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Judy Gilsdorf selected as Museum Volunteer of the Year

A group of Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum volunteers gathered for the annual volunteer appreciation luncheon recently. The group learned how to operate the new elevator and discussed museum plans for 2011. The highlight of this annual event is the naming of the Volunteer of the Year. Judy Gilsdorf was selected as the Volunteer of the Year 2010. This award is given annually to the volunteer that best exhibits the qualities symbolized by the handcrafted trophy presented as a token of the museum appreciation. The award base is native cedar known for its durability. The vintage ski pole basket is strong, flexible, and dependable. The leather cross straps on the ski pole basket symbolizes the need for volunteers to work together and be flexible. The organization is represented by the metal ring that holds the basket together. The Cultural Center and Museum has many functions and programs, all tied together to form a whole organization. Just as a ski pole is not much good without a basket, the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum could not function without volunteers.



L – R Judy Gilsdorf and Dir. of Volunteers Sheri Parshall

Judy possesses all the qualities symbolized by the award and excels at customer service. This mid-week day skier is eager to meet and greet visitors at the museum on weekends. Her vast knowledge of the Mt. Hood area and the skiing options are an asset to

new Mt. Hood visitors. Her expertise is event planning and Judy has offered her service for museum events. “I sometimes think she knows everyone that enters the museum, and if she does not know them, she will know them when they leave” says site manager Cheryl Maki. Judy has good customer skills which is very important when dealing with the crowds of first time visitors to Mount Hood and Government Camp on snowy weekends.

Get your Mount Hood Quarters Here

The US Mint released a new quarter honoring the Mount Hood National Forest in November. This quarter is part of a new series of quarter coins titled America the Beautiful Quarters. The series will eventually include 56 quarters, one for each state and territory. These quarters celebrate the landscapes and natural heritage of America the Beautiful by commemorating our country's most treasured places on our currency. The “tails” side of the coins will feature designs depicting National Parks and National Forest. Oregon's only National Park was featured in the recent States quarters series, thus Mount Hood National Forest was the logical choice for the Oregon quarter in this new series.



Unlike the recent States quarters program that place the coins in general circulation, the Mount Hood quarters may never be put in circulation. There is a surplus of quarter coins in circulation due to the poor economy, thus no demand by local banks for the new quarters. Apparently the only way to obtain these quarters is to purchase two roll bundles from the Mint or visit the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum. The museum store is offering a Mount Hood commemorative quarter free with each purchase of \$20.00 or more of store merchandise. The store also is stocking collectible packets of these quarters and other collectibles of interest to coin collectors and Mount Hood fans.

The Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of Mt. Hood, the guardian peak of the Oregon Country, while serving the social and humanities needs of the mountain community

Cultural Center Events

Ski the Historic Glade Trail Day

March 5, 2011, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Plan now to attend this 9th annual event that combines skiing with history and fundraising for the museum. Once a year, the old Glade Trail is opened and groomed from Timberline Lodge to Government Camp especially for this event. Participants get a full pampered day of skiing with museum to trailhead luxury buses, trail guides, ski patrol services, catered lunch, prizes and Apre's Ski wine party, all for \$100.00 each. Museum members get a 10% discount. Advance tickets required. Call 503-272-3301 after January 1, 2010 to reserve tickets.

Our guest of honor this year is Lee Perry. Lee knows the trail well as he has been skiing Glade Trail since 1943. This veteran skier has been a PNSA ski instructor for 50 years. He presently teaches children to ski with the Powderhounds Ski School, at Timberline Lodge. Previously, Lee pioneered teaching amputee skiing and wrote an instruction manual. He was named King Winter in 1969 by the Skiyente Ski Club for his contributions to the sport of skiing on Mt. Hood. Lee will regale the 2011 Ski the Glade participants of riding the Timberline Taxi (shuttle bus) for 25 cents to reach the Glade Trailhead. Not only was the taxi cheaper than the Skiway Tram fare, but faster also. The goal was to get in as many trail runs as possible in a day. The Skiway tram was noisy and a little scary to ride.

Lee is an outspoken supporter and advocate for the museum. We are pleased to honor Lee as our guest of honor for this year's Ski the Glade.

New Mount Hood Books Signings

Several new books of interest to friends of Mount Hood were released this past year. The museum store is stocking these books as well as older books of special interest to our members and friends. We would especially like to draw your attention to the following new books. Watch your email for a special announcement for a wine tasting and booking event we are working on in the near future.

