



A “Friend”ly Face

At the front of the house, or behind the scenes, meet Georgia Springer, Volunteer Extraordinaire! See p. 4

Heritage Trees

’Tis the season for loving trees! What makes a heritage tree? See p. 2



The Homesteader

Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—December 2021



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

We had our ugly Christmas sweaters all ready to go, but once again have cancelled our December volunteer brunch out of respect for everyone’s safety.

It’s hard to express how thankful we are for the thousands of hours our volunteers dedicate each year to the museum. The work we accomplish simply would not happen without your hard work and dedication.

In spite of the continued uncertainty of COVID and starting 2021 closed to the public, volunteers continued cataloging artifacts, scanning historic photographs, and processing information requests. You helped us return to programs and events with the Little Woody and Historical Haunts.

The brunch was always a tiny way to say thank you. Hopefully next summer we can host an in-person thank you picnic on the lawn.

Stay tuned for January’s big reveal of the Volunteer of the year 2021!

Left to right: Kelly Cannon-Miller, Rebekah Averette, Tracy Alexander, Vanessa Ivey

Heritage Trees by John Kent

Oregon is a state renowned for its magnificent trees. At an average of 150 trees per timbered acre, Oregon's 30 million acres of forest land equals almost a half billion trees. In an effort to increase public awareness of the important contribution of trees to Oregon's history and heritage, the Oregon Heritage Tree Program was established in 1995. It was the first state sponsored heritage tree program of its kind in the nation.



Horse Chestnut Tree

But did you know that the Deschutes County Historical Society started its own Heritage Tree Program three years prior? In March 1992, DCHS adopted its own criteria and policies for recording area heritage trees in the records of the society's archives.

The first phase of the DCHS's Heritage Tree Program was to inventory a tree or grove of trees unique to Central Oregon. If not unique, it should have current or potential historical interest. Placement in one or more of the following categories qualified trees for entry into the inventory record:

- Unusual Species
- Noteworthy Size, in diameter or height
- Association with a historical circumstance
- Association with a circumstance of a memorial nature

The function of the inventory team, called the Sites Committee, was to maintain an inventory file of the trees or grove of trees which were of special interest to any organization or individual in the county.

The second phase of the Heritage Tree Program was to choose certain trees from the inventory list which would be formally designated Heritage Trees. Selection of a Heritage Tree was a function of the Sites Committee along with assistance from others in the community. The Sites Committee designated two groves of Ponderosa Pine as Heritage Trees: the A.M. Drake Ponderosa Pines at Drake Park and the Boyd Homestead Ponderosa Pines adjacent to Bend River Mall. Under consideration

for designation was the unusually large Black Willow in Drake Park. Ten other trees were considered including Big Ponderosa on the upper Deschutes, but it was left off the list.

A report from the DCHS site committee in 1996 listed 26 inventoried trees, but no other trees were formally recognized. After this report, no other records can be found from the DCHS Heritage Tree program.

In 2003 a local engineering company requested the city of Bend nominate the Drake grove of trees to the Oregon Heritage Tree Program. With the city's endorsement the nomination was sent to the state program, but the grove was not listed. At the time, the only tree in the state program from Central Oregon was Big Tree in LaPine State Park, claiming it to be the largest circumference Ponderosa pine in the world.

Historic trees are not the same as heritage trees. On the Oregon Heritage Tree Program nomination form there is a section called "History and Significance of Tree(s)."

A heritage tree nomination needs to include all important dates, people, events, legends, and activities, associated with the tree(s). A tree planted in memory of a certain person or animal may not be an unusual species to the area, but if it is historical, and the memory has a far reaching effect on the specific area, then it could also be a Heritage Tree.

Common native trees found in and around Deschutes County are: Ponderosa Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Western Juniper, Western Larch (Tamarack), Vine Maple, Quaking Aspen, and Black Cottonwood. If a tree is not one of the seven listed then it is a non-native species introduced through immigration and thus may have a historic story to its arrival.

When I started looking into the DCHS Heritage program ten years ago, no action had taken place since that last inventory report of 1996. I wanted to know how many of the trees have



Copper Beech Tree

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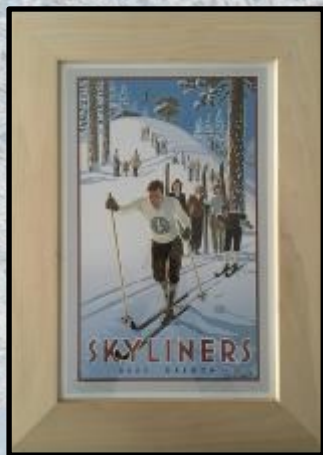


Complete minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors are on file with the Museum office.

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GIFT SHOP TALK

From coffee table books to tasty preserves, there is something for everyone on your holiday shopping list! All prices listed here are the non-member rate. Members receive 10% off most items in the store.



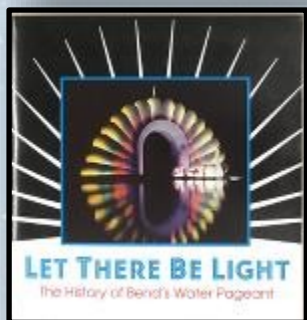
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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Georgia

If you happen to stop by the Deschutes Historical Museum on a Wednesday afternoon, you will be greeted by the warm smile and friendly welcoming of Georgia Springer.

Springer

By Sue Fountain

Georgia volunteers at the desk every Wednesday and she really loves meeting the people who come from all over the country and all over the world to visit the museum.

Aside from the desk duty, Georgia also volunteers her time to take minutes at DCHS board meetings. The minutes are always professionally recorded and sent out for the board's approval. She enjoys being a part of the board and knowing what is happening.

