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Capital Campaign Update

Exciting times for the Museum! In honor of the NW Ski Club Council's 30th Anniversary, the clubs are hosting a gala benefit for the Capital Campaign for Community Ownership on September 19th, and all proceeds will go to the Museum. The evening will include a buffet dinner, a special performance entitled "Skia" by the Jefferson Dancers, music, and oral and silent auction, and will feature Phil Mahre, gold medal winner in the slalom in the 1984 Olympics, as the keynote speaker.

The Museum's building is 9,000 square feet, but only a little over 2,000 feet on the main floor is ADA accessible. Every day we have visitors that can't climb the stairs to see the galleries on the second floor and the annex. Our plan to renovate the building and add an elevator will create more exhibit space and all of the floors will be accessible.

The project will give us the opportunity to create a research library on the third floor, which will eventually house the largest collection of photos of Mount Hood. The papers and photos are now housed in the semi-finished basement of the Museum and are not available to the public. The new research library will be open to the public.

An exciting new gallery, the Clubhouse gallery, will be created on the main floor. This gallery will showcase all the outdoor clubs that have called Mount Hood home. Each club will have exhibit space to showcase their club's history. In addition to the Clubhouse Gallery and the

research library, the office and Museum store will be expanded.

At this time, we are not able to host traveling exhibits from museums such as the Oregon Historical Society and the Smithsonian due to our lack of accessibility. We look forward to being able to take advantage of these special opportunities, as well as host tours and groups that are now not able to share our wonderful Museum. Kevin Hansen of World Wheelchair Sports states that he is "anxiously waiting for the elevator project's completion so we can introduce dozens of kids who use wheelchairs to the history of the Mt. Hood region and the beauty of the Museum's setting".

Soon the Museum will be able to not only provide access for all visitors, it will be poised to be the town center when the effects of the Wilderness bill kick in and Government Camp is incorporated.

Construction will begin in January 2010, and will be completed by the summer season. The Museum currently has a \$145,000 HUD grant that will expire at the end of this year. We need to raise \$250,000 by the end of September, or our opportunity to tap into the HUD grant will disappear, and we will have to wait until 2014 to reapply for government funding.

Please help us reach our goal by offering a donation or sponsoring a table at our benefit in September. Call us at 503-272-3301 for more information.

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

Annual Steiner Cabins Tour

August 15, 2009 10:00 AM – 4:00PM

A once a year opportunity to tour several of these handcrafted 1920-1940's vintage cabins. The tour starts at the Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp, where participants will learn the history of these cabins and view the Steiner Cabin exhibit. Self guided tour visits cabins from Government Camp to Brightwood. Will call tickets are \$18 for non-members or \$15 for museum members. Reserve your tickets now at 503-272-3301

OFF TO MOUNT HOOD /BARLOW ROAD TOUR

September 12, 2009 9:00 AM

Collectible vehicle owners are invited to join us for a historical road tour. Meet in Oregon City and drive to Timberline Lodge via the historic Barlow Road. After stops at the Sandy Historical Museum and Mt. Hood Museum, drive the old Westleg Road to Timberline Lodge for car photographs, lunch and a special tour of the historic lodge. Pre-registration forms are available on-line at www.mthoodmuseum.org or call the museum at 503-272-3301 and pay with credit card.

NW Ski Club Council 30th Anniversary

"Mountains of Memories"

A benefit for The Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
September 19, 2009

This gala event at The Atrium at Montgomery Park, includes buffet dinner, drinks, music, oral and silent auction. The Jefferson Dancers will give a special performance entitled "SKIA". **Phil Mahre**, gold medal slalom skier in the 1984 winter Olympics will be the keynote speaker. **Kevin Hansen**, Executive Director of World Wheelchair Sports will also speak.

This event takes the place of the annual Heritage Day events at the museum of this year only. Plan not to attend this event and join all supports of the MHCC&M for the party of the decade. The museum is collection auction items as usual. Contact Sheri Parshall, President NW Ski Club Council, 503-706-0522 or Diane Lokting, Development Director, MHCC&M, 503-272-3301. Individual tickets are \$65.00. Call the museum office and purchase your tickets with credit card.

Where's The Art? The Arts Cabins & Mountain Gallery

The 'Introduction to Glass Casting...Mold Making' class was filled in June at The Arts Cabin. Mold themes ran from sea life, Mount Hood, Ravens to free form designs. The class was taught by Brenda Page, Owner of Blue Dog Glass in Melbourne, Australia. Brenda was visiting Portland for the BECON Conference organized by Bullseye Glass Co. It was an honor for The

Arts Cabins to host this guest artist/instructor, who enjoyed her stay in Government Camp and was impressed with the work at The Arts Cabins.

The Arts Cabins project recently received support from The Government Camp Marketing Council & Clackamas County TDC to help paint and trim the cabins. Thank you Clackamas County TDC, and support from the community in this effort. Thanks also go out to Toni & Bill Wainwright for the picnic table and benches that will be enjoyed by students & instructors alike. The Lower Arts Cabin is undergoing much needed renovation, which will leave the project with a new open studio space in the basement, classroom space upstairs and living quarters for the Artist In Residence...a future part of the arts programming.

