



Quarantine News Notes

Klickitat County Historical Society

127 W. Broadway

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KCHS Looks Forward to Opening (at last!)

This is certainly a different story about the Presby, the KCHS and our activities. Our usual opening date of May 1, has come and gone; according to local authorities, museums are scheduled for opening in Phase 3. We hope all goes well and we can open on the target date, **July 1**. We intend to have masks (donated by John Miller), sanitary wipes and spray disinfectant for the use of our customers and hosts. This quarantine may or may not be long-term, but we intend to protect everyone who spends time at the Presby Museum.

You would think that since we are all self-quarantined, not much would be happening--NOT TRUE! Numerous projects have been accomplished by our volunteers--other projects we are continuing to completion.

Hopefully, the changes in the annex building will soon be ready for use. It has come a long way but there is still work to be done. The climate-controlled storage room and our farm office space should be ready by this printing. James Radcliffe and Seiha Sok have done the jobs of drywall and adjustable shelving and insulation and Mark Bryan has done the electrical wiring, construction of walls, display platform and lighting in the farm office. Inside the house, Kathy Moco and fellow volunteers worked to reorganize several storage spaces and the gift shop.

We were able to get our oldest *Goldendale Sentinels* rebound by Grossenbacher Bros. in Portland, six years to be exact, from 1949 to 1955. Additionally, while traveling to Portland, we were able to get several of our paintings cleaned and varnished. They certainly look brighter and much clearer and are now protected long-term. The work was done by the Cultured Pearl of Portland and Harvey Freer, a GHS graduate and past staff member at the Maryhill Museum.

Inez, with her helpers, especially Judith St.Pierre and Brendan Relaford, was able to input over 1600 photos electronically into our PastPerfect program. Also, under Inez's direction, our quilts were placed in muslin bags made by Delores Imrie. The quilts received identifying tags with pictures and were placed in the CCS (see page 3).

Many of our programs have been cancelled or postponed. It appears that our co-operative quilt show with the Klickitat Valley Quilters has been cancelled along with Goldendale's Community Days celebration. We will miss that fun as we will miss the annual visit of the first grade classes from Goldendale, Centerville and Wishram schools to our museum. We do hope the "Presby Pioneer Pals" Day, usually held in late July, can be rescheduled in August. Also, we still hope to be an active part of the group commemorating the end of World War II at Stonehenge August 15. It appears there will be a celebration with distinguished participants--stay tuned for changes.

Read the stories on pages 2 and 3 and you will see we have been busy getting your museum ready for opening tentatively (and hopefully) scheduled for **July 1**.

Those wishing to volunteer as hosts, please contact us and we will arrange training.



KCHS June board meeting, James Radcliffe, Ken Marvel, Mary Childs, Marilyn McKune, Dennis Birney, Ron Ingraham.

Ron Ingraham



MaryAnne & Company

“A garden that people enjoy” is not something that all of us have. But the Presby flowerbeds might substitute; they may even give us the recognized psychological benefits of a garden. There are many. They make us connect with nature. They allow us to remove ourselves from everyday stress and s-l-o-w down. The colors and structures of flowers calm our minds.

Bright orange blanket flowers, bleeding hearts, liverwort—these and other traditional perennials color the Presby Museum’s flower beds. They do not appear magically. No, they’re the work of “MaryAnne & Company,” three dedicated volunteers: MaryAnne Enyeart, lead gardener; Lorraine Fritsch and Adar Israel.

In the spring, the trio rakes leaves and debris from the winter, clears out some plants to prevent overcrowding, digs in fertilizer and mushroom compost. Weeks later, Presby visitors and volunteers can visually feast on the flowers. MaryAnne shared a story about one visitor who actually got on her hands and knees to join her with the everlasting weeding. Those who especially like flowers wander around the house; on the west side, they see the new sedum bed planted by Lorraine, a Master Gardener.

MaryAnne said plants come from varied sources: Lenora Van Aelst, who worked the bed for many years; Dandy Valley Nursery, Ellen Willis and some unidentified “angels.” Adar revealed that her hours working with MaryAnne and Lorraine are a pleasure and that she’s happy to build and maintain “a garden that people enjoy.”

