

## Message from the Board of Directors

The museum's stewards, our advisory board of long-term supporters, ended their June 11 meeting with a very encouraging vote of financial support: \$40,000 in new donations and pledges towards the museum's operating budget and its programs.

On behalf of the members, the Washington County Historical Society and Museum board of directors would like to thank everyone who stepped forward at a very important moment. In these tough economic times the museum budget remains tight. If you have not given to the museum recently, or are in a position to increase your support, this is a great time to do so. Go online at [www.washingtoncountymuseum.org](http://www.washingtoncountymuseum.org) and click on "support" or call the museum for more information 503.645.5353.

## Get Involved...

### Join Our Monthly Gift Program

Sign up for our monthly automatic membership and donation program. Automatic monthly donations that suit your budget conveniently allow you to help the museum in an even greater way. Would you like to make a more significant investment in the museum with the convenience of an automatic payment and no postage or envelope hassle?

### Sponsor a Lecture

The Crossroads Lectures series reaches 600+ community members each year teaching about our local heritage. We are looking for individuals and businesses to sponsor a monthly lecture at \$250 per monthly presentation. Would you consider sponsoring a lecture?

### Donate to the Auction

You can help make this year's auction our most successful fundraiser ever. We need auction items large and small for the October gala. Would you be willing to donate your vacation home, provide a special service, ask your favorite restaurant for a gift certificate, put together a special theme basket, or come up with your own idea for an item to donate?

### Reserve Your Table

Our annual gala will be held the evening of October 18th at the PCC Event Center. This year's theme, *A Swank Affair*, promises an evening of "rat pack" fun and Hollywood stars from the 50's and 60's plus a sit down dinner and music. Corporate sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$10,000, a Family Patron table is \$1,000 and individual tickets are \$150. Would you like to join us at the gala?

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**Upcoming Lecture****July Crossroads Lecture**

"Abraham Lincoln: With Charity for All"  
with Richard Etulain  
Wednesday, July 16  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Historian Richard Etulain will highlight the personal and political life of Abraham Lincoln. By tracing Lincoln's experiences as a prairie lawyer, state legislator, party leader, and commander in chief, Etulain will bring to light the political genius and generosity of our sixteenth president.

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

**Research Library**

Have you taken advantage of the museum's Research Library? WCHS is a great resource for historical information about local towns, families, properties and much more. Also, we are always looking for additional images and family histories from Washington County's past, so please help us by sharing your knowledge.

**The WCHS Research Library contains:**

- 806 manuscripts
- 25,383 images
- 1408 maps, including Wilkes and Benson Collections
- 192 oral histories and many more family histories
- 59 rare books
- 488 reference books
- 111 scrapbooks
- 38 boxes of clipped news articles from local papers
- 9 boxes of school census from 1905-1970
- 24 boxes of Cultural Resource Management documents
- 77 microfilm reels of various county newspapers from 1870-1959
- 205 microfilm reels of state and local records

**Note:** Our library hours have changed. Temporarily, the Research Library will only be open Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by special appointment. Please call the museum if you plan to do research 503.645.5353.

Learn more at [www.washingtoncountymuseum.org](http://www.washingtoncountymuseum.org)

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