



## Gelatin, anyone?

Meet the winners, and almost winners, of the second annual Holiday Gelatin Salad Show

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## Hoppy History

We kick-off the 2026 History Pub series with a local author and his history of beer in Central Oregon.

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# The Homesteader

Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—JANUARY 2026

## Welcome to 2026!

The start of a new year can feel exciting, ominous, full of promise, and maybe a bit scary. We at the Deschutes Historical Museum are feeling ambitious and determined as we look ahead to showcasing new exhibits, offering engaging programs, and presenting a speaker whose appearance is timely in so many ways!

Things to look forward to:

- In February we open a new exhibit on the first floor (see p. 4 for a sneak peek).
- A “Member’s Only” workshop about property research on February 21, led by Vanessa Ivey.
- Members are invited to the Annual Members Meeting on February 28 at the Bend Elks Club.
- Mark your calendars for May 13: **“Mark O. Hatfield Lecture Series Presents Rick Atkinson’s Fate of the Day: The War for America, Fort Ticonderoga to Charleston, 1777–1780 (Revolution Trilogy, 2)”** at the Tower Theatre. Watch for ticket announcement soon.
- The Oregon Archaeology Roadshow returns on June 6.
- The Antique Fair returns on August 8.
- “Escape The Museum”, The Annual Chili Feed and Raffle, and the Holiday Gelatin Salad Show all return this fall.

***So let’s get ready to celebrate local history together all year long!***



***Baby New Year (John P. Pringle) and Father Time (Arthur M. Pringle) bringing in 1920. From the Taggart Pringle Album in the DCHS collection.***

# 2025 Holiday Gelatin Salad Show Results

## Winners, almost winners and honorable mentions



Above: The judges Lauren Redman, Scott Elnes, and Jared Rasic with the Overall Winner, Amber Clegg for her "Gelatin de Mosaic."

Below: Honorable Mentions went to Janna and Mel for their variety of art-inspired creations (there

### Winners, from Top:

Best Presentation and Best in Show: "Gelatin de Mosaic" by Amber Clegg  
Best Savory: Emily Giovannozzi and Virginia Reid  
Best Family Recipe: Michael Hogg  
Best Oops, Nailed It!: Lloyd McMullen



DHM hosted its second Holiday Gelatin Salad Show last month. After word of the 2024 event got out, there was a bit of a "media blitz," including a piece by OPB! And who else got word of our joyful event? The great granddaughter of Knox Gelatin Charles B. Knox, who says she would like to attend next year's event.

Over 30 entries lined the room including art-inspired creations, a show-stopping mosaic salad, and a vegan entry. Many entrants bravely entered family recipes with the goal of carrying on generational legacies, sharing their jiggly dishes with pride.

A special thanks to our esteemed judges who returned for more magnificent gelatin, Jared Rasic, Scott Elnes, and Lauren Redman, and to Newport Avenue Market for donating pies and the Best in Show \$100 gift card as our grand prize for the winners.



### The prize winners were:

Best Presentation: Amber Clegg

Best Savory: Virginia and Emily

Best Family Recipe: Michael Hogg

Oops, Nailed It!: Lloyd McMullen

Best in Show went to Amber Clegg's "Gelatin de Mosaic."



Honorable Mentions went to Harrison (L) for his vegan coconut and mango as well as to Janna and Mel for their various art-inspired gelatin installations. Be sure to visit the DHM Facebook page videos of the staff trying their hand at gelatin creations. Oh, and mark your calendars for December 12, 2026!

## Deschutes Historical Museum

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Rashelle Maplethorpe, Support Staff



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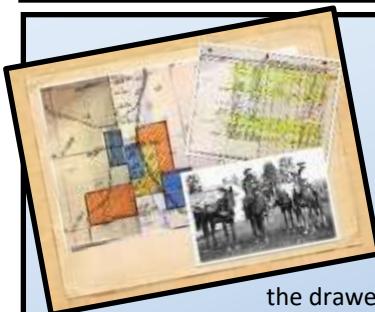


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**Once again, we are truly humbled by the overwhelming response our community has shown to our Annual Giving Campaign. In this time of uncertainty, you have demonstrated the generosity of Deschutes County! On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and board of directors of the Deschutes County Historical Society, Thank You for supporting our mission to preserve, promote and celebrate our local history.**

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## Map and Document of the Quarter

The next time you visit the Deschutes Historical Museum, carve out some time to explore the Map and Document of The Quarter. Volunteer researcher and board member, Brad Lemmon, encounters many interesting maps and documents while working in the DHM archive. "As I spend more and more time at the museum, I become aware of the amount of interesting things that are in the drawers and boxes. I want people to see more of those things than they get to see in the permanent or rotating exhibits."

The January – March 2026 Document of the Quarter is a 1918 Tumalo Telephone Directory that was mailed to F. V. Swisher with a 2-cent stamp.

The Map of the Quarter is *Waterworks Plans* from December 1924. For Bend, it shows the "location of houses requiring water supply."

