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Juneteenth: Reflection, Reparation, Celebration

Juneteenth is a combination of the words June and nineteenth – the day in 1865 that Union troops, including Black soldiers, arrived in Texas after the end of the Civil War to announce that enslaved people in that state, and through the defeated Confederacy, were free as a result of the **President Lincoln's** Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. Freedmen in Texas celebrated “Emancipation Day” or “Jubilee Day” and now citizens in almost all U.S. states officially celebrate the day.

The Oregon legislature has also declared June 19th as an official state holiday. Juneteenth is a tribute to African-American regeneration, resilience, and persistence in the face of systemic oppression. It is an opportunity for everyone to learn about the implication of the country's racial history and to gain a deeper understanding of who we are as a nation.

The museum hosted this day of commemoration that attracted an attendance of around 350 while 250 people live streamed the events that included the installation of a memorial plaque in recognition of a Coos Bay resident, **Alonzo Tucker**,



The Juneteenth commemoration began with an invocation just outside the museum.

who was lynched in 1902. For many months, the Alonzo Tucker Task Force Committee was comprised of many local organizations and individual partnerships, including representatives of the Equal Justice Initiative. The historical marker reviews the circumstances of a white mob lynching Tucker, a Black man accused of assaulting a white woman. He went into hiding from the mob but was discovered the following day and shot, dying from his wounds on the way to the lynching site. Though racial hostility



*When visiting the freshly installed memorial plaque for **Alonzo Tucker**, pause to read the words on the back side also.*



Several speakers offered historical perspectives on the day's events.

and lynching were prevalent in the South, Oregon was no exception to the anti-Black racism that fueled this era. Founded with a state constitution that banned all Black people by law until 1926, Oregon accommodated mob violence against Tucker, and no one was held accountable for his lynching. We remember Alonzo Tucker, and all unknown victims of lynching, as we pursue truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Exploring Education – by Ariel Peasley

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it”

— Marian Wright Edelman

Hello: The museum and our community have had an eventful last few months and we are incredibly grateful for it! We hosted our first ever *Juneteenth Celebration*, installed the Equal Justice Initiative Historical Marker for **Alonzo Tucker**, and held a watch party for this year’s brilliant 3rd/4th of July Fireworks show. I would like to begin this quarter’s newsletter by thanking everyone who participated in the Alonzo Tucker Memorial and Juneteenth Celebration committees, as well as all of our museum volunteers and local community members who stepped up to help make these events possible. Now that the museum is fully open, I look forward to meeting even more of our community members in person. Don’t forget to check our website cooshistory.org/education for

updates, and as always, feel free to email the Education and Community Engagement Coordinator, **Ariel Peasley**, at education@cooshistory.org with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Upcoming Events: Our next round of *First Tuesday Talks* is set to finish out the year so we hope you will check out the upcoming presenters and topics in the newsletter or grab one of our bookmarks at the museum. We are planning to host these talks in person at the Coos History Museum, but will continue to offer recordings of the talks online as well. We are also going to be offering *Explorer’s Club* in person beginning in August so bring your children or grandchildren down to the museum for some fun hands-on education and activities each *Second Saturday*. Although the *Writer’s Day* event is not until October 16th, our Writing Competition is now open until September 18th. So, be sure to share with your friends and family, get your writing submitted, and sign-up

for the event soon at cooshistory.org/writers-day.

Featured: We are also excited to host our first summer camp experience this July. Thanks to interest and support from the North Bend School District, we will be able to host *History Camp* for twelve North Bend High School students. They will learn about all of the ins and outs of what it means to work in a museum, and receive behind the scenes access and hands-on learning experiences, as well as high school credit for their time at the museum. We plan to use this year’s *History Camp* as a launching point for similar camp experiences next year and in the years to come. Children and families are especially welcome at the museum, so we hope this will be an excellent opportunity to continue to bring youth into our museum. Until next time!