Timberline Lodge *a love story* – Diamond Jubilee Edition, Edited by Jon Tullis.

This book is an updated version of the bestseller originally published in 1987. This edition includes a dazzling collection of never before published photographs and six new personal narratives.

Timberline Lodge *The History, Art and Craft of an American Icon*, Author Sarah Baker Munro.

This is the complete documentation of the history, design, building, builders, art and artist associated with building and operating this Oregon icon.

Pilgrimage to the Edge, by Jon Stewart.

Retired Mt. Hood National Forest employee shares his odyssey of hiking the entire 2,663 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. Jon skillfully weaves historic and contemporary public lands management issues into the narrative of his four year trek.

Arts Cabins News and Classes

Betsy Valian, director of the Arts Cabins Project, announced the Arts Cabins Project was granted a long term 10 year Special Use Permit for the US Forest Service buildings that house the Project. This coveted permit comes after a 5 year trial period. Arts Cabins volunteers have completed many major deferred maintenance tasks and converted these former residences to include art studios. The operational aspects of implementing a full array of art classes, has been fine tuned during this trial period. Granting the long term permit indicates that the US Forest Service has confidence the project is serving a public purpose and has demonstrated the ability to be successful. This is exciting news as the MHCC&M, our devoted art instructors and the US Forest Service have worked together to make the Arts Cabins Project a quality arts venue on Mount Hood. **Thank you Betsy** for all your volunteer efforts to make the ARTS CABINS a reality.

ARTS CABINS Class Schedule Posted on Webpage

It is not too early to plan next year's art classes. Classes have been added for the spring, summer and fall. The number of students in each class is limited, so sign-up early to get the classes you want.

Classes for beginners, refreshers and intermediate skill levels are offered, in the following media: blacksmithing, fused glass, bead making, wire jewelry, watercolor painting and pen and ink drawing. New classes this year include: beginner stained glass, frame loom tapestry and writers workshop. More classes, instructors and crafts will be added to the schedule.

Don't see a class you want, or want a special class for your own group, just call Betsy at 503-272-3525.

Check out the class schedule at www.artscabins.org

Contributors and Volunteers, Oct. – Dec. 2010

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Volunteers

Wendall Jones, John Berry, John Marker, Dick Buscher, Scott McDonough, Judy Gilsdorf, Bev Shivers, Bill Simon, Lee Perry, Tom Firrantello, Alma Reick, Bonnie Jondahl, J Jamie Payne.

Contributed Services 2011

Precision Artists – Website Hosting and graphic services.
Mt. Hood Skibowl – Internet Service Provider

Curator's Journal

This newsletter space is devoted to news about the Museum Collection. Donations to the collection are listed to recognize the donors and inspire others to contribute items to the collection. The museum collection provides the resources for museum exhibits, traveling shows and research.

Recent Collection Donations:

Accessions: Oct. – Dec. 2011

- Don Weir – Photograph, Girl Scouts and St. John Catholic Church.
- Jeff Ackerson – collection of Schnee Vogeli ephemera.
- Cal Horn – collection Ski Magazines.
- Larry May – 1975 PNW Ski Instructors Roster, Ski Bowl ski patches.
- Arnie Schnitzer – Vintage set PNSA ski racing stopwatches.
- Rick Nelson – Photograph negatives, 1932, Mount Hood summit climb and Government Camp.
- Friends of Timberline – transfer, Wy'east Climbers Thundermug ski racing trophy.
- Bob Smith – Wy'east Climbers' cabin outhouse door, DVD – 1950 skiing at Timberline Lodge.
- Vicki Anderson – Ski Heritage Magazines.
- Barney Mann – 1887 newspaper, cover story and photos Illumination of Illumination Rock.
- Bruce Haynes – vintage rope tow gripper.
- Bob Cavanaugh – Amputee skier's outriggers and stump protector.
- Dave Nelson – Wy'east Climbers club pin.
- Bill Rosenfeld – 1937 print of Timberline Lodge.
- Dale Crockatt – vintage manuscript The St. Bernards of North America, (aka Craig Rats).
- Richard Sasaki – Vintage photograph, early auto Snowbound on Mt. Hood road.
- Wy'east Climbers – (loan) watercolor, Mount Hood, By Dee Molenaar.

