John C. Fremont Presentation August 28

Alastair Jaques who has previously entertained us with his theatrical performance of Edgar Allan Poe returns to Bend to present John C. Fremont. This one man performance brings the young explorer to life just after his first and second expeditions to the West in 1842-43 brought him international fame. The program is free and takes place on the lawn of the Des Chutes Historical Museum at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 28. The program is made possible by a generous grant from the Bureau of Land Management.

Author Afternoon in August Features Sue Fountain

Our Author Afternoon series continues in August with Sue Fountain, author of her memoir of growing up in Bend in the 50s and 60s entitled Too Cold To Snow. Pack a brown bag lunch and join us for this free event in the Old Classroom at the Des Chutes Historical Museum from 1:00—2:00 pm. Next month the Author Afternoon series continues with Linda Orcelletto, author of Tall Tales and Outright Lies of Iconic Pilot Butte.

“What If Heroes Were Not Welcome Home?” Opens September 9

This September, the Des Chutes Historical Museum is proud to host the Oregon Historical Society’s traveling exhibit, What If Heroes Were Not Welcome Home? Curated by Linda Tamura and Marsha Matthews, the exhibit chronicles the experiences of World War II Japanese-American veterans upon their return home to Hood River, Oregon. While they served heroically in the South Pacific and Europe, back home their families had been removed to concentration camps. The exhibit uses first-hand accounts, photos, letters, and historical documents to enable visitors to connect to this important piece of wartime history.
DCHS History Detectives at their Best
By Vanessa Ivey

Have you ever watched History Detectives on Tuesday nights on PBS? Someone with an object they would like to learn more about is assigned to an investigator to discover the answer. At the Deschutes County Historical Society we have our own history investigators and recently a quest was presented to us.

Lanny Jones brought some photos of a before/after project he'd been working on over the past twelve months. Last August at the DCHS yard sale he purchased a dresser. It needed some work so Lanny stripped it down and refinished the piece of furniture (see before and after pictures).

During the process he found written notations on the wood; THOMPSON, #31 and BEND. He explained that a towel was hung to the right of the mirror and the wash basin sat on the short stack of drawers with the chamber pot inside the lower right cabinet.

In History Detectives fashion we asked, "What would you like us to find out?" Lanny answered, "Who is Thompson and how does this dresser figure into Bend's past?"

DCHS volunteer George Shackelford and I took on the assignment and here’s what we discovered.

In August 1910 Edgar M. Thompson had arrived from Minneapolis, Minnesota with his family, purchasing 40 acres east of town. He is reported to have built a "handsome bungalow" near W.R. Scott’s place.

Thompson arrived in Bend with the intention of opening a furniture and music store with business partner L.D. Kennedy, also from Minneapolis. Although the furniture line was originally larger than their music stock the plan was to exclusively sell musical instruments as soon as possible.

After several delays the first music house in Central Oregon finally opened in April 1911, in the new addition of the Johnson Building. Early advertisements listed dressers as part of their fine line of Oregon-made King Craft Furniture on display at the Wall Street business. A month later Mr. Kennedy left for Vancouver, British Columbia where he would join the establishment of Mason & Rich Piano Company. Thompson bought Kennedy’s interest in the company and went on to be a successful businessman in Bend.

When J.H. Bean’s new stone building was completed a year later Thompson moved his store across the street into the larger downstairs showroom. Thompson’s furniture was often offered as prizes in joint business promotions, and during the holidays the Methodist Ladies Aid would hold their annual Christmas bazaar in his store.

In 1916 Thompson moved his business into his very own building, seen below. The Thompson Building not only housed the store and inventory, but also his family as the second floor had both office space and living quarters. However something happened and by the end of October of 1917 the Bend Bulletin reported Thompson selling the building, store and entire inventory to D.G. McPherson, proprietor of the Bend Furniture Company, and his Park Addition property to Joe Dawson. It is believed that the Thompsons moved to California.

