

Joint Historic Preservation Month Meeting – January 25, 2023

ATTENDEES

Benton County HRC: Nancy Taniguchi, Autumn Peterson (owner of Whiteside Farmstead), Jay Sexton (Willamette Grange), Bob Honneffer, Mariapaola Riggio, Adrienne Fritz (Spectres of Benton County co-conspirator), Tanya Freeman

Albany Landmark Commission: Alyssa Schrems (staff), Chad Robinson, Rayne Legras

City of Corvallis HRC: Sarah Johnson (staff), Bruce Anderson (raised in College Hill district – attended Harding), Michelle Storrs, Briae Lewis, Ward 2 Council Member and Council Liaison to the HRC

Larry Landis, OSU Mother's Day Historic Tour guide, former Benton County HRC member

Rebecca Landis, PreservationWORKS, Market Director for the Corvallis and Albany farmers' markets

Lyn Larson, PreservationWORKS, Franklin School Neighborhood and Tree Tour guide

Dan Brown, College Hill Tour guide, many years of public service (City of Corvallis council and planning commission)

Donna Keim – representing Gary Angelo for the Harding School (Eric Wright, principal) –100 year celebration – Tag on with Dan Brown's tour

Barbara Melton, Board President of Adair Living History

Jill Van Buren, Benton County Courthouse historian and tour guide, on Benton County Courthouse Committee

Roz Keeney, PreservationWORKS, Benton County Courthouse Committee

Jesse Ott, Deputy Director of Natural Areas, Parks, and Events, on Benton County Courthouse Committee

Jim Jansen, Vice Chair of Albany Landmarks Commission

I think I am missing a few of the on-line late comers.

DISCUSSION

Doug Eaton – Masonic Lodge tour, Avery-Helm tour (Carol Ver Linden)

Lyn Larson – would like to lead an architectural tour

Benton County Historical Museum – retirement party for Mary Gallagher

Adair history

Barbara Melton – Adair Living History is planning an event on May 6th, at the Camp Adair Memorial Garden on the EE Wilson grounds on Camp Adair Road – free parking that day

Roz Keeney: Interest in having a speaker come in? Alyssa said that they have CLG funds that can be used – national speaker on The Bungalow – super popular – more national presentation

Albany Regional Museum will be giving their Adair material

Natural Areas Week

Jesse Ott stated that we do still do it - maybe can reincorporate it into historic preservation -Adrienne said they are focusing on Native American history for Spectres this week so that would fold in well. Rebecca says that we have gotten cross-over from people who don't consider themselves as really interested in history

Nancy said that the Fort Hoskins committee is redoing the interpretation signage – something we can incorporate into our story – Phil Hayes is the lead

Larry and Rebecca Landis – might have a tour of their house, the John Rickard/Green B. Smith House https://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/index.cfm?do=v.dsp_siteSummary&resultDisplay=29068 - Willamette Grange – being in close proximity – could have their open house the same day as the tour https://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/index.cfm?do=v.dsp_siteSummary&resultDisplay=29589 – the hall is 100 years old this year and 150 years of the grange in Oregon – owners of the house were members of the grange

Barbara asked about the Corvallis airstrip – said she would be interested in more information - Sarah said that there is a new manager for the Corvallis Airport and she could check with them about the availability of tour

Rebecca – offered a 10 x 10 booth at the farmers' market for a historic presentation – Adrienne offered the idea of doing a native basket demonstration – she knows some local artists – more space at Albany Market – open in April

Chad mentioned that there is a group that is trying to do something with the historic hanger at the Albany Airport – some members in Corvallis – interesting and interested in offering tours - gearing to get funding for a museum at the hanger – connections with early flight

Some grange buildings in North Albany – on a list to reach out to see if they are going to do something – a historic farmhouse also – nothing technically listed but there are historic things there – Fairmount Grange

Jill – large, old homestead orchard being dug out of the weeds – 6 apple trees – 4 antique and 2 they thought extinct – nice walking path – just off of Thornton Lake – make part of Natural Areas Week???

Prioritize the events we really want people to go to – add them to the calendar and then fill in with the other events

Adrienne suggested putting the event program into a newspaper with a series of maps related to the events and break down the trails in the program

Sarah is going to buy a new Historic Preservation Month banner

There might be a chance of using the old Many Hands Trading windows.

