Watermaster Documentary Premieres at Annual Meeting of the Membership February 21

Members are invited to the annual meeting of the membership and enjoy the premiere 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.

This year’s annual meeting returns to the Pine Forest Grange and lunch catering by Paula Simila! Luncheon starts at 11:30, with lunch served at noon. A brief business meeting will allow us to report on our achievements of 2014 and offer a look at the great projects for 2015.

Cost for the luncheon is $10.00 per person, payable at the door. The Pine Forest Grange is located at 63214 Boyd Acres Road, Bend, approximately 1/4 of a mile north off Empire Avenue. Lunch will offer a choice of beef stew or chicken with wild rice, salad, rolls, and Paula’s divine brownies, strawberries and fresh whipped cream.

Please R.S.V.P by Wednesday, February 18 by calling 541-389-1813 or emailing info@deschuteshistory.org.
**New to the Collections**

New items in the collections of the Deschutes County Historical Society often make the staff giddy, but the past several months have brought a few really special items. Here are two items received in the last several months:

**Object:** Washstand From St. Charles Hospital  
**Donor:** Annette Reinhart

This washstand donated by Annette Reinhart came down through the years from the original brick St. Charles Hospital on the hill, first built in 1921 and replaced in 1951. Lee Reinhart worked in the boiler room at the hospital. The washstand is complete with its water basin and pitcher, as well as a ceramic chamber pot (not pictured).

**Object:** Personal Memento  
**Donor:** James Hertweck

Mr. Hertweck attended an estate sale in Bend last fall and found this treasure. It is a box lid that one eligible bachelorette used during 1938 to record her attendance at several local dances. Her entries for the year include the name of her date; the date of the dance; its location, usually the Hippodrome; the time she went home; and a swatch of fabric from the dress she wore. Her latest time home is 3:23 a.m.!

More than half the entries, Don Parkye is her date.

The inscription on the front side of the box reads

> To my only sister, Loretta (Bahe)  
> From an only sister, Lorene

The message is likely from the box’s original use, but could indicate that the dancing bachelorette in question was named Loretta.

The estate sale took place on S.E. Roosevelt, somewhere along the 100—200 blocks. If anyone knows of a Loretta and Lorene who were sisters and were associated with a house in that area, please let us know and help identify this wonderful memento.
Bend Genealogical Society

Monthly General Meeting
Public Welcome to all activities

When: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 - 10:00 am - Noon

What: DNA and Genealogy Part 2
Using Y, Mt, and Autosomal Testing
To Further Your Family Search

Speaker:

Presented by
Bob Deane and Marsha Lakes

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

Other Resources/Activities:

Genealogical Research Library
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 1:30 - 5:00 pm
Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 - 1:30 pm
Call to confirm that library is open: 541 317-9553

First Tuesday Genealogy Mentoring - February 3rd, 2015
Would you like assistance with your own genealogy questions? Are you just beginning in genealogy? Have that one block wall you can't get past? Sit down with one of our BGS mentor's for one-on-one help. Call for an appointment (preferred or drop-in)

Questions??? Call BGS at 541-317-9553
Or check out our website: www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs
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!

Steve Rewick  
Anne Perce  
Craig Lacy  
Kim Gammond  
Margaret Wyman  
Kim Boddie  
Kathy McCord  
Joyce and Brooke Respess

Thank you for your membership!

Volunteer Meeting February 17

The next volunteer meeting takes place Tuesday February 17 from noon to 1 p.m. All volunteers are welcome to attend.

This month’s meeting will offer training on how to process photography orders and the new photo reproduction ordering process at the front desk. All of the photographs in the Pet Tales exhibit are available for sale and there are now many additional sizes and print types, including stretched canvas.

There will also be basic training on how to access and research the museum’s database for photos, which is helpful for photograph sales as well as with research questions. Thinking about volunteering? Join in to learn more!

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  

Des Chutes Historical Museum
February History Pub:
Oregon Genius: The State’s Nobel Prize Winners

Did you know that the only person to win two separate individual Nobel Prizes is an Oregonian? February’s History Pub delves into the little known topic of Oregon’s high number of Nobel Prize winners. Veteran science writer Thomas Hager explores who these winners are and the history of their work.

History Pub doors are at 5:30 with presentation at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to History Pub, Mr. Hager presents “Feeding the Masses: How to Feed the World without Destroying the Planet” on February 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Bend Library:

With two billion more people expected to join the world population in the next few decades, we are going to face enormous pressure to increase food production. But almost every farmable acre of land on earth is already in production. How can we pull off the seemingly impossible trick of enormously increasing food production without destroying the biosphere? Mr. Hager has spent the past five years studying global hunger and agricultural fertility science, and will review the issue and offer new ideas—and new hope—for a sustainable, sensible agricultural renaissance.

One speaker, two great talks—one looking to the future and one looking at the history of Oregonians who have changed the world and received the world’s highest honors for their work. Mark them both on your calendar!

Bend Still Crazy for “Klondike Kate” Rockwell!

January’s History Pub on the Many Lives of Klondike Kate met with such enthusiasm—approximately 145 people—that a second presentation was hastily added at the Downtown Bend Library where another 85 people attended.

Klondike Souvenir Gifted by Kate to the Bend Fire Department reads “Aunt Kate to My Boys Mush On and Smile”
Saturday Member Movies Returns With “Klondike Kate: Queen of the Gold Rush!”

Come see the movie that Kate Rockwell said had no resemblance to her life whatsoever! Attendees to the History Pub talk learned that while Kate flew to Hollywood and attended meetings on the development of the film based on her life, the end result bore her name but little fact.

Nate Pedersen hosts a members-only screening of the Klondike Kate movie on Saturday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Classroom at the Des Chutes Historical Museum.

Hearty snacks will be provided and drinks sold. Space is limited, please RSVP at 541-389-1813.