

Message from the Board of Directors

In mid-June, the WCHS board of directors will launch an aggressive search for a new executive director. Mark Granlund, the executive director for the previous seven years, resigned his position April 25. Mark made many important contributions to the museum and its growth. We will miss his vision and enthusiasm.

The board will be seeking an individual with a good balance of fundraising ability, management skills, and creative ideas for future growth. In the interim, the board of directors has a management plan in place with each of its members overseeing a portion of museum operations. We have fantastic staff at the museum who are keeping all programs running. We're very fortunate to have them.

The board is grateful for the many expressions of support it has received from the society's stewards and other community leaders in recent weeks.

Museum Building Update

Museum Construction Phase I Complete - Under Budget

The Museum Makeover, the building expansion, has arrived at its first major milestone. With completion of Phase I, the building shell is up, covered with a roof and protected from weather. The work was completed for thousands of dollars under budget, thanks in large part to KHI Construction.

Continued contributions from members and the community will make completion a reality. The project will position the museum as a destination tourist attraction, as well as a high profile source of learning and fun for local citizens.

To make a donation to the museum makeover or to purchase a personalized brick, call Clarinda at 503-645-5353.

Upcoming Events & Programs

June Crossroads Lecture

"Innovators and Traders: Indigenous People of the Columbia River" with Pat Courtney Gold
Wednesday, June 18
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pat Courtney Gold, a Wasco native enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon, will discuss the rich heritage of cultural and financial commerce conducted up and down the Columbia River.



Lectures are held at the Washington County Museum. Admission is free to WCHS members, PCC faculty, staff, and students.

A Swank Affair

Save the Date! Be sure to mark your calendar for *A Swank Affair* on October 18, 2008. Dress sharp in your 50's and 60's best and swing with the Washington County Rat Pack. Watch the mail for your invitation to this evening gala which will benefit the Washington County Museum.

Auction

We are looking for large and small items for our silent and oral auction on October 18. Do you have a service, gift certificate or item you would like to donate to the auction? In particular we are looking for unique, one-of-a-kind items and overnight stays in a timeshare or vacation home that will be sure to create lots of excitement and interest.

Exhibits

Collector's Cabinet



A beautiful collection of china including plates, cups & saucers, serving dishes and pitchers is now on display in the Washington County Museum's Collectors Cabinet. It was collected by a member for The Society for Old Ivory and Ohme Porcelain. Visit their website for more information: <http://www.soiop.org/>. Old Ivory was produced in Niedersalzbrunn, Silesia, Germany between 1882 and 1928. It is characterized by its ivory colored matte glaze. The exhibit will be on display through July 15.

If you have an idea for a Collector's Cabinet display, please contact Jennifer at the museum: (503) 645-5353.

Traveling Exhibits

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This Kalapuya Land moves to Washington County Public Services Bldg. June 9

Outside the museum's walls, a WCHS exhibit chronicling the lives and cultures of Native Americans living in the Willamette Valley travels to public venues throughout Washington County and the region. The traveling exhibit includes 12 panels that detail how the Native Americans of the area lived, their trade practices, and what languages they spoke. Visitors will also learn about treaties and reservation life.

Look for the exhibit in the PSB lobby through August 9.



Thank You!

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