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Northwest Vineyard Service at YCHS!

NORTHWEST VINEYARD SERVICE PROVIDES NEW DEMONSTRATION SITE AT HERITAGE CENTER!

Agriculture is Oregon's second largest industry. The wine grape crop and winery business is a leading segment of this industry, contributing \$2.7 billion annually to the state's economy, and employing over 13,500 people. Of Oregon's 400 plus wineries, 290 are in the Yamhill Valley. Of Oregon's 16 American Viticulture Areas (AVA), six are in our Valley. In addition, Yamhill County contains the largest number of wineries and the most vineyard acreage of anywhere in Oregon.

To highlight this agriculture industry, the Yamhill County Historical Society (YCHS) has decided to plant a small demonstration vineyard on the Durham Lane site. Members agreed on the



Photo by Bob Bailey

size of the project (two rows of grapes with three vines in each row), but were in a quandary about how to proceed. Some people thought that the vineyard could be dug with shovels and planted with vines from local nurseries. Others thought the project required professional input.

Bob Bailey, owner and president of Northwest Vineyard Service, volunteered to help. After reviewing YCHS's plans, it was decided that Bob should direct all phases of

the project. First, Bob selected the vineyard site. Corners were marked and plumb lines were laid to square the plot. Bob wanted the plot to be perfectly aligned with the Historical buildings and with Durham Lane. Secondly, he took soil samples; one from the surface and one from a base – three feet down. Samples were sent to a laboratory to determine existing nutrients as well as the PH range. From this information, Bob would know if calcium,

NOTICE: Ice Cream Social and Member Picnic

- **Date:** Sunday, July 8, 2012
- **Time:** 11 am—3 pm
- **Please Bring:** Pie for contest, your picnic basket full of food for your lunch.
- **Location:** Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, OR

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

We have now raised a total of \$30,038.97 with the Heritage Brick Program which began in October of 2010! Those of you who have donated bricks have helped pay for the new Flag Monument and sidewalks at the Heritage Center. Eighteen more brick donations will allow us to place one more section of inscribed bricks on the base of the Flag Monument. If possible, we hope to get those eighteen brick donations in time to install the bricks before Harvest Fest.

Some people have asked me when they will be able to see their brick/bricks on the Flag Monument. There are a total of ninety-nine bricks in each section of the base of the monument and we wait until we have enough bricks to complete a section before the next installation. We receive a fifty cent savings on the cost of inscribing each brick by waiting until we have one hundred orders before having the inscription work completed.

Another project slated to begin soon will be the completion of the restrooms to be located inside the Administration Building at the Heritage Center. This will allow us to remove the trailer that is currently located there to serve that purpose and retire it to some other duty.

Cliff Watts was appointed as the Facilities Manager at the Heritage Center by the YCHS

Board of Directors at the May board meeting. While he has served unofficially in that capacity for some time, the board was happy that he was willing to take on that responsibility officially. He joins Marjorie Owens, who serves as Director of the Lafayette site, in being the go-to person for matters concerning those sites. The Society is fortunate to have these two dedicated people who are willing to give so much of their time and talents to our organization.

Although I was out of town and not able to participate this year, it is my understanding that Pioneer Days was, again, a huge success. A big thank you goes out to Gloria Lutz, Cynthia Christensen, and all of the volunteers who did help this year.

I would like to also mention that Tami Compton-Spears wears several hats in her duties for the YCHS. Not only does she serve on the YCHS Board of Directors, but she is the editor of our newsletter, and the very capable chair of the Activities & Events Committee. Thank you Tami!

Carolyn Meeker
YCHS President
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Submitted: May 15, 2012

Raffle to help the Steam Engine!



Help keep the Steam Engine Running...

You could be the lucky winner of a Pressure Washer! Keep your house and equipment clean, and help maintain the 1912 Peerless Steam Engine! It has been restored and looks great—let's keep it running! Tickets are \$1 each, with the drawing to be held Sunday, August 19, at 3pm at Harvest Fest. Winner does not need to be present to win.

