EXCITING CHANGES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER
YCHS GENERAL MEETINGS

The YCHS Activities & Events Committee and Program Committee are excited to announce a change in programming for the October and November meetings! Instead of the Sunday afternoon meetings in October and November, special “Secrets of the Past” early evening meetings are being planned on the 2nd Tuesdays of those months.

The Program and Activities & Events Committee work hard to offer programs and events that will interest a variety of ages and interests, and we hope that YCHS members and the community will attend and support this occasional evening format. If you have an idea for a program topic, please contact Sarah Miller at sarahemiller@yahoo.com or call her after 1pm at 971-570-2664.

Here are a few planned programs for all to enjoy in the Heritage Hall:

**Sunday, September 9, 2:00-4:00pm**
Our Vintage Base Ball game will take the place of the September General Meeting and the Davison Room will provide members with air conditioned skybox viewing!

**Tuesday, October 9th, 6:00-7:30 pm**
“School Days, School Days” - Enjoy a light supper while learning about early Yamhill County schools. Bring your old lunch box, and the oldest one will win a prize. No charge, but donations gladly accepted.

**Tuesday, November 13th, 6:00-7:30 pm**
“Early Wine Influences in Yamhill County” - Learn how early wine pioneers helped shape Yamhill County’s history. Appetizers and wine tasting included. No charge, but
Take me out to the ball game! Sunday Sept 9th.

Your McMinnville Gristmillers of the YCHS come back for their fourth season to play 1860’s barehanded baseball in the oatfield behind the Heritage Center.

This “living history program” brings you back to an era of an honest match of baseball; a gentleman’s game. We celebrate our heritage of working hard and playing hard in Yamhill County’s open spaces. Your Gristmiller team encourages spectators to get in on the game either as a vocal member of the audience or by coming out on the field for a turn at bat.

Your Gristmillers will be playing the Portland Pioneers, a truly authentic club of vintage ball players. We’ll have hot dogs, root beer, and even popcorn and peanuts in the stands. This season, we’ll host a Vintage Tailgate party next to the field. Bring your classic rig with you. You’ll learn about the origins of the game in Oregon, enjoy your community and neighbors and live the simple life out at the ball park, if only for a day.

You don’t want to miss this…

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH 
2PM AT THE HERITAGE CENTER

Join us at Treasures in the Attic! September 15

An annual event that draws the whole family and has something to offer each and every member!

In addition to quilts, antique appraisals, vintage vendors and great food, view the antique toy and Sunbonnet Sue displays, learn about the early influences of Sunbonnet Sue by guest speaker Rachel Greco, see a Bed Turning by quilt historian Donna Hulett, and enjoy the music of the Old Time Fiddlers!

If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Pam Watts, Chairman, 503-434-0490
pwatts@onlinemac.com

You’ll “treasure” your time at this Heritage Center event Saturday the 15th from 10am-5pm
In lieu of the President’s Letter as of August 1, 2018

“THE LOOK BACK AND AHEAD”

(The following are excerpts from comments made at the annual Thank You to Volunteers Dinner given in May. Perhaps they might be useful for those unable to attend.)

About six decades ago, we didn’t exist. There was a need though. There was a need to actively work toward uncovering our heritage, toward protecting it and toward promoting it. The Society was created to expressly address such needs.

About one decade ago, we did not have the very large roof currently over our heads. There was a need though. We needed secure space to restore, store and display our growing collection of artifacts. Now we have about 8 buildings at the Heritage Center alone and more planned. We have become a major force in attracting visitors and persuading them to stay longer locally. The real estate value of our just land and buildings alone is probably in the 6 Million Dollar category and that does not include the value of all of the items on display or in storage. There was a need and we helped fill it. It was our volunteers made all this possible and I can tell you the powers that be in government and the press and the historic community, region wide, are not just appreciative, they have even to donated substantial sums of money for some of what we are doing. Well, maybe not the press, but they do give us a lot of good press.

About two years ago, we did not have a fully functioning internet presence. These days that’s a serious need. We found some grant money. Take a look when you have a chance at what we have done at both our website and Facebook page. They’re still being fleshed out, but it’s there and functioning. If there are professional designers out there, we would always welcome some help to make it even better.