Although we were unable to find any information about Lanny’s particular dresser, Edgar Thompson’s furniture could be found in homes and hotels throughout Bend. According to the society pages of the Bulletin, Hugh O’Kane purchased from Thompson a "handsome set of quartersawed oak and leather upholstered furniture to be placed in the hotel parlor and lobby."

Maybe you have a piece in your collection.
Edward Gray Books Now Available

Local publishing house Agincourt Research Service has recently acquired the rights to republish several books by Edward Gray, noted Oregon author and local historian. The Deschutes County Historical Society is pleased to announce they have two of these books for sale in their museum bookstore.

An Illustrated History of Early Northern Klamath County Oregon
Member price: $35.00
Non-Member: $38.95
An Illustrated History is a very detailed history of north Klamath County prior to the founding of Gilchrist and has numerous maps and photographs.

Life and Death of Oregon “Cattle King” Peter French 1849-1897
Member Price: $14.35
Non-Member: $15.95
Peter French operated the largest known cattle ranch in southeast Oregon, making his way to this region in 1872 with 1200 head of cattle. This is the story of Peter French, The French-Glen Livestock Company and how his impact shaped this area and can still be felt today.

New DCHS Website Launched August 1st

We are pleased to announce that our website has been updated with a fresh new look. The website offers greater flexibility for online memberships, donations, store sales, and by the end of the year will even include collections database searches! Grants from the Deschutes Cultural Coalition and the Deschutes County Community Grant Fund funded the website design by Elise Michaels Media.

Little Woody Festival on DCHS Museum Grounds

The Little Woody Barrel Aged Beer and Whiskey Festival will celebrate craft wood-aged beers from across the Northwest, along with small-batch American rye whiskeys and bourbons, during the sixth annual festival August 29 and 30, 2014.

The Little Woody takes place on the lawns of the Des Chutes Historical Museum and a portion of the proceeds benefit the Museum’s education programs and exhibits.

To commemorate one of Central Oregon’s hallmarks—craft beer—and lend a nod to the historic techniques used by brewers with oaken casks, The Little Woody features small-batch beers aged in wood barrels by top Northwest breweries including Deschutes Brewery, Ninkasi Brewing, GoodLife Brewing, 10 Barrel Brewing, New Belgium Brewing and more. For a full line-up of featured brews visit www.woodybeer.com/little/breweries-and brews

Ben Shirley, brewer at 10 Barrel Brewing in Bend, said, “The Little Woody has the most rare and exclusive barrel-aged beers under one umbrella.”

The 2014 Little Woody will also feature a tasting of small-batch American rye whiskeys and bourbons, live music, local food vendors.

Entry to the festival is $8 with a commemorative tasting glass. A tasting package is $16 and includes a glass and ten tasting tokens. When purchased individually, tokens are $1 each and tastes cost 2-5 tokens each.

Memorials

Vernicia Magness
Lee Ann Bjorklund
Sharon Lechevallier
M. Hope Burns
Oma Sage
The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation
Heritage Walks: We recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes and bringing water. Don’t forget your camera.

“The Early Days of Bend”
Travel back to when the river was wild, the Ponderosa Pines were plentiful and Bend the Beautiful was a town in the making. Learn about early Bend through the stories of six “Bend-ites” and how these residents helped transform a young hamlet into a booming town.
Tour leaves Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Runs 1 hour
Price: $5
Starts at the Museum (Reid School) and ends at Lone Crow Bungalow on Wall Street.
Length: Less than a mile traveling through old neighborhoods and parkways. The ground can be uneven at times and is not recommended for wheelchairs.

“Reflections of History: Architectural Styles of A Neighborhood”
Stroll through Drake Park Neighborhood Historic District and take a step back in time when walking was the thing to do and neighborhoods were all about proximity. The tour will introduce a few of the architectural styles represented, sharing history of a changing community.
Tour leaves Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
Runs 1.5 hours
Price: $5
Begins and ends at the Museum (Reid School).
Length: One mile traveling through old neighborhoods. Pavement can be uneven at times. Not recommended for wheelchairs.

