



Historic Downtown Redmond Recognized

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World War II on the Home Front

The Day That Will Live in Infamy threw America into World War II. The ensuing battles were fought both abroad and on the home front.

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Successful Chili Feed & Heritage Fair

Thanks to all our members who attended this year's Annual Chili Feed and Heritage Fair! The partnership with Bend Genealogy Society to provide genealogy talks for the Heritage Fair brought new faces to the museum with lots of enthusiasm for history. Thanks to a grant from the Deschutes Cultural Coalition we were able to offer speaker stipends for the Heritage Fair and stretch our marketing dollars further.

The Deschutes County Historical Society would like to take this time to thank everyone who made this year's Chili Feed & Heritage Fair a great success. From the bakers of pies and goodies, those donating raffle items, piano players and all who volunteered their time and support. THANK YOU!

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National Register Recognizes Historic Redmond Downtown



Downtown Redmond is prominently featured in a picture from yesteryear. The area is now officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places, which opens up financial incentives to encourage property owners to preserve or restore buildings within the area.

The City of Redmond’s Downtown Historic District was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places on October 30, 2017. A listing in the National Register provides recognition of a property’s historic significance as well as encourages its preservation.

A purely honorific designation, the distinction opens a variety of fiscal incentives to encourage property owners to preserve buildings within the district or to restore buildings to their original historic character through access to Federal tax credits and State tax benefits and other fiscal programs. The designation does not impose new regulation limiting what downtown property owners can do with their properties beyond what the Redmond Development Code already requires.

“On behalf of the downtown property owners, the Redmond Landmarks Commission, and the citizens of Redmond, this designation is national validation of the incredible collection of historic buildings that comprise downtown and the wonderful public space it creates for all who live and work there. From the original architects and builders of these structures to all of the property owners who have, over time, maintained their buildings to retain the historic integrity to those who simply walk by and appreciate old buildings that tell Redmond’s story, this district will benefit the community socially and economically and help to ensure it remains a special place as the City continues to grow,” said Scott Woodford,

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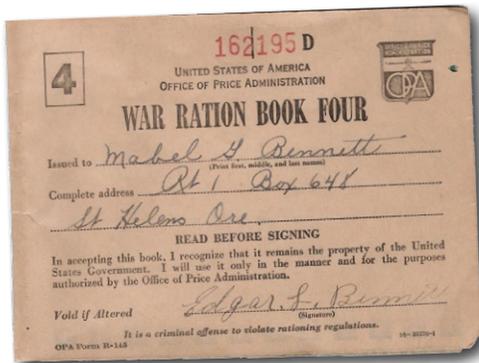
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World War II at Home

by Sue Fountain

I was born in August of 1945, just when the war was ending. By the time I was old enough to know what had happened, the war was something I read about in history books. I heard stories about my Uncle George serving in the Pacific, but my parents didn't really talk about the war years. I had no idea that people in Bend were active in Civilian Defense from 1942-45.

As part of my volunteer job at the Deschutes Historical Museum, I have the pleasure of sorting out files and boxes of archival material. Recently I opened up a box labeled "Civilian Defense" and was amazed at what I found. On top were applications for Oregon Civil Reserves, with separate applications for males and females. There were so many that they were bound into several notebooks. As I flipped through the applications, I began to recognize names of people I remembered from church, the grange, businessmen from downtown Bend, and friends of my parents. My hand stopped instantly on one name: Hugh Fountain. My dad's name! It was dated 1943. At the bottom of the application there was a question that asked how you would like to serve: Police, Fire, First Aid, Aircraft Observer, or Air Raid Warden. My father had checked Air Raid Warden. That was an exciting discovery, and I couldn't wait to share it with my sisters. It turned out that they didn't know anything about this either.



After sorting all the applications into one pile, I dug deeper into the box. I found records of all the Air Raid Wardens in town and names of the Block



Ellen Kjose and an unnamed colleague outside what is more than likely Hotel Altamont on 734 Broadway Street. The picture is taken in 1941. If you have information about Mrs. Kjose, contact Tor Hanson at the Deschutes Historical Museum

Wardens. I was curious what their job was, so I dug a little deeper. During the war years they practiced blackouts in Bend. Each Block Warden was responsible for his area. There were 12 precincts with several wardens in each one. My father was in Precinct 10, and he along with the other wardens were responsible for a complete blackout of their neighborhoods within five minutes after the alarm sounded.

For example, on March 17, 1943, a "red" air raid alert was received at 9:58 PM. Following are sample reports from official observers:

- From high school roof: All lights on Wall Street out by 10:06.

