

Joint Historic Preservation Month Meeting – February 22, 2023

ATTENDEES

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

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

City of Corvallis HRC: Sarah Johnson (staff), 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

Roz Keeney, PreservationWORKS, Benton County Courthouse Committee

Thor Waage, OPB Chief Engineer

Samantha Bartling – William L. Finley Wildlife Refuge

Jen Waters – Whiteside Theatre

Doug Eaton – Tour Guide and former Benton County HRC member

DISCUSSION

Discussion started with the **Window Treatment workshop** along with **Willamette Grange open house** and the **John Rickard/Green B. Smith House open house**. It was agreed that the times would be the same from 1 to 4 on the 21st.

Nancy said that the **Independent School** would have their open house on the same day from 10 to 1.

Fort Hoskins/Lumos Winery – Nancy says the Fort Hoskins Advisory Committee want to have re-enactors there this year. Dave Bronner is involved in the committee also. Might rent a couple of buses to get folks from Albany and Corvallis to the fort. Adrienne suggested adding a game element to the bus ride to make the time pass. Rayne suggested providing notification during the farmer's markets. Nancy suggested coordinating it with an open house at Lumos Winery. Mariapaola suggested adding traditional music to attract people.

Whiteside Theatre – Jen Waters said that we can put a message on the Marque this year and put up a poster. Marque is limited to three lines with 22 characters per line.

Award Ceremony venue – will try to coordinate with Harding School to use for the Award Ceremony – we are going to have the ceremony on the 25th. Sarah is going to make contact. Nancy suggested that if we are going to have a speaker about Harding School - the celebration events should be on the same day but if we don't have a speaker specific to the school then they should be separated.

Mary Gallagher's Retirement Party – set for the 31st at 5. Mary will first do her downtown tour and then we will go into the party.

Spectres finale event – theme is Native American – the Longhouse on OSU campus was suggested and Adrienne is going to contact Luhui Whitebear who is the Center Director at Ina Haws longhouse. People can park at Reeser Stadium and walk over. Spectres Volume 3 episode release dates will be the 6th, the 13th, the 20th, and the 27th.

Doug Eaton – looking for volunteers to get trained up to take over the City walking tours. Masonic Lodge tour guide is supposed to reach out to Inga.

Sarah updated the group on the walking tours. She is working with a co-worker to **turn the tours into a GIS based story map** that can be used on phones. She is going to reach out to her HRC members to see if anyone is interested in giving City tours.

Albany events: Landmarks Commission Member and Owner of the Natty Dresser building – May 9th and 10th at 6 PM – **downtown Albany walking tour. Tweed Ride Bike Tour** at 10 AM – date? May 15th at 3 – **Open House Tour of the Natty Dresser** building. Working toward an open house at the **Old Hanger**. Parking will be an issue so may need to use a shuttle service or reserve times. Possibly adding a display by Adair Living History to the hanger day.

Courthouse Tour – might happen.

Finley – Sam said she is going to try to figure out something to do with families that they can do over the course of the month. May not open the Fiechter house in May. Sam said they do have some new donations for the house but the timing for their volunteers doesn't work. Nancy tossed in about The Lost Fish DVD on lampreys. Would be a nice way to tie in the natural areas and native Americans. Will do something for Natural Areas Week – can tie it to native Americans.

Theme – we are going to develop the trails theme for next year. This year went to Windows. Mariapaola said that windows open to a view and it also frames something. Windows from the Past – View to the Future. Windows to the Past, Windows on the Past, Windows into the Past, Past Windows – Future Views. Trying to be physical and metaphysical together. Perspectives: Windows from the Past, Views to the Future – Will be decided through email.

Paint removal workshop – will combine that on the Saturday with the Grange. Chris is going to focus more on how to fix windows. Autumn is going to focus on the paint, testing for lead, how to clean and strip in different ways. Stations will be set up. The one for Albany will be much more specific, and all day session, and take place at Chris Gustafson's work shop.