Welcoming and Bidding Farewell

Two longtime members of the Board of Trustees, **Steve Greif** (1999) and **Bill Mast** (2006), attended their last board meeting this June, in accordance with the term limits policy in the by-laws. Both men actively served the museum as volunteers, board president, and contributors to its financial well-being. Both have indicated a continuing interest in serving the needs of this institution through volunteering and other activities. Steve plans another local history class, donating the proceeds to the museum, while Bill is scheming on offering another museum tour in the summer of 2022 with the help of **Anne Guerin**. Both were sorry that the pandemic interrupted this annual opportunity.

On staff, **Valerie Caskey** recently resigned as store manager and merchandiser. Formerly, she held other museum positions, that of rentals and volunteer coordinator, and first joined the museum as a volunteer. **Marcia Hart**, Executive Director, praised Valerie for being such a key member of the museum team. Her skill at acquiring a quality inventory for the museum store showed a key aspect of the value Valerie provided for the museum. **Jessica Howell**, in a Jobs Plus position for six months, is currently serving as store manager and rentals assistant. We welcome Jessica, who is quickly getting up to speed in her new position at the museum.

Coos County Historical Society

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Family Maximum: \$17
AARP, AAA, and senior discounts
Free to members and active-duty service

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Marcia Hart

The Survey Says . . .

In this summer issue, you will see the results of a recent survey of our membership. I want to let you know, we take your comments and recommendations seriously. With that in mind, I wanted to address several comments to question #3 . . . *What would you like to see changed or offered, and how?*

1. Lower cost rent/event space and able to use own catering.

As we reopen, after the COVID closures, we will be reevaluating all our programs including pricing for our rental space. We want to be competitive with other rental spaces. Please remember, we are a non-profit organization and not supported by public funding. We do our best to offer low-cost programming, discounts, and fee free programs to the community when possible. The bottom line, though, is we need to generate enough revenue to support our operations. This is not possible through donations, grants and sponsorships alone.

2. Utilize outdoor spaces for community/special events.

Our strategic plan for the next five years includes the development of our outdoor spaces. In 2020 we entered into an agreement with the City of Coos Bay to work on placing a memorial for the Alonzo Tucker Memorial in exchange for the City Urban Renewal Agency's assistance with planning for our waterfront improvements, including a boardwalk, non-motorized boat/kayak launch and Plaza community spaces. Those efforts are currently paused as we examine the costs of planning and design. The Board of Trustees will be discussing further steps needed to move forward with these improvements. Meanwhile, now that COVID restrictions for

outdoor events are eased, we can schedule outdoor events at a reduced level.

3. Re-establish the railroad (in historic, tourist version) between Marshfield and Powers with stops for attractions along the routes.

What a vision! I believe if there are enough people who want to see this happen, it can happen. Realistically, though, this is a heavy lift. What we can look at is a possible future bus tour in 2022.

4. Membership exhibits for local community groups i.e. VFW, American Legion of Women, Little Theater on the Bay, etc.

Our Exhibit Committee develops an exhibit plan based on several criteria, including the objects in our collection, the stories associated with the objects and how they relate to the history and heritage of Coos County and the South Coast. We have been without a curator for over a year and are now recruiting for a successor. The first task for our

new curator will be to review our current exhibit schedule and make adjustments in line with input from our visitors and membership.

5. In-person talks and classes.

The museum plans to restart our in-person First Tuesday Talks in August with the option to view a taped version online. We will adjust according to State COVID guidelines when directed.

6. Thank you for your hard work.

Thank you to all staff, volunteers, our members, sponsors, grantors, and donors. Without your help, we would not have made it through the pandemic to this point. We are not out of the woods yet. We are still operating at a deficit and reduced days/hours. The next six months will be crucial to our survival as an organization. Please consider renewing your membership and sponsoring our education programs and future exhibits. Come visit and bring your friends and family.

