



History Mystery Challenge

Please accept the "History Mystery Challenge. Help us identify the people in this photo from June 1938.

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Annual Meeting in Pictures

If you didn't get a chance to attend the Annual Membership meeting at the Pine Forest Grange Hall last month, here's a quick recap.

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The Homesteader

Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter for March 2016

City of Bend Announces New Restoration Grant Program

Own a property that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places? Either individually or in one of Bend's historic districts? Any chance you have a restoration project in mind for your property?

Think about the possibilities and consider taking on a restoration project. We are happy to announce the City of Bend's new restoration grant program.

The City of Bend has received a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to assist property owners with needed historic restorations. The Bend Landmarks Commission's restoration grant program will make these funds available to property owners of designated historic properties

desiring to make exterior rehabilitation or restoration improvements.

Properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or contributing to a historic district, are eligible.

Projects may receive 50% of the project cost up to a maximum of \$3,000 in grant funds, whichever is the lesser amount.

Visit bendoregon.gov/restoration or contact Heidi Kennedy at hkennedy@bendoregon.gov or 541.617.4524 for more details on this exciting new program available to assist property owners with certain needed historic restorations.

Projects must be completed by August 15, 2016.



**Friday,
March 11,
2016
at 5 p.m.**

Winter Comes: Opening Ceremony for DCHS Members and Donors

Explore the ancient origins of Nordic skiing and how Scandinavian immigrants to Oregon in the 19th and 20th century introduced ski culture of "Friluftsliv" to Oregon.

The Deschutes Historical Museum's much anticipated exhibit, *Winter Comes: Oregon's Nordic Ski Exhibit* will open that evening, along with our donor thank you event. As a member, you get the opportunity to see the exhibit before the general public.

Please join us for the opening ceremony to thank our funders and donors, as well as rub elbows with honored guests. Enjoy a complimentary sampling of traditional Scandinavian appetizers, plus beverages. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with our program beginning at 6:00.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 8 – 541.389.1913 or info@deschuteshistory.org.

HELP US SOLVE THE MYSTERY – WHO’S WHO?



A group of Bendites are lounging in the front yard along Congress Street. The only thing we about of the photo is a scribbled date on the back, June 1938. Do you recognize any of the people in the picture? Please help us solve the mystery.

The photo above is dated June, 1938. It is a timeless scene in Bend, capturing a group of Bendites lounging in the front yard of either 323 or 325 Congress Street after returning from an outing in the mountains. A collie dog frisks with a gaiter-clad woman on the ground while her friends look on in amusement.

The location of this photo was confirmed by Tor Hanson of DCHS by comparing the houses in the background with modern photos. The big mystery is, who are the subjects in the photo? Possible hints to the identity of some of the subjects in this photo are the owners of 323 or 325 Congress in 1938. Deed indexes show that 323 Congress

was owned C.L. and Ella M. Simpson and 325 was owned by Jephtha E. Smith.

The photo was taken by Jarvis Gould, who at that time was a 23 year old medical student at the University of Oregon. He was the son of county surveyor Robert B. Gould and the older brother of Philip Gould.

If you recognize any of the individuals in this photo, please contact Tor Hanson at info@deschuteshistory.org. If you know the whereabouts of any of the cars in the background, please contact Mike Berry.

– Mike Berry



Deschutes Historical Museum

129 NW Idaho Avenue, Bend
Open Tuesdays-Saturdays
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
541.389.1813

Museum Staff:

Kelly Cannon-Miller, Executive Director
Vanessa Ivey, Museum Manager
Shey Hyatt, Registrar
Linda Orcelletto, Development Manager
Tor Hanson, Homesteader Editor

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2016 DCHS Board of Directors:

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Beau Eastes, Greg Fulton, Karen Green,
Robin Gyorgyfalvy, Tor Hanson, Loren Irving,
Heidi Kennedy, Courtney Lupton-Turner,
Bill Olsen, and Susie Penhollow

Complete minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors are on file with the Museum office.

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2016 Annual Meeting: Members in the Crowd



Left to right: Museum Director Kelly Cannon-Miller oversaw the festivities at the Pine Grange, Cannon-Miller also provided an entertaining look at the museum's activities for 2015 together with board president, Nate Pederson.

The Pine Forest Grange was filled with laughter and reminiscing at the Annual Meeting of the Membership meeting. Deschutes County Historical Society members were treated to an overview of the society's activities for 2015, as well as the plans for the upcoming year.

The membership also enthusiastically re-elected Marsha Stout, Susie Penhollow and Nate Pedersen for another three-year term on the board of directors.

Professional land surveyor and Mike Berry and Beau Eastes, copywriter with BendBroadband – both raving history enthusiasts – were elected as new members on the board.

With snow appropriately falling lightly outside the doors, board member Tor Hanson reprised his November 2015 Pub Talk about Nordic ski racer Emil Nordeen, the winner of the Ft. Klamath-Crater Lake ski race in 1929 and 1930.



Left to right: Karen Green and Shay Hyatt serve food at the Annual Membership meeting. Board members Marsha Stout and Beau Eastes chat over a cup of coffee. Chef extraordinaire, Paula Simila, was honored with a special birthday cake. Loren Irving and Jim Fairchild catch up.



