



# The Homesteader

Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter for April 2015

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## Frémont Exhibition Coming May 1



*John C. Frémont's ceremonial sword, a gift of the people of Charleston, South Carolina in honor of his contributions, on loan from the Arizona Historical Society.*

**As members, you've been hearing about John C. Frémont since the symposium in 2009. What started as a small project by Dave Talbot and Les Joslin flourished with the addition of Loren Irving and his adventure identifying the expedition campsites and photographing them. Six years later, the resulting exhibit opens at the Deschutes Historical Museum!**

*Finding Frémont: Pathfinder of the West* completed its 12-month exhibition at the Nevada State Museum (NSM) in February. Having been viewed by 42,442 visitors, it was one of the most successful exhibits ever hosted at NSM. It is our turn and you, our membership, are invited to see the exhibit first!

Join us on Thursday, April 30 at 5:30 for our Donor and Member Only opening ceremony. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served while they last. This is a chance for our membership to celebrate our partnership with Nevada State Museum and this wonderful new exhibit. Please R.S.V.P. by April 24.

For a more in-depth exhibit experience, join us for a special fundraiser on Friday, May 1. *Museum Nights: Finding Frémont* is a chance to explore the exhibit with its two principle curators: Loren Irving and Eugene Hattori, Curator of Anthropology, Nevada State Museum. Hearty hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided as we explore the six years' worth of research and our own exploration to produce this great exhibit. Cost for the fundraiser is \$25/person or \$45/couple.

We couldn't be prouder of this exhibit and our partnership with the Nevada State Museum. The board of directors and staff look forward to sharing it with you, our membership.



*The Drake Park cannon overlooking the Deschutes River. Originally thought to be German, it ended up being made in the U.S.*

## Drake Park Cannon Scrapped for the War Effort

**Old-time Bendites still remember the cannon that once stood in Drake Park overlooking the Deschutes River. But in 1942 the old relic was scrapped to supply the war industry with metal.**

As World War II gripped the United States, food rations and scrap drives became increasingly common. The focus was to make sure that the “boys over there” had everything they needed.

Steel, tin, rubber and other precious or semi-precious materials were needed to keep up the production. But only a short year after the U.S. declared war against the Axis, the industry was running out of raw material.

The solution was a call to communities all over the U.S. to start collecting metal. Deschutes County was no exception, and the citizens of Central Oregon suddenly became contributors to the war effort. After all, who didn’t have an old frying pan or a junk car in the backyard that wasn’t used?

The Drake Park cannon had been a fixture of Drake Park since the early 1920s. The American Legion obtained the cannon for the city and for a while, it was placed in front of the Bend High gymnasium.

Finally on Armistice Day 1923, the members of the legion wrestled the cannon to its place in Drake Park and presented it to the city. In 1924, the city decided to improve the site and poured an 8’ x 16’ cement foundation with posts and a heavy chain all around to display the old war relic. But by 1942, the old cannon had seen its fair share of weathering.

There was also rumor that made the cannon a focal point – it was said to be a German field piece. It made poetic justice to melt down the cannon for scrap and have the metal used for the fight against the Axis.

Even though the American Legion acquired the gun, the organization didn’t have ownership of the gun. However, the Bulletin made it clear that the WWI veterans should decide if the cannon was going to be sent off to the scrap yard.

Shortly before the vote in early October 1942, it was discovered that the cannon was actually made in the U.S. The following information was stamped on the muzzle: “D.S.G. & Am. Co. Derby, Ct. 1902. 845 Lbs. No. 52 W.S.P. Insp.”

The legionnaires of the Percy A. Stevens post, No. 4 voted to scrap the cannon on October 2, 1942, and five days later the city commission approved the decision. The following day the field piece was transported to the scrap heap on Bond Street.

That could have been the end of the story, but in April 1943, the Bulletin editorial writer noted the following:

*“It seemed a patriotic thing to send the Drake Park cannon to war. [...] Many tons of scrap accumulated on this dump pile, which eventually was disposed of, for sorting and shipping to a local dealer.”*

*There was a quantity of it, however, that did not go to the steel mills, that did not go to war. Some of it was quite unfit for the purpose. Some that was eminently fit was disposed of to individuals for private use. Included in this category was the barrel of the Drake Park cannon and its heavy brass mounting.*

*In recent days reports have been heard that [the cannon] was not shipped. Confirmation was given yesterday when a piece of the barrel re-appeared on the dump lot, apparently left there some time Thursday night.”*

– Tor Hanson

# In Memoriam – Bruce Waterman White

**Bruce W. White, 59, attorney at law, passed away peacefully March 15, 2015, with his wife, Catharine Tilton White, and family at his side.**

Born Jan. 11, 1956, in Ashland, Ky., raised in Camden, Maine and a 1974 graduate of Camden-Rockport High School, Bruce attended Tufts University, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He later traveled west and received his J.D. from the University of Oregon. He spent his entire professional life in Bend, Oregon, a community and an environment that he loved dearly.

