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2006 Reflections, 2007 Visions

The Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum supporters, volunteers, and directors enjoyed many major successes in 2006. Retiring the museum building mortgage frees the directors and the community to focus on their fundraising efforts on needed capital improvements to the structure. The lease back to own agreement with Clackamas County is a vote of confidence in the MHCC&M and the community. The weather gods smiled on us once again on **SKI THE GLADE** and **Heritage Day**, contributing to the overall success of our two major annual fundraising events. The long planned Arts and Crafts program became a reality when the Forest Service issued a permit allowing the arts program to be housed in two unused building. Under the leadership of **Betsy Valian**, Arts Program Director, these derelict buildings have been converted to working studios and pleasant creative space. The contributions by volunteer craftsman, suppliers, artist and patrons financial donations have made the **ARTS CABINS** a reality.

At a time when nationally, museum visitation is decreasing, MHCC&M experienced an increase in visitation and participation in museum events. Visitors to the museum were greeted by two outstanding summer interns, whose good work and host attitude left an lasting impression visitors. Hosting **Elderhostel** classes in the fall was a rewarding experience for us. Who knew people from all across the nation would be so interested in the history and operation of forest fire lookouts. Elderhostel participants also got a thrill out of actually walking the ruts of the Barlow Road and on the slopes of a live volcano above the timberline. New exhibits featuring the 10th Mountain Division and a vintage Ski Bench were very well received. **Sue Allen's** inaugural art exhibit titled Around Mount Hood: 12 Months – 12 Directions, generated lots of interest in the art of screen printing.

If the success of events were strictly measured by ticket sellouts, the **Steiner Cabin Summer Lecture and Tour** was a huge success. Buoyed by the in Steiner Cabins, the Holiday Steiner Cabin Tour was

planned for December 16. This event sold out also, but due to the wind storm on December 14, the event was canceled at the last minute. Ticket holders were offered the option of a refund or rolling over their tickets for a rescheduled tour. Amazingly, the majority of the tour ticket holders understood the forces of nature and elected to hold their tickets for future use.

All of these successes and accomplishments would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of MHCC&M volunteers. Our Board of Directors all volunteer many hours each month to the organization.

Director of Volunteers, Sheri Parshall organized a volunteer appreciation reception to recognize those who toll regularly on a variety of task ranging from computer support to archiving, including event staffing and exhibit construction, and much more. **Alma Reick**, was named MHCC&M Volunteer of the Year, and received a unique trophy, symbolic of her dedication to maintaining the museum collections database.

The MHCC&M volunteers look forward to increasing their numbers in 2007, and visualize capitalizing on our 2006 successes. A greater effort to grow the capitol fund will be a priority in 2007. Ski the Glade, Steiner Cabin Lecture and Tour and Heritage Day will be bigger and better fundraisers. Special exhibits planned include a **Ray Atkenson** Photography show. A event or program to recognize 150 of Mt Hood Climbing in under consideration. We look forward to continued expansion of the museum store inventory, with an emphasis on Mt. Hood history items. A expanded tourism information role will be formalize soon with Clackamas County Tourism Development Council. A full schedule of art and crafts classes and programs will become a reality this year. Look for a new logo and revamped website coming soon. We plan to place increased efforts to book after hours events at the museum. Private parties, meetings, reunions, lectures and other events will be recruited for this purpose. Anyone with an idea should discuss it with a volunteer and make it happen in 2007.

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

Cultural Center Events:

Photography Exhibit and Sale:

Feb 16 – March. 31, 2007

Ray Atkeson's Century

This exhibit celebrates the lifetime works of Oregon's renowned photographer, Ray Atkeson. Ray was born Feb. 13, 1907 and died May 25, 1990. His large catalogue of black and white and color photography lives on and is widely collected and highly desirable. Ray had a special relationship with Mt. Hood which is evident in his catalogue of works. This exhibit features the original Atkeson photographs, from the museum's collection and a few of the many prints offered by the **William Joseph Gallery**, sponsor of this exhibit.

Ski Historic Glade Trail Day

March 3, 2007 9:00 PM

Annually on the first Saturday of March, by special permit from the Mt. Hood National Forest, the Glade Trail is opened and groomed for this living history event. This full day event is a chance to experience a historical way of skiing on Mt. Hood. Skiers are shuttled to Timberline Lodge, escorted downhill by local guides and the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, served lunch and join an après ski party. Participation is limited. Event tickets are \$100.00. Reserve your tickets by calling 503-272-3301.

Steiner Cabin Tour

March 17th. This tour was scheduled for December 16, but was canceled at the last minute when a major wind storm knocked out power to the cabins on the tour. This tour is an opportunity to view five Steiner log cabins, built from the 1920's through the 1940's. These cabins are works of art and include the details of legendary craftsman and builder Henry Steiner and son John. Ride our shuttle bus to visit the cabins. Meet in the parking lot of Mt. Hood Foods, Rhododendron, between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person. Ticket purchased for the Dec. 16 tour will be honored.

A reception will follow the tour, beginning at 5:00 PM., at Still Creek Inn. Meet master craftsman, John Steiner, who help build many of these 1930's cabins. Meet cabin owners, share stories with museum volunteers who are documenting these architectural gems. Tickets to the reception are \$15.00, includes one beverage and hors d'oeuvres. Purchase "will call" tickets by Credit Card. Phone the museum at 503-272-3301, Thursday – Sunday, 10 -5.

2nd Saturday Après Ski At the Museum

March 10, 3:00 – 7:00 PM

This monthly event features different wineries and co-host each month. Drop in after skiing, for a glass of wine. Let the traffic clear out, while you relax and met friends and leisurely check out the newest museum exhibits. The March co-host is the **Oregon Nordic Club**, Portland Chapter.

