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Oregon Connections:

Winter Olympics 1936 – 2010

The following is a portion of the text of a new museum exhibit, installed just in time for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Mount Hood is proud of our connections and contributions to the Winter Olympics over the years.

This exhibit honors the Oregon skiers and snowboarders, support staff and other who have been involved in the Winter Olympic Games.

Hjlmor Hvam, a immigrant from Norway was Oregon's first skier with a connection to the Winter Olympics. Hjlmor qualified for the 1936 US Olympic Team, but could not participate as he was not a US citizen. He qualified again for the 1940 Olympics, but the games were canceled due to WWII. He finally made it to the games in 1952, where he coached the US Nordic Team at the Oslo, Norway Olympics. This Government Camp and Portland resident is skiing legend. He won 100's of ski races and jumps during his career. The world's first safety ski binding was invented by Hjlmor. He marketed and improved his binding for many years.

Hundreds of support personnel are required to conduct the Olympic Games. Ski Patrollers with special first aid skills are recruited for each venue. **Joie Smith**, of Rhododendron, was selected for this duty at the 1960 Squaw Valley, CA. games. She was one of the first women in this position.

Jean Saubert, a native Oregonian, was a member of the 1964 US Women's Alpine Ski Team. At the Innsbruck, Austria games she won the Silver metal in Giant Slalom and the Bronze metal for Slalom.

As a small child, **Mike Devecka** had free rein of the Multitorpor Ski Area, in Government Camp. Nordic skiing and ski jumping was popular in this area during his formative years. It was no surprise that he made the US Nordic Olympic Ski Team four times beginning in 1968 at age 19 years. He placed 6th in Nordic Combined at the 1972 Winter Olympics, held in Sapporo, Japan. This was the best ever USA placing in Nordic events which are usually dominated by the Russians and Scandinavians.

Another hometown skier participated in the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, New York. **Lee Englesby** coached the Women's Ski Team that year.

The first American male to win an Olympic gold metal in Alpine skiing was **Bill Johnson**. This Mount Hood skier from Sandy, Oregon captured the Downhill Gold metal at the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

In 1986 Portland business men **Sam Lackaff** and **Jack Elder** organized an attempt to bid on the 1998 Winter Olympics. Their plan would have placed the skiing events at Bachelor Butte in Bend, skating and hockey in Eugene and Portland, with the ski jumping and sledding events at Mount Hood.

Chris Klug of Bend, Oregon is remembered for two accomplishments at the 2002 Salt Lake City, Winter Olympics. Chris won the Bronze metal for Giant Slalom Snowboarding. He was also the first organ transplant recipient in history to win an Olympic metal.

Note to Readers: This exhibit and text is based on documentation in our archives and internet sources. Our focus was the ski and snowboard events plus support staff. We found little documentation listing athletics other than metal winners. We would like to expand this documentation to include all Winter Olympic team members and support staff. Please call or send information relating to the forgotten participants to the museum. Help us preserve Oregon History.

Volunteer of the Year - 2010



Tom Farrantello receives Volunteer of Year Award

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 6, 2010, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Plan now to attend this 8th 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 Après 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.

Arts Cabins Classes

Betsy Valian, director of the Arts Cabins has planned a full slate of arts and crafts classes for 2010. The following listing is just a sample of the spring and summer offerings scheduled at this time. Visit the www.artscabins.org website for complete details and listings as well as registration information

Contemporary Fiber Arts Classes:

Surface Design Prayer Flags

March 6, 2010 10 AM – 3 PM, \$60 +\$20 materials.

This is fun and affordable class with the inspiring fiber artist Maria Winner

The Art of Needle Felting

April 10, 2010 10 AM – 2PM, \$75 includes materials.

Learn to make amazing art with felt and needles, with Kelly Riley. Register early for these popular classes as class size is limited.

Beginning Fused Glass or Glass Bead Classes

These are Arts Cabins exclusive classes. Schedule your own class with 2 – 4 students. Register at least one week in advance. Visit the website for inspiring examples of the art you could learn to create.

Painting: Watercolors

Spring Time Painting on Mount Hood

May 20, 21, 22, 2010.

Join Jude Welter for the first painting class after a long winter, at the Arts Cabins. Paint with watercolors and/or acrylics inspired by the natural environment of the Mount Hood National Forest. Please register with Jude directly at 503-632-6027 or email: welterstdo@bctonline.com.

Sumi with Leslie

June 22, 23, 24, 2010.

Take your watercolor sketch book out into the forest around Mount Hood and collect ideas for your future paintings. Register directly with this Sandy, Oregon artist at leslie@lesartscworkshop.com.

Volunteer of the Year - 2008

Tom Firrantello, was named volunteer of the year for 2009. Tom is our live-in security guard and maintenance person. In addition to performing his assigned duties he does the landscaping, litter pickup, snow shoveling, recycling, and any other odd job that needs to be done. It is a big relief to the museum board and staff to know that Tom is on duty essentially 24/7. If he is not at the museum he is never far away. Many days he can be found working on the flower beds at the Barlow Trail kiosk with **Lee Perry** and others. Government Camp and the Museum is a better place due to the volunteer work of Tom Firrantello. Tom was awarded the museum unique volunteer of the year award at the annual volunteer appreciation day luncheon November 14. A new permanent volunteer of the year honor plaque was unveiled. This handcrafted plaque was crafted and donated by museum volunteer **Dick Buscher**. The names of the previous Volunteers of the Year, including **Alma Reick, Gary Randall, Bonnie and Terry Jondahl** are engraved on the plaque.

