



## Take a Walk with Doug... if You Dare!

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# The Homesteader

Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—October 2021

**GET YOUR HAUNT-ON!**

Historical Haunts of  
Downtown Bend

**October 15 & 16**

In-person tours return as we celebrate ten years for this event! Over an eerie hour of family fun, the people and places of Bend's past are brought back to life through stories of local history and paranormal mystery. Flashlights and comfortable shoes are suggested as you weave through Downtown Bend escorted by a museum guide, stopping at favorite locations from a decade of historical haunts tours.

- Thirteen one-hour tours will be offered each night. Tour size will be smaller this year with masks required (subject to change). All tours begin at the museum and end in Downtown Bend.
- The first tour leaves at 4 p.m., with a tour leaving every 20 minutes.
- Tours do not enter any buildings out of respect for the businesses inside.

***Be aware... this event does sell out!***

Tickets go on sale day-of-event only, October 15 at 10 a.m. for Friday tours and October 16 at 10 a.m. for Saturday tours. Tickets are \$5 for DCHS members and \$15 per person for non-members. All tours are on a first-come, first-served basis.

### ***A letter to the membership:***

Dear DCHS members,

At the September board meeting we had a lengthy discussion about the Chili Feed. As you know, the event was cancelled last year, and we had hoped to bring it back this November. We assumed that COVID would be a thing of the past.

Unfortunately, it is still very present in Central Oregon, and we don't feel it would be safe to have so many people in our small space. After much discussion and many alternate ideas, we decided to postpone it until a later date.

One suggestion was to have a drive up event; just pick up your chili and go. But we know that aside from Millie's delicious chili, we look forward to getting together with friends. The Chili Feed is not going to happen this November, but we hope we won't have to wait long before we see all of you again. The museum is open; come by and say hello! Thank you, and stay well.

*Sue Fountain,*  
Board President



# Pilot Butte Park History *By Terry Foley*

Pilot Butte Park was dedicated and presented to the state of Oregon on September 30, 1928, as a gift commemorating the life and accomplishments of Terrence Hardington Foley. Mr. Foley died on August 17, 1925 from injuries suffered in an auto accident the day before, near Millican. Hundreds attended the dedication ceremony, chaired by Robert W. Sawyer. The Governor of Oregon, Isaac L. Patterson, and the Chairman of the Oregon State Highway Commission, H. B. Van Duzer, delivered addresses. All Bend businesses closed at that time in remembrance.

The former owners of the Bend Water, Light, and Power Company, Charles A. Brown of Chicago, Kempster B. Miller of Pasadena, and Francis R. Welles, of Bourre, France, purchased Pilot Butte in a 100-acre parcel on November 3, 1927. The three were close associates and friends of Mr. Foley who was first manager, then general manager, and finally vice-president of the company. He'd worked there since 1912, when the early utility corporation was created.

A descendant of Irish immigrants, Terrence Hardington Foley was born in Placentia, a seaport town in Newfoundland on December 1, 1879. When he was 4 years old, his family moved to Cambridge, MA, where he attended school. After high school he completed coursework at Gray's Electrical



*Terrence Foley standing on top of Pilot Butte, looking west – Awbrey Butte in the near background, Early 1920s.*



*Terrence and Alice, holding Robert, Mary Ellen and William in front, 1912*

*The newest member of the DCHS board of directors is Terry Foley. He brings with him a great deal of knowledge and history about Bend. His grandfather and family came here in 1911. As you can see in reading the article below, his grandfather was instrumental in the progress and growth of early Bend.*

College, a technical institution.

He journeyed to the Yukon Territory in 1903, attracted by the discovery of gold. But by 1905 he had become the manager of the Northern Commercial Company, which operated the water, light, and power plant in Fairbanks, AK. He remained with that concern as

manager until 1910.

In 1906, Alice Adams, newly graduated from the University of Oregon (one of 17 women in the class of '05), arrived in Alaska to join her father, William H. Adams, a pioneer attorney of Portland, and one of the earliest members of the legal profession there. He held the office of city attorney for many years, and is credited as one of the three organizers of the Republican Party in Oregon. In 1906 he was practicing law in Fairbanks. Alice and Terrence soon met and following a whirlwind courtship were married there in 1906.

Babies William and Mary Ellen soon followed. They came into the world following an interesting and arduous process. Alice wasn't comfortable with medical facilities in Fairbanks, so when

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**Deschutes  
Historical Museum**

129 NW Idaho Avenue  
Bend, OR 97703  
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10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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each birth approached she traveled south via paddle-wheel riverboats and ocean steamers, a journey of six weeks. In Portland she stayed with relatives until the baby came, then they reversed the process and returned to Fairbanks.

In 1910 a former Fairbanks friend, Floyd Dement, suggested that the Foleys would find opportunities in Bend. Mr. Dement relocated to Bend and had become involved in the hardware business. Terrence, Alice, and the two Foley children, following Mr. Dement's suggestion, traveled by horse-drawn covered wagon and took the favored path of the day to Central Oregon. They began the trip in Eugene, with overnight stops in Brownsville, Mountain House, Fish Lake, and Sisters, the route now known as the South Santiam Pass.