# DCHS NEWS

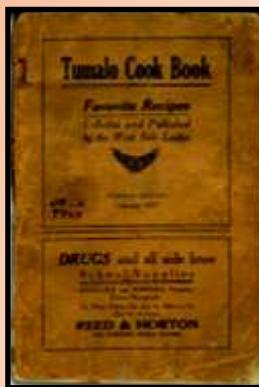
## NEW: Recipe of The Month

Fresh off the Holiday Gelatin Salad Show, we are launching a new feature. Each month, museum staff will select a historic recipe to examine, make, and taste test. To kick it off, let's look at the 1917 *Tumalo Cookbook, Favorite Recipes Collected and Published by the West Side Ladies*, where Mrs. F.N. Wallace offers this gem:

### Spaghetti

*About a bowl full of spaghetti boiled tended in salt water. Then drain the water off. One large onion and about a quarter of a pound of bacon ground together then fried to a light brown. About 7 or 8 cents worth of cheese ground, mix all together. Cover with milk, season with salt and pepper, bake half an hour.*

### Putting on our historian hats:



What size bowl? How much cheese is 7 or 8 cents worth in 1917? More importantly, what was Mrs. Wallace's given name, since F.N. was her husband?

Follow us on Facebook to find out our answers to these questions. Given that this recipe contains bacon and cheese, we're already sure we like it.

## New Exhibit Coming Soon: “A Changing Landscape”

There are changes coming to the northeast first floor gallery, which has been home to “Klunkers and Stumpjumpers” for the past three years. On loan from the Oregon Historical Society, “A Changing Landscape” photographically documents the effects of climate change on Oregon’s landscape.

Using modern and historical photographs, visitors will visually compare 100 years of environmental change across Oregon’s most recognized mountains, lakes, and glaciers.

This exhibit is expected to be open in February, look for more information in the February *Homesteader*.



*View of Three Sisters Lake from Scott Lake shoreline. Left: September 16, 1920. Photo by Frederick Cleator, NARA 48738A. Right: September 8, 2022. Photo by Jim E. O’Connor*

## Welcome Donna and Rashelle

We are excited to introduce two new DCHS employees who you may see around the museum.

**Donna Burklo** has been active in the Deschutes County nonprofit world since moving here in 2004. Her passions for access to food and shelter for all, for empowering our youth, and for preserving history and providing contextual learning have been at the forefront in her most recent work as Executive Director for Family Kitchen and then Central Oregon Villages, and in her current efforts at DCHS and Oasis Village. She is excited to work with the knowledgeable, skilled, and dedicated DCHS team.



**Rashelle Maplethorpe** began volunteering at DHM in 2023, when she was featured in the November issue of the *Homesteader’s “Volunteer Corner.”*

Rashelle was born in Portland and grew up in various spots throughout the metro area, including Milwaukie, Tualatin, Aurora, and Oregon City. She moved to Central Oregon to pursue a Bachelor’s degree at OSU Cascades and has been here ever since. She is currently studying for her master’s degree in counseling through OSU.



She loves hiking and exploring the outdoors. When she’s not out on the trails, Rashelle enjoys fiber arts like needlepoint and crochet. Rashelle and her partner Daniel also make their way to the Oregon Coast whenever they have the chance. You can meet Rashelle at the museum on Fridays and Saturdays.

# Remembering Martin Tobin Winch

**March 9, 1944 - November 26, 2025**

Martin Tobin Winch died on November 26, 2025 at the age of 81 at OHSU Hospital, of complications from cancer.

"We've had a wonderful life," he said to us.

Martin was born in Portland on March 9, 1944 to Simeon and Mary Winch. He went to high school at Portsmouth Priory in Rhode Island and college at Princeton, graduating in 1966 with a degree in history. After college, Martin was a VISTA volunteer, working with migrant agricultural workers in Texas, and then moved to Denver where he completed his law degree (1971), and met Carolyn. They married on September 4, 1971, and settled in Tumalo, Oregon, where they built a house and pastures and had two children, Paula (1972) and Peter (1977).

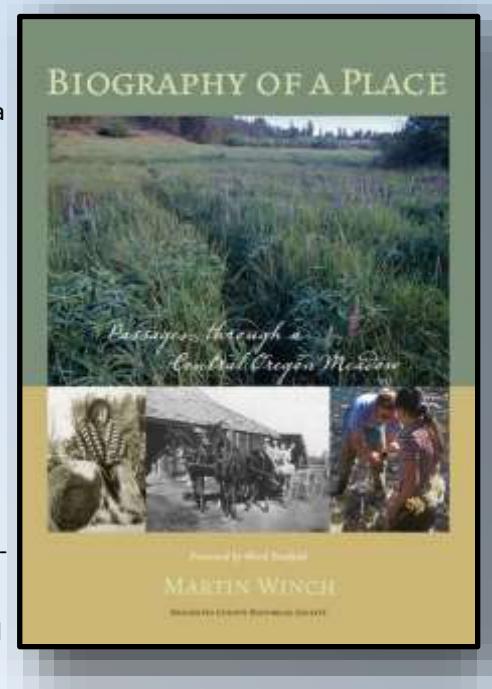
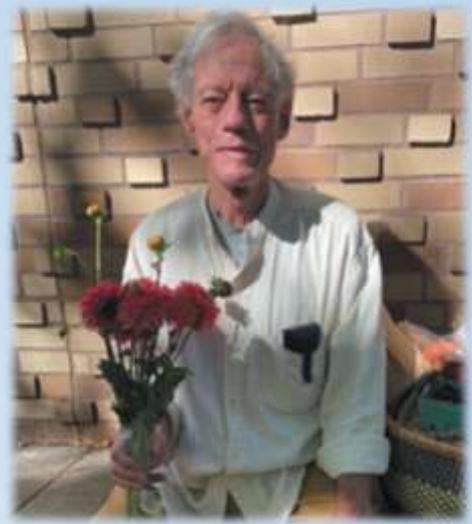
Martin worked for Tumalo Irrigation District and wrote a history on the subject (Tumalo, Thirsty Land) published in the Oregon Historical Quarterly in 1984-86, and with Carolyn created Deschutes Independent School. They lived in Tumalo again between 1998 and 2009. He dedicated himself to the restoration of Whychus Creek, with Deschutes Basin Land Trust, and wrote *Biography of a Place: Passages through a Central Oregon Meadow*.