Museum Volunteers Best on the Mountain

Readers of the Mountain Times newspaper voted all the volunteers at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum as the Best Volunteers on the Mountain. "We could not agree more" says **Sheri Parshall**, Director of Volunteers, a volunteer herself. We have over 80 individuals that volunteer to perform a variety of tasks. Some volunteer once a year for specific event, others volunteer one day a week and some work from their home doing behind the scenes functions like bookkeeping, website maintenance and administrative tasks. Actually the entire museum, visitor center and the arts cabins project are all operated by volunteers. The only paid staff is the daily site manager and a grant writer.

Interested in joining the Best Volunteers on the Mountain? The MHCC&M is always looking for more volunteers. **Bing Sheldon**, president of the Board of Directors believes the accomplishments and quality of this museum is only limited by the number of volunteers we can attract. Call us today to join the team.

Note to Mt. Hood Guardian Readers

The first issue of the Mt. Hood Guardian was issued in winter of 2002. The museum newsletter has been mailed quarterly to approximately 2500 addresses for free. The newsletter is a benefit of the membership program initiated in 2008. Recently we began to shift to an electronic newsletter. Beginning with this issue only members without email access will receive a printed copy by USPS. We will also implement a brief email news and events communication tool available to all interested parties that provide an email address.

Curators 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. 2009

Darryl Cornelius – Large Mount Hood photograph on canvas by Jerry Hunt.

Mark Fritch – Inspection report of a Steiner Cabin.

June Hoefling – Skiing videos and magazines.

Diane Lokting – Framed historical newspaper, Made in Oregon – 1912.

Chuck McGinnis – vintage Jarvinen nordic skis.

Connie Seizler – Newspaper clipping- 1986 mountain climbing rescue

Bill Sobolewski – Chouinard telemark skis with Merrell boots.

Dennis Stewart – Government Camp photographs circa 1915.

Tracy Rose – Mount Hood souvenir tray, 1940's.

Klindt Vielbig - Collection of vintage ski boots.

Marion Waterman – book – [Webs From an Old Loom](#).

Hans Wipper – unique hybrid skis and snowboard.

Museum completes a decade of collecting.

The museum collection of Mount Hood related artifacts now exceeds 8800 items. The collection was started with a major donation of items from the Zacher/Darr Family. Through the generosity and diligence of our donors, thousands of historical artifacts have been preserved and are available for educational purposes in perpetuity. Our grandchildren will thank us for having the forethought to preserve Mount Hood history.

Our collection work has really only just begun. This fact became evident recently when volunteers decided to create an exhibit related to the Winter Olympics. Oregon claims five medalist and several additional individuals that participated the Winter Olympics since 1939, either as athletics, coaches, support staff or promotional personnel. Sadly, the museum collection includes very few items documenting Oregon's participation and accomplishment in the Winter Olympics.

As we enter a new decade, it is a good time focus on goals for the museum collection over the next decade. The subjects of interest to the museum are Mount Hood recreation, settlement, natural history and the Mt. Hood National Forest. The collection includes: Archives (paper items), Photographs, and Artifacts (historical objects). Using the Winter

Olympics as an example, we are interested in archive material such as newspaper clippings, posters, programs, magazines, relating to the Winter Olympics. Photographs can be candid snapshots to professional photographs. Examples of artifacts would be clothing with the Olympic Logo, uniforms worn by local participants, and souvenirs.

The Winter Olympics is just one subject area needing donations. Other subjects missing from the collection include: natural history objects, history and photographs of local people, items relating to the numerous outdoor recreation clubs, and school photographs. Presently the museum collection includes one photograph of the first and second Welches School building, and one class photograph from 1956. We can do better, as a community to preserve our history, just by thinking about the museum, before tossing or selling our old stuff. Many people assume the museum has everything or would not be interest in what they have. Often items that would a real asset to the collection end up for sale on Ebay and are forever lost to buyers in another state. Maybe we should start a campaign with the slogan "Don't sell our history – Keep it on the Mountain".

Collection donations are accepted every day at the museum. Tax deduction receipts are issued and all items are catalogued, including donor name and known history, in perpetuity. Please call before bringing large items to the museum.

In addition to accepting donations of museum collection artifact and money, the museum like all non-profit organization accepts in-kind services, used equipment and supplies. Presently we could use a microwave, a computer, office supplies, small engine repair services, and small power tools. The Arts Cabins is looking for an Ashford or traditional spinning wheel, for a beginners spinning class. We could use ready to spin wool or other fiber. Call the museum office if you have any of these items.

Mount Hood Trivia Quiz:

In the last issue of the newsletter, we discussed cabin names. The meaning of most cabin names is obvious, but a few are not. We asked readers the meaning of the name *Porta Coeli*. **Mindy Peterson** was the first person to call and knew the correct answer. **Toni Litzer** responded a few hours later and also knew that *Porta Coeli* means "gateway to heaven".

We overlooked the name of one of the oldest cabins on the mountain in the last newsletter. The name of this cabin is *End Weg Husli* and *will* be this month's trivia quiz. Be the first to call (503-272-3301) or email mthoodmuseum@centurytel.org the museum with the correct answer and with a prize.

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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. Whether you need a small gift or want to make a major art purchase; you will find some high quality, and 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.

Return Service Requested

MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER HOURS

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

New members, Contributors and Volunteers Sept. – Dec. 2009

Memberships

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Kent Pothast

Jody Wiley

Greg Anderson

Julie Rasmussen

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Mt. Hood Meadows

In Memory of:

Jim Reick

Kevin Hansen

Robert "Andy" Anderson

Patricia Anderson

In Honor of:

Barbara Edminston

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Volunteers

Alma Reick

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Bonnie Jondahl

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