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Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter for March 2015

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the Board of Directors are on file with
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DCHS Supports Revitalize Main Street Act SB 565

The **Board of Directors for the Deschutes Historical Society**, voted to support SB 565, the **Revitalize Main Street Act**. Our historic buildings are the cultural and economic soul of our community but the cost of much-needed building rehabilitation, code compliance, and seismic retrofitting remains financially out of reach for many building owners.

Passage of SB 565 will pay dividends to our community for decades to come in the form of new jobs, income and property taxes, cultural heritage and tourism, business incubation, seismic safety, and the reuse of existing infrastructure.

The Revitalize Main Street Act creates a state **Historic Rehabilitation Fund** to provide a 25% rebate for the certified rehabilitation of historic commercial buildings – stores, hotels, theaters, apartments, factories, barns, etc. It would be funded by the public auction of state income tax credits (similar to the Oregon Film Production Credit) at a capped amount of \$12 million per year. The money would stay here in Oregon and our entire state will end up with long-term tangible assets in the form of our most iconic historic places.

An economic impact study conducted by EcoNorthwest states that **Oregon would be economically better off with this incentive**. Passage of SB 565 would generate:

- Four times more buildings restored than without the state incentive.
- Between 428 and 581 net new jobs per year in construction and related services.
- \$2.3 million net increase in property taxes per year to pay for schools and services.
- \$13.3 million new federal Historic Tax Credit dollars invested in Oregon per year.
- \$35.8 million net annual increase in direct development spending.

Historic rehabilitation incentives have been **proven effective in 35 other states** as a targeted means to **attract private investment** and **capture more federal tax credit dollars**. This is particularly important in smaller towns that today are in need of meaningful economic development support.

Please help us pass the Revitalize Main Street Act during the 2015 session. Go to www.restoreoregon.org/rehab-tax-incentive/ to sign the online petition and find out how you can help!



St. Patrick's Day at the Pilot Butte Inn

By Vanessa Ivey

What do Leprechauns, shamrocks, the Mighty Irish, and the Pilot Butte Inn all have in common? March 17th, Saint Patrick's Day.

In 1917 the town of Bend was growing. The Shevlin-Hixon Mill and the Brooks-Scanlon Mill were producing high quantities of quality lumber. Downtown Bend, following a series of fires, was transforming from wooden storefronts to two story commercial buildings of brick and stone. And at the north end of town, construction of a resort hotel like nothing Bend had seen before was nearly finished.



Designed by architect John Tourtellotte, the three story Swiss "chalet" was financed by Philip R. Brooks out of Canada. It had a view of the river back dropped by the Cascade mountain range and was built completely out of locally quarried native lava rock and ponderosa pine. The Pilot Butte Inn opened its doors March 17, 1917 and was a magnificent site. On March 15, the Bend Bulletin reported the new inn's soft opening was a success regardless of the rumor that "exorbitant prices are to be charged for dinner at the opening." The Inn's Manager W. C. Birdsall issued an official denial. "We aren't running any Jesse James game and I should like to have it understood that this talk about \$5.00 per plate is absolutely false. A charge of \$1.50 a plate will be made."

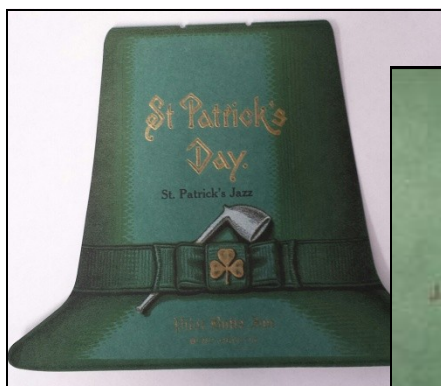
Two days later, reservations for tables on opening night were made in numbers unlike anything Bend had seen. The dining room was reported to be filled at twice its capacity. With the large number of guests now anticipated, the Colonial Inn next door was used to accommodate overflow from the larger building. This was appropriate since the Colonial Inn had born the name Pilot Butte Inn prior to being replaced by the grand new version.

"OPENING OF INN GRAND SUCCESS, Hundreds Take Part In Festivities" the Bend Bulletin announced in bold letters the afternoon of March 19.

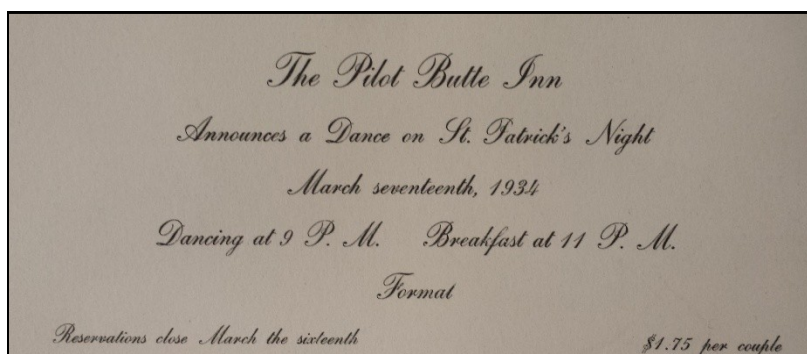
The lobby and ground floor rooms were decorated with cut flowers, ferns and potted plants, with guests arriving from Vancouver, Portland, Corpus Christi, and Seattle. During the festivities Robert E. Strahorn, railroad promoter in Oregon, spoke on the importance of the "superb hotel becoming the strongest possible magnet" in attracting tourists to the sage country of Central Oregon.