Their third child, Robert, was born in Bend soon after their arrival, on August 16, 1911. It was tragically ironic that this would be the date, fourteen years later, of his father's fatal auto accident. Robert, or "Bob" to many, grew to pursue a career in law as Deschutes County District Attorney, and in private practice. He was then appointed Circuit Judge by Governor Mark Hatfield, and later to the newly formed Oregon Court of Appeals by Governor Tom McCall.



*Terrence driving. William, shotgun. Back seat - Mary Ellen, with Alice holding Robert. 1912-13*

Beyond Bend Water, Light, and Power, Terrence H. Foley was prominent in many branches of community and civil work. He organized and managed the Deschutes Ice Company, and was president of the Bend Commercial Club. He was president of the Bend Holding Company, which built the gymnasium that now houses the Boys & Girls Club. He was the organizer and first executive of the Bend Fire Department. He chaired the Red Cross, the YMCA, the Boy Scout Council, and numerous WWI fund drives. A charter member of the Bend Elks, he also belonged to the Knights of Pythias. One of the founders of the Bend Golf Club which opened in 1925, he never got a chance to play there.

The summit of Pilot Butte was only accessible by foot until 1922. *The Bend Press*, a local newspaper, spurred interest,

permission was granted and money was raised, making it possible to put a road to the top. In preparation for the property to be transferred to the state as a park, the road was



*Terrence, Bob, Alice, William*

widened and improved. Landscaping included a pedestal for an Osborne fire finder supplied by the United States Forest Service, pedestal for a view finder or mountain index prepared by the bridge engineer's office of the Oregon State Highway Department, and monument stones in which were placed memorial and dedicatory tablets to Terrence H. Foley.

Volcanic cinders used on early city streets were once mined around the base of the Butte, leaving three large, unsightly scars. In 1923, the Klu Klux Klan burned a cross on the summit. In 1927, a golf challenge was staged on its unstable slopes. During WWII, the Army Corps of Engineers proposed leveling the entire Butte, using the material to create a massive airstrip; instead, they built Roberts Field, near Redmond. In 1964, a ski jump was constructed on its north side to serve as

adjunct to the US Junior National Ski Championships, which were held the next winter on Mt. Bachelor.

Efforts to preserve, upgrade, and improve facilities on the Butte took on new life in the early 1990's, with the formation of the Pilot Butte Partners, a volunteer-based adjunct to Oregon State Parks. Land was annexed from the city on the east side of the Butte for the construction of the parking lot. Bathroom facilities and the grassy park area were added. The summit road entrance was realigned in conjunction with the reconfiguring of highway 20 and its new intersection with 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Pedestrian access was given priority by designating a roadside walkway, and in the construction of a summit nature trail from the parking lot, paralleling and just below the roadway. Commemorative bench view sites were placed at intervals along the trail. A new trail to encircle the Butte at its base is currently under construction.

In 2002, Steele and Associates, a local architectural firm, completed a comprehensive development plan addressing the enhancement of historic aspects, and the creation of new features at the summit viewing area. An ADA-compliant wheelchair ramp has been installed, the peak locator completely rebuilt, and a surface of paver tiles laid down, surrounded by a low seating wall and interpretive panels. The Foley monument has been substantially revamped, raised above its former height on a newly designed base, with a plaque added in Robert H. Foley's memory.

The Pilot Butte Partners have recently created a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to facilitate fundraising efforts. Much remains to be completed on projects already underway, both on the summit and surrounding the base.

# Volunteer Corner

## Doug

### Hildebrand

*By Vanessa Ivey*

Like carved pumpkins, corn mazes and vampires, Doug Hildebrand only comes out in October to volunteer for the Deschutes Historical Museum, and it's for one very special event: the Historical Haunts of Downtown Bend.

Doug was one of the original three tour guides on the event's inaugural kick-off back in 2010, and eleven seasons later he continues to be a fan favorite leading groups around downtown Bend sharing stories of the town's past with bits of the paranormal mixed in.

Born in Eugene, his family moved to Central Oregon when he was about a year old. He grew up listening to stories of the supernatural his relatives had encountered and found he also sensed the other world.

"I've always been attuned I guess, but also love the stories and the history behind the hauntings."

During vacations from his work at Costco he often travels to ghost towns or places that have a history of the supernatural. He's even resided with a spirit when he lived in his first apartment. One of the stories used on the Haunt Walk was an experience Doug had while performing on the Tower Theatre's stage in 2007.

"When I learned about the haunt walk I was immediately on board. With my fascination in the paranormal and ghosts it sounded like fun."

Looking back on that first year of the Haunt Walk he remembers the overwhelming support from the community for the museum's fundraiser. Close to Halloween, it was cold with snow in the air and nobody anticipated the event's success. "That first weekend when there was just three of us and our group sizes were 25-35 people. It was impressive."

