including the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Purple Cross and the double cross.

For my own safety I am required to carry life insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, burglar insurance, accident insurance, business insurance, old age and fire insurance.

My business is so governed that it is no easy matter for me to find out who owns it. I am inspected, expected, disrespected, rejected, examined, reexamined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded and compelled until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need of the human race.

Simply because I refuse to donate to something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up, held down and robbed until I am almost ruined.

The only reason I am clinging to life at all is to see what is coming next.

Carlton Yamhill Review
June 30, 1949
Lamson Ranch listed in National Register of Historic Places

The Lamson Ranch in the Willamina vicinity is Oregon's latest entry in the National Register of Historic Places.

Jeremiah and Helen Hawks Lamson arrived in present-day Yamhill County in late summer 1848 and were among the area's earliest settlers. The Lamson family established their claim in the Willamina area and built a cabin, and later a house and barn, among other buildings over several years. Quickly becoming locally influential, the Lamsons developed a successful ranching operation and participated in local and Territorial Government. The family was also peripherally associated with the establishment and maintenance of nearby Fort Yamhill and had business dealings with the Grand Ronde Agency. The remaining ranch buildings, specifically the house and barn, are now rare examples of their respective types. The circa-1850 barn is an extremely rare surviving example from the settlement-era, which at the time of its construction was one of the largest barns in the Willamette Valley. The 1880-1883 Gothic Revival residence, the third dwelling on the property, is a virtually intact example of the rural Oregon interpretation of that style, retaining many exterior and interior features from the period of its construction.

Oregon's State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation recommended the nomination of the Lamson Ranch in February 2013. More than 80 historic Yamhill County properties are now listed in the National Register, which is maintained by the National Park Service under the authority of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

More information about the National Register and recent Oregon listings is online at www.oregonheritage.org (click on "National Register" at left of page).
Yamhill County Historical Society & Museums
Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future

P.O. Box 484
Lafayette, Oregon 97127

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YCHS Membership Application

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+

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _____ Zip Code: __________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

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

☐ I would like to volunteer to help with activities of the YCHS. Please contact me.

☐ Please click 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