Dinner was served from 6-10 pm with dancing till midnight, at which time refreshments were served, with more dancing afterwards. Music was provided by the Wiley B. Allen Jazz band of Portland. The festivities did not come to an end until after 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

Over the decades, St. Patrick's Day continued to hold a special place on the annual calendar for the Pilot Butte Inn, as can be seen from invitations and announcements in the collections of the museum. So this St. Patrick's Day, raise your pint of holiday cheer and remember the Pilot Butte Inn and the memories made there, for it may be gone but it will never be forgotten!



St. Patrick's Day invitations from 1920 (above, right) and 1934 (below). Festivities were formal, all night affairs!





Annual Meeting Welcomes New Board Members

The Annual Meeting of the Membership for the Deschutes County Historical Society welcomed new board members, celebrated retiring board members, and enjoyed the showing of DCHS' latest accomplishment, the short documentary, *Watermaster*.

New board members Loren Irving, Robin Lee Gyorgyfalvy and Tony DeBone were in attendance. Mr. DeBone joins the Board of Directors as ex-officio member of the County Commissioners, a seat that has been vacant since Mike Daly left office in 2009. Andrea Hunnell Dupree is also newly elected to the Board of Directors. Bruce White and Courtney Lupton-Turner were elected to serve second terms.

For 2015, the Board of Directors chose Nate Pedersen to serve as board president; Marsha Stout to serve as vice-president; and Sue Fountain to serve as secretary.

Retiring from the board after many years of service are Anna Johnson and Barbara Buxton. Anna and Barbara have been fixtures at the Des Chutes Historical Museum for years, Anna for nine and Barbara for longer than we all can remember. Both are not disappearing completely and can still be found volunteering on a variety of special events. DCHS can't thank them enough for their dedication and support. Thank you, Anna and Barbara!

Following a delicious lunch by Paula Simila, those in attendance enjoyed viewing *Watermaster*, a short history of water in the Deschutes River Basin and the legacy of watermaster Bob Main. DCHS received lots of positive feedback on the piece, which will be shown at March's History Pub program at McMenamins Old St. Francis.

Homesteader Gets a New Editor

With Homesteader Editor Nate Pedersen moving into the Board President position, Board Member Tor Hanson will take over editorial duties beginning with the April issue. Thank you to Nate and Tor for putting so many volunteer hours in the newsletter.

Statuary Hall Study Commission Recommends Abigail Scott Duniway and Chief Joseph

Last November we reported on the Oregon Statuary Hall Study Commission and their task of determining if the two statues of Rev. Jason Lee and Dr. John McLoughlin representing Oregon should be retired from Washington D.C. and new representatives sent in their place.

On January 26, 2015—following an open submission process for public recommendations, several public meetings, and consultations with scholars from around the state—the commission announced they unanimously agreed that the statues of pre-statehood leaders McLoughlin (1784-1857) and Reverend Lee (1803-1845) be returned to “places of honor” in Oregon and that “two equally worthy individuals who represent different chapters in Oregon's history” be installed in the National Statuary Hall.

The committee further announced they narrowed the list of contenders to replace them to four individuals: Native American leader Chief Joseph (Heinmot Tooyalakekt, 1840-1904), suffragist and women's rights activist Abigail Scott Duniway (1834-1915), and public officials Tom McCall (1913-1983), and Mark Hatfield (1922-2011).

The public were invited to vote online for two of the four. On March 5, following on last public hearing, the commission announced their final recommendation that Abigail Scott Duniway and Chief Joseph be selected to replace the retiring Lee and McLoughlin statues.

Ultimately, the commission's recommendations are just that—recommendations. The Oregon State Legislature will decide whether or not to retire the statues of Lee and McLoughlin and commission new statues.

Save the Date for the Return of Teddy Roosevelt

Thursday, April 30, the Oregon Historical Society and Wells Fargo will bring Teddy Roosevelt's Oregon Roadshow back to Bend. Time and location will be announced in next month's newsletter. Thank you to Wells Fargo for making Joe Weigand's Roosevelt presentation available throughout the state.

History never felt so fun!



Membership Renewal Available Through Paypal

You can renew your membership dues or donate directly from the Des Chutes Historical Museum website. Visit the Donate/Join page and click the Donate button at www.deschuteshistory.org. Paypal offers secure online payments, and you, the member, maintain control of your personal financial information. You can even make your donation a monthly gift by just clicking the box!

Welcome New Members!