Steiner Cabin Documentation Grant Awarded

The **Kinsman Foundation** has awarded the MHCC&M a grant to continue the inventory and documentation of the historic Steiner Cabins. Last year with a grant for the Clackamas County Cultural Trust Coalition, Heritage Consultant, Peggy Sigler documented 54 Steiner buildings. Approximately 20 additional structures have been identified as "Steiners" that will be inventoried in this project. This phase of the project will include title searches to identify the original owners of each property. The collected information will be formatted compatible with the "Oregon Historic Sites Database". The ongoing collection of history from current cabin owners, and the search for unknown Steiners and Steiner-created furnishings will continue.

Henry Steiner built rustic log cabins during the years 1924 to 1956. The majority of these cabins are

located on Mount Hood however some are located in Sandy, Portland, Molalla, Roseburg and Rockaway Beach. The majority of his cabins were constructed during the 1930's depression when labor was cheap and manufactured materials expensive. Henry and his crew of family members and local craftsmen used natural materials found on the building sites to craft sturdy and aesthetically pleasing structures that have endured to this day. Henry fashioned doors, latches, curtain rods, railings, and furniture from local trees. It has been said the only items purchased was nail, windows, and kitchen sinks. Son John Steiner thinks there may be up to 100 Steiner structures including two churches. Starting with a list of about 40 suspected Steiner cabins we have now inventoried 54 and have another 20 to authenticate and document. The majority of the cabins remain intact with only minor updating and maintenance. Two have been drastically remodeled and the most significant features removed. This statistic is testimony to the design and craftsmanship of the builder. Many log cabins built in the same era and later have succumbed to the elements of rot and snow damage.

Learn more about these unique log cabins in the permanent exhibit at the museum or on our annual tour of Steiner Cabins. This year tour will be on August 13. Eventually, we intend to prepare an overarching Steiner history in the online "Oregon Encyclopedia".

History Trivia Quiz

The trivia question from the last issue was not answered. We will continue this quiz in this issue.

MHCC&M wants to give a big shout out to **Jerry Coffey** for preserving the historic **Zigzag Mountain Store and Café**. This mountain landmark has been a business establishment since 1924. It has had various names and multiple owners over the years. What was this establishment's name when it first opened? Be the first person to email or call the museum with the correct answer and win a prize. Email: info@mthoodmuseum.org or 503-272-3301.

Hint: the city of Sandy now claims this distinction.

The staff at the museum routinely fields a variety of historical questions, but the most recent question stumped even our most knowledgeable staff. Barney Mann, an outdoor recreation historian and writer asked, "In addition to poet Gary Snyder, has any other Pulitzer Prize winners camped on the summit of Mount Hood overnight?" . Should any of our readers know of such a feat, we will pass the information on to Barney Mann. Watch for the story behind this question in an upcoming Oregonian article.

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Check out new museum store and art gallery merchandise.

The art sales gallery has lot of new works of art. Several new artists have placed their work on consignment. Should you need a small gift or want to make a major art purchase, you will find some high quality, original, local art in the Museum Art Sales Gallery.

The museum store stocks a number of local history books, as well as unique posters, and cards. Check out the collection of historic photographic prints. A large selection of note cards and postcards are always in stock. We have the best seasonal maps and all the necessary recreation permits. Show you membership card and save 10%.

Return Service Requested

MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Open everyday, except holidays 9 - 5
Admission: donations accepted

New members, Contributors and Volunteers Oct. - Dec. 2010

Memberships

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Peter Melrose

Jerry Schmidt

Jim Kelly

Chuck McGinnis

Nancy Walsh

General Fund

Linny Adamson

Gail Boyd

Betsy Labarge

Lloyd Musser

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Lee Perry

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Bill Wainwright

Eleanor Wiese

Diane Walker

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Heritage Day

Mt. Hood Skibowl

High Cascade Snow Camp

In Memory of:

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Jim Neill

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Lloyd Musser

Maryanne Hill

Gail Achterman

Chuck McGinnis

Kathryn Stager

Amy & Pat Bullard

Harvey Knauss

Steve Knauss



Wy'east Climbers (l to r) Dave Nelson, Bob Smith, Keith Petrie, John McCormick, Jack Mitchem and Bill Keil enjoyed the Museum Elevator Celebration. They presented the museum with the watercolor painting on the fireplace and viewed old club artifacts like the Thundermug club race trophy on the table.



Bing Sheldon, President, Museum Board of Directors, enjoyed the sunshine during the 2010 Ski the Glade.