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Museum – Visitor Center Busy!

It took a while for mountain visitors to discover that the museum is also a full-service visitor information center. The staff has been very busy providing information to visitors since Memorial Day. The lingering snowpack has disrupted normal hiking and camping opportunities, and keep staff busy suggesting alternatives for visitors. A large percentage of visitor seeking tourism information also tour the museum. Museum store sales (especially maps and guidebooks and trailhead parking passes) have also increased. The staff takes great pride in having the latest and current recreation information available.

The membership program launched in the last newsletter exceeded our expectations. Three days after the newsletter was issued, our mailbox was stuffed with membership applications. Thanks new members, you will be richly rewarded. If you overlooked the membership announcement in the last issue, the benefits and application appear again in this issue. Check it out and join so you can start reaping the member benefits such as discounted tickets for the Annual Steiner Cabins Tour, and the members only **Heritage Night at the Museum** party in September.

Our annual **Steiner Cabins Tour** will be based in Sandy this year. This will save gas for Portland participants, as all the cabins on the tour are located within six miles of Sandy. The complete description of the tour can be found on page 2. Reserve your will-call tickets now and meet us at the new Sandy Historical Museum on August 23 to see three Steiner Cabins never before on tour.

The **New Deal 75th Anniversary Celebration** was a rewarding experience for the staff and volunteers who planned, and conducted the event on May 31. Several Camp Zigzag, Civilian Conservation Corp alumni were able to attend the event and share stories of their experiences 75 years ago. The special exhibits at Timberline Lodge and Mt. Hood Museum are still in place for a few more months.



Camp Zigzag, Civilian Conservation Corp alumni attending the New Deal 75 Anniversary Celebration at Zigzag Ranger Station, May 31, 2008. L-R: Dan Snider, Melvin Fry, Joe Bailey, Webb Harrington, Sarah Munro (Board Member, National New Deal Preservation Society), Bill Green, Emil Sabol (President, Oregon Chapter, CCC Alumni)

Summer Intern Seeks Career Non-profit Management.



Each summer Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum offers internships to individuals who have either recently completed or are in the process of completing studies in the areas of museums and/or history.

The purpose of this opportunity is two-fold and mutually beneficial as the *interns* are able to benefit from hands-on, experiential training to better equip them for careers in the field while the *museum* enjoys the benefit of additional assistance in helping the MHCC&M fulfill its mission and extend its capabilities.

Kristin Cotterell arrived in Mt. Hood from Illinois having completed the coursework for her Master's Degree in Arts Administration from Indiana University. While at the MHCC&M, her tasks have included managing and developing aspects of the membership program, working with the Arts Cabins, assisting with public relations and marketing, and deepening her understanding of non-profit organizations.

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

Museum Membership Levels and Benefits

Clip the form on page 3 of this newsletter, and become a member of the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum today. Call the museum if you have questions, or wish to sign up with a credit card on the phone.

Membership levels and benefits:

Individual: \$20.00 includes seniors and students.

Benefits: *The Guardian* newsletter, one free or discounted access to museum events, 10% discount on Museum Store purchases, and member benefits of the Northwest Ski Club Council and Far West Ski Association.

Family: \$30.00 includes two adults and family children. Benefits: same as individual membership with an additional adult free or discounted access to museum programs.

Patron: \$100.00. Benefits: same as family level plus a onetime 10% discount on museum facility rental for a private event.

Benefactor: \$250.00 Benefits: includes the above benefits plus free internet access during business hours, and a guided tour of the museum and archives.

Summit Club: \$1,000.00+. Benefits: all of the above benefits of the other levels plus two free admissions to designated museum programs and events. Donors name added to the Museum Honor Plaque provided \$5,000.00 is donated at this level over a period of five years or less.

Club Membership: \$100.00 Benefits: one facility rental for a club meeting or social function, website link, option to rent museum archival storage space for Club records, option to display club memorabilia in museum galleries.

Have you seen this sign?



This sign hand crafted carved sign by Forest Service sign maker Larry Espinosa for the St. Johns Catholic Church at Welches is unable to be located. Espinosa and his sign shop crew carved hundreds of sign during the period 1937-1950s.

The museum and the Espinosa family are attempting to inventory, document and collect as many of these artist signs as possible. Please call the museum if you know

anything about this or other Espinosa signs. Photographs of any Espinosa signs would be appreciated.

Cultural Center Events

Annual Steiner Cabins Tour

August 23, 2008 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Back by popular demand, a home tour of Steiner Cabins has been organized. The tour will be based at the Sandy Historical Museum and visit three cabins within a few miles of Sandy. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended, as participation will be limited to 200 individuals. Will-call tickets available at the Mt. Hood Museum by calling **503-272-3301**. Credit cards accepted. Tickets are \$12 MHCC&M for members and \$15 for non-members. Learn the history of these rustic cabins by viewing the exhibit at the Sandy Historical Museum, and then drive to the cabins following the map and directions provided.

