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Board: Liz Rink**

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Historical Haunts of Downtown Bend

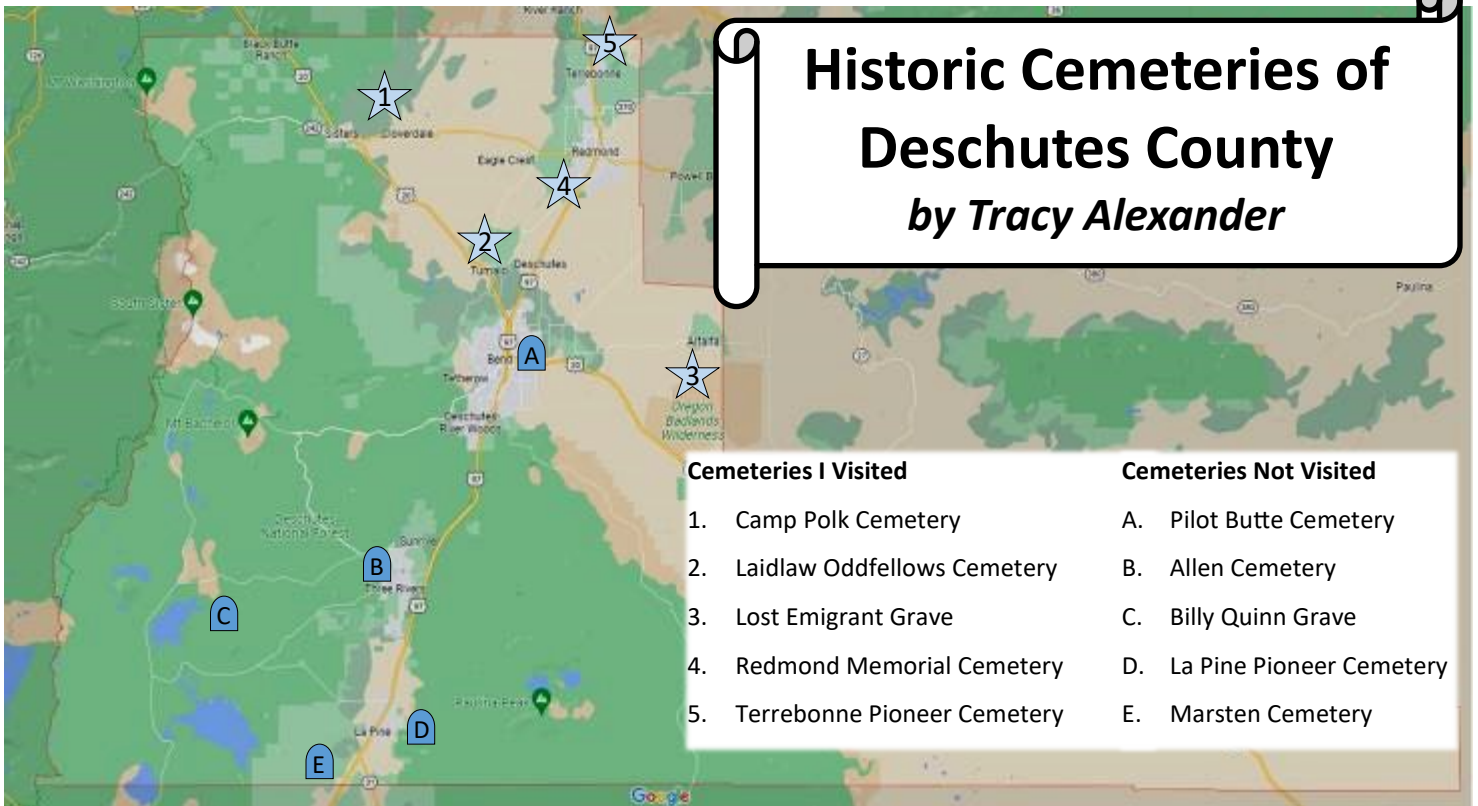
Walking Tours October 14 & 15

This popular event is back and better than ever! With the addition of an on-site food vendor, online ticket sales, and a total of 32 1-hour tours over two nights, this event is sure to send chills of excitement down your spine! Online ticket sales go on sale October 1.

See page 6 for information about this eerily popular event.

