

Message from the Interim Director, Sam Shogren

Over the past several months both the Museum's Board of Director's and myself have engaged in conversations with a number of individuals in the community as part of a strategic planning process facilitated by Sandra Suran, a long time Steward of the Museum. We will shortly be releasing the recommendations from our strategic planning retreat and I encourage each friend and member of the Museum to stay tuned.

Since joining the Museum last September I have sought to grow our community of supporters and volunteers at the Washington County Museum. This continues to be a primary focus of myself, the staff and the Board. Our current exhibit, The Art of Contemporary Print Making is an early effort to engage new audiences that has led to increased museum visitation, increased memberships and increased public exposure for the Museum. Most recently, we held our first, free Family Fun Day at the Museum on January 31. In three hours we hosted close to 200 new, first-time visitors to the Museum attracting guests from throughout Washington County and the broader Portland Metro region! Look for more family-friendly events like this to come including "Discovery Days" in March (see below for more info). I owe a huge "Thank You" to all the event volunteers, particularly Barbara Mason from Print Arts Northwest.



An Invitation

Let me invite each of you today to join our growing community by becoming involved in your museum. As a result of the new strategic planning process, and our expanding outreach to the community, a number of opportunities are now available to members and friends of the Museum. Please consider joining your neighbors in creating a better Washington County by joining with us to volunteer in these areas:

- Family Programs & Outreach
- School Outreach & Education
- Fundraising & Development
- Service on the Board of Directors
- Events
- Collections Care

-Exhibition & Fabrication
-Communications & Marketing

-Preservation
-Strategic Planning

Events and Activities "On the Horizon"

- A new event set for the middle of May featuring the farms, nurseries, foods & wines of Washington County.
- More Family Days of crafts & activities the last Saturday of each month.
- The relocation of the old Log Jail to a new outdoor exhibit.
- A new exhibit opening in May with new events & educational opportunities.
- New outreach efforts to the tourism market including hotels, restaurants, and cultural organizations.
- Our Annual Fall Gala and Auction set for Saturday October 17, 2009.

I look forward to seeing you at the museum.

Sam Shogren
Interim Executive Director

Discovery Days--Save the Dates!

March 24, 25 & 26 from 10a.m. to 3p.m.

Come join the fun during Spring Break at the Washington County Museum for a 3-day escape filled with art, science and history activities. Take part in make-it and take-it activities, enjoy storytelling presentations and learn from hands-on demonstrations.

Admission is \$5 per child per day, parent participation is required. You are welcome to bring a sacked lunch. Recommended for grades K-5.



Please RSVP to Scott at scott@washingtontcountymuseum.org or 503-645-5353

Upcoming Lecture

February Crossroads Lecture



"Washington County: A Different Political Climate"
with Harry Bodine

Wednesday, February 18
3:30-4:30p.m.

Harry Bodine will draw on his 33 years of experience as a reporter for *The Oregonian* to discuss how the politics and public services of Washington County have evolved differently than in Multnomah County. Bodine will highlight how pivotal moments and decisions in the county's history have shaped the social and political structure that exists today.

Lectures are held at the Washington County Museum. Admission is free to WCHS members, PCC faculty, staff, and students. Adults \$3 & seniors \$2.

Exhibits



At the museum, a new Collector's Cabinet display of Oregon Rocks, Gems and Minerals was recently installed. Learn about Thundereggs (Oregon's State Rock), Sunstones (Oregon's State Gem), and many other fascinating specimens from around Oregon now through the end of March.

The museum's popular traveling exhibit, *This Kalapuya Land*, has moved from the Tillamook Forest Center in the Coast Range to Pacific University's Library.

The Art of Contemporary Printmaking featuring the *Founder's Portfolio* from Print Arts Northwest remains on display through the end of April in the Collin's Gallery at the Washington County Museum.

Learn more at www.washingtoncountymuseum.org

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