Les Joslin and Medal of Honor recipient Bob Maxwell

Author Talk: Joslin Presents Legendary Locals

Legendary Locals author Les Joslin entertained a full auditorium at Deschutes Historical Museum on February 6. The audience included several ‘legendary locals,’ among them Medal of Honor recipient Bob Maxwell.

Les Joslin’s latest book, *Legendary Locals*, is a look at the many men and women that left an indelible mark on Bend. Joslin readily admits that the book is not big enough to cover all well-deserved locals in the history of Bend.

“There are many more fascinating people of ‘*Legendary Locals*’ in Bend’s story that could possibly be included in a 128-page book,” says Joslin.

Almost a year in the making, *Legendary Locals of Bend* was recently released by Arcadia Publishing. More than 150 Bend locals are covered in the book.

According to Joslin, the selection process of who to pick was a tough choice.

“It is [hard] to make decisions regarding whom to include while at the same time achieving diversity in gender, ethnicity, walks of life, and contributions to specific aspects and eras of our city’s story.”

Among the noteworthy attendants in the audience were several locals included in the book: Leon Deveraux, Ray Solley, Dick Tobiason, Ruth Burleigh, Jim Crowell, Dr. Jim Delp, Molly Johnson, Jon Stewart, and Bob Maxwell.

“Mr. Bob Maxwell, Oregon’s only, and the United States’ oldest surviving Medal of Honor winner, was pleased but certainly not surprised to have been included. He, and quite a few others, are among those anyone who authored such a book would absolutely have to include,” says Joslin.

Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program

Will you be the first Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program family from Deschutes County? As the county celebrates its first century, let’s celebrate a century-old family farm, too.

Century farms and ranches celebrate the rich tapestry of Oregon agriculture and the connection between generations of families working the same land. They serve as a time capsule; which the program preserves for future generations to research and enjoy. Families from counties large and small, in population and in area size, have joined the Century Farm and Ranch program.

The program has been showcasing Oregon agriculture since 1958. The oldest farm associated with the program began in 1840, and many others predate statehood.

You might have seen the signs touting Oregon century farms while traveling the state. There are 1,175 Century families and 33 Sesquicentennial families who come from 35 of Oregon’s counties, which leaves us one county short – Deschutes, the only county without a Century Farm.

In 2015, 11 Century families were added to the program: three from Linn County, two from Klamath County, two from Marion County, one from Polk County, one from Sherman County one from Union County and one from Washington County. Five families joined our

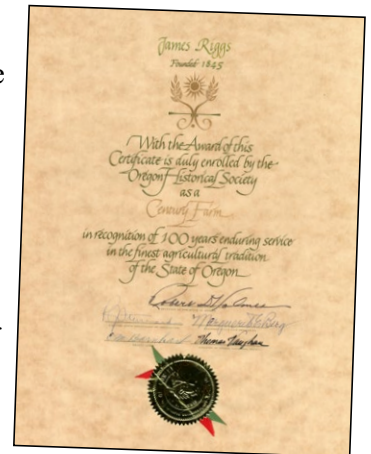
sesquicentennial group: three from Umatilla County, and one each from Washington and Coos counties.

If you think your property might qualify as a century or sesquicentennial farm or ranch, we would love to hear from you.

Applications are being accepted for the 2016 award

year for the program. The deadline is May 1. Successful applicants get a certificate signed by the governor and the director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture as well as the distinctive roadside Oregon Century Farm and Ranch sign at an awards ceremony Aug. 27 at the Oregon State Fair.

For information about what is needed to apply and how to support the Century Farm and Ranch Program, go to oregonfb.org/centuryfarm or contact Andréa Kuenzi at (503) 400-7884 or cfr@oregonfb.org.



– Andy Zimmerman

Local News Items

“A Road Suited to the Times”: The Columbia River Highway at 100

Join us for program celebrating the 100th anniversary of the building of the Columbia River Highway. Modeled after the great scenic highways in Europe, in 1916 two dedication ceremonies took place commemorating the completion of the highway between Hood River and Portland.

Using original hand colored lantern slides from the John Yeon Slide collection at the Oregon Historical Society – projected using a 1940 Bausch & Lomb projector - we take a closer look at one of the greatest roadway projects of modern times. This program – including original narration – was produced in partnership with Doug Kenck-Crispin.

April 8th, 6:00pm

Deschutes Historical Museum

129 NW Idaho Ave, Bend,

FREE and open to the public



Fremont now at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center



Top left: John C. Frémont is looking out over the crowd. Left to right: Sam Woolsley, Past Chair of the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council; Carolyn Purcell, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center museum director; and Loren Irving, DCHS board member.

Our exhibit “Finding Frémont, Pathfinder of the West” that we enjoyed here in Bend is now in place and open to the public in a terrific setting at the Discovery Center. I was asked to help with the opening for members and donors on Friday evening February 19 in The Dalles.

A good showing of folks attended a dinner and then I presented the story of John C. Frémont in Oregon and Nevada. The period after the presentation is always interesting and one of the audience members indicated she was a Great Granddaughter of Jesse Applegate, who Frémont met on the trail.

