



Newsletter of the
Crown Point Country
Historical Society

Summer 2019

Windows on the Past

Artist Charles W. Post painted many scenes in our area including this only known etching capturing the beauty of the Columbia River Gorge.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE WALLS ARE GOING UP!

Over the past few months much has been done at our museum site. With most of the grading work completed, the drive-way and parking lot have been graveled, the basement walls are in, and the sub-floor is also done. What stands out the most was seeing the end walls go up. At our last board meeting Dick Wand told us that in the next couple of weeks the rest of the walls and beams will be going-up too. The hope is that by the time of our annual summer picnic (August 10th), the frame work will be close to completion.

Steve Lehl and I put together a slide about a local legend, World Champion Cowgirl Lorena Tricky. On July sixth we did a presentation at McMenamins at Edgefield; there was a large turn-out and everyone seemed to really enjoyed the slide show. We were later asked if we would do it again in October for their History Night. Lorena is possibly the best athlete that has ever come from our area. She was born at Palmer Mill on Valentine's Day in 1893. I want to reach out to our membership and ask if anyone has a story and/or photos about Lorena. If so, please let Steve or myself know. In this issue we will feature a story about her printed in our 1993 news letter. Drive by our site and see the progress!

Gofundme Link

The CPCHS Gofundme link is:

gofundme.com/museum-of-columbia-river-area-history.

Help us build the museum to share Crown Point Country's rich history. We are completing Phase I and will be moving to Phase II with your support. The Gofundme link is found on our website and Facebook page.



A Tribute to our Past

The fourth annual CPCHS Afternoon Tea was held at the Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Park on a beautiful day, June 9th, at 1:30 p.m. Some of Charles W. Post's magnificent artwork, much of it depicting the Columbia Gorge and environs, was on display. Like previous such events, the Sunday Afternoon Tea Fundraiser was a successful melding of enjoyable conversation, delicious food, and the shared promotion of our community's efforts towards the building of the museum.

Beautiful and imaginative table settings, numerous tea varieties, and a wide assortment of tea sandwiches, cookies, and other tasty treats were served. The program this year focused on the celebration and enjoyment of C.W.Post's art. Members of the Post family, who have gifted a portion of the artist's collection to CPCHS, were special guests.



Area Artifacts

Left to Right: Sasparilla bottle found at the Moore homestead - first homestead on Larch Mountain.

Black glass beer bottle - 1853 - found near Joseph Latourell's home.

Hutch Soda bottle made circa 1885 - found in Bridal Veil.

A door prize ticket was given to each attendee, with a variety of prizes available.

The top prize was a framed edition of a Charles W. Post painting of Wahkeena Falls, donated by CPCHS. The Mershon family donated a 1916 print of the Gorge. Mike and Gretchen Boock donated a Private Wine Tasting and Tour to the Dobbles Family Estate Winery in Dundee, Oregon. A tea tray with embroidery of a Renoir painting on linen under glass was donated by Susan Buss. A gift basket containing trivets, coffee mugs, and packages of Starbuck's coffee was donated by Tom Ulsky, the Columbia Gorge Helping Hands Program, and Susan Buss. Rich Kerslake made and donated a hand crafted fir foot stool depicting the Vista House, and Michelle Abramson donated a framed print of the Columbia River Gorge.

Our Tea Fundraiser teams included the volunteers at the Welcome Desk, our kitchen staff, wait staff, ushers, and general helpers. CPCHS sincerely thanks all our volunteers for their hard work, and congratulates them all on another successful and enjoyable afternoon. Co-Chairs were Sandy Cartisser and Susan Buss, The Emcee was Susan Buss. The Ushers were Helen Wand, Star Williams, and Sonny Boyd, The Welcome Desk was staffed by Kathie Register and Anne Dombrowski. The Kitchen Staff included Jean Hybskmann, Jan Falkenstein, Helen Wand, Jackie Beerman, Angie Ballard, Jill Carlson, Tori Purvine, Jackie Hagel, Mary Bryson, Twilas Mysinger, Hazel Webb, and Star Williams. The Heavy Lifters and General Helpers were Rod Canzler, Allen Wand, Jim Buss, Dick Wand, and Chuck Rollins. The Wait Staff were members of the Corbett High School Performing Arts group and the High School Key Club along with some parents and teachers. The Bakers included Mel Sittman, Janene Davis, Angie Ballard, Shannon Marmolejo, Karla Smith, Jill Carlson, and Sharon Wand. Your Host was Jim Buss, and Hostesses were Angela Gilmore, Kay Monaghan, Susan Buss, Rebecca Gandy, Hazel Webb, Sue Wellman, Kathy Pomante, Shirley Vaughan, Diane Wingerd, Dora Johnson, Becky Brandt, Kathryn Green, Rosemary Griffith, Carnetta Boyd, Colleen Redfern, Shannon Hoyt, Debbie Sibley, and Nancy Wilson. A very big Thank You to all who helped make the day such

a pleasure!