A little over one year ago, we did not have a single employee. It was all done with volunteers. It still could not be done without our multitude of volunteers. But, we have now grown into a complicated business. It’s almost a Big Business, one of the bigger ones in the country anyway, with many cross-connected committees and coordinators keeping us functioning as the needs have grown. The events alone total nearly a dozen every year with sometimes hundreds of people involved. And, more events are planned, not to mention dozens upon dozens of rentals of our various spaces the year round. There was a need to hire someone to keep track of it all. We found Raylinda Price and we are very lucky we did. She is helping keep track of it all and has made us many friends out there in the community as well as keeping all the board, the volunteers, the donors and the sponsors happy and coordinated. Thank you Raylinda. She was only hired as a part time employee, but it sure feels like she’s here full time. There was a need given our size. You know we are in the big category of businesses when interns are starting to be discussed. Hopefully, we’ll have one in the not too distant future.

Have you noticed the new highway signage, new loud speaker systems, new communication systems, new handicap access, new kitchen, new parking lot drainage? And, that’s all just in the last fiscal quarter or so. In process at the moment, is new better lighting to create big savings in electric expense.

Is everything finished? Heck no. Besides funding maintenance and sinking funds for future capital replacements, there’s even bigger needs. So, what might be up for the next decade or so?

Written by Charles Hillestad
Call to order: President Charles H. called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm
All Directors in attendance, save Peter Druckenmiller, Tom Havens.
Guest: Raylinda Price, Tony Meeker

Approval of the previous minutes as submitted. Unanimous

Committee reports:
- Lafayette Operations: Everything is going well, Chuck and Sharon Rogers will be putting together a youth outreach program at the Lafayette site.
- Heritage Center Operations: Tony M. reported that Cliff W. has been working on the white insulation, the LED lighting project is underway, the storage building is finished. The covered area by the kitchen will be finished by the end of the month. There is a need for more volunteers at both locations.
- A&E Committee: The County’s Birthday celebration was well attended, volunteers are needed for Harvest Fest, Board members are reminded to volunteer also.
- Media Committee: Michael H. would like someone else to manage the societies website. The content needs to be updated more often.

Merchandising Committee: Karen Sitton-Saxburg will set up a booth at H.F.

Motion #2
Todd H. moves and Jack M. seconds to approve committee reports as submitted. Unanimous

Treasurer’s Report:
Todd H. will round up pledged money for some of the completed projects such as the windmill sign. The yearly financial review is underway with Bernard’s and Associates.

Motion #3
Sarah M. moved and Tom H. seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. Unanimous

Unfinished Business:
- Poling Church investigation: Dave R. answered questions on the report prepared by Rudy T. More details were compiled into a report with estimated costs. Tony M. will see if this report will be enough to apply for a grant to have an engineering report done.
- Jack M. got info for the website, our version will be able to take donations with a link. There is a percentage fee, similar to a credit card transaction fee. LYVSYS will offer a free training. Jack, Raylinda, and Michael will take the training.

Entered Executive session from 6:33 to 6:48

New Business:
General Meetings proposal: second Tuesday evenings in October and November, December second Sunday afternoon. Motion #1

Motion #4
Sarah M. moved and Jack M. seconded to authorize the renewal of four historic organization memberships to: ALHFAM, Non-Profit Association of Oregon, AASLH, and Oregon Museum Association. Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
Alex Botten, YCHS Secretary
Welcome to our three newest members since our last newsletter... a warm welcome to you all.

Ronald Massey
Fred & Petra Bolton
RK & Karla Holveck
Bill & Jeannie Willis
Bob & Gwen West
Randy & Darlene Fish
Chuck & Lois Kincaid
Jim Wallace
Bruce Simonson
Michael Amescoa & Barbara Thorn
David & Mya Kromer
Steve & Laura Park
Gregory Tompkins
Richard Riege
Dan Katz & Beth Caster
David Pilate
Bob & Alice Canet

Think about giving the gift that keeps on giving...a membership in the Yamhill County Historical Society this year, as our holiday season draws near. It would make a great gift.

Thank you all for your support. We can always use more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact me at amity1956@yahoo.com, or call me at 503-474-0480. I will be happy to put you in touch with a member who can find you a job!!