This is YOUR MUSEUM!

Membership responses provide guidance

The recent survey mailed to the membership inspired 148 people to respond, and we thank you for that, as we continue to analyze how we weathered the pandemic, seeking new ways to reach the public, some of which may be carried into a non-pandemic future. Certainly, those willing to turn to technology could find ways to stay connected with what the museum was offering, especially with such opportunities as the First Tuesday Talks and Steve Greif's history class.

Following is a quick summary of the top responses to a number of questions:

What do you like best about the museum? exhibits, community events, educational programming, research, activities for children, and the Museum Store.

What would you like to see changed or offered? Better use of outdoor space and public access to

the waterfront, more use of the south side of building to include a gazebo and benches, historical tours, virtual tours, exhibits of local community groups, increased partnerships, in-person talks and classes.

What type of on-line/virtual activities would you be interested in seeing or participating in at a future time? Live virtual programming, virtual museum tours, and pre-recorded programs.

Finally, this survey comment, "I enjoy your newsletter and articles about the old pioneer families," led to a suggestion from the newsletter editor, who is always looking for contributions of features focused on early life in Coos County, from the indigenous people to pioneering immigrants. If you would like to volunteer a historical feature, or topic that deserves our attention, please reach out. The editor can be reached at 541.348.2269.

IVAN LAIRD: A Man For All Seasons

By David Laird

Can you imagine living in one of the small rural communities bordering the old Coos Bay Wagon Road? If you desire, you may still travel the same curving, treacherous and mountainous route from Roseburg to Coos Bay, a route used by settlers and travelers entering the Coquille Valley beginning in 1872. Halfway between these two cities is the townlet of Sitkum, lying peacefully in the heart of Brewster Valley - in years past the home to dairying, ranching, and logging families.

Can you imagine traveling 60 miles by wagon on a dirt road until 1915 when the first automobiles were introduced? If you wanted to catch a passenger ship to San Francisco or make a business trip to Empire, Marshfield, or North Bend



Ivan, at the wheel, drove an auto stage between Coquille and Marshfield. Note the wheel's position on the right and lack of passenger safety constraints.

from Roseburg, this was the only route unless you chose the long and laborious excursion through Drain along the Umpqua to the coast and riding south on the beach to Empire, or the longer and adventurous trek through Camas Valley following the Middle Fork of the Coquille River and entering the Coquille Valley at Myrtle Point. After 1915 when wagon stages became obsolete, auto stages made the trip shorter and less exhausting; unfortunately, the road itself did not improve.

Can you also imagine living from the 1870s until 1941 in one of these rural burghs without electricity? No lights, water heater, or refrigerator are just a few of the many inconveniences that first come to mind.

This is the story of one man who undoubtedly, and in the beginning single-mindedly, brought electric power to Coos and Curry Counties. He is often referred to as the "Father of the Coos-Curry Electric Co-op."

Ivan Laird was born on the 22nd of July 1894 at Sitkum to **James D. Laird** and **Nancy Belle Harry Laird**. Ivan's grandparents, **James Laird Sr.** and **Chloe Harry Laird**, owned and operated the Half-Way House from 1872-1910,

which afforded travelers a restful stop. Platters of food were served every day, and when conditions warranted, the house also became a place for passengers to lay over.

The story really begins in 1929 when the California Oregon Power Company (COPCO) planned to bring high transmission power lines from Douglas County over the divide into Brewster Valley and right down the road past Ivan's farm. The power company had approached Ivan, and they wanted a right of way through his property. Thinking that this opportunity would bring electricity to the valley, he granted the right of way. After this main transmission line was energized, Ivan approached the power company and requested the company provide a distribution line off their main line to afford electricity to the families at Sitkum.

In turn they requested that he make a survey of all the ranchers and loggers in the area who would agree to sign up for electricity. This information would then be used to determine whether Ivan's idea had any merit.

