



Don't Forget to Visit with John Frémont

If you haven't checked out the "*Finding Frémont: Pathfinder of the West*" exhibition, visit the museum and learn more about the man that showed the pioneers the way to the West.



Marble Tournament Winners Announced

The sixth annual *Summer Shootout Marble* tournament took place under sunny skies on Saturday, June 20. Look at page 3 to see who won the championship title.

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Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter for July 2015



Fourth of July Free Day at the Deschutes Historical Museum

The Deschutes Historical Museum celebrates its anniversary on the 4th of July with free admission and ice cream cups.

Celebrating Fourth of July in Bend is as all-American as you can get: walk in the Pet Parade, join the Drake Park festivities, watch the fireworks display at Pilot Butte and get free admission to the Deschutes Historical Museum with free ice cream cups to go!

This year marks the Deschutes Historical Museum's 35th anniversary as well as the 40th anniversary of the Deschutes County Historical Society. The museum opened on July 4, 1980 and has, during the last 35 years, been the keeper of the history throughout the area.

As the museum slogan says: "Put a Little History in Your Life," and Fourth of July is a great time to put history first.

In addition to free admission to the Deschutes Historical Museum, guided heritage walks will take place throughout the day. Heritage walks will be on a first-come, first served basis and are limited to 15 visitors per walk. *Finding Fremont: Pathfinder of the West* is currently showing in our exhibit galleries.

The Museum Free Day is an opportunity to thank the community for its support with free admission and free ice cream treats. The Deschutes Historical Museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



A Shot in the Dark: Finding Emil Nordeen and “The Klamath”

Next February, it will be 85 years since Emil Nordeen won the Ft. Klamath to Crater Lake ski race. Shaving off 22 minutes from his first win in 1929, Nordeen made the 42-mile run in 5 hours and 35 minutes in 1931 and got permanent ownership of “The Klamath,” a 39-inch-tall silver-plated trophy.

Nordic skiing was – and still is – a huge sport in the Pacific Northwest. Scandinavians brought the sport to Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Northern California in the early part of the 20th Century as local sawmills attracted experienced northern European woodsmen.

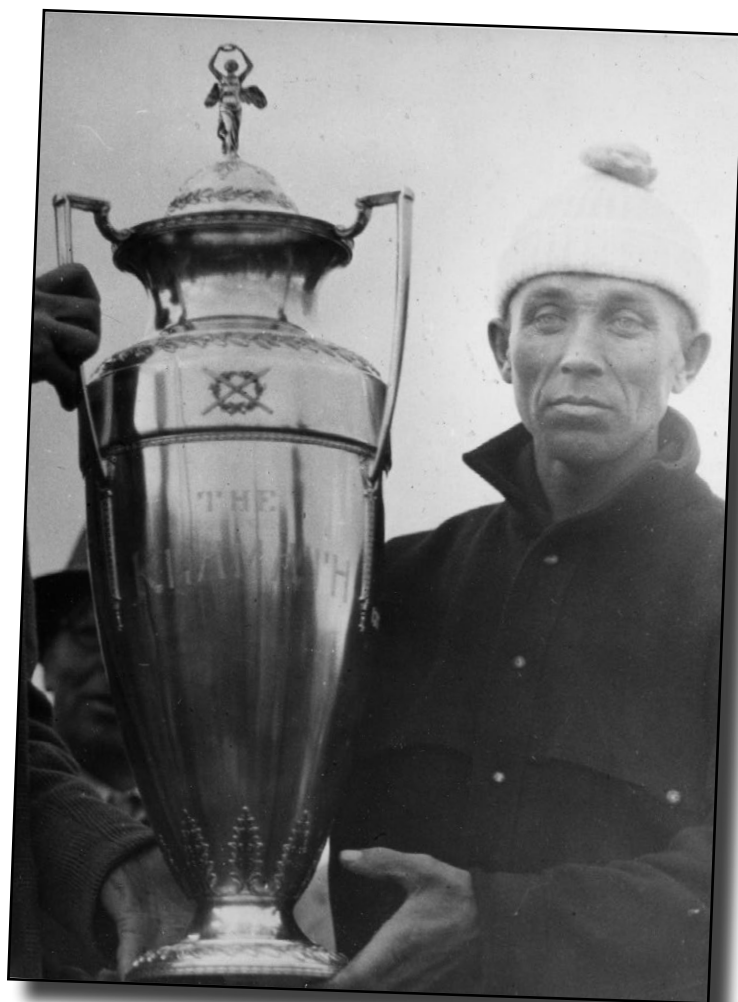
Next year, the Deschutes Historical Museum is unveiling a ski exhibition called “Winter Comes.” As a part of the exhibition, the story will be told about the many Scandinavians who introduced Nordic skiing to Bend and



Central Oregon. Emil Nordeen is only one of many prominent figures in the story of how Bend became a modern ski mecca.

As historians and genealogists can attest to, historical research is “A Shot in the Dark.” You start your research and hope for the best. When the opportunity came to join the research group for the “Winter Comes” exhibition, I jumped at the chance.