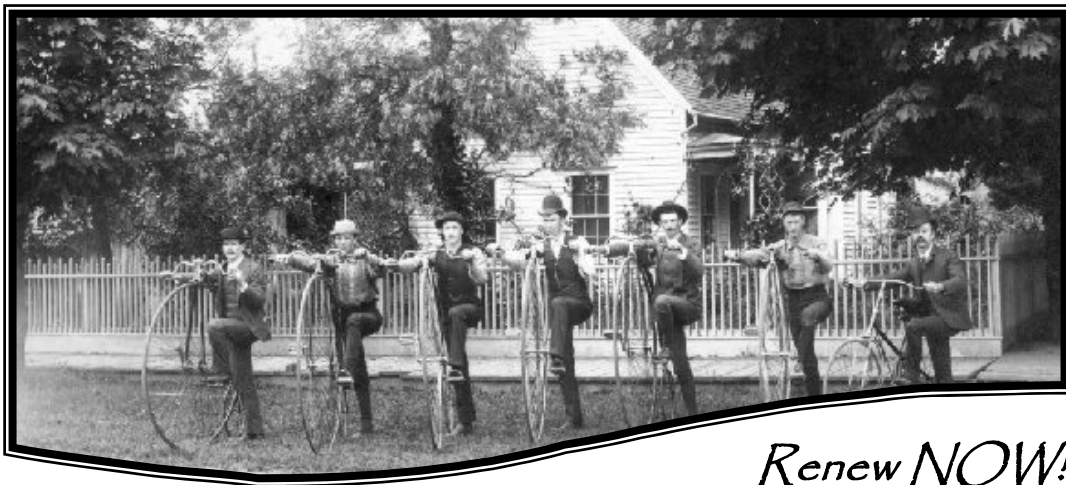
If you would like to purchase tickets or help sell tickets, please contact Pam Watts (503) 434-0490 or pwatts@onlinemac.com. Every ticket sold helps!

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Carol Reid, President
(503) 472-9631

Vanguard Heavy Duty CleanSweep Cold Water Pressure Washer, Model Series 161400 produced by Briggs & Stratton, 9hp, CAT Pumps 4SF Triplex Plunger, 4 gallons per minute, gently used, works well.

Time to Renew Your Membership!



Renew NOW!

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It is time once again to renew your membership dues with the Historical Society. Some of you may not know that our dues run from July 1 until June 30 of each year.....We depend on your support to fulfill our mission which is to protect, preserve and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County. Members receive *The West Side* newsletter (10 issues per year), free admission to the Lafayette Museum and Library and all activities at the Heritage Center, access to genealogical and historical files, 10% off photo orders and gift shop purchases, and much more. You can even receive your newsletter via e-mail if you prefer. Since postage is at such a high rate, if you would like a membership card, please let your membership coordinator know and she'll make arrangements. You can also obtain your membership card at Harvest Fest which is August 18 and 19 this year. Thank you....and please renew your membership today.....so you will continue to receive the newsletter and help the society. The membership application is located on the back page of this newsletter.

Carlene Kadell
Membership Coordinator
amity1956@yahoo.com
(503) 474-0480

May Crossword Answers

Theme: Newberg—Two Towns in One

Across: 2. Blacksmith, 4. Distillery, 5. Cattle, 8. Horses, 9. Germany, 11. Rogers.

Down: 1. Sawmill, 3. Chehalem, 6. Everest, 7. Horse, 10. First.

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*YCHS cordially invites you to our
second annual Ice Cream Social*

PEOPLE, PEOPLE, PEOPLE
COME ONE COME ALL
Come Enjoy an Old-Fashioned
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Benefiting the
Yamhill County Historical Society

Enter the
YCHS PIE CONTEST

*Use your imagination—create and bring a
beautiful homemade pie to the event*

WIN A BLUE RIBBON!

The three best bakers will win a ribbon.