Ivan, excited by the prospect, drove around for days talking with families, calling on every single farmer, logger, or resident

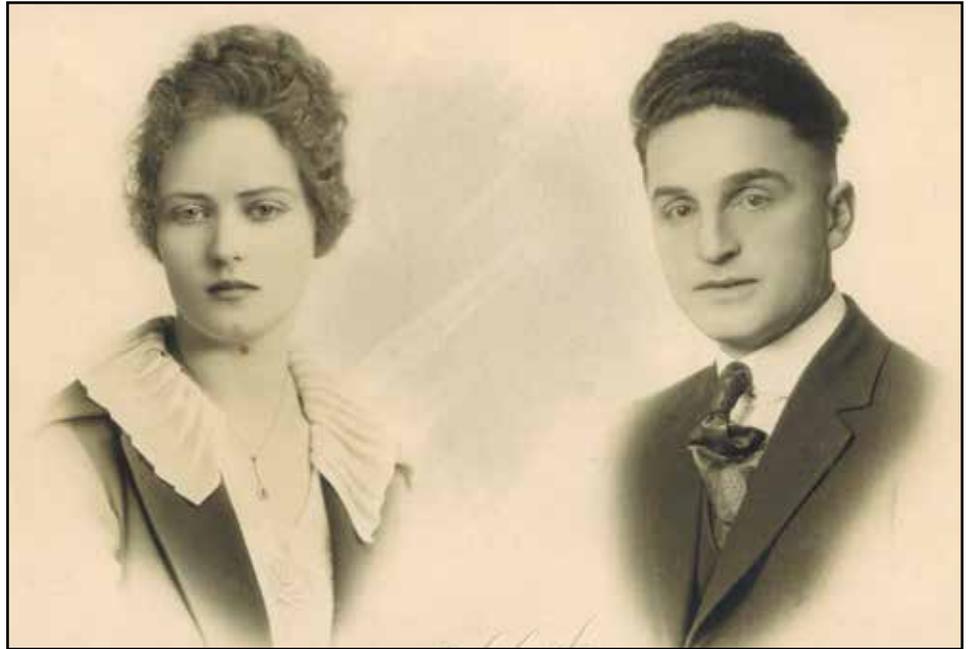


Obviously not acrophobic, Ivan is the man setting the rigging on this spar tree.

in the area and questioning how much they would be willing to pay for electricity on a monthly basis. Some pledged \$20, others \$30, even \$40 per month to have electricity. Ivan drew up a map, located each resident and business on the map, and calculated the total amount of revenue that would be generated on a monthly basis. With this information he went back to the power company and after presenting the report, according to him, “they turned me down flat.” To add insult to injury, they told him, “You live too far out. You will never have electricity.”

Ivan’s study brought about contacting the Rural Electric Association (REA), a New Deal program established by a presidential executive order on May 11, 1935; its goal: to electrify rural America. The country, still experiencing effects of a crippling Depression, had stagnated and rural areas were without electricity throughout the United States. Only one in 10 farms in the U.S. had electric service at this time. Interestingly, in 1948 only 37 percent of the 615 farms in Curry County had electrified homes.

After exploring other avenues to obtain electricity, Ivan and **George Jenkins** from the Oregon State Extension Service in Coquille decided to write a letter to the REA



*Ivan and his beautiful bride, **Daisy Belle Wilson**, in their 1920 wedding photo.*

administrators in Washington, D.C., requesting that they send a field representative to survey seven areas that desperately needed electricity. Up until this time, gasoline or diesel operated generators were used, which were smelly, noisy, and undependable.

George Lewis from the REA was sent early in 1939, and with the assistance of Ivan and **George Jenkins**, the Coquille extension service toured the areas to be electrified. Ivan organized meetings which were held at the granges in each of these areas in order to have

George Lewis explain the scope of the program and answer any questions. Most of the people knew nothing about electricity.