In the 1990s, in Portland, he had his happiest professional years as Executive Director of Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest – a role that he loved for the young people at its center and the focus on service and community. Later in life, Martin became a mediator in court, sang in a choir, established native plants, tended to roadsides in the neighborhood, and embraced mentorship opportunities.

Martin was diagnosed with mesothelioma in September 2023. Treatment allowed him to live in robust health for another two years, taking care of Carolyn in her last year of life. He found new love and companionship with Patricia Bradley in his final chapter.

Martin was a spiritual person. He read extensively. He had a beautiful singing voice. He was a steward of land and water, and dedicated to creating a more just community. He is treasured for his insight and the way he lived a life of purpose.

He is survived by his children, Paula and Peter, and his grandchildren , Elo (2006) and Ahti (2008).



*Save the Date!*

## Annual Members' Luncheon Saturday, February 28, 2026

11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

[Bend Elks Lodge: 63120 Boyd Acres Rd. Bend](#)

The 2026 Members' Luncheon will once again take place at the Elks Lodge in Bend. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m., with a welcome at 11:30. Lunch will be a choice of prime rib, salmon, or eggplant lasagna, baked potato, and vegetable. We will announce the 2026 Pioneer Queen and play a new round of Members' Jeopardy!

## Tributes

**Atlee Hawes**

Dave Hawes

**Marsha Stout**

Sally Wilson



# January History Pub

Tuesday, January 27, 2026



## Bend Beer: A History of Brewing in Central Oregon

*Presented by Jon Abernathy*

**Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Presentation at 7:00 p.m.**

With more breweries per capita than any other Oregon city, Bend is a beer Mecca. Prior to Prohibition, the state had a burgeoning brewing industry and plenty of saloons to cater to the needs of the hardy frontiersmen who settled Central Oregon. The teetotaling '20s brought all that to a screeching halt. Fifty years later, the arrival of pioneers like Deschutes Brewery and Bend Brewing Company breathed new life into Bend's beer and brought about the booming industry for which the area is known today. Author and creator of "The Brew Site" Jon Abernathy traces Bend and Central Oregon's hoppy history from early settlement to the present day, sharing the stories behind its most famous breweries and the communities that have fostered the industry.



Jon Abernathy has been blogging about craft beer for more than a decade and drinking and homebrewing it for far longer. In 2004, Jon launched [The Brew Site](#), a blog dedicated to all things beer and brewing. The blog has gone on to become the longest-running American beer blog and has documented the change and rapid growth that has characterized the Bend and Central Oregon brewing scene.

*Reservations required; \$5 per person [www.mcmenamins.com/events/](http://www.mcmenamins.com/events/)*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**"What was at this address?"**

## Property Research 101

*"When was my home built?"*

*"Who lived in my house?"*

Are these questions you've wondered about? Have a property you'd like to know more about? Property research is one of the most asked questions at the Deschutes Historical Museum. Join Vanessa Ivey, Museum Manager, as she shares her tips and tricks of uncovering property history and the resources that make investigating rural and urban areas fun.

**When:** Saturday February 21, 2026, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Deschutes Historical Museum Research Room

**Who:** DCHS members and volunteers

**Recommend:** a sack lunch, laptop/tablet, and possible address of interest.

For more information contact Deschutes Historical Museum:

[info@deschuteshistory.org](mailto:info@deschuteshistory.org) or call 541-389-1813.

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This program will be offered again in May during Historic Preservation Month.

## Mark Your Calendars

### JANUARY

- 1 MUSEUM CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 27 HISTORY PUB: BEND BEER: A History of Brewing in Central Oregon  
Presented by author Jon Abernathy  
McMenamins Old St. Francis; 700 NW Bond St., Bend  
Father Luke Room, 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
*[Reservations required, \\$5 per person](#)*



February 21: PROPERTY RESEARCH TRAINING; *Free to members*

February 28: ANNUAL MEMBERS LUNCHEON; At the Bend Elks Club

