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Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—June 2019

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What Bend building was a maternity ward? The answer may shock you!  See Page 2

The Swan Parade Returns...Sort of
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Archeology Roadshow 2019

After seven successful years in Portland and two in Harney County, Portland State University’s Archaeology Roadshow will host its 1st annual event in Central Oregon at the Deschutes Historical Museum!

The Roadshow features presentations and activities hosted by archaeologists and community members with local and traditional knowledge from universities, federal and state agencies, tribes, archaeology companies, and nonprofit organizations.

In addition to the exhibits and activities, a panel of experts in archaeology and geology will be on hand to identify the personal artifacts visitors bring. Stone, bone, woven, plant and historical items are welcome.

This event and Museum admission is Free!

PRESENTER PREVIEW

Here are just a few of the over 25 exhibitors:

- Expert Table: Bring Your Personal Artifacts for ID! (No Financial Valuation)
- Kids’ Scavenger Hunt & Button Making Activity
- Atlatl & Dart Throw Activity
  U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Analogue Tintypes
- Spider City Brewing, Deschutes Brewery & The Ale Apothecary
- High Desert Museum
- Members of the Archaeological Society of Central Oregon
- Central Oregon Geoscience Society
- Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc.
- Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
- Prineville Bureau of Land Management
- Oregon Archaeological Society
- Archaeology Society of Central Oregon
- Lakeview Bureau of Land Management
- PSU archaeology students present their research on ancient grains, humans and animals, beer, and more.

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One of the ways that old-time Bendites check credentials with each other is by asking, “Were you born in the old hospital on Franklin?” If the person looks perplexed, then you know he or she does not go back far enough to qualify as an “old-timer.” But Lennard Sholes, Deschutes Historical Society member, recently received a different reply. He told me that he was visiting with a man who has lived in Bend for a long time, and he asked the “hospital hill” question. The answer surprised him. The man smiled and said, “No, I was born at the Pretty Pussycat on Third Street.”

Reseaching the story, I found out that it was true. From 1937 to 1945, the building at 1341 NE 3rd Street in Bend was known as the Mayne Maternity Home.

Hattie Mayne, who moved here from Raymond, Washington, was trained as a practical nurse, and she had a dream of establishing a modern maternity hospital in Central Oregon. In 1920 her dream came true when she opened the Mountain View Hospital on the corner of Kansas and State Streets. Previously it had been a large residence, but Hattie’s husband, Alexander Mayne, was a skilled carpenter who was able to remodel it. Local doctors used St. Charles Hospital, but they also used the Mayne facility along with Lumberman’s Hospital, which treated mill-workers’ injuries. In 1924, the Maynes sold the hospital and moved outside of Bend to pursue farming.

Aside from her new role as farmer, Hattie continued to deliver babies during this time. Often physicians would stop at her house and take her along with them to the outlying ranches. She loved working with the new mothers and the newborn infants. Eventually, Hattie and her family moved back to Bend where her husband built the Mayne Maternity Home on Third Street. From 1931 until she retired in 1945, Hattie helped mothers deliver over 240 babies!

It is interesting to look through the birth records from this period to see what information they reveal. One of the questions asks the color or race of father and mother. Another asks if the birth was legitimate or illegitimate. Very few answered the latter. As for occupation of the father, nearly all of them checked the box for laborer: sawyer at the mill, box factory employee, timber faller, section worker on the railroad, truck driver, or farmer. The women were virtually all housewives. At that time, the medical belief was that women should be confined for a full two weeks after giving birth. They were not allowed to get up or exert themselves in any way. During their stay, mother and

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baby became part of the Mayne’s family. Hattie charged fifty dollars a week, while new parents would have been charged twice that at St. Charles.

The man Lennard Sholes met really was born at the Mayne Maternity Home. Now the building is painted bright purple, and the owners sell items for adult entertainment. It is ironic that the building where Hattie Mayne delivered two generations of Central Oregon babies is now the home for a different type of adult interest.

“Smoked Monkeys Board Shop,” 1994, in the building formerly used as Mayne Maternity Home.