“It wasn’t until then that I realized what I was getting myself into,” Ivan remembered. “I knew nothing about the power industry, and we were not speaking of electrifying just a small part of the valley but all of Coos and in the future Curry County.”

“On the evening of April 26, 1939, a meeting was organized and held in Myrtle Point. Over two hundred people from eight rural communities around Myrtle Point attended. Ivan C. Laird, Sitkum, was named Chairman and **Miss Julia M. Leatherman** of Lee Valley was elected secretary. The other corporators were **Rosabel S. Brown**, McKinley; **Helen M. Pancoast**, Bridge; **D.V. Yeoman**, Fairview; **L.B. Jennings**, Remote; **Marion C. Miller**, Dora and Gravelford; **Elmer Wilson**, Sitkum; **Lora E. Holverstott**, Fairview. The decision was made at this meeting to form a corporate rural electrification association and to begin the project. Adding to the excitement was the announcement **George Lewis’s** recommendation for



The large Cadillac appears to be a novelty for these women crowded on Ivan’s automobile.

bringing power to Coos, Curry, counties had met with great enthusiasm by the REA and a loan of \$119,500.00 would be authorized to begin the project of constructing 84 miles of transmission line to 255 members. On June 1, 1939, the Coos Electric Cooperative, Inc. was formed." (*The World* [Coos Bay, Oregon] · 17 Feb 1939)

An official name change was made on October 5, 1946, when the corporation's name was changed to Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative as the service now had extended to Curry County. Today CCEC services 13,000 members and businesses along the southern Oregon Coast and inland.

Ivan Laird was a remarkable man. His unflagging efforts, courage, and ability to relate to people in a positive way were the primary reasons for his success (and some renown) in several businesses during his lifetime. I would like to register some of his many accomplishments:

- 1915 First automobile stage to run on a regular schedule on the Coos Bay Wagon Road between Roseburg and Coos Bay. Stage ran every 24 hours.
- 1916 Auto Stage line between Coquille and Coos Bay every 2 hours (1914 seven passenger Cadillac)
- 1918 Marine Corp. veteran First World War (Sergeant / Sharpshooter)
- 1919 McKinley Grange member and past Master (66-year member)
- 1920 Standard Oil Company in Coquille as a delivery driver
- 1930 Laird Hereford Ranches at Sitkum and Dora
- 1935 Laird, Benham and Laird Logging Co. at Sitkum (later named L. B. & L Logging Co.)
- 1939 Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative (President for first 27 years, Board Member 40 years.)
- 1946 Sun Valley Bulb Farms, Inc. at Dora. (Hybridized "Star Gazer" world class Oriental Lily)
- 1951 and 1953 elected to Oregon State Legislature from Coos County
- 1966 partner in Beaver State Veneer Co. in Myrtle Point
- 1969 John M. George Public Service Award – Northwest-Southwest Public Power Association (Citation noted his "especially distinguished career



Ivan, the boy in suspenders, left school following his freshman year to work on the family homestead. Photo accompanied a newspaper article in the 1912 Roseburg Review.

- in public service" including presidency of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, presidency of the NWPPA and service on the Public Power Council. He also was commended for his community service, including work through the Grange for construction of Bonneville Dam.)
- 2011 Dedication of the new Coos-Curry Electric Co-op office in Coquille as the Ivan C. Laird Building

In 1912 this headline and story appeared in the Roseburg Review:

NOT ABSENT NOR LATE IN 9 YEARS OF SCHOOL LIFE

SITKUM, Or., July 12. – Noticing an article in the Telegram asking names of pupils who have made a record of steady attendance at school, I wish to name Ivan C. Laird, who has attended the public school at Sitkum, Or., beginning in his seventh year, passing the eighth-grade examination at 15, taking up the ninth grade the following year, making a total of nine years steady attendance without being tardy or absent a day during his school life.