Off to Mt. Hood Cruise-In

September 20, 2008 10:00

Collectible vehicle owners, practice the long-standing tradition of driving to Mount Hood. Meet at the Mt. Hood Museum in the center of Government Camp. Vehicles will then drive the scenic 1937 Westleg Road to Timberline Lodge, for individual and group photographs with Mount Hood as a backdrop. A special lunch at the lodge is a registration option, as well as a guide tour of the historic lodge after lunch. Prizes, awards and souvenir vehicle photograph included in registration fee. Pre-register forms are available on-line at www.mthoodmuseum.org, or call the museum at **503-272-3301** and pay with credit card.

Heritage Night at the Museum

September 20, 2008 7:00 PM

Mark this date now on your calendar or this members-only fun evening at the museum. This event is a **"thank you"** for our members and supporters. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. New objects from the museum's collection and historical personalities from Mount Hood's past will come to life as you visit with friends in the museum galleries. A large variety of silent and oral auction items will be available for your bidding pleasure. Auction items will include collectible art, antiques, recreation gear, event tickets, gift baskets, wine, and more. If you or your business has items to donate for this auction, please bring them to the museum at any time. If you have questions about auction donations call Toni Wainwright at **503-804-0605** or contact any board members. *This fun evening is a members-only event, however new memberships will be accepted at the door. To save time, mail the membership form from page 3 of this newsletter.*

Arts Cabins News and Classes

The Arts Cabins offers art and craft instruction in an inspiring setting. General studio space is available for rent. Visit the website: www.artscabins.org for more information and a listing of the classes and schedules.

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: April – June 2008

Betsy Valian – History books.

Ike Bay – Collection of manuscripts relating to Timberline Lodge

Gary Randall – Vintage Skiway souvenir, panoramic photograph from Cooper Spur Fire Lookout

Lorette Beard – Two hooked rugs, made by Jenny and Lutie Welch, circa 1930s

Ray Steiger – Documentary photographs of Government Camp, 1962. Copies for historical photographs from the Esther Kelly Watson family collection. Unique Gretchen Fraizer ski pole

Henry "Hank" Lewis – Five pairs of skis, pole and boots, well-used, with improvements by Hank

Mike Schneider – Poster, 1985 Golden Rose Classic, signed by U.S. Ski Team

Bruce Petrie – Souvenir ribbon from 1939 Olympic Ski tryouts held on Mount Hood

Frank Walsh III – Photographs of WWII Sailors on leave skiing at Mount Hood

Noami Quick – Vintage skis and snowshoes

William Farr – Authentic dragsaw parts

William Rosenfeld – Collection of photographs depicting Skiing and chairlift construction at the Ski Bowl, 1950s; 1970s Cascades Ski Club rosters; 1950s Ski Bowl brochures

Joseph Hunt – Pencil sketch of Timberline Lodge, by Anne McLaughlin, framed

Phil Peters – vintage child's snow sled, seven pairs of collectible snow skis

Merle Marshall – Photographs from CCC Camp Zigzag, Self-Study CCC educational courses workbooks

William Simon – Photograph of Mt. Hood Lodge, stationery and letters from Timberline Lodge, 1960s

Jan Sands – Vintage knickers

From the Archives:

History Trivia: In the last issue we asked readers to answer the trivia question pertaining to when and where was Furlong's – Oregon Trail Tavern. No one correctly answered the question, so we will let it ride. Call us if you know the answer.

Real history question: Steve Kinney answered our serious history question. The Loop Inn Campground was located in Rhododendron and was removed to make way of the new bridge over the Zigzag River in 1926.

Become a Member

All members receive unlimited Museum admission for a full year; discounts on museum events, lectures and Museum Store purchases; invitations to special events and members-only activities; and The Guardian quarterly newsletter.

Yes, I/we would like to enjoy the experiences of the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum.

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- I am interested in volunteering.
 I am interested in Arts Cabins classes.
 I am interested in discussing planned giving or endowment opportunities.

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Larry Espinosa (seated) and workers making signs in the Zigzag Rangers Station, Sign Shop. Hundreds of relief carved, signs were made in this shop during the period 1937- 1950's.



Typical Steiner Cabin, circa 1938, Government Camp, Mokie's Resort. Cost \$850 without shower.

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Visit the **Museum Store**, your source for things Mt. Hood –books, maps, nature guides, posters, souvenirs, local art, postcards, and vintage photographs.

The new **Information Center** features free tourism brochures, maps, menus, guides, and event listings for the Mt. Hood Territory and more.

MUSEUM HOURS

Summer: June – Sept. 10 – 5, daily
Winter: Oct.-May, Thursday-Sunday 10 – 5
Admission: donations accepted

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