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City of Redmond Senior Planner and staff liaison to the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission

The Redmond Downtown Historic District designation encompasses forty-three (43) downtown parcels, which includes 29 Contributing buildings (i.e. those that have outstanding historic quality), 13 Non-Contributing buildings (those with facades that have changed over time) and one property already on the National Register of Historic Places (the Redmond Hotel). In general, the district is bound on the north by SW Cascade Avenue,

on the east by SW 5th Street, on the south by SW Forest Avenue and on the west by the alley between SW 7th and SW 8th Streets. The District's setting and its historic resources represent a cohesive sense of place and reflect Redmond's early twentieth century establishment and almost six decades of commercial and community development.

To be considered for historic status, the buildings had to be at least fifty years old, the oldest structure dates back to 1910 and as recent as circa 1960, and represent a variety of different architectural styles, such as 19th Century Revival, Classical, Art Deco and Streamline Moderne.

Congratulations to the City of Redmond!

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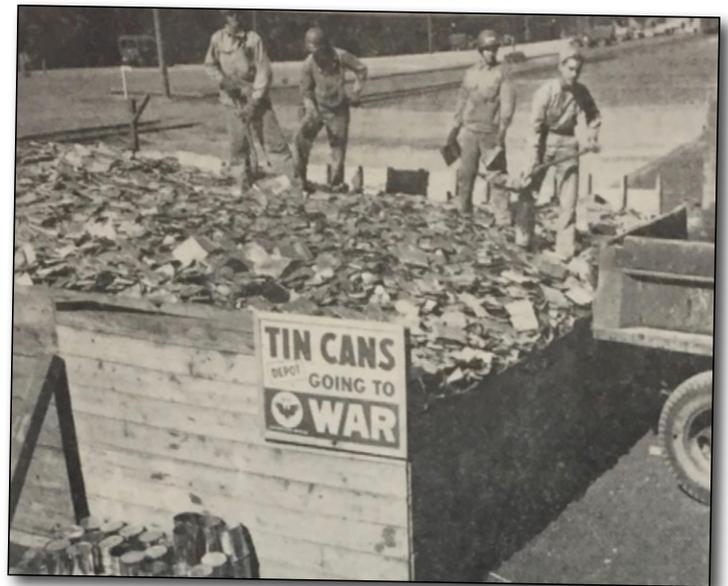
- From courthouse roof: Medo Land Creamery had light burning, filling station on Bond and Wall had a battery charger on.
- From Reservoir Hill: Mill lights all out by 9:59 (took three minutes).
- From Pilot Butte: Lights in main part of town out in four minutes. Several lights still burning in Butler Market and 8th Street area (took 15 minutes).
- From Aubrey Heights: 90% of lights out by 10:00. One car tried to hurry across the Newport Bridge but was stopped by Air Raid Warden.

If no one was home in a private dwelling, Block Wardens were allowed to enter and douse the lights. This was a serious exercise to protect the citizens of Bend in case of an actual air raid.

In addition to the air raid drills, there were other activities occurring, such as medical preparation, police and fire reserve activities, and city government and utilities drills. There was a big salvage drive all across the country, and the citizens of Bend joined in by donating any kind of metal or steel salvage they could find. A note from September of 1943 states that the citizens of Oregon and Washington had produced so much scrap metal in the previous drive that they did not need to participate in the current one.

Towards the bottom of the box, I found a good deal of information about Federal Rent Control. During the war years, Congress authorized rent control in all defense-rental areas, and due to Camp Abbott being an active military facility, Bend rentals fell under that ruling, which applied to houses, apartments, and rooms in houses as well as to hotels, rooming houses, and auto camps.

Bend had a Fair Rent Committee office, which established a list of rental amounts allowed and checked for compliance. Houses might rent for \$40 to \$50 a month while an apartment might cost \$25, and a room in a house could be as low as \$15 to \$20. The price depended upon the maximum rent allowed and whether the property had deteriorated, or if there had been

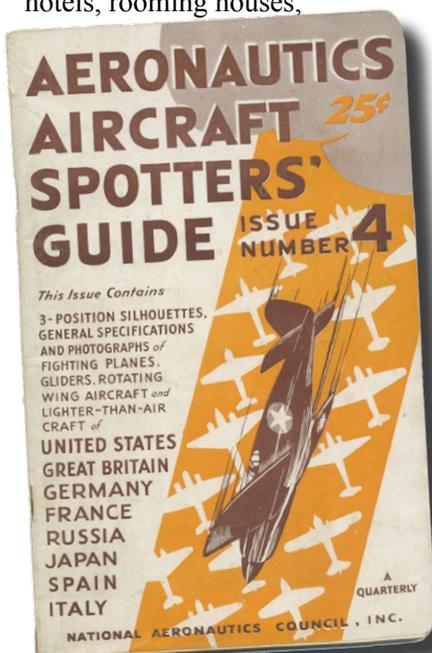


Even the U.S. Army got into gathering scrap metal to support the war effort abroad. Here are thousands of tin cans collected at the Camp Abbot mess hall. Picture courtesy of The Abbot Engineer.