Bruce leaves his beloved Cathy and is survived by his parents, Dr. Henry O. and Marian R. White, of Rockland; and siblings, Stephen and his wife, Maggie, of Stonington, Conn.; Jonathan and his wife, Jen, of Carmel, Calif.; Sarah Waltz and her husband, Ken, of South Thomaston; and nephews Brandon, Parker, Spencer and Nathan; and niece, Baker. He is also survived by his in-laws, David and Mary Tilton, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; his brothers-in-law, Peter and Mike and his wife, Cecy; and his sister-in-law, Jenny Tansey; and nieces and nephews.

Bruce was passionate about many things in life beginning with sailing. It is safe to say that his love and care for the environment found its genesis on Penobscot Bay, where he and his immediate family and his best friends sailed every summer. He excelled at navigation, including using celestial navigation while sailing and racing on the Maine coast, including numerous Monhegan Island Races on the sloop Kolibri. Even while in Bend, a high desert climate, Bruce found a way to be on the ocean on either the East or West coast.

His life in Bend was in many ways defined by his love of the outdoors, and his personal interests diversified further to include cross-country skiing, hiking and fly fishing. Music was a focal point in Bruce's life, joyfully singing in the Congregational Church choir in Maine, and the Cascade Chorale in Bend. He also excelled at playing the piano, harpsichord, and the organ. Bruce was well read and loved the art of legal writing and editing, including working as a copy editor at International Marine Publishing in Camden before attending law school.

He was an active community member throughout his adult life being voted to the Camden Area School

Board in 1980 and serving on several boards and task force groups throughout his career. His love for civics and politics played an active role in his engagement in local and national politics.

Bruce's law career had a profoundly positive impact on Bend, as he was a constant champion for the community, believing strongly in the need to build and develop the community smartly. His work at Deschutes County, including testifying before Congress on the State of Oregon's Scenic Waterways for the Deschutes River. Later his private law practice sought a land-use system that was fair to landowners, but which protected the natural resources and quality of life that are vital to those local communities for today and tomorrow.

Always an active community volunteer, Bruce mentored local students through The Classroom Law Project and was a co-founder and longtime board member of the Deschutes Land Trust. Bruce worked with county planners to help form Bend's first National Register Historic District, the Old Town Historic District, where he owned a historic house.

As a member of the Deschutes County Historical Society's board of directors since 2009, he was proud

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**Bruce Waterman White – Jan. 11, 1956 - March 15, 2015**

# Local News Items

## Welcome New Members

Tom Calderwood  
Lee & Peggy Fischer  
Martin & Robin Gyorgyfalvy  
David & Diane Holmes  
Lois Jeffrey  
Floyd Leithhauser  
John Magee  
Lincoln Mayer  
Don & Fran Pritchett



## Pilot Butte Inn Guest Book

The staff at the Deschutes Historical Museum is always thankful when pieces of Bend's history are re-discovered.

Not to long ago, the boar's head, that was once was a part of the Pilot Butte Inn, was donated to the museum. It is currently on display on the second floor with other memorabilia from the Inn.

There is still Bend history waiting to be re-discovered. One of those items is also a piece of Pilot Butte Inn history; the guest book. Please let us know if you know the whereabouts of the book. We can't wait to showcase it at the museum.

## Membership Renewal Available Through Paypal

You can renew your membership dues or donate directly from the Deschutes Historical Museum website.

Visit the Donate/Join page and click the Donate button at [www.deschuteshistory.org](http://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!

## DCHS Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Email is needed to receive our monthly newsletter The Homesteader.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual - \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Family - \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Donor - \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Business - \$40 or \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Patron - \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Benefactor - \$500

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

Want to renew your membership by mail?

Make check payable and mail to:

DCHS, 129 NW Idaho Ave,  
Bend, Oregon 97701



# Ray Hatton: Geographer of Central Oregon

Professor Raymond R. “Ray” Hatton, Ph.D., who taught geography at Central Oregon Community College from 1969 to 1993, taught us all so much about the part of Oregon we call home that, in a book review, I dubbed him “the Geographer of Central Oregon.” A member of the Deschutes County Historical Society, he richly deserved that title for all he did to advance our knowledge and understanding of our region. Ray died on March 4 at age 83.

Born in Lichfield, Staffordshire, England, in February 1932, Ray was awarded a track scholarship at the University of Idaho in 1956 where he earned a bachelor’s of science degree in education in 1960. He taught high school in Sacramento County, California, while he earned a master’s of education degree at Idaho and a master’s of arts degree in geography at the University of Oregon. His master’s thesis, “The Impact of Tourism in Central Oregon,” acquainted him with the region in which he would live and make his mark.