Windows, Skills Training, and Assessment Techniques – Multiple Hands On workshops

Autumn –

https://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/index.cfm?do=v.dsp_siteSummary&resultDisplay=29584

friends with Chris Gustafson (Vintage Window Restoration) who will be helping her with her windows – offered her farm for a demo or a workshop (with waivers) - go through how to strip, test for lead, etc. – how to restore the windows in an old house – have space to do the workshop and space for parking – will ask Chris and Scott McClure to help – maybe three stations – want a certain amount of people at a set time – need a sign up: Also willing to do a workshop in Albany – can pay people for their time and travel – fun and easy to teach

Offering Skills training – paint stripping with new laser paint technology, chemical strippers, issues with sand blasting – she has the barn and people can go to town on the walls – how to do different methods on a 130-foot long wall that she needs to fix anyway – Briae wants to learn how do that

Mariapaola said that she has two classes in spring – teaching assessment techniques – how to inspect buildings how to apply to characterize materials – cool to do a demonstration with students showing how to better understand buildings – involve students in the community

Theme ideas – common theme with Benton, Corvallis, and Albany

- Local history offers roots and wings – wings is the way to spread the news, educating the future, inspiration
- Window to the past and the future
- Trails – Migration
 - Santiam Wagon Road – Alyssa – a Linn County HRC member - working the local tribe to get interpretive signage – see if Linn County HRC liaison is interested in combining forces – also ties in with Albany
 - The canal downtown in Albany was built by Asians (a thread for the future)
 - A trail may have gone through McDonald Dunn forest from Canada

Benton and Corvallis Awards Ceremony location suggestions (Albany will have their own)

Whiteside Theatre

Harding School

Tents, if needed, are available from:

Conundrum House and the Willamette Grange

LIST OF POSSIBLE EVENTS

if your name is **bolded**, you are asked to organize the event
reach out for help as needed, no one is in this alone

Workshops

1. Window Restoration (**Autumn**, Chris, Scott) one at her property on Bellfountain Road and one in Albany
2. Paint removal workshop (**Autumn**) at her property on Bellfountain Road
3. Building assessment (**Mariapaola** and her students) – do we have a building they can practice on? How about the Henkle House owned by PreservationWORKS???
<https://www.presworks.org/henkle-house> -
Any place in Albany???

Possible Open Houses/Building-Site Tours

- Historic hanger at the Albany Airport (**Alyssa**) – possible to collaborate with Adair Living History to display Adair historic memorabilia? (**Barbara**)
- Rickard/Smith House (**Larry and Rebecca**) & Willamette Grange **100-year Celebration (Jay)** & Corvallis Airport (**Sarah**) & Tyee Winery (**who has a contact???**) & Independent School (**Nancy**)
- Gorman House Tour (**Inga**)
- Masonic Lodge on Madison Ave (**Doug**) - an interesting surprise and a rich history of the Masons in Corvallis – contact is Lon Hatfield
- Harding Center College Hill High School (**Donna**) **100-year Celebration**
- KOAC building tour (**Inga**) twaaage@opb.org Thor Waage OPB Chief Engineer
- Hanson House (**Inga**) Patricia Covey HCIBB@aol.com
- Lumos Winery (**Inga**)
- Williams L. Finley – Feichter House (**Inga and Samantha Bartling**)
- Fairmount Grange (**Alyssa and Jay(?)**)
- Benton County Courthouse (**Jill and Roz**)

Tours

- Rayburn Addition Neighborhood tour (**Doug**) – just north of Harrison to the Benton Center between 6th and 8th street – check in with Biddle House owners to see if there could be an interior tour – *needs to be the first week of May*
- OSU History Tour (**Larry**) – Mother’s Day May 14
- College Hill West Historic District (**Dan**) – In collaboration with the 100-year celebration of the Harding Center College Hill High School (**Donna**)
- Franklin Square Tour (**Lyn**)
- Avery-Helm Historic District (**Doug**) Carolyn Ver Linden as tour guide
- Downtown Corvallis (**Jessica**¹ in collaboration with **Mary Gallagher**)

Natural Areas Week/Preservation Crossover

Ft. Hoskins (Jesse, Nancy, Adrienne) – Can there be a follow up on Hoskins? It would be wonderful to have the re-enactors do their thing this year. Also, as transportation to the park could be an issue, we can use CLG funds to rent a bus (maybe two) one from Corvallis and one from Albany to bring people to the park (Coordinate with Lumos Winery on day)

Thornton Lake Homestead Orchard (Jesse and Jill) is this the East Thornton Lake Natural Area? If yes, parking is going to be an issue.

Corvallis Historic Museum – Benton County Historical Society (Jessica)

Retirement party for Mary Gallagher

Farmers’ Market demonstration stall

Native American basket weaving (**Adrienne and Rebecca**)

In Memoriam – during the award ceremony?

To Courtney Cloyd

Please check out the Spectres websites if you are not familiar with the game

Season 1 <https://spectres.conundrumhouse.com/game-landing-page/week-one-bridging-the-divide/>

Season 2

<https://spectres.conundrumhouse.com/#:~:text=Spectres%20of%20Benton%20County%20Past%20is%20a%20clue%20hunt%20and,of%20the%20game%20is%20released.>

¹Jessica Hougen, Executive Director, Benton County Historical Society