Remember, our membership dues run from January 1 to December 31, as we have transitioned to a calendar year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carlene Kadell

Great times again at our annual Volunteer and YCHS member appreciation dinner in May! For the 2018 event we abandoned the potluck meal and were treated to a pulled pork and brisket buffet provided by our own Mel and Debbie Kelchner. We are so lucky to have these two! Light hearted and joyful memories were abundant thanks to the superior wine pouring skills of one Cynthia Christensen. Door prizes winners can thank our YCHS Blacksmith Shop and Karen Sitton-Saxber for some great gifts. Great event, great people! We'll do it again next year!
CAvELARt of EVENTS

Yamhill County Historical Society presents
Treasures in the Attic
Quilt Show, Appraisal Faire & Vintage Market

September 15, 2018
Saturday 10-5

150+ new & antique quilts, with special Sunbonnet Sue quilt display
Appraisal Faire with oral evaluation by local experts
Antique, Vintage & Collectible Vendors
Vintage Toy Displays
Quilt Raffle, Food, Sawmill & Blacksmith, Tours of the Museum & More!

Bed Turning 11:00-11:30 am by quilt historian Donna Hallett
“Sunbonnet Sue - Early Influences” by quilt historian Rachel Greco 12:30-2 pm
Music by the Old Time Fiddlers 3-4 pm

What’s hiding in your attic?
Oral evaluations by local experts
$5 donation per item
$5 Admission (Kids 6 & Under Free) • Indoors • FREE parking

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
McMinnville, 11275 SW Durham Ln. (Corner of Hwy 8 & Durham) (n.)
For more info, contact events@YamhillCountyHistory.org or call (503) 434-0690

Visit our new Website for a full color CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

You’re Invited…

to tour our
SPECIAL VETERANS’ DAY DISPLAY!

When: November 9th & 10th / 10 am-4 pm
Where: Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Ln., McMinnville, OR 97128
Come tour a special exhibit honoring the Veterans of Yamhill County
and all other Veterans in our community.
Special performance by the Old Time Fiddlers on Saturday from 1-3pm
- FREE admission (donations gratefully accepted)
- Local Veterans Memorabilia
- Antique Vehicles and Agricultural Machine Display
- Tea & Cookies and much more!

— Open to the public —
FREE Admission — FREE Parking

9th Annual Handmade Holiday Bazaar

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Ln., McMinnville (Intersection of Hwy 18 & Durham Ln.)
Proceeds benefit the Yamhill County Historical Society
Saturday
December 1st
10am - 5pm
Sunday
December 2nd
Noon to 4pm
50+ Vendors • Local Artisans • Handmade Pottery • Soaps • Textiles • Jewelry • Wood Carvers • Music • Food • Silent Auction • Decorated Tree Auction

A Great Holiday Tradition

FREE ENTRY WITH FOOD DONATION FOR YCAP
Help those in need this holiday season by bringing non-perishable food donations
and more directly to the YCAP Food Bank

For more information call office or visit YamhillCountyHistory.org
“Farmers from Beyond”, our Historical Society UFO Parade entry won for BEST ALIEN in 2017 and this year the YCHS float wins BEST ALIEN FLOAT as judged by the esteemed MDA and friends. Karen Sitton-Saxberg, with family Steve and Daysha, constructed this years entry by hand with massive amounts of plaster of paris and 1200lbs of aged garden implements. A work of art, Yamhill County style. Steve Saxberg sat atop the trailer in full alien wardrobe while Karen, Daysha and Sarah Miller walked with banner and handfuls of candy and YCHS flyers to hand out. The float was pulled by our 1964 AC D12; beautifully restored and donated to the Society by Wade Miller.

And thanks to the team at the Heritage Center that made sure everything was mechanically sound for the round trip

The “Sheridan Schooner”

The Federal Prison FCI, in Sheridan, made a small wagon as a hands-on activity for the young and young at heart. This wooden wagon is made to scale, and a wonderful replica of a prairie schooner. The items that the pioneers would have brought with them are also made to scale. The challenge is to get all the necessary items in the wagon. You can find this most unique of puzzles at the Heritage Center.

Warden Rick Ives and the woodshop supervisor at the prison, Cody Baird, made this happen for our museum.