a decrease in services or furnishings. In the box, I found bound packets of applications for rent adjustment from various tenants. One tenant complained about the lack of a toilet. Others said they had to share a bathroom with two other couples and cross a public hall to do so. The applications for rent adjustments are all handwritten, and you can feel the writers' frustration as they underlined such things as "paying \$50 a month for this house is ABSURD!!"

I was surprised that there was a housing shortage in Bend, but reading further, I learned some of the reasons for it. Officers from Camp Abbott often sent for their wives to come join them and live in a house in town rather than live on base. There were also single men who preferred to rent out a room, and then there were transitional military personnel who arrived in Bend for short terms. I read a letter from a military wife who complained that she and her husband were being asked to move out of their apartment because the landlord could get more money renting it transient than at a monthly rate. That made me think of Bend today, where landlords prefer vacation rentals because they can make more money than renting long term. Reading through the requests for rent reduction made me smile to think how much has changed. Today we complain that apartments rent for \$1500 a month. In 1944, people objected to \$40 a month for an apartment

Of course I knew there had been gas and food rationing during the war years, but I didn't know of all the other efforts and sacrifices made by local people. As we have recently honored our military men and women on Veteran's Day, we should also remember those who were not able to serve officially, but who gave of their time and energy to serve the country from their own community.



Quackery: A Brief History... In Museum Bookstore Now

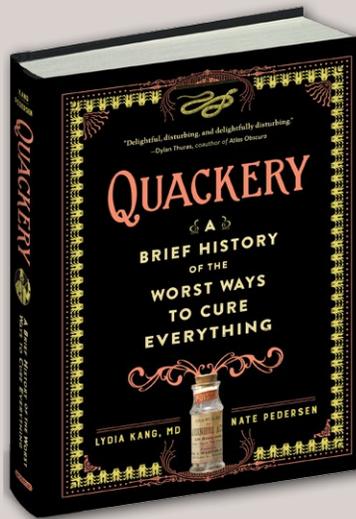
Current DCHS board president Nate Pedersen co-authored the book *Quackery: A Brief History of the Worst Ways to Cure Everything*, which was published in October by Workman.

Signed copies of the book are available from the Museum bookstore at discounted prices to DCHS members.

What won't we try in our quest for perfect health, beauty, and the fountain of youth?

Well, just imagine a time when doctors prescribed morphine for crying infants. When liquefied gold was touted as immortality in a glass. And when strychnine—yes, that strychnine, the one used in rat poison—was dosed like Viagra.

Looking back with fascination, horror, and not a little dash of dark, knowing humor, *Quackery* recounts the lively, at times unbelievable, history of medical misfires



and malpractices. Ranging from the merely weird to the outright dangerous, here are dozens of outlandish, morbidly hilarious “treatments”—conceived by doctors and scientists, by spiritualists and snake oil salesmen (yes, they literally tried to sell snake oil)—that were predicated on a range of cluelessness, trial and error, and straight-up scams. With vintage illustrations, photographs, and advertisements throughout, *Quackery* seamlessly combines macabre humor with science and storytelling to reveal an important and disturbing side of the ever-evolving field of medicine.

You can watch a video of Nate being interviewed about *Quackery*, live on AM Northwest in Portland. Copy this link into your browser to watch the segment: <http://katu.com/amnw/am-northwest-books-authors/quackery-a-brief-history-of-the-worse-ways-to-cure-everything>

Annual Chili Feed – Thank You...

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YOUR YEAR-END GIFT MATTERS

The year 2017 definitely made history in Deschutes County, beginning with a winter for the record books. The Deschutes County Historical Society preserves, promotes and celebrates our local history by keeping it alive for current and future generations. We're also ready with the statistics on past winter storms for the inevitable comparisons.

The past year has been about partnerships for DCHS. *Winter Comes: Oregon's Nordic Ski History* traveled to Nordia House in Portland and *Finding Fremont* is still on the road, this time in Baker City at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. We successfully partnered with the Deschutes National Forest and Historicorps on the first phase of preservation work for the Odd Fellows cabins at Paulina Lake. DCHS also supported fellow non-profit Saving Grace by hosting the Deschutes Children's Festival on the shady lawn of the museum in July.