◆ FREE CAKE ◆

Sunday, July 8, 2012 ◆ 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

*Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon*



- ◆ \$1 per Scoop Ice Cream
- ◆ Pie Contest
- ◆ Horseshoe Contest
- ◆ Cakewalk
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Tours of the Blacksmith Shop and Sawmill

- ◆ Planes, Trains and Sunken Ferries Presentation
- ◆ Bring Your Picnic Basket Full of Food for your Picnic.
- ◆ Bring Your Best Pie for the Pie Contest.



ADMISSION \$1 per person, Kids 12 & under FREE, YCHS Members FREE



WHAT TO BRING: Bring your own picnic basket full of food for your picnic

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Date	Event	Time	Location
JUNE			
Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday	Lafayette Museum Open	10 am–4 pm	Lafayette
Saturday	Heritage Center Open	10 am–3 pm	Heritage Center
June 13	Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Lafayette Museum
June 14	Flag Day		
June 17	Father's Day		
JULY			
Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday	Lafayette Museum Open	10 am–4 pm	Lafayette
Saturday	Heritage Center Open	10 am–3 pm	Heritage Center
 July 4	Independence Day (Museums Closed)		
July 5	McMinnville 100 Years Ago Community Photo Exhibits on Third Street		3rd St. McMinnville
 July 8	Ice Cream Social & Member Picnic	11 am–3 pm	Heritage Center
July 11	Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Lafayette Museum
July 14	McMinnville Summerfest Parade	5:30 pm	3rd St. McMinnville
AUGUST			
Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday	Lafayette Museum Open	10 am–4 pm	Lafayette
Saturday	Heritage Center Open	10 am–3 pm	Heritage Center
August 1-4	Yamhill County Fair		McMinnville
August 8	Board Meeting	5:30 pm	Lafayette Museum
August 11	McMinnville Tour of Historic Homes & McMinnville Picnic in the Park		McMinnville
August 18-19	<i>HARVEST FEST 2012</i>	10 am–3 pm	Heritage Center

Event Locations

- ◆ June 13, 2012—Board Meeting—Lafayette Miller Museum
- ◆ July 8, 2012—Ice Cream Social & Member Picnic—Heritage Center
- ◆ July 11, 2012—Board Meeting—Lafayette Miller Museum
- ◆ August 1-4—Yamhill County Fair—Fairgrounds McMinnville
- ◆ August 18-19—*HARVEST FEST 2012*—Heritage Center

Upcoming Events

- ◆ June—No General Meeting
- ◆ June 13, 2012—Board Meeting
- ◆ July—No General Meeting
- ◆ July 8, 2012—Annual YCHS Ice Cream Social
- ◆ July 11, 2012—Board Meeting
- ◆ August 8, 2012—Board Meeting
- ◆ August 18 & 19, 2012—Harvest Fest

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

Harvest Fest 2012

August 18 and 19, 2012

10 am—4 pm

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon
(Intersection of Highway 18 & Durham Lane)



- ◆ Harvest equipment—1927 Rumley threshing machine powered by the 1912 Peerless Steam Engine tractor, 1926 McCormick Deering binder, antique John Deere binder, hay press and stationary bailer and animals.
- ◆ Tractor & Team Parade at 1:00 pm each day (Featured tractor: Case International)
- ◆ Opening and Flag Ceremony at 10:00 each day
- ◆ Blacksmith and Sawmill demonstrations
- ◆ Pioneer Kids hands-on activities & petting animals
- ◆ Photo exhibit and displays of McMinnville 100 years ago (photos and items from the YCHS collection)
- ◆ “Tell Your Story” 1/2 hour appointments to share some of your memories
- ◆ Great food, root beer floats and homemade cobbler
- ◆ Music, Demos and Displays and More!



Invite friends and family to join us for a day of old-time farming as vintage farm equipment, horses and mules harvest the oat crop at the Heritage Center.

Harvest Fest allows us to showcase our agricultural roots, to invite people to view the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center and learn more about the Historical Society, and to preserve and share our history with others. Thanks to all who help make our history come alive! We look forward to your help and a great attendance at Harvest Fest!

Pam & Cliff Watts, Chairmen



Northwest Vineyard Continued...

lime or fertilizers were needed to prepare the soil for planting.