Thanks to Gloria Lutz for this great story

Father’s Day on the Farm—Old cars, steam engine’s, arm wrasslin’ and Sasparilla...

The Heritage Center once again opened it doors on a Sunday, for Father’s Day. Always a great event for Dad’s; this year was made extra special thanks to Frank Shurman giving rides in his IH AutoBuggy and Vern Yeager and his crew for bringing out the Steam Engine. The annual arm wrestling contest had winners from all three divisions, Men’s, Women’s, Kids and “Antiques”. Along with ice cold Sasparilla for all.

Thanks for coming out to see us YC Dad’s!

Frank Shurman in his AutoBuggy

Team Yeager and the Steamer

Mens arm wrasslin champ ‘18
A meeting assembling many of the museums and preservation organizations in and near Yamhill county was held June 8, 2018 at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. 23 leaders representing 13 organizations in our area attended along with several of our own board members and committee chairpersons. Billed as the first of hopefully more meetings, it was designed to both encourage knowledge about each other and look for ways to cross sell our various entities to our respective members and the public at large.

Representatives from Powerland Heritage Park, the Anthropology Museum at Linfield College, the George Fox University Museum collections, the Newberg Area Historical Society, the City of McMinnville’s Historic Committee, the Dayton Community Downtown Association, the Sheridan Historical Society, the Polk County Historical Society, the Hoover-Minthorn House Museum located in Newberg, the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition, the Yamhill County Tourist Board, the Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Heritage and the Oregon Cultural Trust were among those providing input at the meeting. Other organizations promised to attend next time.

In addition to detailing some of the assets that can be enjoyed, possibilities for joint marketing, cross promotions and finding funding were considered. At a minimum, expect to see mentions of upcoming activities offered by other museums than our own. We believe it benefits us all to alert you as to events and locations of other nearby entities with something special related to history. We hope to post the minutes of such meetings on our website as well. Hopefully, it will suggest places and things you might not have experienced yet.

In any event, as Sharon Morgan of the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition stated during the meeting, “We should keep the conversation going.”
Yamhill County Celebrates 175 Years

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF YAMHILL COUNTY

In honor of 175 years of being a county, YCHS and Yamhill County Commissioners sponsored an open house at the Heritage Center on June 30, featuring special exhibits, artifacts and photos, long-time YCHS members sharing Yamhill County history, old-time kids’ games, and the blacksmith, sawmill and steam traction engine operating. Special speaker was Greg Leo, an avid historian and 3rd generation Oregonian living near Champoeg Park, who talked about the role of Ewing Young in the events leading to the founding of the Oregon Provisional Government and the establishment of Yamhill County in 1843. Greg is Past President of the Friends of Historic Champoeg, Vice President of Friends of Historic Butteville, participant this year with Marion County’s 175th Anniversary, and has successfully advocated for six legislative acts which commemorate important events in Oregon history. Thanks to all who helped plan, organize, and attend this important anniversary celebration!

Did you know? Ewing Young was an American fur trapper and trader from Tennessee who settled in the Willamette Valley (near Newberg). As a prominent and wealthy citizen in Oregon, his death in 1841 was the impetus for the assemblies that in 1843 established the Provisional Government of Oregon. He died without any known heir and without a will. This created a need for some form of probate court to deal with his estate, which had many debtors and creditors among the settlers. Yamhill District (later county) was created on July 5, 1843, five years before the Oregon Territory was established. It was one of the original four districts created by Oregon’s first Provisional Legislature, along with Twality (later Washington), Clackamas, and Champooick (later Marion) counties. The district was originally over 12,000 square miles, an area that was broken up into twelve present-day counties. Lafayette, the principal trading center of the western Willamette Valley in early Oregon history, was made the county seat in 1847. The county government was moved to McMinnville in 1889.

Thanks to Pam Watts for this article

175th Birthday from the Beat Reporters Desk...

Your team at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, always busy, found a way to throw a grand 175th Birthday Party for Yamhill County this summer. The exhibit hall, Museum grounds, blacksmith shop, sawmill and Hutchcroft schoolhouse made for the perfect venue for just such a party.