CPCHS would also like to acknowledge the following for their important contributions to our event: Tina, Park Coordinator, City of Troutdale, Lisa Noreen, Noreen & Co., Graphic designer, Don Schmidt, Color innovations, Printer, Brent Younker, Total Rental, Tables, Peggy Olin, ECHO, plate stands, Phyllis Thiemann, table linens and tea pots, The Tao of Tea, assorted teas, and Nancy Wilson for compiling the historical information of C.W. Post. We are very appreciative of the community's support.



Several members of the extended Post family were guests at the Tea. George Wesley Post (Wes) and his brother Steve spoke about Charles W. Post's art and legacy. Attending Post family and guests included: West Post and guest Gayle Leu, Steve Post, Brian Post and his wife Naoko and son Lucas, sister Marilyn McGrechie and her husband Jim, cousin Jeffrey Terrill and wife Deborah and daughter Kristin. Other relatives were Gary and Kim Wooding.



Guests showing their table-setting.

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AFFILIATE SUMMIT

Once a year OHS hosts museums and organizations dedicated to researching and adding to the historical record. June 24th this year Michelle Abramson and Gunnar Abramson, representing CPCHS, attended the meeting. OHS director Kerry Tymchuk, along with a number of other OHS employees, spoke about their departments and their personal expertise, expressing interest in helping affiliate groups through mentorship, advice, ideas on projected projects, loans of equipment, programs and displays.

After the introductions of the attendees, there was time to "meet and greet" the other representatives of museums and societies with exchanges of information. CPCHS came away with lists of grant possibilities, individuals who are interested and could help in our venture, and a list of organizations and departments within OHS which may be accessed in future.

Our 8 by 10 photos and explanation of the building's progress was well received by the assembly, a number of people congratulating CPCHS about our progress towards the completion of the museum. The meeting concluded with a tour of the Oregon Historical Society's new \$4 million dollar exhibit.

Sally King, Columbia Gorge Treasure



Sally King, a lifelong resident of our area and friend to CPCHS, died April 26, 2019. She was 77. A longtime resident of Latourell, Sally was closely identified with the Vista House at Crown Point where she worked for three decades. Sally's commitment to the beauty and historical importance of the Columbia River Gorge is well documented. Sally was recognized by Oregon Parks and Recreation for her extensive volunteer hours, and also awarded the Steward Volunteer Award for her contributions to the Vista House Project. Her active involvement and support for other organizations in the vicinity has been of long duration and appreciated. She was a lifelong

member of Bridal Veil Community Church, an officer in the Women's Forum, and a member and volunteer with the Troutdale Historical Society. Sally supported and donated to CPCHS as well. She leaves a community enriched by her vision, generosity, and hard work. Sharon Nesbit's story profiling Sally King's life (Gresham Outlook May 3, 2019) described Sally as "volunteering from the heart," a phrase all who knew her would appreciate.

Do You Recognize This Girl?



CPCHS was gifted a large colorized photograph in a lovely oval frame some time ago, and we have no definitive information about it. The photo was likely taken at the turn of the 19th century. If you can help us with identification or other information, please contact us.



Attendees at the June 9th Sunday Afternoon Tea include Gary Law, Bev Law, and Sonny Boyd on the left and Rebecca Gandy standing behind her table at right. Every one of the nineteen eight-person tables in the room was decorated independently and beautifully. The tea was held in the Sam Cox building in Glen Otto Park, originally the farm of Captain John Harlow. The building is a hub for various groups in our community including our tea fundraiser. All monies raised at this event go to Phase 1: Building Structure.

Can you help?

Information on the History of Lehmann Field and Early Gorge Aviation Wanted.

I am seeking information on the history of civil and military aviation in the Gorge for inclusion in a book project set to be completed within a couple of years. Relating to Corbett specifically, I would be interested in knowing more about the planning, purchase, history, and past aviation-related use - if any - of Lehman Field next to Trout Creek Rd. Additionally, if anyone has memories or ephemera related to early aviation events in the Gorge I would be interested in looking at related documentary materials or interviewing you. Some topics I am most keen to research would include adults first sighting of planes when they were children at a time when aerial traffic was still relatively uncommon, personal memories or those of parents or grandparents relating to "barnstorming" in the area between the wars, or personal or family background with flying directly. Experience in aviation gained while in the military on the part of western Gorge residents is also appropriate for inclusion in the future book project especially if involvement in aviation was continued in the area after re-entering civilian life. My contact information is below.