Historic Cemeteries of Deschutes County

by Tracy Alexander



Cemeteries I Visited

1. Camp Polk Cemetery
2. Laidlaw Oddfellows Cemetery
3. Lost Emigrant Grave
4. Redmond Memorial Cemetery
5. Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery

Cemeteries Not Visited

- A. Pilot Butte Cemetery
- B. Allen Cemetery
- C. Billy Quinn Grave
- D. La Pine Pioneer Cemetery
- E. Marsten Cemetery

While escorting my daughter back to college in Massachusetts last month, we took a small detour to the “Old Hadley Cemetery”, established 1660, in search of some distant relatives. Visiting my 6th great grandfather inspired many thoughts about what it must have been like to be living so long ago making a life in a strange place (he was born in England and settled in Hadley in the mid 1600s). The history of the western states feels much more recent, but surely the folks who moved to Deschutes (then Crook) County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries found their new homes to be challenging and full of promise.

As we approach the season of spooky stories about spirits and hauntings, I wanted to find the places around our county where these pioneering spirits reside. It turns out that there is a directory of “historic cemeteries” by county on the State of Oregon website. According to Oregon state law, a “historic cemetery” must have at least one burial prior to February 14th, 1909. The directory lists ten historic cemeteries in

Deschutes County. We are fortunate to have an extensive collection of books about many of these cemeteries, published by the Bend Genealogical Society (BGS), in the DHM library’s collection. As I read about each of these cemeteries and their residents, I found myself diving deep into the vast amount of information available about not only those buried, but their offspring and extended families. It was a comforting reminder that we all have history resting all in the earth, waiting to be rediscovered.

I visited five of the ten listed historic cemeteries, hoping to connect with those pioneering souls who came before us. Here is a little history and my thoughts about each.

1. Camp Polk Cemetery: Cemetery Road, Cloverdale

Also known as the Hindman Cemetery, Camp Polk Cemetery is located at the Camp Polk Historical Site, about three miles northeast of the town of Sisters. Established near this site during the Civil War era, the volunteers assigned there were

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Deschutes Historical Museum

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primarily from Polk County. The Hindman family settled the area after the camp closed, and set aside a piece of their homestead for the purpose of burying the dead of a growing population of settlers. As of the writing of this article, ownership of the cemetery is unclear. Without clear burial guidelines, there is an unusual array of burial markers and arrangements.



It is thought that Camp Polk Cemetery is the final resting place of more than 170 people, including Martha (Taylor) Hindman-Olsson Cobb and her husband Alfred. The inscription on their headstone reads:

Martha & Alfred arrived in 1881 with four children, Martha's parents James and Susan Taylor, her brother George and sisters Etta (Fryrear) and Amanda (Swarts). They established the Cobb Roadhouse (now the Lazy Z). After Alfred's death Martha married Charley Hindman, son of Samuel the original settler of Camp Polk and owned it until her death. (She briefly married Gustave Olsson). Camp Polk, including the cemetery was willed to her heirs.



Upon entry, just inside the gate to the cemetery is a familiar name: Deschutes County artist Ray Eyerly (1894-1980) and his wife Lois (1910-1970). DHM featured an exhibit of Eyerly's work back in 2017. Among the vast assortment of headstones and family assemblages, I was

able to locate Thomas Summers' grave, the first person to be interred, with Nellie Claypool nearby. Nellie was not yet 3 years old when she fell ill while living with her parents at the Fish Lake way station, near the summit of the Cascade mountains. When home remedies failed, her family tried to get her to the nearest doctor in Prineville, a several-days' journey. Her condition forced them to stop at the Hindman ranch where Nellie died. She was the second person to be laid to rest at the Cemetery.

Far from the orderly rows found at most cemeteries, Camp Polk's residents are in family clusters with homemade fences and adorned with glass, toys, horse tack, or with stately carved granite. It is a vast place that accurately reflects an untamed West.

Laidlaw Oddfellows Cemetery aka Tumalo Pioneer Cemetery: Cline Falls Road, Tumalo



The land ownership of this cemetery dates back to the late 1890s. It changed hands a few times before being turned over to the Laidlaw Oddfellows Lodge No. 218, who received official authorization for a cemetery in 1913. Many pioneer cemeteries were supported by and named for the Odd Fellows, an organization founded in 1819 that historically provided support to the sick and dying in their communities. According to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

"Burying the dead was taken very seriously by early Odd Fellows, and most lodges purchased land and established cemeteries as one of their first activities in a new town or city. In many areas all phases of burial (sometimes including services now provided by undertakers) were provided by Odd Fellows in the earlier days. Cemeteries were often open to the public, and plots were sold for a few dollars each."

One stipulation of the land transfer for this cemetery dictated that the landscape be kept consistent with its surroundings.