History Talks at the Museum: Wednesdays through Fridays at 1:00 or 2:00. Talks are approximately 20 minutes and museum tour is approximately 60 minutes. All are free w/ your museum admission. Schedule varies, please call for daily talk topic.

How a Rock Rewrote History
In 1979 a couple of guys out fishing discovered a large chunk of lava tuff rock lodged between a pair of junipers trees. Carved into the rock were the numbers 1813 along with several initials. Learn how this 200-year-old graffiti changed a Central Oregon timeline.

Happy Birthday Reid School!
Reid School is celebrating its 100th Birthday this year. Learn the history of this mighty modern school of 1914 and the role it continues to play in education today.

Guided Museum Tour
Go back in time with one of our docents, and discover the richness of Deschutes Country’s past. Your host will share stories of this beautiful high desert area. Tour space is limited. Allow 45 minutes – 1 hour.

For more information contact the Des Chutes Historical Museum, 541-389-1813 Or check out their website www.deschuteshistory.org
Happy Anniversary!
Please join us for another year of membership:

Doris Drost Bennett
Dianne Bernert
Steve Burgess
Colleen Carlon
Earl Clausen
Wally & Mary Cronkhite
Phoebe DeGree
Herbert Dix
Dick & Susan Dolan
Ruth & Dennis Douglass
Betty Drullinger
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Email is needed to receive our monthly newsletter The Homesteader.

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Additional Contribution*: $________ Total enclosed: $________

If your name appears above, your membership renewal is now due.
Changes to your mailing information can be made on this form.

Make check payable and mail to:

DCHS, 129 NW Idaho Ave, Bend, Oregon 97701

Want to volunteer? Let us know!
History Pub: Your Grandmother’s Cookbook

As Oregonians expand their patronage of farmers’ markets, invest in heirloom vegetable seeds and seek out locally-sourced restaurant meals, they are also connecting with the foods and recipes that sustained those who lived here a century ago. This search has inspired a new field of regional food history—of Oregon foodways—to examine questions about what we ate, how we prepared it, and what has changed.

Historical cookbooks are one source for food history, and “Your Grandmother’s Cook Book” uses them, along with other elusive evidence such as menus and promotional leaflets, to help trace the path of Oregon foodways from the railroad era of the 1880s into the late twentieth century. Hear about oyster stew in Klamath Falls, cherry salad in Salem, 657 potato recipes from Powell Butte, and shrimp loius in Portland during this deliciously illustrated talk.

Richard Engeman is a regional historian and a former archivist and university librarian. A native Oregonian who grew up on the North Coast, he is particularly interested in the region’s transportation and architectural history and in Pacific Northwest foodways. Richard is the author of *The Oregon Companion: an Historical Gazetteer of the Useful, the Curious, and the Arcane*, and *Eating It Up in Eden: the Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Cookbook*.

Doris Kearns Goodwin Ticket Winner

Congratulations to Lori Gleichman, winner of the Doris Kearns Goodwin Lecture Tickets and Heathman Hotel stay in Portland. Thanks to The Heathman Hotel for supporting the Des Chutes Historical Museum and to Board of Director Marsha Stout for arranging the raffle.

Mark Your Calendars:

August

12 Board of Directors Meeting
   5:00 p.m.
15 Author Afternoon: Sue Fountain
   1:00 p.m.
26 History Pub: Your Grandmother’s Cookbook with Richard Engeman
   McMenamins Old St. Francis
   7:00 p.m., doors at 5:30 p.m.
28 Following Fremont: Alastair Jaques
   6:30 p.m.
29-30 Little Woody Brew Festival
   See page 3 for times.

September

19 Author Afternoon: Linda Orcelletto
   1:00 p.m.
30 History Pub: What If Heroes Were Not Welcome Home with Linda Tamura
   McMenamins Old St. Francis
   7:00 p.m., doors at 5:30 p.m.