The next phase was to dig the two rows for the grapes. For this, Bob brought in a backhoe and two of his staff. Two trenches were dug, each eight feet long and 3 ½ feet deep. Next the excavated soil was returned to the trenches, providing a planting bed of soft, well-mixed soil. A layer of enriched topsoil was then brought in to cover the surface of each trench. Metal endposts and supporting posts were precisely placed at both ends of each trench.

The final phase of the project will occur later this summer/fall when Bob and his staff will install support wires

and plant the appropriate grape vines for our vineyard's elevation and soil. Once all this has been completed, a drip system will be installed for irrigation purposes.

The YCHS is deeply grateful to Bob Bailey and his staff from Northwest Vineyard Service who have donated all of the materials and labor for this project. Members and visitors are encouraged to stop by and see the vineyard and learn more about this valuable Yamhill County industry.

Submitted by Bill Moore

Hutchcroft School Project



After school was closed in the district. Eleanor Mitchell photo.

In our last newsletter you may recall an article discussing the history of the Hutchcroft School, a one-room schoolhouse west of Yamhill that served as the school for District #15 from 1877 through the 1930s. For those of you who may have attended the YCHS General Meeting in March you would have heard in the presentation by Cynthia Christianson about this school house as well.

So why is this particular schoolhouse so important to the YCHS? The Hutchcroft School is currently located on the Whitlow property on Rocky Ford Road, west of Yamhill. It is the only one-room school remaining in near-original condition in Yamhill County. As with many of the old buildings in our county, the building has outlived its usefulness at its current location and must be removed. The current owner, Mr. Raymond Whitlow, has offered the building to the Yamhill County Historical Society to further our goal of the preservation and sharing of our heritage. The opportunity to preserve this schoolhouse at our Heritage Center would make it the first building to be placed in the proposed Pioneer Village.

The Society has conditionally accepted the donation of the Hutchcroft School based upon the completion of the financial goals for Phase I in a timely manner. Phase I of this project includes moving the Hutchcroft School building from its present site to the Heritage Center and making it structurally sound at a cost of approximately \$45,000. The funding for this phase of the project must be in place before we can proceed. We hope that will be late this summer.

Once Phase I is complete, we will have more time to accomplish Phase II, which will include restoration and use in the society's educational programs. This work will follow over the next two or three years. There are substantial additional costs for Phase II and fund raising will continue.

As you know, YCHS is a non-profit, educational, and public service organization established to protect, preserve and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County. Saving this school could be an excellent opportunity to further these goals. The Hutchcroft School Committee has been formed to work with the Property Development Committee to develop this project.

We need your help in the form of donations. All funds received as a result of this request will be used for the Hutchcroft School. We have already received approximately \$20,000 towards Phase I. The Society needs your support and involvement for this project to succeed. Contact via email HutchcroftSchool@gmail.com to receive more information. Alternatively you may call one of the listed Committee members.

Shirley Venhaus (503) 434-0567, Cynthia Christensen (503) 421-5303, or Steve Leonard (503) 560-2676

Should you wish to help, please fill out the pledge form and mail it to the Yamhill County Historical Society.

Hutchcroft School Project Donation Form

I want to help the Yamhill County Historical Society advance their mission of historical preservation and education by acquiring the Hutchcroft School. I understand that my gift or pledge will be used exclusively for this project. If the school fund does not reach the minimum necessary (gifts and pledges combined), my gift of \$100 or more will be returned or my pledge will be void. Gifts of less than \$100 will be redirected to the Yamhill County Historical Society education program. We hope to move the school late this summer. Funding must be in hand before we begin.

Please find enclosed my gift of \$ _____ to support the Hutchcroft School Project.

AND/OR

I pledge to donate \$ _____ to support the Hutchcroft School Project.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please mail donations and/or pledges along with this form to:

***Yamhill County Historical Society
P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127
Make checks payable to YCHS.***



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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.

- Senior/Student/Educator \$15 Family (Basic) \$30 Community Builder \$250+
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I would prefer to receive the YCHS newsletter via: Email Postal Mail

Please check 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

YCHS Membership Application