I suppose from an early age Pa's (grandfather) record of achievements and "attendances" are among the most defining traits of his character. What seemed to be most important to him was not foremost fame or wealth but taking personal responsibility to improve the lives of those he was closest to. He was a man who throughout his life triumphed by caring for his family and those in his community. Exhibiting responsibility and leadership, he was rewarded with esteem and respect.



Barefoot boy, Ivan, learns to accomplish a milking chore at a young age.

All photos from the personal collection of David Laird.

Oregon Heritage Excellence Award

Steven Greif, a longtime CHM trustee and volunteer, was one of several individuals and organizations throughout Oregon to be honored by the State Historic Preservation Office this past April. Steve's award was for his dedicated volunteer service that contributed to the growth and community impact of the Coos History Museum. Past local winners include the following: CHM Education Program, **Rebecca Soules**, **Don Ivy**, **Lionel Youst**, and **Richard and Judy Wagner**. You can see videos about all of the award winners, past and present, at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/pages/awards.aspx>

Steve's acceptance remarks:

I'm very grateful to my Coos County colleagues for nominating me for a 2020 Oregon Heritage Excellence Award. The preservation of local history has been very important to me, and it has been a pleasure working with so many others on the Southern Oregon Coast who share that passion.

*My love of history started with my parents and was fostered by some wonderful teachers including **Nathan Douthit** at Southwestern Oregon*

*Community College and **Bill Robbins** at Oregon State.*

Working alongside so many dedicated volunteers on the board of trustees of the Coos County Historical Society has been truly inspirational. We combined our talents over the last two decades to design, fundraise, equip, and operate our new museum on the Coos Bay waterfront.

We wouldn't have been so successful had it not been for the help and collaboration of the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend, the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Siuslaw, and Lower Umpqua, our local U.S. Coast Guard, and other historical organizations on the South Coast like the Sun Printing Museum, the Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery, and the Bandon Historical Society Museum.

The rewards for me have been wonderful. I love to see the involvement of so many local volunteers, and our museum members, who participate so enthusiastically in our programs and to hear the expressions of appreciation from our museum visitors.

It's also been great to see



the number of local history books, magazine and newspaper articles, and videos that have been produced by people using our research facilities. In addition, the construction of our museum has sparked the beginning of an economic revival of the historical Front Street District of Coos Bay.

The people who live on the South Coast clearly love their history. As we celebrate the 130th anniversary of our historical society this fall, we're proud to know that we've had an integral role in the preservation of our local heritage and look forward to future progress in this field.

Steven Greif



Students Spruce Up CHM Grounds

Fifteen Marshfield High School students involved in Key Club, Z Club, and National Honor Society – and their advisor **Stacy Gulseth** – volunteered over 40 man-hours of their time to spruce up the exterior of the museum in mid-May. Coos Watershed Association outreach coordinator, **Alexa Carlton**, and CHM volunteer, **Steve Greif**, contributed an additional eight hours to the project. Together the crew eliminated two pick-up loads of weeds from the museum grounds. The CHM is grateful for the hard work of these volunteers for the improvements made to the museum landscaping in preparation for the summer tourist season.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL CALL

April-June 2021

Renewed Individual

Adams, Allen
Alford, Evelyn
Banks, Sheila
Benetti, Joe
Clarke, Nancy L
Davis, Norma
Forrester, Lois
Gill, Mary
Humphrey, Mary
Hunt, Shannon
Jones, Ruth
Kuenzli, Robert
Lehrbach, Nick
Matthews, Verena
McGuire, Bill
Nylander, Carol
Poage, Donald
Readel, Elizabeth
Toliver, LN "Pixie"

Jorgensen, Korey
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Garwood
King, Charles & Judy
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Mast, JoAnn
Merchant, John
Pedregon, Diana
Richards, Jon & Kathy
Ross, Gordon & Wilma
Russell-Miller, Mary
Simon, Gary & Diane
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Taylor, Barbara
Wentzel, Rocky & Jill
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Talboy, Dean & Linda
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Whitty, Michael & Jan
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Renewed Business