The 'Watercolors On The Mountain, with Leslie Cheney Parr in July is full & registration is closed. The **Herbal Arts** class, with instructor and world traveler Jody Sterne for August 8th is also full with a waiting list forming for a second Class. **Blacksmith Week** is scheduled for August 17th through the 23rd. This is an opportunity to watch blacksmiths from all over the country at work. Organized by Arts Cabin blacksmithing director Darryl Nelson, Master Blacksmith and PNBA Demonstrator. The blacksmiths also bring many hand forged items for sale. As the blacksmiths are conducting private demonstrations, networking & sharing during this week, please check with museum office public demonstrations and sales times. The Arts Cabins welcomes Jude Welter, who will be teaching 'Painting The Landscape With Watercolor & Acrylic', October 22, 23, & 34th, a chance to get in one more class before the holidays! Please remember that the cabins are art studios, and are not open to the public on a daily basis. To view or purchase work by the instructors and local artists, please visit the **Mountain Gallery** in the museum building.

If you are interested in: teaching at the cabins, holding your own "artists retreat", donating good art supplies or equipment, or have any questions regarding the project please e-mail Betsy Valian at vb53@centurytel.net. The Arts Cabins project also manages a 'Local Scholarship', founded by Maureen Musser & maintained by local donors and patrons. When the funds allow, a local mountain resident may attend a class or workshop at the cabins that may not otherwise be able to access art instruction. Donations to either The Arts Cabins Project or The Local Scholarship Fund are accepted by the museum office ATTN: Betsy Valian, and earmarked for the fund of your choice. Please check the website at www.artscabins.org for current class offerings and events.

Upcoming exhibits: Art Contemplates Industry: Bull Run Powerhouse 2009. Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation will present this multi-media art exhibit in October at the MHCC&M.

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: April – June 2009

Gary Randall – American Legion Climbing Scarf, Skiway souvenir tray.

Cheryl Blehm – Photographs, Multorpor ski lift construction..

Barbra Ambrose – Photos, 1931, Shellrock Butte Firelooks, Earnie & Avis Endersby.

Dick Steiner – large collection of Henry Steiner papers, including cabin plans, invoices, contracts and newspaper clippings.

Sue Allen – 1970's Mountain Magazines.

Garry Gast – Manuscript: Ski troop vets spur Mt. Hood Ski School.

Matt Ligatich - Schnee Vogeli Ski Club 1972-73 Annual Report. Collection of archive material for Mountain Players, including playbills, membership list, posters, scripts and more.

Juliana Sandahl – Mt Hood Ski School patch.

Dick Buscher – Photograph, Little Sandy Guard Station.

Margaret Branson – Souvenir snow globe, Multorpor Overpass Dedication.

Betsy Valian – vintage hay fork, wool carders.

Volcom Clothing – 1987, Terry Kidwell model snowboard.

Mike Pelchar – Ray Atkeson photo calendar.

Vicki Anderson – Ski Heritage Magazines.

Milo Wilcox – vintage wood water pipe.

Emilio Trampuz – DVD, Hope on the Slopes, Mt Hood Skibowl, 2009.

From the archives:

In the last issue, we asked readers to identify the national outdoor recreation related organization that was formed 50 years ago at Timberline Lodge. The clue was that this organization would return to Timberline this summer to celebrate their 50th anniversary. **Hal Lillywhite**, a member of the host organization, Portland Mountain Rescue, was the first to correctly name the organization as Mountain Rescue Association. We enjoyed visiting with many attendees who visited the museum during their convention.

Maryellen Englesby provided the names of the female skiers who appeared in the photograph posted in the online version of the newsletter. She was able to provide the names of the Swiss Ski Club members participating in the 1939 National Ski Championship held on Mt. Hood.

What is it? The item shown in the photograph below was recently donated the museum. We think we know what the items are, but some of readers may have had personal experience with this vintage item. It is metal, had no markings of any kind. It consists of a flat, one half inch wide, steel tape approximately 50 feet in length with uncoiled. The cross bars shown in the photograph are a separate carrier for the item. What is it? Be the first to call or email the museum and correctly identify the object and win a prize.



Steiner Cabins news: The museum has been awarded a grant from the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition for documentation and inventory work of the Steiner Cabins. The documents donated to the museum archives by the Henry Steiner Family will be a valuable resource for this project. Henry built the majority of the Mt. Hood Log Cabins in the 1920's – 40's. The process of building a house was much simpler in this period of time. The plans consisted of a simple floor plan that included the outside measurements, placement of doors, windows, fireplace, porches and stairs and maybe a price. One such plan for a 24' x 32' cabin has a note that reads: \$850 includes shower. Some times the purchaser prepared a contract, but most just shook hands. One contract for a cabin is one page long and states the payment schedule is \$300 due when the cabin is closed in and weather tight, the final \$300 payment will be due upon proving the fireplace does not smoke and the plumbing functions properly!

Membership Note:

We just completed our first year as a membership organization. We thank all our friends who purchased charter memberships last year. As your membership year expires you will receive a renewal notice. We trust you will renew for another year, and perhaps raise you membership level. If you are not a member yet you can join at anytime. A membership form and benefits can be found on our webpage. It is easy to join, just print and mail the form with your payment, or the easy method is to call the museum office and pay your dues with a credit card. The docents will be happy to explain the membership levels and benefits.

Join now to ensure you keep receiving this newsletter and to save \$3 per ticket for the Steiner Cabins Tour.

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Here is a salute to our hard working board of Directors, all of whom routinely volunteer their time, expertise and funds to make the organization the best it can be.



Robert Joki, Sovereign Gallery, discusses the finer points of collecting vintage oil painting with Museum Docent, Coralee Groce, and Museum member David Rogers. Robert curated the Early Landscape Paintings of the Pacific Northwest exhibit that was on display this past winter.



Darryl Nelson, Blacksmith Artist created eight panels for the new Multorpor Overpass in Government Camp. The overpass was dedicated in May by the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. Darryl conducts blacksmithing art lessons at the Arts Cabins, does commission work and restoration work at Timberline Lodge.