He continues to share the local history. The enthusiasm he has for the places and their stories are infectious. "I feel history is very important. My mom has her Bachelor Degree in history so I grew up with it. It's why I love going into museums where ever I am."

When asked about his favorite stops and stories on the tour he answers without hesitation. "The Tower of course, but I also love Nick and Cora [Smith] and their romance and the joy of reading their story behind it. Hugh O'Kane's larger than life character, and the Minor building and the Downing cafe because of their connection to each other." Doug says the fact that everyone was connected in some way in this town tells how tight knit this community was.

His longevity as a guide has also lead to stories of his own. Like the time he was in the parking lot next to Wells Fargo bank and had to call 9-1-1 because a participant was having difficulty breathing. The fact that the parking lot is the site of the Minor building, where William Downing shot himself is not lost on Doug.

However, the most unusual thing was when a woman on his tour returned to the museum with a gift- she had painted his picture (top right). "It's a very unique picture, she calls it the Greenman. It meant a lot because it means I inspired her to look into the fact that even though we can't see something, taste it, smell it, or touch it, it doesn't necessarily mean it doesn't exist."

Doug plans to be out there again this year, bringing Bend's history alive by sharing its stories. "These were people that are reliving their lives. Maybe they're trying to tell their story to us in a way we can understand."





# Deschutes Historical Museum Book Signing

## Meet Local Author Valentyne

**Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16 4-8:00 p.m.**

Join the Deschutes Historical Museum as we welcome local author Valentyne for an in-person book signing of his books *Ghost King* and *Phantasmal*, the first and second installments of the *Ghosts Are Good* series.

*Both books will be available for purchase at the event*



*An amazing read that follows Kasper Kloven, underdog hero on his journey through death to find true love and fulfill his destiny of becoming the GHOST KING. The series even includes a few locals, the Deschutes Historical Museum and its own ghost, George.*

The book signing will take place during the museum's fall event, Historical Haunts of Downtown Bend walking tours.

*Thank you to Mel Stout and Ed Barnum for refinishing the museum's benches, they look fabulous!*



## Memorials

### **Marsha Stout**

Jean Bullock  
Alyce Dawes

## Tributes

### **Ralph C. Curtis**

Jean Rotter

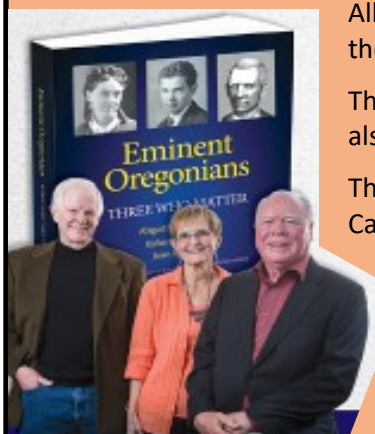
## Virtual Discussion: "Eminent Oregonians" October 12 5:45 p.m.

The Deschutes County Historical Society will host a live, web-based virtual discussion of the just released book, "Eminent Oregonians." The event is produced by The Bulletin in conjunction with OSU-Cascades media lab and Connect Central Oregon.

Renowned Bend novelist Jane Kirkpatrick will describe her chapter on the Oregon suffragist Abigail Scott Duniway. In addition to her lecturing across Oregon, Duniway wrote several novels and was among a handful of women worldwide who founded a newspaper – The New Northwest.

Former newspaper publisher and columnist Steve Forrester will present Richard Neuberger - a forgotten, consequential writer and politician of the first half of the 20th century. In 1954, Neuberger became the first Democrat whom Oregon elected to the U.S. Senate in 40 years. Neuberger was the second Jewish person elected to the Senate by popular vote, following enactment of the 17th Amendment.

Former journalist Greg Nokes will discuss abolitionist Jesse Applegate, who opposed slavery in the Oregon Constitutional Convention. Applegate was literally a trail blazer, creating the Applegate Trail.



All three of these Oregonians were iconoclasts, at odds with the times in which they lived.

The public can view the discussion at [www.youtube.com/bendbulletin](http://www.youtube.com/bendbulletin). The public will also be able to ask questions during the presentation.

This presentation is sponsored by the Deschutes County Historical Society. Kelly Cannon-Miller, director of the museum, will host as will Gerry O'Brien, editor for The Bulletin. The presentation will start at 5:45 p.m., Oct. 12, with a short discussion of the upcoming release for *Hello Bend!* a pictorial history book of Central Oregon from the 1950s to 2000.

*Left to Right: Greg Nokes, Jane Kirkpatrick, Steve Forrester*

## Mark Your Calendars

### OCTOBER

- 12 **LIVE VIRTUAL DISCUSSION: "EMINENT OREGONIANS"**  
5:45 p.m. [www.youtube.com/bendbulletin](http://www.youtube.com/bendbulletin)  
*see article above for details*
- 15 **HISTORICAL HAUNTS OF DOWNTOWN BEND**  
Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
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- 26 **HISTORY PUB: TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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