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Whitty, John & Teri

New Individual

Grami, Suzanne

New Household

Jacobson, Bill & Kristie

New Friend

Advanced Health
Hollander, Jim & Bridgett
Lagasse, Haley
Oregon Coast Visitors
Association
Oregon Tourism
Commission /Travel
Oregon
Stewart, Taylor
Stewart, Trent & Lisa
United Way of
Southwestern Oregon

Renewed Household

Arbus, Sally
Besser, Richard &
Yvonne
Boshears, Kenneth &
Avadna
Bowman, Richard &
Sandra
Braden, Buck
Cox, Jerry & Bonnie
Fernandez, Mary Dean
& Leo
Hunt, Siegfried Munding
& Judith
Jacobson, Tom & Rose

Renewed Friend

DeLeon, Jenni
Engels, John
Holmes, Susan Bjorkquist
Jones, Barbara
Lieto, Joseph and Jeanie
Lum, Bruce
Main, Craig & Shari
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for more information.

SAVE THE DATES!

Coos County Historical Society's Annual Awards

Date: Fall 2021, TBD

Celebrate Coos History 2021 130th Anniversary Party Friday, November 5, 2021

We are planning both in-person and online events starting with our awards luncheon, continuing through the month of October, leading up to our anniversary party on November 5th.

Stay tuned for more details! Thank you to our donors, programs sponsors, members, volunteers and staff for helping keep our museum open during this rollercoaster of a pandemic. We truly appreciate all you do for us!



Is it time to purchase or renew your annual membership? Make a donation?

Annual Fee:

- Student (\$15)
- Individual (\$35)
- Household (\$50)
- Friend (\$100)
- Benefactor (\$250)
- Historian (\$500)
- Curator (\$1,000)
- Business membership (\$100 or above)

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Membership has its rewards in shopping locally. Show your membership card when you shop at **Tru Furniture**, and **Katrina Kathleen's** to receive **10% OFF** regular prices.

At the Friend level and up, you can receive an additional benefit - membership in the North American Reciprocal Museums program with free admission to 1,000+ museums across the U.S. A link to the list of NARM members is posted on our website and available for review at our front desk.

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FIRST TUESDAY TALKS

Again, these talks will be in person at the museum, but they will also continue to be available on recordings. You can sign up on-line as well as at the museum.

August 3rd: Brent Bischoff

General Manager/CEO, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. & Beason Broadband, Inc.

Topic: *Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative: From Electrifying the Rural Frontier to Advancing High-Speed, Reliable Broadband on the Southern Oregon Coast*



October 5th:

Jamar Ruff (right)

Outreach Coordinator, Coos Head Food Co-Op

Topic: *Coos Head Food Co-op: 50 Years of Growing Community*



November 2nd:

Representative from the Coquille Indian Tribe
Topic: TBD

September 7th:

Eric Clough, Founder/President, Front Street Community Bike Works (FSCBW)

Topic: *Bicycle Power - Past, Present, and Future*

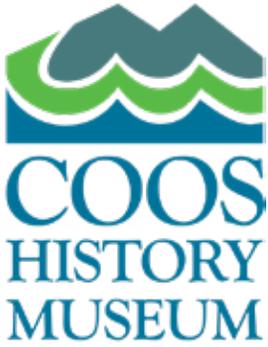


December 7th: Jeff Maddess

Tree Grower and Teacher, Stonehouse Trees

Topic: *Christmas Trees on the Coast Range*





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This hawk image is one of the winning photos from the Wild Rivers Land Trust's photo contest which were exhibited for over a month at the CHM this spring. The event was designed to showcase the natural abundance of wildlife on private lands along the southern Oregon coast. Check the Trust's website for more winning images and view a video explaining the philosophy and objectives of the Wild Rivers Land Trust.



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