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Volunteer woodcutters: Steve Lehl, Ken Smith, and Chuck Rollins help cut and clear fallen timber from the site.



Museum Building Takes Form!
Phase I

If you glance across the street from the Fire Hall, you will see two tall end structures waiting for the sides to connect them on our site. The work on the museum is going at a steady pace, and the structure will be looking more complete each week as the summer continues. The plan is to have the building weather-tight by the time the NW winter rains arrive, and both our builders and CPCHS's liaison, Dick Wand, are confident everything will happen as scheduled. CPCHS President Chuck Rollins stands in the future entryway of the museum. We have available money to complete Phase I. Phase II, finishing the interior, is our next fundraising goal. You can donate through GoFundMe or direct donations. Thank you!



"Brone Riding was My Main Event:" A Tribute to Lorena Trickey

One hundred and twenty-six years ago on Valentine's Day 1893, Lorena Trickey was born at Palmer, Oregon to Edward and Lucy Trickey. Her father Edward was born in 1864 in Montreal, Canada. he came to work at Bridal Veil in 1886. There he met Lucy Gould who was working at the boarding house in Bridal Veil. Married in 1890 they had three children - Lloyd, born in 1891, Lorena, born in 1893, and Arthur, born in 1897. Here's what the late Beverly Spears Methot, who lived in Latourell, related to me by letter in 1992 when she was eighty years old abpit Lorena:

"Now I will tell you about Lorena Trickey - champion cow girl of the world! Lorena lost her mother when she was quite young and her father and brothers raised her. She went to the same school on the mountain [called "The Mountain School"] as Gordon and Ethel my brother and sister. Mom tried to mother her when she had the chance. When her brother took her to see a circus in Portland, she told him she wanted to be a trick horse rider. They began her education in that direction as soon as they returned home and she never stopped training. Everyone in Latourell that could went every year up to Pendleton to see her ride at the round-up celebration..."

Lorena was first married to Howard Udey in 1913. She later divorced and resumed the name of Lorena Trickey. She started her rodeo career in Portland with Clarence Adam's Great Western Round-up in 1917. In 1919 she contracted to ride for the C.B. Irwin stables of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

At the age of twenty-six, five-foot-two-inches tall and wieghing in at about 100 lbs, Lorena became the World's Champion Bronc Riding Cowgirl in 1919 at Pendleton - a title she held until 1929. In 1920 and 1921 she won the all-round cowgirl chamionship and the Hotel McAlphin Trophy at the Frontier Days at Cheyenne. She was the guest of the New York City Hotel for three weeks each of those years. In 1922, due to injuries, she rode but didn't compete for the title. In 1923 she returned to compete at Pendleton winning the World

Championship Relay Race with the prize a \$500 silver-mounted Hamley Company saddle. Also that year she competed in Chicago winnign \$2,000 and the All-Round Cowgirl title.

In 1924 she won the All-Round Championship at the Frontier Days at Cheyenne which included a trip to Hawaii as the guest of the Honolulu Ad Club. In 1925 she won the Denver Post Trophy and at Chicago won the world Bronc Riding Championship.

She became a well-known trick rider doing stunts for the movie industry. She was Mary Pickford's double in the movie "Through the Back Door" and also rode Roman-style with Tom Mix in the movie "Queen of Sheba." She also did vaudeville skits in the off season with her trick horse "Black Baby."

In 1927 she met Magnus "Pete" Peterson who hailed from Prinevielle and the two of them teamed up as partners in a racing stable. They trained horses together and Lorena played the part of jockey, winning races from Tijuana to Vancouver, B.C. They married in 1928 in Bend, Oregon but shortly after tragedy struck. A train wreck killed several of their racing horses and injured the others.

About this time Pete's interests were becoming centered around Tonopah, Nevada and its mining district. Lorena, still under contract, made her last appearance at Klamath Falls in 1929 and retired undefeated as the world's all-round Champion Cowgirl. They then retired to their home in Nevada where together they took to prospecting, discovering several good claims over the years.

Never losing her love for horses, she befriended a wild horse at a waterhole near one of their claims. In time she was able to break the three-year-old stallion she named "Rusty" - not bad for a lady who at the time was sixty-seven years of age! On November 15th, 1961 Mrs. Magnus Peterson, World Champion Cowgirl, passed away and was buried in Tonopah, Nevada.



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In Memory Of CPCHS Member:

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Meeting Dates Coming Up

Board Meeting: September 10th, 6PM.

CPCHS Pot luck, Picnic, and General Meeting: August 10th,
11AM - 3PM at the Museum Site.

Don't Forget Your Dues

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