On short notice, the YCHS put together a group of Yamhill Counties finest to help greet and educate our guests. Alongside our Historical Society was the YC Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sheridan and the Willamina History Museums, the Yamhill County Sheriff’s Department, Carrie Martin representing Yamhill County Government, Brett Henry with Yamhill County Parks and YC Commish Stan Primozich and Mary Starrett.

Booths and tables were stacked with educational books, gadgets, posters and artifacts. Chuck Rogers taught us the origin of the term “flash in the pan” while showing me a civil war era musket. Carrie Martin served up root beer floats donated by McMenamins while Brett and the YC Parks Dept played games in the east lawn.

Last but not least was our special guest Greg Leo, speaking from the podium to a packed house in the Davison Room.

Excellent work Pam and the whole Heritage Center gang!

Mr. Greg Leo, speaker extraordinarre

Joanne Watts– doing what she does best...
STOP THE PRESSES…. THIS JUST IN FROM LAFAYETTE:’S MILLER MUSEUM

Halloween and History for Kids in Old Town Lafayette!!

The Yamhill County Historical Society's Miller and Poling Museums at 657 and 605 Market Street in Lafayette will present a special Halloween adventure with kids in mind. Kids of all ages are encouraged to have their parents bring them to enjoy introductory tours of both museum facilities for a special fun time. On October 20th 6-9 PM a guided tour of both museums will be conducted with some extra treats – 3D virtual reality shows will play continuously inside both museums with some special surprises. The cost? You determine how much fun you’ve had and donations will be appreciated. On October 31st 6-9 PM the Miller Museum will be opened for “trick or treaters” as we turn the museum into a kid’s fun place to visit on Halloween Night. And don’t forget, the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center at Hwy 18 and Durham Lane in McMinnville will present its annual event “A Night at the Museum” October 27th, $5.00 per carload. You’re never too old or too young for a Night at a Museum. If you’d like to come and be a part of the event and volunteer contact us at 503-864-2308 and let us know.

Thanks,
Chuck

Yes, SECRETS OF THE PAST is returning to a town near you! Next event is October 9th at the Heritage Center. Watch for details on our website and facebook.

October’s Secrets of the Past will be “School Days, School Days” get your favorite old lunch box ready for some show and tell. This is going to be a hoot.

Did you know?
The Yamhill Valley Heritage Center offers Event Venues and Facility Rentals?
Find out more about the spaces we have available for your next meeting or event.

Call 503-472-2842
Email Events@YamhillCountyHistory.org or visit our website www.YamhillCountyHistory.org/rentals
Dear Members,

THANK YOU for being a Yamhill County Historical Society member! Your contribution to the Society goes directly towards our activities, events, educational programs, building improvements and daily operations, all of which greatly benefit our community. We ask for your membership in the YCHS so we may continue with the valuable activities and events to increase and support our existing membership, and to foster potential visitors and new membership in our community.

Thank you for your continued support of the YCHS. You are important to us! It’s members like you that make all the difference.

RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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.

The membership year runs from January 1 (or date of new membership) to December 31.

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Address:________________________________________
City:___________________________________________ State:_____ Zip Code:_____
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☐ I would like to volunteer to help with activities of the YCHS. Please contact

☐ 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
Yamhill County Historical Society was founded in 1957 to encourage an appreciation and understanding of the events, customs, and traditions of the Yamhill County community by protecting, preserving and sharing its history and heritage. The society operates and maintains museums, historical properties and research facilities, advocates for preservation, and presents educational and public services in accordance with its mission.

COLLECTIONS: Yamhill County Historical Society’s collections include genealogical materials, letters and documents from the late 18th century on, documents from schools, businesses, and other community organizations, and well over 5,000 photographic images. The Lafayette Museum and Heritage Center collections include furnishings, household artifacts, tools, agricultural and manufacturing equipment, dairy, logging and other transportation vehicles, a steam engine, quilts, textiles, historically significant landscaping showcasing native plants and other items that illustrate the history of Yamhill County.

FACILITIES: YCHS operates two facilities: a museum and research library, and the Heritage Center. The Lafayette Museum and Research Library contains the historic Poling Church and log cabin which house an exhibit hall and research facility. The Heritage Center includes a one-room schoolhouse, exhibit hall, activities building, blacksmith shop, sawmill, space for educational programs, meeting and event spaces. Both locations are open year-round on a regular schedule.