However, her favorite volunteer job is transcribing oral histories. She understands that is an important part of the historical society's goals, and she finds it so interesting to learn about the people who have been part of Central Oregon's past. She looks forward to more oral histories in the near future.

Georgia moved to Bend 31 years ago from the Bay Area. She clearly remembers the big San Francisco earthquake of 1989 which caused her to realize that she didn't want to live there anymore. She had lived in Roseburg earlier in her life, but did not want to return there. Instead she chose Bend. It was a bold move to come here without knowing where she would live or what kind of job she would be able to find. Being a member of Philanthropic Educational Organization in California helped her transition to a group in Bend which provided a great support system for her.

Because of her experience as a legal assistant in San Francisco, Georgia was able to find a job with the Sheriff's Department. She worked there for 11 years before moving into the Deschutes County Counsel office where she worked with several attorneys. In 2013 she retired from the county and decided that because of her love of history, she would like to volunteer at the museum.

Georgia was a single parent to her son, Bryon. She describes him as being her "best teacher." Six years after Georgia moved to Bend, he moved here to be with her. Sadly, Bryon passed away in 2004, leaving Georgia alone once again. With strong resolve and the support of many friends, she has continued to be an open and loving person with a great sense of humor.

Besides volunteering at the museum Georgia keeps busy with her hobbies such as quilting. Her Hobo Quilt is on display in the museum along with other quilts that relate to history. Her quilt features symbols that "hobos" used to communicate to others what to expect in certain areas.

Georgia is an avid reader and belongs to a book club that meets every month. Also, she and some of the other museum volunteers get together when they can to share food, stories, and companionship. Georgia feels that she made a good choice when coming to Bend. Her maiden name was Friend, and she strives to be a friend to everyone she meets.



Dear Members of the Deschutes Historical Society,

When I wrote an annual letter to you last year, I said that we would be back in 2021 with the Chili Feed and other events. Unfortunately, that didn't happen because of COVID. Let's hope that next year will be better!

Meanwhile, the staff and board members have continued to work hard to keep the museum open, and outdoor events have returned. The Historical Haunt Walks were a big success, and Little Woody returned in September. One of our most fun events of the past year was the screening of *Let There Be Light* at the Tower Theater. This recounting of Water Pageants of the past led to a good reception for the DVD which is on sale at the museum. An Antique Fair is a new event being planned for August 2022. It will feature booths set up on the museum lawn where vendors can sell their antiques.

Currently, our most popular item on sale in the museum book store is the *Hello Bend!* book which was a collaboration between The Bulletin and DCHS. Many hours went into collecting and sorting photographs that depicted Bend's growth and change from 1950-2000. It features the transition from the mill era to the Mill District; from Skyliners ski area to Mt. Bachelor, it includes the demise of the Pilot Butte Inn, and the creation of the by-pass. The photos reflect the big changes that have come to Bend, as well as many lovely photos of old friends and celebrations.

DCHS members have been generous and supportive, and we are all very appreciative of that. However, we do need to ask for continued support. The past two years have been challenging for non-profit organizations. Your donation will help us continue to preserve, promote and celebrate our local history.

Thank you so much,

Sue Fountain

DCHS Board President



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been lost to progress. I am happy to report that all of the original 14 trees listed in the first inventory are still standing and all can be located on the Deschutes Historical Museum's "Heritage Trees of Bend" guided walk.

In 2017, DCHS board president Nate Pedersen served on the State Heritage Tree program and successfully spearheaded listings for the Drake ponderosa grove and the Huntington Wagon Road juniper grove, which joined Big Tree at LaPine State Park as our regions three official state heritage tree listings.



Santiam Apple Tree



Douglas Fir Tree

My personal list of old trees in this area includes the Old Mill apple tree located near the new Bulletin office on Upper Terrace Drive. As I drove by it recently the leaves were gone but the apples were still hanging. Also, there is a mature Peach Tree near Jefferson Place where I used to live. You can also find a row of trees near 8th Street and Norton planted by a former forestry worker that are now mature and all of them are over 50 feet tall. The Santiam Pass Apple Tree has been written up numerous times. It is a hard spot to find on the long climb up above Suttle Lake and it is the sourest apple I have ever tasted.

Lastly, we must not forget the most famous heritage tree during this time of year; the Christmas tree.

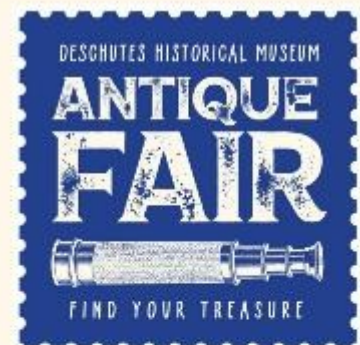
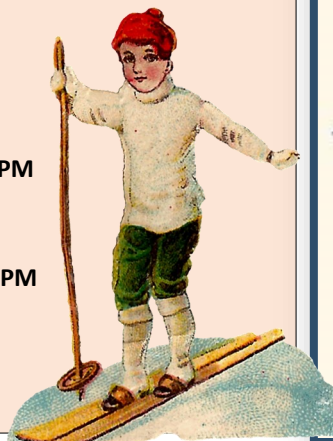
The Douglas Fir remains one of the most popular types of Christmas trees, and just so happens to be Oregon's state tree.

Mark Your Calendars

DECEMBER

- 13 DESCHUTES COUNTY'S 105th BIRTHDAY
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY HOURS: 10:00AM-2:00PM
- 25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY HOURS: 10:00AM-2:00PM

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