Mayne’s Maternity Home at 1341 NE 3rd St is now home to “The Pretty Pussycat”

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Welcome Back the Boys of Summer!

Back by popular demand, and just in time for summer, our baseball exhibit “Diamonds in the Dust” returns to the 2nd floor exhibit hall, featuring uniforms and souvenirs from Central Oregon baseball teams throughout the years.

Coming Soon!

Souvenirs from the 1930-60s will be on display in Cruisin’ 97 in July. WANTED: DHM is looking for photos and souvenirs from the Museum of Wonders on Division Street. Email us at info@deschuteshistory.org.
WANTED:
SUMMER TOUR GUIDES

Want to know about George-Dorothy-Emilia love triangle? Were you aware there was a prohibition bombing on Congress Street? What’s the difference between Craftsman and Colonial style architecture? The Deschutes Historical Museum’s summer walking tours are back beginning June 8th and we are looking for a few volunteers to lead them.

Want to share your knowledge of the area’s local history, but have never done anything like this before? Need a refresher from last year? No problem! Vanessa Ivey, museum manager, will give training sessions during the first two weeks of June with opportunities to shadow her on live tours. There are two tours; 1. Early Days of Bend (approximately 1 hour), and 2. Reflections of a Neighborhood: Architecture Tour (approximately 1.5 hours). The tours alternate on Saturdays beginning with Early Days of Bend on June 8 at 10:30 a.m. All tours leave from the museum.

Have a go at both, or just stick to your favorite. If interested contact Vanessa, vanessa@deschuteshistory.org and join us in discovering the whereabouts of the local Fairy Trail.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR SHEY HYATT

June 2
11:00 a.m.

Join us on Sunday, June 2 at 11 am for a remembrance of Shey Hyatt, former DHM Registrar.

We will install an engraved brick in her memory in the front sidewalk of the Deschutes Historical Museum, then have a potluck lunch on the lawn. We have plenty of paper plates, napkins, etc. Bring a dish to share and your own beverages.

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SWANS RETURN FOR JULY 4th PET PARADE

Between 1933 and 1966 swans graced Bend’s July Fourth pageantry. Thousands of spectators sat on the riverbank and watched as a giant swan float, bearing the pageant queen, drifted slowly down the river followed by four smaller cygnet floats, each carrying a princess.

Those days are gone. However, this year the Deschutes County Historical Society is bringing them back! Sort-of... This year, instead of gracefully floating the river in the evening, the Deschutes Historical Museum’s staff will be legging it along the streets of downtown Bend bedecked in swan-shaped floaties, as an entry in the Pet Parade on the Fourth of July.

Kelly, Vanessa, Tracy, and Rebekah invite you to join them, with your own swan shaped inflatable and your princess wave. If interested or looking for more information on this event please contact Vanessa Ivey, museum manager, 541.389.1813, or vanessa@deschuteshistory.org by June 21 to join the fun of bringing swan “floats” back to July 4th!
In 2008, Bend Heroes Foundation initiated creation of the Bend Heroes Memorial at Brooks Park honoring Bend’s veterans who served and died in the Armed Forces since WWI. Knowing that the federal government records for WWII listed war casualties only by county, the Foundation resorted to examining the Bulletin’s daily newspapers published during WWII for the names of Bend’s casualties – wounded, died, Prisoner of War and Missing in Action. Foundation members Bob Maxwell, John Frye, Dick Tobiason and Dick’s grandchildren spent many hours searching the Bulletin’s archives at DHM for articles on casualties and photographing them. The team found the names of 70 veterans connected with Bend who lost their lives during WWII. Some of the names were not included in the government records which have not been updated since 1946.

Because of the Bulletin’s diligent reporting and DHM’s archiving the newspapers, all 70 veterans are honored on the Bend Veterans Peace Memorial at Bend Heroes Memorial. John Frye and Dick Tobiason created several displays at DHM honoring WWII Veterans Bob Maxwell, Rex Barber, Vince Genna and Jack Sherman. John and Dick also helped DHM create a display for Bend’s U.S. Army CPL Jessica Ellis who was killed in action in Iraq in 2008.

Fast forward 10 years to 2019: Dick researched other federal records and found 16 of the 70 war dead are still MIA seven decades after WWII ended and 12 more were buried overseas. This means 40% of Bend’s 70 WWII war dead can not be honored in Bend with the traditional laying of flags, flowers and wreaths on their graves by families, friends and veterans’ groups. Those 28 names are marked with permanent engravings on the memorial at Brooks Park.

Mr. Maxwell participated at the Dec. 5, 2018 ceremony with Bend City Council dedicating Bend Medal of Honor City plaques created by Dick Tobiason. It was Mr. Maxwell’s last public appearance before his passing at age 98 on May 11, 2019.

Our gratitude for Bob’s service to our country, and support for the legacy of our area’s veterans are without measure. He will be dearly missed.
**JUNE 1 3:00-9:00 P.M.**

The Bend Beer Chase is a one-day running relay of approximately 55 miles, consisting of 12 legs of varying distance (4-8 miles per leg). The course starts from Bend, travels to Redmond and back to finish in Bend.

Following the longer distance race legs is the **Keg Leg**! This fun 3-mile Pub Run starts and finishes at the Deschutes Historical Museum. Starting at 3:00 p.m., competitors will crawl their way through town to enjoy SEVEN of Bend’s best brewerries: From Bend Brewing to Worthy Brewing to McMenamins, to Immersion Brewery, Avid Cider, Crux Fermentation Project, Silver Moon, Deschutes Brewery, and back to the Deschutes Historical Museum Finish Line party - phew! Although the relay course closes at 6:00 p.m...the party will continue until 9:00 p.m. with live music, food, and BEER from all the sponsoring breweries of the Bend Beer Chase!

For more information about the Bend Beer Chase, visit: [cascaderelays.com/beer-chases/bend-beer-chase/](http://cascaderelays.com/beer-chases/bend-beer-chase/)

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**Mark Your Calendars**

**JUNE**

1. **BEND BEER CHASE KEG LEG START & FINISH LINE**
   3:00-9:00 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

8. **ARCHAEOLOGY ROAD SHOW**
   10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

8. **HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Early Days of Bend**
   10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

15. **HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Architectural Tour**
   10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

22. **HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Early Days of Bend**
   10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

25. **HISTORY PUB: INSULTING THE PRESIDENT; From Washington to Trump.**
    Presented by Southern Oregon University Linguistics and Writing professor Edwin Battistella
    McMenamins Old St. Francis
    Father Luke Room, 7:00 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.
    **First-come-first-served seating, no reservations required.**

29. **HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Architectural Tour**
   10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**July 4th Annual Open House**

10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Heritage Walking Tours of Downtown Bend
June 8-August 31, 2019

The Deschutes Historical Museum invites you to spend your morning with us walking around beautiful downtown Bend. All tours leave from the Deschutes Historical Museum at 10:30 a.m. ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

We recommend the following: wear comfortable walking shoes, dress for the weather, bring water, and don’t forget your camera! It does get hot so a hat is good too.

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 Starts at the Deschutes Historical Museum (Reid School) and ends at Lone Crow Bungalow on Wall Street.

June 8, June 22, July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17, August 31
Time: approximately 1 hour
Length: less than a mile traveling through old neighborhoods and parkways. The ground can be uneven at times and is not recommended for wheelchairs.
Price: $5.00, Deschutes Historical Museum Members FREE

Reflections of History: An Architectural Tour 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 the architectural styles represented in the neighborhood while sharing history of a changing community. Tour begins and ends at the Deschutes Historical Museum.

June 15, June 29, July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24
Time: approximately 1.5 hours
Length: One (1) mile through historic neighborhood. The sidewalks can be uneven at times.
Price: $5, Deschutes Historical Museum Members FREE

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. SIGN UP MUST BE BY 4pm THE DAY BEFORE TOUR. Call 541-389-1813 or register online DESCHUTESHISTORY.ORG
Tours are subject to cancellation.

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