Next year, we look forward to installing *Cruisin' '97* and *From the High Desert to the Home Front: Central Oregon During The Great War*. Our monthly History Pub series, Heritage Walks, annual Chili Feed and other special programs and presentations appeal to Central Oregonians of all ages. We also give guided tours for school groups, plus provide research facilities and photo reproduction services for your family or business.

We would not be able to offer such a wide range of events and exhibits without your support. We hope that you will be able to donate to this end-of-year request to continue supporting our mission. This is your chance to help us preserve and share our unique history for future generations. Please fill out the enclosed form to show your support today, or go to www.deschuteshistory.org to pay online via our secure website.

DESCHUTES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GIVING FUND

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St. Charles Health System Celebrates Centennial Anniversary in 2018



DCHS is collaborating with the St. Charles Foundation for a temporary exhibit during their 2018 centennial year celebration. Members, we need your help! If you have any St. Charles-related items you'd be willing to loan to the museum for a temporary year-long display at the hospital, please email Shey Hyatt at shey@deschuteshistory.org. Personal stories are also welcome. Do you remember Kate's Grotto or the nurse's big white hats? Also, were you born on Hospital Hill? Please email Shey your name and, if you'd like, birth year—no full birthdates in order to protect privacy.

Cookbook Entries Wanted!

“Like the ingredients that make for a zestful dish, a great deal of its goodness depends on the way in which it is put together; a little of this or more of that – folded gently and bake in a slow oven. That is what might be said about the general atmosphere of the Pine Tavern; a recipe for pleasing environment concocted by experts to enhance the appetite.”

– From a brochure featuring Pine Tavern photos and recipes, 1946



Pine Tavern Bavarian Cream Pie

Make a soft custard, using double boiler:

- 1 cup milk
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/3 cup sugar
- Pinch of salt

Remove from fire and add 1 tablespoon of plain gelatine which has been soaked in ¼ cup cold milk. Stir until gelatin is well blended and dissolved in custard.

Let mixture cool until partially congealed, then fold in carefully, but thoroughly, 1 cup of cream, whipped stiff and sweetened with ¼ cup sugar. Flavor with ½ teaspoon almond extract and ½ teaspoon vanilla.

Pour into baked pastry shell. Place cool place or refrigerator to set and chill.

Pine Tavern Pecan Cookies

- ½ cup butter
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch of salt

Cream butter and sugar together. Sift flour, baking powder and salt and work into the cream mixture. Add the chopped nuts and vanilla. Roll this dough into balls about the size of a walnut and bake on greased cookie sheet ½ hour in a slow oven 300. Roll while hot in powdered sugar and let cool, then roll in powdered sugar again.

These recipes will be included in the proposed Deschutes Historical Museum Cookbook. We hope you will give these a try and remember to send in your own favorite recipes. It doesn't matter what format you choose; photo copies, paper napkins, notebook scribbles. All recipes will be transcribed into the format required by the publishing company. We will call you if we have any questions with translation. If you have any questions, call the museum at 541.389.1813 or email the museum (info@deschuteshistory.org) with subject title **Cookbook**.

Thanks for your consideration. Happy Holidays and Good Eating!

Memorials

Bruce White

Cathy White

Doris Sholes

Shirley Ray & Lennard Sholes

Sue Firkus

Bette Andrews

Virginia Carol Evans

Shirley Ray

Frank and Ella Ramsay

Pamela Roach

Mark Your Calendars

DECEMBER

- 17 **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH**
Deschutes Historical Museum
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

JANUARY 2018

- 30 **HISTORY PUB 2018:**
HISTORY OF PUBLIC LANDS
Presented by Jeff Kitchens.
McMenamins Old St. Francis
Father Luke Room, 7 p.m., doors at 5:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE December 17, 2017



It's that time when the Staff at the Deschutes Historical Museum say "THANK-YOU for all you do!"



You are invited to the DCHS Volunteer Appreciation Brunch at the Deschutes Historical Museum. Brunch starts at 11:00 am, with presentations at noon. To make the occasion extra fun & festive wear your favorite UGLY SWEATER to the party

PLEASE RSVP:
Phone: 541-389-1813
Email: Vanessa@deschuteshistory.org



There is still time to pick up that perfect gift for your favorite history buff... a historic photo, something from the bookstore, or even a gift membership.

Can't decide...why not a
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available now just in time for the Holidays!