Located off Cline Butte Road, the flat and dusty cemetery is home to those with names familiar to those who have driven the streets of Central Oregon. Some names I instantly recognized were those of Wilber and Evalena Hunnell, parents of William "Punk" Hunnell, for whom Bend Senior High School's football field is named. While this cemetery was not as pastoral as the others, I had a sense that those buried there loved their high desert homeland, and were quite comfortable amongst their generations of families.



Lost Meek Wagon Train Burial aka "Lost Emigrant Grave": BLM land near Al- falpa

The ill-fated branch of the Oregon Trail called the "Lost Meek Wagon Train" was led by Stephen Meek through the Central Oregon desert. In order to avoid potentially dangerous interactions with Native Americans in the Blue

Mountains, Meek led approximately 200 wagons, or 1,000 people, where no wagons had gone before. Unfortunately, Meek lost the trail and any sources of potable water, leading to tragedy. The party split into two, with the Tetherow party



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heading southwest, toward the current town of Bend. In the Fall of 1845, the Tetherow party laid an emigrant to rest near the current town of Alfalfa. They initially marked the grave by carving a nearby juniper tree with an inscription that read “Sacred to the Memory of JE_IE, Lost Meeks, 1845”. The tree, made known by W.H. Staats in 1880, was later struck by lightning and nearly destroyed. In 1974 members of the Deschutes Pioneer Association marked the burial with a headstone bearing the same inscription.



the Deschutes river, now known as Tetherow Crossing. Jess lived at and worked on his family's ranch there, which is also currently the site of the oldest standing house in Deschutes County.

I took two visits to find this site. On my first visit I hiked around a very dry, hot, and dusty landscape covered in old sage and juniper. I could easily sense how desperate these poor emigrants must have felt searching for water in this strange place in the late summer heat. After consultation with someone who had actually visited the grave, I was able to locate it alongside a very naturalistic canal with lovely riparian wildflowers. I found that the flowing water so close to this person's final resting place made for a beautiful, while ironic, private cemetery. The site is on BLM land, accessible off Dodds Road, and can be found near the Central Oregon Canal.

Amongst these notable names from Deschutes County history, Janet helped me to find the first person to be laid to rest there, Lewis Clark Eby, a child aged 7-8 months. Unfortunately, it seems as though many of the earliest burials in the historic cemeteries are children; a reminder that life for our earlier residents was extremely precarious.



Redmond Memorial Cemetery: 3545 S. Canal Blvd, Redmond

The City of Redmond purchased the cemetery and land from the Redmond Cemetery Association in October 1919. It is beautifully maintained, and you can find a helpful “Historical Walking Tombstones Tour” brochure on the City of Redmond's website.



There are over 4,500 burials in the Redmond Memorial Cemetery, but the “Old Section” is clearly marked at the cemetery's entrance. Just off the main road, a prominent headstone bearing the name “Redmond” is a landmark for the final resting place of the city's founder Frank Redmond and his wife Josephine. Exploring with my mother-in-law and DHM volunteer Janet Alexander, we were also able to locate another notable name, John Tuck. If you grew up in or around Redmond, you may have attended John Tuck Elementary School. Mr. Tuck was a teacher and principal for the Redmond grade school for 26 years. Another name I sought that took a little more effort was Jess Tetherow. Mr. Tetherow's grandfather, Andrew Tetherow, came west with his parents on the Meek Cutoff Wagon Trail in 1845,



and later built a cable-operated ferry to aid settlers crossing



Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery: Smith Rock Way, Terrebonne

The historic cemetery in Terrebonne is easily accessible from the main road taken to get to Smith Rock. Nestled against a hill, this small peaceful cemetery has a beautiful view of the Smith Rock formation. This area was originally called “Hillman”, after the railroad magnates James Hill and E.H.

Harriman who established the railroad connections in that newly developing landscape. In 1910 there was a railroad depot, and the introduction of irrigation to the area made Terrebonne a booming town that surpassed the size of Redmond, with it's own *Oregonian* office. Eventually, however, Redmond won the race to become the largest town in the area, and Terrebonne's growth subsided.

In 1919, John M. Perry and Lola Mae Perry deeded their land for an International Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery. Mrs. Perry's son from a previous marriage had died, so Gerald Numbers became the first burial at the age of 15. I found several other burials that dated to 1910, and many stones that were illegible. Of all the cemeteries I visited, this one left me with the strongest sense of sadness. The beauty and intimacy

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Liz



Rink

By Adrian Bennett

Welcome to the newest member of the DCHS Board of Directors, Liz Rink. A member of the Museum since 2004, Liz has agreed to serve on the Board. After graduating from University of California in 1976 with a BA in Art, she and her husband, Dave, moved to Bend and started DE Rink Construction and raised a family of two children. At present Liz is fortunate to have two young granddaughters living in Bend along with a daughter and son-in-law.