Might also talk about removal of paint on the surface of the Grange.

Building assessment with OSU students, Mariapaola. Adrienne put forward a friend's barn that needs restoration, Flickr and Fur. After further insight into the assessment, Inga suggested the Palestine Church. Alyssa suggested the wooden airport hanger in Albany. The team settled on the hanger and Autumn and Mariapaola would get together with Alyssa for a visit to the site.

Gorman House Tour – Patricia Brenner would like to but she may not be up to it.

Harding School – need to be updated on their plans.

KOAC Tours – Thor is new chief engineer for KOAC. The signal is 100 years old, but not the spot. The building is from 1941 and needs a lot of tlc. Reworking the electrical now – putting three phase into the building. Brand new transmitter waiting to be installed. Getting back to the way it should have been. Jonathan Newsome would love to have some tours in the building. Have the original broadcast console. Larry suggested limiting the tour to a specific number of people – capping it to 15. Deterioration of windows occurring. Metal frame and pretty rusty.

Hanson House – no contact back from Patricia Covey.

Still need to contact **Lumos**. Inga is going to try to coordinate with PK.

Fairmount Grange – Jay is going to talk to them about having an open house.

Thornton Lake Natural Area that Jill suggested for a tour does not have any parking so that will need to be removed from the list of possible tours.

Farmers' Market – **demonstration of native American basket weaving** – Adrienne will contact her friend. Rebecca said to have her contact Rhonda Peters to propose some days in May and they will set aside a tent for her. One demo in Corvallis and one in Albany.

Albany Little Scavenger Hunt - May 1 is a Hidden History scavenger hunt photo tour in Albany.

Book selection at the libraries. Does spot light historic preservation. Roz is going to contact them to coordinate that. Alyssa said they are talking about doing a display in the cabinet at the Carnegie Library.

Speaker for the Awards Event. David Bronner was put forth to talk about Ft. Hoskins. [Nancy contacted him and he agreed to speak]

General Speaker on a topic? Chris Bell. Edith Yang architecture. It was suggested for next year that the grad student [get name from Roz] do a talk on her studies into Yang buildings. Alyssa suggested Oscar with the Natty Dresser for the theme on downtown revitalization.

Possible Trolley Tour(s) – Jessica McDonald offered the trolley up for a historic architectural tour. Or possible heritage tree tour. Inga contacted Jessica Killian about the heritage tree tour. Sarah will coordinate with Jessica. Sarah thinks it could be doable.

Next Meeting on March 22.

Workshops

1. Window Restoration and Paint Removal Workshop at the Willamette Grange
 - a. Autumn and Chris
2. Building structural assessment
 - a. Mariapaola and her grad students – at the old wooden hanger in Albany

Open Houses/Building-Site Tours

- Historic hanger at the Albany Airport
 - possible to collaborate with Adair Living History to display Adair historic memorabilia?
- Rickard/Smith House & Willamette Grange **100-year Celebration** & Independent School
- Masonic Lodge on Madison Ave
 - an interesting surprise and a rich history of the Masons in Corvallis – contact is Lon Hatfield
- Harding Center College Hill High School **100-year Celebration**
- KOAC building tours

Possible Open Houses/Tours

- Benton County Courthouse
- Fairmount Grange
- Lumos Winery
- Hanson House
- Gorman House Tour
- Tyee Winery

Tours

- Rayburn Addition Neighborhood tour (
- OSU History Tour
- College Hill West Historic District (

- Franklin Square Tour
- Avery-Helm Historic District
- Downtown Corvallis

Natural Areas Week/Preservation Crossover

Ft. Hoskins (Jesse, Nancy, Adrienne) Coordinate with Lumos Winery on day

Corvallis Historic Museum – Benton County Historical Society

Retirement party for Mary Gallagher

Farmers' Market demonstration stall

Native American basket weaving

In Memoriam – during the award ceremony?

To Courtney Cloyd