Ray joined the Central Oregon Community College faculty in 1969 where he taught geography and researched and wrote about Central Oregon geography. His focus on the region resulted in several books, among them *Bend Country Weather and Climate* in 1973, *High Desert of Central Oregon* in 1977, *Bend in Central Oregon* in 1978, *High Country of Central Oregon* in 1980, *Pioneer Homesteaders of the Fort Rock Valley* in 1982, *Sisters Country Weather and Climate* in 1994, and *Oregon’s Sisters Country* in 1996. In a unique field course “Geography 198: Central Oregon on Foot,” he passed on his passion



*Professor Ray Hatton pointed to Lichfield, Staffordshire, his birthplace in England, on a map of Europe.*

*Photo: Courtesy of COCC.*

for the region and its story to hundreds of fortunate students. Ray earned a University of Oregon doctorate degree in geography in 1989.

Ray earned that University of Idaho track scholarship. He became a competitive long-distance runner as a youth and represented England in the International Cross Country Championships at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1952. At the University of Idaho, he ran varsity track and cross country. He later won several U.S. Masters championships and held age group track records. His other interests included cross-country skiing, hiking, climbing, and his family. Ray is survived by his wife, Sylvia, and adult children Peter and Janice.

– Les Joslin



## Teddy Roosevelt Visits Bend on April 30

“*Teddy Roosevelt’s Oregon Roadshow*,” a live performance by historical recreator Joe Wiegand, will visit Bend for a special event hosted by the Deschutes County Historical Society at 11:30 a.m. on April 30 as part of a week-long tour of schools and museums sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and Wells Fargo.

The performance will take place at the Deschutes Public Library, Downtown Bend Branch, 601 NW Wall Street, Bend and the event is free and open to the public.

Learn more about the Deschutes County Historical Society at [www.deschuteshistory.org](http://www.deschuteshistory.org).

## In Memoriam – Bruce W. White

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to become president of the board in 2014 and oversee the start of renovations at the Des Chutes Historical Museum. Bruce's personal interest in genealogy led him to become highly engaged with the Bend Genealogical Society and to weave together his family's fascinating past.

A private funeral service will be held. A memorial service to celebrate Bruce's life will be held in Bend May 2 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 230 NE Ninth St., and a reception for all will follow. Additionally, a memorial service will be held in Maine at a later date.

## Memorial Contributions

### Kay Thompson

*Lisa Smith*

### Jens Andersen

*Evan Dickens*

### Bruce White

*William Perkins*

## Mark Your Calendars

### April

- 11 Final day of Pet Tales Exhibit**
- 21 Volunteer meeting: Walking Tour**  
Deschutes Historical Museum,  
Old Classroom at noon - 1 p.m.
- 28 History Pub: Beyond Bend's Bungalows**  
*Presented by Heidi Slaybaugh*  
McMenamins Old St. Francis Father Luke  
Room 7 p.m., doors at 5:30 p.m.
- 30 Teddy Roosevelt's Oregon Roadshow**  
Deschutes Public Library, Downtown Bend  
Branch, 601 NW Wall Street, Bend  
at 11:30 a.m.
- 30 Finding Frémont: Opening Ceremony,  
DCHS members and donors.**  
Opening ceremony at 6 p.m.  
Doors at 5:30 p.m.

### May

- 1 Museum Nights: Finding Frémont**  
Fundraiser, 6 p.m.
- 19 Volunteer meeting: Historic Preservation  
with Heidi Kennedy**  
Deschutes Historical Museum,  
Old Classroom at noon - 1 p.m.
- 26 History Pub: Pioneer Cemeteries of  
Deschutes County**  
*Presented by Pat Kliever*  
McMenamins Old St. Francis Father Luke  
Room 7 p.m., doors at 5:30 p.m.

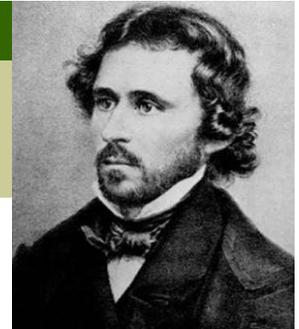
### DESCHUTES HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Opening Ceremony  
DCHS Members and Donors**  
Thursday, April 30, 2015  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.  
Opening ceremony at 6:00 p.m.

*Join us for a FREE members only  
exhibit viewing and opening reception*

*with honored guests Loren Irving, photographer  
and Eugene Hattori, Curator of Anthropology,  
Nevada State Museum*

*RSVP by Friday, April 24, 2015*



**Many thanks:**  
Nevada State Museum, exhibit partner

**Funding partners:**  
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Nevada Bureau of Land Management  
Oregon Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Department of the Interior

## 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.

- Safer Community
- Peace of Mind
- Saves You Money (\$372 Fine)
- It's Easy & Convenient!

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.

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