Over the past 45 years she worked with her husband building and remodeling hundreds of buildings and homes in Central Oregon. Liz also served on various boards including the Arts, Beautification and Culture Commission for the City of Bend, Bend 2030, the Arts and Culture Alliance of Central Oregon, and several committees with the Central Oregon Builders Association and the Bend Chamber of Commerce. Now that Liz is no longer serving on those boards and committees, she and her husband are looking towards retirement. Working with the DCHS Board of Directors will be her primary focus beyond family, the construction business, traveling, being outdoors, or attending fun events in Bend.

Through the historic renovation work of DE Rink Construction, Liz and her husband work to respect the history of the site and buildings, seeking to preserve the look while updating the interiors and fulfilling the owner's desires whenever possible. When doing such renovations, the possibilities of discovery, from old newspapers to underground prohibition tunnels are always just around the corner.

Liz is excited about planning future museum exhibits such as the forthcoming Mountain Bike exhibit, encouraging the resumption of school field trips, using her contacts with other builders in locating pictures of homes and buildings prior to renovations, and expanding the membership. Welcome aboard, Liz, with your years of service working with various entities in the Deschutes County community, we look forward to your input and continuing support for the DCHS.



Fishing for Funds update: THE BIG CATCH!!



Fishing season ended at the Deschutes Historical Museum, September 10, 2022, however quite a haul was had and the fishing quotas for this fins-raiser were all filled. Between August 13- September 10, 2022 the museum netted **\$3,140**, between the Maya Hahn upcycled "Lumbar Steelhead" fish and the 14-foot handmade Mac Bosch canoe.

The drawing for the canoe was done live on DHM Facebook September 10, 2022, with **Stan Beyer** of

Bend, Oregon the lucky winner. Stan, a recent transplant to the area, is a boat builder and was surprised to learn he had won the beautiful fiberglass and cedar watercraft. CONGRATULATIONS Stan!

Thank you to all who participated and helped reel in the big-one. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to our donors, Maya Hahn and Dave and Jane Tolve who made this spontaneous opportunity possible.



Stan Beyer, of Bend, Oregon



GET YOUR HAUNT ON!

OCTOBER 14 & 15 4-9:00 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR: More tours, Online Tickets, On-site food!

Historical Haunts of Downtown Bend is an eerie hour of history and paranormal mystery woven together into a freakishly fun stroll through Bend's historic downtown escorted by a museum guide.

Each walking tour starts at the museum and ends in Downtown Bend, approximately one-mile of flat walkways. As many of the featured locations are operating businesses tours do not enter any buildings. Tours will leave every 20 minutes.

While you wait for your tour, wander the halls of the museum exploring Deschutes County's history, admission to the museum is free with your ticket. Stop in the research room and view film footage of the museum's ghost. Visit the "Crypt" our outdoor eating space where you will find The Sweet Retreat Scoop-n-Sip, Central Oregon's favorite ice cream & espresso truck.

Tickets are \$15 per person, general admission, \$5 for Members.

A promo code will be sent to members in a separate email to receive the \$10 discount.

Not yet a member to the museum? Purchase four (4) or more tickets and receive one (1) household museum membership **FREE!**

This popular fundraiser and member drive for the museum does sell out. Space is limited.

Tickets for this event are not refundable but are transferable.

TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH EVENTBRITE.COM
starting OCTOBER 1, 2022



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of the site combined with the very recent graves of young community members resting with those who have resided there for generations made for a powerful experience.

Finally, I leave you with a poem I found In the BGS's guide to Camp Polk Cemetery 1880-1999 titled "Ancestor", author unknown, that sums up my curiosity about these intimate places:

*Your tombstone stands among the rest
Neglected and alone
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished marble stone
It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own
Dear Ancestor the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved
I Wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot
And come and visit you*



Grave of Fredrica Balz, 1891-1993,
Laidlaw Cemetery, Tumalo

Memorials

Carolyn Nelson

Sharon and Waldron
Hoblit

Tributes

Ralph C. Curtis

Jean Rotter

YEARBOOKS GALORE!



The Deschutes Historical Museum likes to maintain a complete set of yearbooks for Deschutes County high schools. If you have a copy of one of the yearbooks the museum is missing, we will provide it a home!