James M. Lee
Curt & Margaret Thompson
Mary D. Mayfield
Del & Bobbie Moore
Michael & Melinda Peterson
Dan & Janet Varcoe
Kari Raterman
Linda Wada

**Thank you
for your membership!**

Volunteer Meetings Now On Third Tuesdays

March's meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 17th** at noon and will continue the mini workshop series with New Research Techniques. The Des Chutes Historical Museum receives hundreds of research requests annually ranging from finding obituaries to background history on property and everything in between.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, stop by the meeting and see what we're about. You can also give us a call 541.389.1813 or email Vanessa Ivey at vanessa@deschuteshistory.org.

Bend Genealogy Monthly Meeting Covers Daughters of the American Revolution Research

How to Research an Ancestor for the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) with Janet Baskerville is the topic for B.G.S. March meeting. The meeting takes place Tuesday, March 17, 2015 from 10:00 am to Noon. **The public is welcome to attend!** Meetings are held at Williamson Hall at Rock Arbor Villa, 2200 NE Hwy 20, Bend, located behind Chevron/Jake's Diner.

BGS library hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1:30 - 5:00 pm and Thursdays and Fridays, 10:00 - 1:30 pm. Please call to confirm that library is open: 541 317-9553.

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Additional Contribution*: \$_____ Total enclosed: \$_____

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Bend Genealogical Society



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Do you want to say, "**WOW**, I learned a lot" on April 25?
Come to the **BGS Seminar** for Thomas' presentations:

- **7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists** – Who said genealogy and the hunt for your family history has to be expensive? Just as in any other industry, there are some tricks to getting the best deals and bargains in the genealogy marketplace. With 7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists, you'll learn the tricks, and how to think like a savvy, frugal genealogist!
- **You Use WHAT for Genealogy? Wonderful Uses for Unusual Tools** — Have you ever wondered if you're missing out on how some genealogists are using tools such as Evernote, Word/Excel, Google & more? Learn what's hot in the world of apps & websites, and how YOU can use them!
- **After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research** — Have you ever considered what will happen to your years of genealogy research once you're gone? Learn how to ensure that your hard work carries on. Through a combination of planning, common sense, and new technologies, we'll review how to create an action plan for preserving your genealogy research.
- **Managing the Genealogy Data Monster** — It is so easy to let the large amounts of data involved with genealogy overwhelm you — to the point that family history research is no longer fun! Learn how to tackle the three main problem areas of genealogy data: research data, project data and file data, so you can put the FUN back in your research!

SATURDAY – April 25, 2015 <> 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Great
Door Prizes!**

At the Bend Golf & Country Club

Registration Required – Seating is Limited – See Registration Form for Cost

Call BGS at (541) 317-9553 for more information

Find the Registration Form Online at: www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs

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Celebrate Our Pets March 26 at the Pet Tales Pet Food Drive

On March 26 the Des Chutes Historical Museum hosts our pet partners from the Humane Society of Central Oregon, the Bend Spay and Neuter Project, and C.R.A.F.T. to learn about how we can make the next 100 years great for Deschutes County's pet population. Thanks to organizations like HSCO, BSNP, and CRAFT, we keep our pets safe, cared for, and control unwanted pets in much more humane ways than the methods employed 100 years ago.

To celebrate the success of *Pet Tales: Furry Friends in Photographs*, join us in a **Pet Food Drive on March 26 from 1:30 to 4:30**. Admission to the Des Chutes Historical Museum is free when you bring a pet food donation, and there will be fun crafts and activities for the whole family.

March History Pub to Show Watermaster

Join us for a screening of *Watermaster* a short documentary on the history of irrigation in the Deschutes Basin and the legacy of former Deschutes Basin Watermaster, Bob Main. *Watermaster* is a partnership project by the Deschutes County Historical Society, the Main family, and producer Kevin Raichl of Visual Thinking.

Using interviews and historic footage, the piece covers the historical uses of the Deschutes River for irrigation and the challenges water managers face managing the river over 100 years later in the face of increased recreation and additional demands on the river. Bob Main spent over thirty years in water resource management; he passed away in 2013.

History Pub takes place in the Father Luke Room at McMenamins Old St Francis. Doors at 5:30, program at 7:00.



IF YOU LOVE HER, LICENSE HER.

It's more than love, it's the law. Deschutes County and the State of Oregon require that all dogs with permanent canine teeth or are six months old - whichever comes first - must be licensed.

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A portion of the fees support humane society operations in Deschutes County.

Seven local veterinarians, Bend and Redmond humane societies, and the Deschutes County Finance Office can sell you dog licenses.

www.deschutes.org/doglicensing
(541) 388-6637



Mark Your Calendars:

March

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting**
- 17 Volunteer Meeting**
Noon
- 26 Pet Tales Pet Food Drive**
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 31 History Pub: Watermaster**
McMenamins Old St. Francis Father Luke Room
7:00 p.m., doors at 5:30

April

- 11 Final day of Pet Tales Exhibit**
- 28 History Pub**
McMenamins Old St. Francis Father Luke Room
7:00 p.m., doors at 5:30
- 30 Teddy Roosevelt's Oregon Roadshow**
Time and location to be announced