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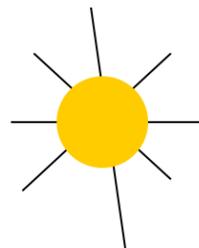


If you find energy being around amazing local historical artifacts and meeting wonderful, like minded people, this is for you! This is a great way to become familiar with our museum. You can volunteer once a month or once a week, you get to decide. The museum is open 10am-4pm, Wednesday thru Sunday. May to mid October. If you haven't hosted before, a board member will be with you until you get the hang of it. From personal experience, it really is an enjoyable activity and educational too, as you can learn much from the guests. If this sounds mildly interesting, please consider being a part of this great local institution, the Klickitat County Historical Society. Phone 509 773 4303; email presbymuseum @gorge.net

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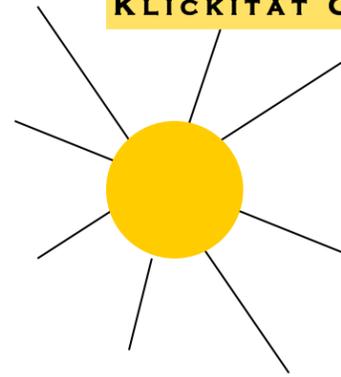
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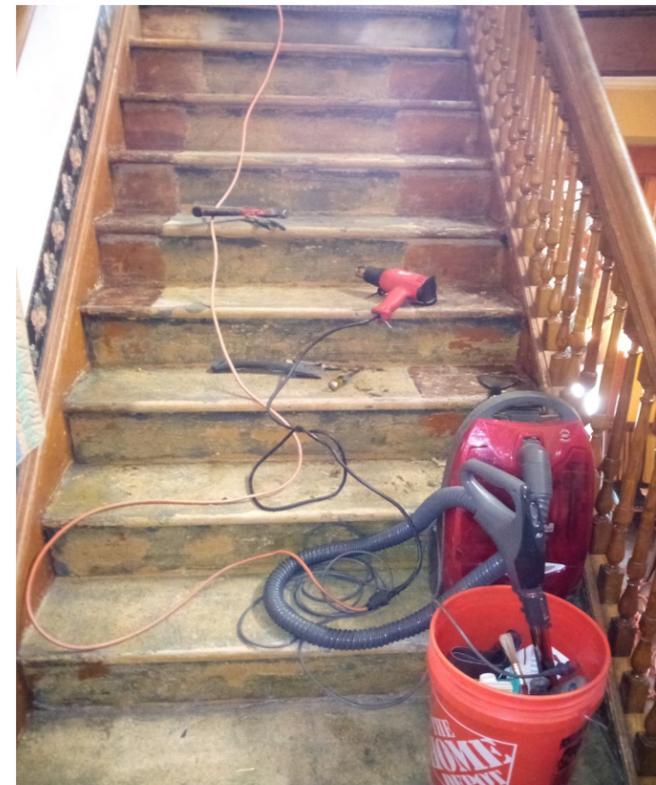
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KCHS NEWS NOTES

Winter Project; Runner Rug for the Staircase

When removing the gray indoor/outdoor carpet and the 1000's of small staples, I noticed that the stairs originally had a runner carpet. The wood stair treads were stained and finished on both sides and not finished in the middle where the original runner had been installed. To get to this stage in the restoration, we had to remove many small staples, remove the carpet glue used to attach the indoor/outdoor carpet with a heat gun. Scrape, scrape, scrape and finally ready for the sanding and then wood staining the ends of the treads where no carpet would be installed. The next step was finishing with 2 coats of floor polyurethane. By this time I had ordered the runner carpet on-line. The members of the board voted on the half dozen patterns and width that they thought would be appropriate for a 1903 mansion and we selected the pattern that you see. Carpet padding was stapled to each tread and when the carpet arrived it was installed in the same way the original runner had been. As a bit of opulence, the stair rods were installed which adds a nice finish. Please come for a visit and climb the stairs. James Radcliffe and Jon Dove



Patricia Ann Cosner 1947–2024

Patricia “Trish” Cosner volunteered as a host at the Presby Museum. She was a ray of sunshine and always greeted our visitors with a cheery smile. Trish was born and raised in Ellensburg but, when she married Louis Cosner, she became a local, living on the family ranch in Centerville and teaching for 28 years in Goldendale. Trish was a beloved teacher and a member of the community. She really knew Klickitat County and was a wonderful resource for our visitors. We were saddened by her passing and greatly miss the laughter that emanated from the office when she co-hosted with her great friend Kay Cameron.



Kicking and Screaming into the 21st Century



Over the winter the Presby Museum Board tries to implement projects that improve the overall condition and look of the building and displays. With that in mind, one of the projects was a complete computer upgrade. Dave Brotherton is the computer wizard we hired to guide us and bring some cohesiveness to the system. The primary intent was to ensure security for our computer use. Dave is a joy to work with and brought a lot of in-depth knowledge that we sorely needed. We now have an automatic backup system for all the information and off-site storage for all Past Perfect data. We now feel confident that our computer system will keep up with our needs for years to come.

Sheep Herder Kitchen

To be a sheep herder means you are away from home for months at a time. During this time the herder lives in a tent or sheep wagon. In the picture is the grub box from the Roscoe and Dolores Imrie ranch on Rock Creek.

The Imrie family has a long history of sheep herding especially the father Jesse Imrie, (1889 to 1961). The kitchen was donated by the Roscoe and Dolores Imrie estate along with other items.



The KCHS Bookstore News by Jon Dove

We are proud to add these High Prairie offerings to our book store. “Sketches of Early High Prairie” is an excellent color copy and impossible to find book. A great book on the homesteading years, my only complaint was the author didn’t say where anything was located, Vicki Kroch has done an encompassing job of mapping out homesteads and other landmarks. Truly a life work! “Reminiscing” by Roberta Childs tells the history of High Prairie from the early 1900’s. Together they are an amazing High Prairie history resource. The maps and “Reminiscing” are courtesy of the High Prairie History Society



Mounted and Displayed, Finally!!



The elk antlers were donated many years ago after the elk was shot by Isaac Lancaster in 1873! The photo below the mounted antlers shows Isaac standing with his long rifle next to the antlers. Isaac Lancaster was Goldendale’s first blacksmith and the building lot where his shop was located was given to him by John Golden.

Along with the antlers is the bamboo fishing pole and creel that once belonged to Max Maurer. They were both donated by his son Rex Maurer.

Please visit the museum and our “sportsman corner”.