A member of the Frémont Cannon Recovery Team, Bill Cossit, traveled from Nevada to attend the opening and was the presenter on Saturday to an enthusiastic audience.

The museum director Carolyn Purcell and her staff did a fine job of installing the exhibit. Our own Kelly Cannon-Miller assisted but was unable to attend the opening due to the DCHS annual meeting.

Again, it was much fun and an honor to be involved.

I encourage you to visit our friend, John C. Frémont when you are in The Dalles.

– Loren Irving



Bodeene Amyot Joins Museum as Digital Archives Intern

The Deschutes Historical Museum is pleased to announce that volunteer Bodeene Amyot has joined the staff for an official one-year internship as part of her studies in archives and collections management.

Bodeene is presently pursuing the SAA's Digital Archives Specialist certificate as well as the University of Victoria's Collection Management certificate.

The focus of her internship is the digitization of the Deschutes County Historic Preservation Files, which are added to the online property records for Deschutes County. She also manages the museum's online photo collection.

Bodeene springs from Ottawa where she received a BA in History and Graduate Diploma in Documentary Production. For seven years she worked at a living history museum that

depicts life in the 19th century in Upper Canada along the St. Lawrence River. She moved to Bend from Portland in 2014.

Bodeene is an avid photographer and has photographed collections at the Nepean Museum in Ottawa. She also restores old photographs, crafts short films and will be working on some video shorts for the museum.

— Kelly Cannon-Miller

Welcome New Members

Susan Agli

Jeff Cool

Lisa Lee

Carla Gullickson

Frank Roberson

Mark Your Calendars

MARCH

- 11 WINTER COMES: OPENING CEREMONY**
DCHS Members and Donors
Deschutes Historical Museum
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Opening ceremony at 6:00 p.m.
Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 8
- 15 VOLUNTEER MEETING**
Winter Comes co-curator, Tor Hanson takes us on a trip through 10,000 years of Nordic skiing history.
Deschutes Historical Museum
12:00 p.m.
- 29 HISTORY PUB: COWGIRLS AND RANCH WOMEN**
Presented by Lynne Richardson
McMenamins Old St. Francis
Father Luke Room, 7 p.m., doors at 5:30 p.m.

McMENAMINS OLD ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL
HISTORY PUB NIGHT

COWGIRLS and RANCH WOMEN

PIONEERS PUSHING GENDER BOUNDARIES

Kitty Canutt, professional bronc rider and All-Around Champion Cowgirl at the 1916 Pendleton Round-up.

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Presented by **Lynne Richardson**
Executive director of Deepwood Museum & Gardens

Cowgirls appeared on the American frontier in the mid-1800s. During a time when women were expected to act ladylike, sew, serve tea in the parlor, and care for their husbands and families, cowgirls lived on the fringes of society working stock alongside the cowboys and were determined and spirited pioneers.

7 p.m. • Doors at 5:30 p.m. • Free • All ages welcome

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An Exciting Genealogy Event is Coming to Bend!

Bend Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar

Featuring

Lisa Louise Cooke

International Genealogy
Speaker and Teacher



**On Saturday
April 23**

Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of **Genealogy Gems**, a family history multi-media company. She hosts the **Genealogy Gems Podcast**, an online audio show that recently celebrated 1.5 million downloads!

Lisa's Presentations at the Seminar

- 1) Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers
- 2) Genealogy Podcasts 101
- 3) Time Travel with Google Earth
- 4) Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of the Non-Genealogists in Your Family

2016 Genealogy Seminar

**Saturday
April 23**

**9:00 am
To
4:00 pm**

**At the
Bend Golf
& Country Club**

Registration is Required

Deadline – April 19

\$50 BGS members
\$65 non-BGS members

Registration Includes:

- Saturday Seminar
- Seminar Syllabus
- Choice of Luncheon Salad
- Coffee/tea all day

Seating is limited for this premier event.

Register Today!



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The registration form and a flyer with all the details
are posted on the BGS web site:

www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs

Questions? E-mail BGS: **bgs@bendbroadband.com**

Or Call BGS: **(541) 317-9553**



Bend Genealogical Society

Monthly General Meeting
Public Welcomed to all activities

When: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – 10:00 am – Noon

What: **Doing Research the Right Way:**
Genealogy Best Practices



Presented by
Nancy Noble

Where: Williamson Hall at Rock Arbor Villa
2200 NE Hwy 20, Bend (Behind Chevron/Jake's Diner)

Other Resources/Activities:

Genealogical Research Library .. Come check us out!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 1:30 - 5:00 pm

Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 - 1:30 pm

Hands-On Genealogy Mentoring .. March 1st 10am-Noon

Information available on our website or call BGS Library for more information

Writer's Group meets 4th Tuesday each month 2 - 3:30pm

For Genealogy Researchers: working to write together.

Spring Seminar – April 23rd 8:30 -3:00 Lisa Louise Cook

Of Genealogy Gems will be our speaker. Information on our website or call BGS Library

Questions??? Call BGS at 541-317-9553

Or check out our website: www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs