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*The Cascade Culinary Institute  
honors longtime benefactor  
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## Play Ball!

*Reflecting on a baseball  
fantasy of a lifetime with  
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# The Homesteader

## Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—March 2020



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Luncheon;  
Beau Estes  
serving lunch  
to members  
Sue and Dave  
Frewing.  
All photos by  
Loren Irving



John Kent presented a "Then and Now" slide show using donated 1970s aerial photos of Deschutes County.

The annual membership meeting and luncheon was a big success! On Saturday, February 8, there were over 70 members present, the food was good, (thanks to our chef Paula Simila) and the program was very engaging. The tables were set with a variety of placemats that were copies of the Bill Van Allen aerial photos that tied into the day's program. Members enjoyed sharing information as they tried to figure out the location of each photo.

In the early 1970s, Van Allen took a series of photos showing different parts of Bend and Deschutes County. DCHS volunteer John Kent is working to identify and catalog these locations. With the help of Google Earth, John was able to overlay the old images with what it looks like today. Audience members helped John identify even more locations. During the interactive program, members were calling out names of streets and buildings they recognized.

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# My Field Of Dreams Comes True

By Vanessa Ivey

I just watched the 1977 World Series, NY Yankees vs. LA Dodgers, again, this time on my 12-inch tablet and not the black-and-white 13-inch Zenith family television. Spoiler alert: Yankees won in six games, 4 to 2. That summer, instead of playing ball in the neighbor's comfrey field, I was in uniform digging in at shortstop playing on the ball field behind Banks Elementary. It would be my first official softball team, but not my last. I was ten years old, thinking I was Bucky Dent playing with Willie Randolph, Thurman Munson and Mickey Rivers in the greatest ball club ever!

Forty-three years later, my love for baseball has not dimmed. I still feel giddy when I hear the crack of wood against the sweet spot of the bat and the pop of the ball when it hits my glove.

Three years ago, I discovered the New York Yankee franchise hosts a women's fantasy camp. Located at the team's spring training facility in Tampa, Florida, it takes place over four days in January. It instantly jumped to the top of my "To-Do-In-The-Future" list, and last March I was able to put my deposit down for camp in 2020. Upon receiving the list of legendary players who would be attending, my ten-year-old self was delirious with joy: Mickey Rivers and Gill Patterson, from the 1977 World Champions team, would be there.



*The Pinstripes*

The last time I had played team ball was with Bend's Park & Rec summer league twenty years ago, so training for camp would be necessary. The camp supplied participants with a recommended workout program, and with the help of Dylan "Bucky" Larson, a Bend High baseball player, I began getting into shape. Twice a week over six months I headed to Hal Puddy field to practice skills with Bucky. What started as a 45-minute workout, built up to an hour and half of batting, fielding, and throwing practice. Some mornings we would practice on a frozen field in 40-degree weather.

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 arrived and before I knew it I was on my way to Steinbrenner Stadium in Tampa, Florida for a week of playing baseball with the Yankees. As the plane crossed the country, the historian in me could not help but think how this five-hour trip today, at one time took months.

Our first practice was Wednesday evening. We passed through the press gate of the stadium and directly out to the field. As I passed along the shadowed tunnel, it was like walking in slow motion to reach the steps to the field. Once there, the stadium spread out before me; to the left was the home team dugout along the first base line, ahead of me lay the bright green of the grassy outfield and the crushed brick of the base paths and pitching mound.

Every day of camp was full of

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**Deschutes  
Historical Museum**

129 NW Idaho Avenue  
Bend, OR 97703  
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  
Rebekah Averette, Collections Manager  
Anne Goldner, Development Coordinator  
Tracy Alexander, Membership Officer



## 2020 DCHS Board of Directors:

Sue Fountain, President  
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Marsha Stout, Past President

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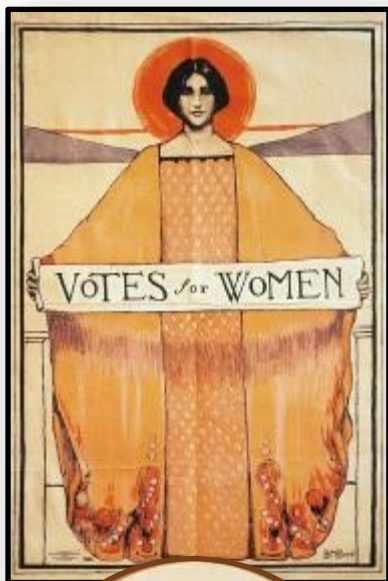
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Complete minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors are on file with the Museum office.



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## March is Women's History Month.

The theme for 2020 is  
"Valiant Women of the Vote"

Abigail Scott Duniway, outspoken and often controversial, is remembered as Oregon's "Mother of Equal Suffrage" and "the pioneer Woman Suffragist of the great Northwest." As lecturer, organizer, writer, and editor, Duniway devoted her life and career to the cause of women's rights. She was a personal friend of Susan B. Anthony and a driving force in Oregon, canvassing the state and the country. In honor of her dedication to the cause of woman suffrage, Gov. Oswald West asked Duniway to author and sign the Oregon Equal Suffrage Proclamation. It took six attempts over the course of 40 years, but Oregon women gained the right to vote in 1912, eight years before the 19th Amendment was ratified by Congress in 1920.



## Celebrating Women in Deschutes County History:

### Dorothy Cale

Dorothy Cale served as Deschutes County's first female commissioner in 1967.

Among her significant contributions to her community, Cale worked with Deschutes County Commissioners to transfer ownership of Reid School from the school district to the county, saving it for future generations as the Deschutes Historical Museum. Cale, along with Millie Chopp (of Millie's Chili) and Louise Brogan, also started the Bend Downtown Christmas Parade. On behalf of a grateful community, thank you Dorothy!



## Continued from Page 1 — Annual Meeting

Vanessa Ivey, museum manager, began the program by introducing Marsha Stout, the outgoing president of the historical society. Marsha recounted the highlights of the past year and then she introduced Sue Fountain, the incoming president. Before previewing some of the events and programs coming up, Sue asked Tor Hanson to stand for a round of applause. Tor is stepping down from the board and from being the editor of *The Homesteader*. He will certainly be missed.

This year we celebrate several anniversaries: Deschutes Public Library turns 100 this year as well as Drake Park and Shevlin Park. Women gained the right to vote 100 years ago, and to honor this event, there will be a Suffragette picnic in August. In July we will celebrate 45 years of the Deschutes County Historical Society with a viewing of a Water Pageant video that is currently in production. 2020 promises to be an interesting year filled with great exhibits and good times.

DCHS wishes to thank Owen Mitz of Lava Edge for the donation of environmentally friendly food service items. Also, we appreciate Strictly Organic for providing us with great coffee.



*Marsha Stout (right) received a framed historic photo as an expression of appreciation for her work as Board President for the past two years. Vanessa Ivey (center) made the presentation alongside Sue Fountain (left) who is the incoming president.*

## Memorials

**Wally Donohue**

**Robin Gyorgyfalvy**

John and Nanette Sholes

# DCHS NEWS

## La Pine City Council Visits DHM



Love was in the air on February 14th when members of the La Pine City Council had a private tour of the Alfred Aya collection which documents the founding of La Pine. Mayor Dan Richer, City Manager Melissa Bethel, Council

President Don Greiner, and Councilmen Michael Harper and Mike Shields perused records, viewed photos, and read through correspondence of La Pine founder Alfred Aya.



*Collections Manager Rebekah Averette  
with Council President Don Greiner*

## New Item For Sale in the Gift Shop: 1958 Mount Bachelor Original Trail Map

Mount Bachelor opened for the public for the first time on Saturday, December 27th,

1958. That year the snow was late to accumulate. Forest Service personnel reported that 882 people skied or visited the slopes the first weekend on Oregon's newest ski area. Skiers could use two rope-tows or the Poma lift, which took skiers 2,900 feet up the slopes.

A copy of this 1958 Mt. Bachelor trail map can be yours for \$40, while supplies last.

## Meet New Collections Intern Erin Weaver

We are pleased to welcome our new intern Erin Weaver as she supports the Collections Department with scanning, filing, and other important details related to our collection.



Erin is a graduate of the University of Oregon's Honors College and Oxford's Keble College, where her love of sitting in old libraries stemmed into a passion for all things dust-covered. She currently works at the Deschutes Public Library, answering reference questions, digging through microfilm, and unjamming printers, and is one internship away from completing her Masters Degree in Library Science through San Jose State University. In her free time, she can be found tracking down Oregon's Heritage Trees (ie: the best trees for tree nerds), for which she can thank DHS past-president Nate Pedersen, and taking pictures of her cross-eyed cat.



Join us as we partner with Deschutes Public Library System to look back on a century of community. For the first 10 months of 2020 DPLS will highlight a different decade of our history during each month with free presentations by DCHS Executive Director Kelly Cannon-Miller. This month we will discuss the 1940s with **"Deschutes County is shaped by World War II during the 1940s:"**

*World War II is the story of the 1940s. The remoteness of Deschutes County provided ample opportunity for war games exercised by the United States Army in 1943. The US Army established Camp Abbott south of Bend for training engineers and leased Redmond Airfield for bomber training in the air over the high desert. For a single two-month period, the population of the entire county is doubled by an influx of soldiers. Meanwhile, water flows from newly formed Wickiup Reservoir north to Jefferson County farmers, downtown is lined with neon, and while the rest of the economy of the United States is set to grow, cracks in the logging industry begin to form.*

**Thursday, March 19, 6:00 p.m.**

**Downtown Bend Branch**

**No reservations required, will be live-streamed on Facebook**

*Excerpted from [DeschutesPublicLibrary.org](https://www.deschutespubliclibrary.org)*



surprises and fun. I don't think my cheeks ever hurt so much from the permanent grin across my face. Thursday evening, after our morning workout, was our opening banquet where everyone got dressed up and had dinner at the stadium. There I learned my team's name, "The Pinstripes," and met the other eleven women who would be my teammates, including the other camper from Oregon. We also met all nine coaches. Imagine 126 women mingling around nine legendary players: Mickey Rivers, Gill Paterson, Homer Bush, Charlie Hayes, Scott Bradley, Brian Beauringer, Shane Spencer, Luis Sojo, and Orlando Hernandez. I was star-struck. With my baseball in one hand and trading cards in the other, I was getting autographs, feeling overwhelmed by emotion. Once dinner was over, they announced a special guest...Tino Martinez. Tino is one of my favorite players of all time, and there I was standing next to him, chatting with him while he signed my baseball card. My heart was all a flutter.

I have had some adventures that I will never forget because of the impact they made on my life. Playing baseball as a New York Yankee is right up at the top! Friday, when I walked into the Yankee locker room I couldn't breathe. I found the locker with my name across the top, and my uniform was hanging inside. Touching the pinstripe jersey was surreal in every way. These uniforms are the same as the Yankee players wear. When registering for camp one of the questions asked is, "what number do you want on your jersey?" I wanted my choice to combine Bend's baseball history with my own Yankee history so I chose no. 22, Allie Reynolds' number. Allie Reynolds was a pitcher with the Yankees (1947-1954)



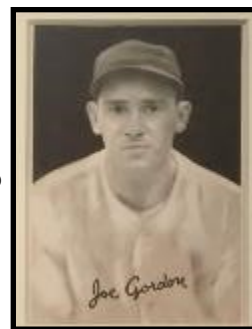
Vanessa with Tino Martinez



Vanessa with Mickey Rivers (L) and Gil Paterson (R)



who was from Oklahoma. My family is from Oklahoma and during a visit with my uncle, he gave me his baseball autographed by both Allie Reynolds and Mickey Mantle in 1952. The connection to Bend comes via a 1947 trade made between New York and Cleveland. Allie from Cleveland to New York and Joe Gordon from New York to Cleveland. Joe played second base for the Yankees (1938-1947). In 1935, he played for the Hop Golds out of Portland, and that summer they visited Bend to play the Elks, who outscored them 14-13. Joe's brother Jack Gordon played for the Elks and later managed the team.



Over the next two days the Pinstripes played five games winning two out of the five. I played in both the outfield and the infield defensively. Offensively I made it on base some of the time, while mostly moving teammates around the bags towards home to score. We strategized, gut laughed, and played hard, all the while having the greatest time in the world. It was amazing to spend time with women who love the game as much as I do. The oldest player there was 87 years old, and listening to her stories of growing up in the Bronx was priceless. There

were six women who had been coming since camp started in 2011, and eight of them made it into the Hall of Fame for attending camp for five or more years.

The Women's Fantasy Camp website described the week as, "Three days and three nights learning the game, playing the game, and socializing with players who have contributed to the dynasty of the most storied franchise in sports history." My experience was much more than that. I came to play baseball and meet players I had idolized growing up. I left a member of a sisterhood of women who are from all walks of life, but with a similar love of the Yankees and a passion for baseball. Today, the Pinstripes continue to stay in contact with each other; we group text at least once a week. I have already met-up with my co-Oregonian teammate in Portland. What I learned during this entire experience, from start to finish, is that no dream is impossible when you have a community of people who love and support you and believe in your dream. Thank you to my community! This would not have been possible without you.



Number 22, Vanessa Ivey, in action

**Stay tuned for information about an evening slide show and game viewing with Vanessa in April.**



Photo by Cascade Business News



Photo by Bonnie Burns

## Shirley Ray Honored by the Cascade Culinary Institute

Shirley Ray began working in her aunt Maren's Pine Tavern Restaurant when she was only ten; working her way up from shelling peas to managing the restaurant. So when she and her husband set up an endowment at COCC, Shirley naturally favored the Cascade Culinary Institute.



Recognizing the growing popularity and success of the food truck craze, the Culinary Institute decided to create a new course where students would learn about budgeting, operation, marketing, and navigating health code regulations. Through Shirley Ray's donation, the program purchased and customized a 20-foot food truck. A fully equipped kitchen allows students to vary their menus according to their specialties of the day - from pasta to pastries. The truck is also a mobile classroom. Due to close quarters inside the truck, there are interior cameras for instructors to observe and comment from outside.

In honor of its benefactor, the truck proudly bears the name "Shirley Ray" scrolled on the side panel. The truck offers the students real world experience and close contact with their customers. A fitting legacy from Shirley Ray.

Shirley and her husband George were longtime members of the historical society and benefactors of the DCHS.

## Mark Your Calendars

### MARCH

- 13 "15 MINUTE HISTORIES" REBROADCAST OF STEVE STEIDL INTERVIEW**  
9:00 a.m. KPOV (88.9 FM) Introduction by Kelly Cannon-Miller  
*March is the last month to catch these interviews!*
- 17 VOLUNTEER MEETING**  
1 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
- 18 "15 MINUTE HISTORIES" REBROADCAST OF ROSS FARNHAM INTERVIEW**  
9:00 a.m. KPOV (88.9 FM) Introduction by Kelly Cannon-Miller
- 19 DESCHUTES LIBRARY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS: WORLD WAR II AND THE 1940s**  
6 p.m. Downtown Bend Library: 601 NW Wall St.  
Visit [deschuteslibrary.org/anniversary](http://deschuteslibrary.org/anniversary) for more information
- 31 HISTORY PUB: "WE GO UP: HISTORY OF MOUNTAINEERING AND MAZAMAS"**  
Presented by Mathew Brock, Library & Historical Collections Manager at the Mazamas and Matthew Cowan, Archivist for Photography and Moving Images at the Oregon Historical Society  
**McMenamins Old St. Francis**  
Father Luke Room, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.  
*First-come-first-served seating, no reservations required.*



Glass lantern slide of Mazamas on Mt. Hood from the collection of the Oregon Historical Society