Emil’s story during the ‘20s and ‘30s is well known, in part due to his interest in skiing, mountaineering and geology. It’s told in numerous newspaper articles.



Emil Nordeen and “The Klamath” at the finish line after the 1931 Ft. Klamath-Crater Lake ski race. Below: The trophy is currently housed at the Swedish Ski Museum.

In 1927, Nordeen entered the Ft. Klamath-Crater Lake Nordic ski race on homemade skis. The following year, he raced on skis imported from Sweden. He was ahead the first 35 miles but then the ice started building up on his skis and he lost the race to another Swede, Manfred Jacobson.

Nordeen won the race in 1929; the first year “The Klamath” trophy was an offered as a prize, and then again in 1931, which meant that he became the permanent owner of the trophy as the rules stipulated. What makes the win

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Deschutes Historical Museum

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Sixth Annual Marble Tournament Winners



The participants of the 2015 Summer Shootout Marble tournament gathered in front of the Deschutes County Historical Museum. The sixth annual tourney gathered both young and Young at Heart for several rounds of exciting marble artistry.

The sixth annual Summer Shootout Marble tournament took place under sunny skies and perfect temperatures on Saturday, June 20. No one actually lost their marbles, in fact, several people went home with great prizes!

Our 2015 Kids Marbles Winners were 2015 Champion Zack Kennedy, Porter Patterson (2nd), and Aidan Crosson (3rd).

The Young at Heart Category winners: Vern Dosmann (1st), Mark Patterson (2nd), Lori Sims (3rd), and Robb Kerley (4th).

An extra special thanks to *The Bulletin* and *The Gear Peddler* for their sponsorship and the great grand prize Schwinn bicycles, and to *Wabi Sabi*, *The Old Mill District*, *Sun Mt. Fun Center*, *Art Station*, and *SHARC water park* for their donations of fantastic prizes.

Thank you to our volunteer marble coaches, mat officials, and set up crew: Tracy Alexander, Kathy and Brian Fish, Carl and Anita Elliot, Karen Green, Chloe, Emily, and David Miller, Holle Young, Bette Andrew, Hal Fowler, Janet Russell, Linda Morrison, Carol Selle, Vera Wesenberg, and T.J. Becker.



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 exceptional is that Nordeen was 42 when he won the second race in 1931, earning him the nickname “The Old War Horse.”

Following Nordeen’s win, he moved away from being front-page news. Aside from articles written about the Fort Klamath competition and occasional stories in the local newspaper, the trail went cold.

I suggested that I would contact sources in Sweden to see what kind of information was available.

Thanks to an email with the subject line, “Ett skott i mörkret” (translated: A Shot in the Dark) the story began to unravel. The emailed ricocheted a couple of times but it finally hit its target: I found Emil Nordeen’s nephew and also the museum that housed “The Klamath.”

In late April, I flew back to Sweden. I had made arrangements to visit Sigvard, Emil’s closest relative, and Lars, the curator of the museum which houses the trophy.

Sigvard ended up being the keeper of many of Emil Nordeen stories. Most were about the years before his move to the U.S. and after Emil left Bend in 1980 to play poker in Reno full time – at the spry age of 90.

Emil’s nephew showed me around the area where Emil grew up and I even got a chance to visit the old homestead. By the way, there is still a Nordén living there.



The story about the search for Emil Nordeen and “The Klamath” even made the local newspaper.

The second part of the Sweden trip was to reconnect with “The Klamath.” The trophy is unique. It is one of only three made by Wallace Brothers of Pittsburgh, PA. One was given to Charles Lindbergh for his solo flight over the Atlantic in 1927. Nordeen got the second trophy and the third went to Pete Hedburg for winning the Klamath-Ft. Rock ski races in 1933 and 1935.

I have only seen pictures of Emil and the trophy in old black and white photos from the 1931 ski

race. It is quite another experience to see it up close and personal. “The Klamath” is an impressive trophy.

The Deschutes County Historical Museum has put in a formal request with the Swedish Ski museum to borrow the trophy for the “Winter Comes” exhibition. I keep my fingers crossed that we can bring back the trophy in time for the 85-year anniversary of Nordeen’s Ft. Klamath to Crater Lake victory.

– Tor Hanson

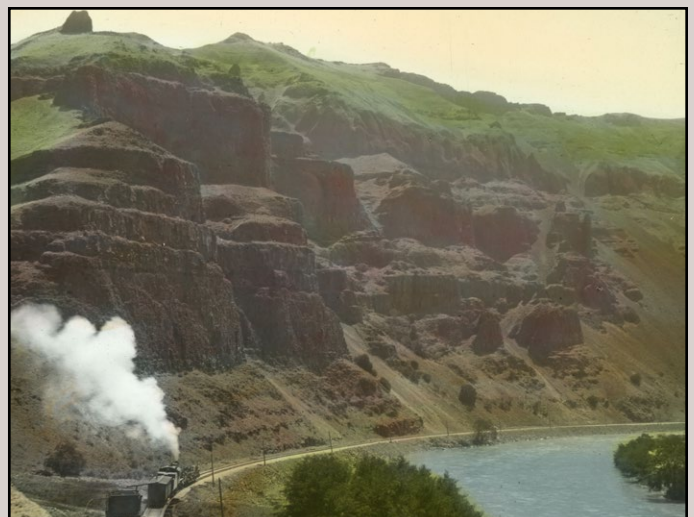
If you have an “Emil Nordeen story” to tell or have information about the “Skyliners,” please give Tor Hanson a call at 541.788.6972. He is preparing a History Pub Talk for November 2015 and would love to learn more about a fellow Swede as well as the local ski organization.