ARTS CABINS Class Schedule:

Blacksmithing: Learn the art of blacksmithing from professional artists. Classes are two hours. \$60.00 per class, limited to four students per day. Visitors welcome to observe blacksmiths at work. Class dates: **January 27/28, February 17/18, March 31/April 1 and May 26/27.** Visit www.artscabins.org for later dates. Register by phone, Thursday – Sunday, 503-272-3301 or email mthoodmuseum@centurytel.net.

Contemporary Fiber Arts Workshops:

The fiber arts workshops are designed to be creative retreats. This is an opportunity to come to a beautiful setting like the Arts Cabins, and explore our interest and passions with like minded people.

Many workshops scheduled throughout the year. There are too many titles and description to list here. If workshops titled **Just Add Color, Socks Socks Socks, Magic Knitting or Laminated Felting** sound interesting visit the website www.artscabins.org for a complete listing of all the workshops with descriptions, dates, fees and more. Register online or phone 503-272-3301 Thursday – Sunday. Non-internet users may join a mailing list for Arts Cabins programming information announcements send directly to your postal mailbox.



Photos – Gary Randall



Late 19th century fashion on Mt. Hood

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:

Objects catalogued Oct – Dec. 2006

Dick Jennings – 1931 Mt. Hood National Forest map.

Alma Reick – Archive materials.

Greg Greenfield – vintage Mt. Hood postcard.

Norm Lindhjem – vintage jumping skis with Hjalmar Hvam bindings, large collection of rare archival material related to Cascade Ski Club, Ski Patrol, 10th mountain, Timberline, Jaycee Ski School, Meadows, Mt. Hood, and mountain people.

June Hoefling – ski pins, trophies, and awards for skiing won by the late John Hoefling. Skiing books.

Ray Conkling/ Wy'east Climbers – sign from old club cabin.

Bill Arenz – A&T rope tow gripper.

Sally Niedermeyer – vintage climbing ropes.

Jock Pribnow – model of Timberline Lodge.

Ladonna McCarty – vintage White Stag ski pants, handmade ski jacket, circa 1950's.

Bonnie Jondahl – guidebook, SKI COLLECTIBLES.

Dave Butt – vintage weather instruments.

Lloyd Musser – books, ski wax iron, vintage Mt. Hood souvenirs, daily diaries of Mt. Hood National Forest, Forest Service employee, Amos Smelser, 1943-1948.

Lee Perry – more Vintage Timberline Ski School uniforms.

Galen McBee – vintage, unused ski waxes.

Mazamas – rock climbing hardware and boots.

Charlotte Hennessy – photographs, 1926 Government Camp.

Wish we had!

An exhibit to commemorate the first ascent of Mt. Hood, 150 years ago, and all the climbs since then is planned this year. Photographs, equipment and clothing used to climb Mt. Hood are needed to create these exhibits. Check your attics and garages, now is a good time to donate outdated gear to the museum. Both vintage and relatively new equipment is desired, as we like to contrast the old and modern equipment in our interpretive exhibits. We really need some clothes of the type worn in the 1880-1919 for outdoor work and recreation. Men and women wore there every day clothing to climb mountains, hiking and camping. The concept of specialize clothing and shoes for every sport was decades off. These early clothes are rare as they were used until they fell apart and often recycled into quilts, rugs or grease rags!

Where is it? What is it?

Howard "Rondy" Rondthaler and **Norman Goetz**, both correctly identified the location of the photographs in the fall issue, as **Bagby Hot Springs**. Both readers called before the museum office opened on the day the newsletter was issued. Thanks guys for your participation in our history quiz.

Lost Ski Areas was the subject of discussion in the last Curators Journal. This time the subject is forgotten ski clubs or groups. The names **Girl Petrels** and **Snowdrifters** surfaced during the course of archival work last month. The first group may have been associated with the Ski Patrol, while the later used a skull and crossed ski poles as their insignia. There must be some good stories behind these names. If you have information on these or other forgotten clubs send us an email, or call 503-272-3301.

Errors and Omissions:

We ignored the classic advice, "don't believe everything you read" last issue when we posted a vintage photograph labeled Forest Patrol over Mt. Hood. **Jeff Thomas**, pointed out the mountain in the photograph is in fact Mt. Jefferson. He also offered a good tip for Mt. Hood memorabilia collectors. "Look at items listed as Mt. Rainer as sellers often incorrectly identify Cascade Mountains."

We also apologize for misspelling Ray Atkeson's name in the last issue. Our only excuse is the lame fact that our computer is programmed to use an alternative spelling for this surname.

Notes from the Museum Archives

The recent extended search for the northside climbers during December, generated requests for historical data related to mountain climbing on Mt. Hood. The first documented climb of Mt. Hood occurred on Aug. 6, 1857. The climbing party consisted of Henry Pittock, Professor L.J. Powell, William Buckley, Lyman Chittenden and James Deardorff. The first recorded missing person was a soldier who disappeared from a government supply party camped above timberline, in 1883. His superiors suspected he deserted, but he may have fallen in a crevasse. Grauer, Mount Hood, A Complete History 2005, lists 50 fatalities attributed to climbing Mt. Hood since then. Considering that several thousand people climb Mt. Hood each year, the odds of dying while climbing Mt. Hood are not that great. The National Safety Council estimates the odds dying while mountain climbing as 1:470,000 about the same as dying from falls around the home. The odds of being killed while crossing the street are 1:47,000 or 10 times greater than mountain climbing. These facts and statistics are not meant in anyway to diminish the compassion we all feel for the climbers and the families of those who have perished during an outing on Mt. Hood.

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Admission: donations accepted

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The museum is now booking meetings, parties, receptions, and other events for 2007. Reserve your space now. Call 503-272-3301