If you do not have your own garden, you can visit the Presby every day, sit on the front porch swing, investigate MaryAnne & Company’s flower beds and feel rejuvenated.

“Going out to the garden is to go on a holiday. When you travel amongst the flowers, your body touches heaven and your mind tastes the secrets of tranquility.” Mehmet Murat Ildan



MaryAnne Enyeart with her favorite tool.



MaryAnne, Adar Israel and Lorraine Frisch get going early in the spring on the borders.



Adar and Lorraine continue the battle with weeds through the summer.

Changes in the Annex

Our Annex building was built in 1970 early in the life of the Historical Society/Presby Museum by Pete May, Henry and Doug Miller, Cecil Allyn and Henry Lorton; its first purpose was to house the complete Goldendale Sentinel printing press and linotype, plus a lot of other miscellaneous items which exceeded the display space of the house.

This spring we called in contractor, Mark Bryan, to help install a long-needed, climate-controlled storage room (CCS) for our many irreplaceable archival materials plus a new display space to be called the 'Farm Office' where we will display our many items donated from the agricultural people of the county.

Once the space was cleared, Mark, James Radcliffe and Seiha Sok divided the area into two rooms with a wall between and installed insulation in the ceiling and drywalled the entire area. A group of boardmembers located some adjustable shelving in The Dalles and brought it here. Inez supervised installing the shelving and the same workers moved in our fire-proof file cabinets.



Mark Bryan looks over a challenging situation.



Inez Freeman putting things in their places.

According to professional advice about care of collections, controlled atmosphere storage is an asset for KCHS as all this material is carefully stored under optimal conditions (even temperatures and humidity). And, thanks to Inez Freeman, we now have a much better idea of how to find our treasures.

The remainder of the Annex space has displays of banking memorabilia, railroad items, Dr. West's dental equipment and our unique display of machinery (linotype, stereotype caster, pony press) from the Goldendale Sentinel. We will reorganize and insulate that space.

KCHS memorial funds have been utilized for the annex construction, along with historical grant monies from Klickitat County for the file cabinets and archival materials.

Mark found some very authentic lighting fixtures and barn-like materials for the farm office. He also created a framed display window for some of our printed memorabilia. The rolltop desk of Mike Hctor is placed and many tools and trappings of the farm businessman are waiting to be arranged. The AC is yet to be installed which will moderate the interior climate of the CCS room.

Archival material includes county records, some from territorial days, city, school, fire, telephone and postal records, as well as minutes, etc. from community organizations like Woodmen of the World (a now-non-existent Fraternal org.). Old newspapers kept in acid-free boxes fill six large shelves, fire-proof file cabinets contain old photographs and documents. Our quilts and fragile textiles occupy overhead shelves.



The new order in the controlled climate storage. Quilt shelf shows at upper left.

Celebrating the End of World War II

The 75th Commemoration of the end of World War II is this summer. On August 14, 1945, the Japanese, the last of the Axis forces, surrendered to the Allies. On August 15, 2020, a Klickitat County ceremony is being planned at the Klickitat County War Memorial near the Stonehenge Memorial site on SR 14.

The ceremony will jointly honor the 52 men whose names are inscribed on the memorial, and local Klickitat County-affiliated World War II veterans whose good health keeps them with us today.

The eight Klickitat County living veterans we have contact with are: Robert Johnson, Harold Bickel, Ed Weddle, Richard Wilson, Don Bryan, Bob Powell, Dee Eberhart and James Yamazaki. Please, if you know other World War II living veterans, contact Ron Ingraham at the KCHS so we can honor them at the program.

The ceremony, scheduled to start at 10 am, will be preceded by an interlude of patriotic music. Following the ceremony there will be WW II displays at the Maryhill Museum grounds, opportunities for visitors to share their memories of family members who participated in the war and refreshments. The public is encouraged to come and share the commemoration time at the Memorial and at the Maryhill Museum grounds.



Klickitat County War Memorial, erected in 1995.



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