A Pictorial History of Oregon: Hand-colored Glass Lantern Slides from the Oregon Historical Society

The Oregon Historical Society and the Deschutes County Historical Society are pleased to present *A Pictorial History of Oregon* – a history of the state from James Cook’s early coastal forays in 1778 to the construction of the St. Johns Bridge in Portland in 1931.

Comprising approximately 100 lantern slides, this show was originally put together as a public educational program by the Colonial Dames of America in approximately 1935. With the assistance of Doug Kenck-Crispin, of Kick Ass Oregon History, images are projected using an original Bausch & Lomb projector (circa 1935). We will also use the original handwritten notes to narrate the slides.

Following the main program we will project a small selection of slides with images from around Deschutes County, the Klamath Region and Eastern Oregon in



general. A special emphasis will be made towards slides that highlight some of the outdoor recreation spots Oregon is known for - from Crater Lake to Mt. Hood.

The majority of slides in this program are hand-colored and were produced between approximately 1915-1935.

The show kicks off on July 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Deschutes County Historical Museum.

Local News Items



Deschutes County Historical Society is Celebrating its 40th Birthday!

Since 1975, Deschutes County has seen a lot of changes: Technology to make our lives easier, the digital age, population growth to nearly 170,000, the building bust/boom era, economic highs and lows, growing tourism, the beer craze, and so much more.

Throughout all these years, DCHS volunteers and staff have been here to preserve the past by gathering thousands of artifacts, photographs and audio/visual materials. Multiple changing and permanent exhibits provide snapshots of the past. Museum tours for school groups, heritage walks and talks throughout the county,

and History Pub presentations are among the many ways we share our heritage.

Now, four decades later, preservation is still at the core of the Society's mission to protect and capture the stories of our shared history. But, we can't continue without your support.

Help us celebrate our birthday by considering a gift of \$40 or more to DCHS. If you are a member, look for your letter in the mail, or head to www.deschuteshistory.org to make your gift today.

Here's to another 40 years!

Welcome New Members

Richard Fleming

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Rease Cemetery. Photo: John Kent

Historic Cemetery and Marker Repair Workshop to be near Tumalo

The Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries will offer a historic cemetery and marker repair workshop July 18 near Tumalo. All of the events are free and open to the public.

The workshop will be from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Tumalo Pioneer

Cemetery, about 1.8 miles north of Tumalo on the Cline Falls Highway. The free workshop will address marker assessment, cleaning, leveling and repair.

Participants should bring their lunch, snacks, water to drink, a stool or folding chair to sit on, gloves to wear, a hat, sunscreen, appropriate clothing, as this is a hands-on workshop, comfortable shoes, a pen and note pad and camera if they want to take photos during the workshop.

In conjunction with the workshop, the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries will also conduct a public meeting in Bend from 1-4 p.m. July 17 at the Deschutes County Historical Museum, 129 NW Idaho Ave.

On Friday, July 17, there will be a brief tour of Camp Polk from 9:30 to 11:30 in the morning. Members are welcome to meet at Camp Polk Cemetery at 10 a.m., or meet at the Deschutes County Historical Museum at 9:15 a.m. to follow us to the cemetery. Please RSVP to the Museum if you plan to attend the tour – 541.389.1813.

State law established the seven-member commission to maintain a listing of all historic cemeteries and gravesites in Oregon; promote public education on the significance of historic cemeteries; and help obtain financial and technical assistance for restoring, improving and maintaining their appearances. To learn about the workshop or to get more information on historic cemeteries visit www.oregonheritage.org or contact Kuri Gill at Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov or 503.986.0685.

Mark Your Calendars

July

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16-18 SHAKESPEARE ON THE LAWN

Stage Right Productions and Dionysus Presents “Mack on the Move.”


Deschutes County Historical Museum, 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$10 or \$15 at the door. Tickets: www.bendticket.com

HERITAGE WALKING TOURS OF DOWNTOWN BEND

Saturdays, June – August

All tours leave from the Deschutes Historical Museum at 10:30 a.m. Reserve your spot as space is limited. Please call 541.389.1813.

**HISTORY PUB AT
McMENAMINS OLD ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL**



DR. ANNA RIES FINLEY

AND THE WOMAN'S PROTECTIVE DIVISION: BEND WOMEN'S ANTI-VIOLENCE ACTIVISM IN THE EARLY 1920s

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015
5:30 p.m. doors; 7 p.m. event
Free • All ages welcome

In the early 20th century, Dr. Anna Ries Finley served as Bend's city health officer and, in February 1921, became the head of a controversial Woman's Protective Division with authority to investigate cases involving women and girls in the city.

Presented by
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