Yearbooks are some of the most popular and frequently requested items in our museum collection. They are a valuable tool for research and are just so darn fun to look through! Locals and visitors alike use the yearbooks to reconnect with memories of parents, grandparents, and friends, or to reminisce about that ill-advised freshman year haircut. I know, I know, you think those 80's, 90's, 2000's yearbooks are too recent to be part of a museum collection. THEY'RE NOT! We want them!! If you would like to donate any of the missing years to the museum, contact Rebekah Averette at rebekah@deschuteshistory.org or call the museum to set up a time to drop it off and sign a Deed of Gift.

MISSING YEARS:

Redmond High School – 1921, 1923, 1925, 1927-1930, 1932-1939, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1968, 1969, 1973-present

Bend High School – 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1932-1939, 1941, 1942, , 1957, 1969, 1983-present

Missing ALL years EXCEPT:

Summit High School – missing all years except 2002-2005

Mountain View High School – missing all years except 79, 88, 89

COCC – missing all years except 66-67, 68

We are missing ALL years for the following schools:

Marshall High / Bend Tech Academy
Realms High
Redmond Preparatory Academy
Sisters High School
La Pine High School
Ridgeview High School
Redmond Preparatory Academy



Worthy History Kicks Off With a Promise



The first Worthy History took place September 27, with an enthusiastic crowd that filled the Hop Mahal room to listen to OSU Professor Sam Stern talk about the legacy of Dr. Bernard Daly in Lake County, Oregon.

For those who don't know about the Daly Fund, we strongly encourage picking up Professor Stern's book, Bernard Daly's Promise. The book is filled with tales of how a frontier doctor, who immigrated from poverty in Ireland, has been transforming the lives of the children of Lake County for 100 years with the gift of a scholarship fund created from his estate upon his death in 1920. It's a book that will leave you with hope. Bernard Daly's Promise is available through [OSU Press online](https://www.osu.edu/press).

In a scene that resembled the old TV reality show "This Is Your Life", former Bend City Mayor Jim Clinton, Daly Fund recipient 1961, raised his hand from the back of the room to talk about how the fund transformed his family's life, rising from his chair to say "I am the Jim Clinton Sam referred to!" Although Professor Stern profiled Jim's story in his book and had talked about him moments earlier, the two had never met in person and it was to the audience's delight to watch them meet in person for the first time.

The next Worthy History night is October 25 featuring Richard Etulain speaking about the life and career of Mark O. Hatfield, former Oregon governor and senator. Reservations are open now at [Event Brite Worthy History](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/worthy-history).



Three Daly Fund recipients were in the audience for Worthy History: (left to right, Professor Stern, Jim Clinton (class of 1961), Kelly Cannon-Miller (class of 1987), and Breda Collins Ardissonne (class of 1977).

Millie's Chili

BACK ON THE MENU!

November

11 & 12

11-3:00

Started in 1986 by Millie Rastovich Chopp to support the museum she loved, the Annual Chili Feed took place on the second weekend of November like clockwork for 34 years. Then came 2020 and 2021 wasn't much better. So even though it's been 36 years since Millie kicked off our biggest fall fundraiser, we only get to call this year's the 35th Annual Chili Feed? I suppose as historians, we're supposed to know the rules for such things. The really important part is that we are having the Annual Chili Feed this November!

Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., stop by the museum for a bowl of Millie's Chili made with Rastovich Farms Barley Beef, with a slice of pie for dessert. This is a family affair with Millie's daughter, Susie Penhollow, cooking her mother's secret recipe and the Rastovich Family Century Farm providing the beef.

While the Chili Feed and Raffle are returning, the Bake Sale portion of the event will not be back this year. All sweet tooth cravings will have to settle for pie and ice cream at the Chili Feed.

If you want to help by donating pies, please call the museum at 541-389-1813 for details and to sign up. Help us make the 34th/36th Annual Chili Feed a success this November.

Mark Your Calendars

OCTOBER

- 14 HISTORICAL HAUNTS OF DOWNTOWN BEND**
Deschutes Historical Museum 4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Tickets required, [Purchase online starting Oct. 1](#)
- 15 HISTORICAL HAUNTS OF DOWNTOWN BEND**
Deschutes Historical Museum 4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Tickets required, [Purchase online starting Oct. 1](#)
- 25 WORTHY HISTORY PUB: MARK HATFIELD, OREGON STATESMAN**
Presented by Richard Etulain, PhD
Worthy Brewing, Co. Eastside
495 NE Bellevue Dr. Bend
7:00 p.m. *Doors open at 6:00 p.m.*
Reservations required, [click here to register](#).

SAVE THE DATES!
More information coming soon.

November 5 & 6
Great Basin Symposium
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
OSU Cascades Campus



BARLEY BEEF



November 11 & 12
Chili Feed and Raffle
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Deschutes Historical Museum