News from our President
George Benson
“This year’s Home Tour was a great event for the Centennial Year. Without the leadership of Nancy Tongue and the hard work of her committee it would not have taken place. We all appreciate their efforts. The Heritage Board is also very grateful for all the sponsors and volunteers who made the event possible. Their support was a key factor in the Tour’s success. With all the positive feedback and participation by the community it has been decided to make it an annual event. Next year’s committee is all ready at work. Our next Centennial event is the Car and Boat Show, which will take place at the end of August. This show has been a big success for the past 10 years and this year’s show promises to be another outstanding event. Like the Home Tour it takes Sponsor support, good leadership and hard work by the planning team to make a successful event. All of that is in place. The leadership for this year’s event is Vic Keeler and John Baines and they have been busy for the past several months to make certain everything is in place. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Collector Car and Classic Boat show!”

You can register your car online at www.oswegoheritage.org/events/carshow.html

Save The Date

Oswego Heritage Council Presents
Collector Car & Classic Boat Show
2010

Sunday August 22, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
George Rogers Park  Lake Oswego Corporation Docks

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This tour has been the result of the dedicated efforts of many individuals. In addition to our generous sponsors and those named below, we would like to extend a special note of thanks to our more than 70 home docent volunteers. Thank you sponsors, volunteers, home owners, and our wonderful chair Nancy Tongue.

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Betsy & Thilo Best
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Oswego Heritage House Honoring Lake Oswego Women in History

Alene Nelson ~ was one of Lake Oswego School district’s most beloved teachers. Mrs. Nelson taught home economics at LOJHS for 13 years. She was named one of Ten Women of Accomplishment in 1968. In 1969 she was voted Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Nelson also served as president of the Oregon Home Economics Association and served on the Lake Oswego school district board and on the Portland Civic Theater board. Mrs. Nelson was also chosen to serve a 4-year term on the Editorial Advisory Board of “Forecast-Coed” magazine. “Coed” was a magazine for young teenage home economics students; “Forecast” was the teacher’s edition.

Phyllis Miska— has been credited with helping to found the Oswego Junior Historical Society. In 1968 Mary Goodall reported that The Oswego Junior Historical Society was 400 members strong. The mission of OJHS was to preserve artifacts and to augment the study of Northwest history while stressing patriotism and respect for pioneers and elders who founded this United States of America. The Society placed the first bronze historical marker in Lake Oswego at the spot marking the Peg Tree, located on the north side of Ladd Street in Old Town. Phyllis has the original peg and continues to be active in preserving Lake Oswego history. She and her husband Ed are active members of the Oswego Heritage Council Board of Directors. They maintain a wonderful and comprehensive collection of scrapbooks about Lake Oswego history.

Mary Goodall: moved to Oregon from California when she was 12. She worked her way through OSU as a college correspondent covering sporting events. She wrote for many newspapers and magazines including “Sunset” and “The Oregon Journal.” It was Mary Goodall who started Mary Cullen’s Kitchen - recipe department at The Journal. The name Mary Cullen’s Kitchen was derived from Mary Goodall’s first name and the word culinary; hence Mary Cullen. In addition to writing “Oregon’s Iron Dream” Mary Goodall was responsible for the preservation of the giant sequoia located in the Safeway parking lot at the corner of 5th and A. This tree was preserved so that everyone in the community could enjoy it. Hence, the tree-lighting ceremony the day after Thanksgiving has become an annual city-wide event that kicks off the beginning of the community’s festive Christmas season. Goodall was also instrumental in preserving the Peg Tree and the Iron Smelter. And she served a 4-year term on Lake Oswego’s City Council.

Elizabeth Ryan ~ was a writer who hailed from Lake Oswego. She wrote and photographed for The Lake Oswego Review in the 1950’s and 60’s covering everything from sports to graduations to parades to births to weddings to you-name-it. In 1968 Ryan went to Taiwan where she spent two years on the staff of The China Post. Beth Ryan was extremely passionate about preserving the natural environment. Hence, the Beth Ryan Nature Preserve located off of Summit Dr.

Florence Dickinson - was the founder of Dickinson Custom Made Jellies and Preserves. Dickinson not only made the jams and jellies, she was also a grape expert. Florence taught school before she met and married her husband Charles T. Dickinson She was also the first woman to actually talk over the Bell Telephone System in Portland.

Ann Shannon Monroe - was another author who lived in Lake Oswego. Monroe, like Ryan and Goodall only much earlier, also wrote for many magazines most notably the Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal, and Good Housekeeping. Monroe authored several books many of which can be found at the Lake Oswego Library. Most of her books are based on her experiences living in the Pacific Northwest.

Lucia Bliss ~ was Lake Oswego’s first librarian. She was born in Germany; moved to Lake Oswego in 1892; started teaching in 1895 before becoming a librarian in 1930. She was paid $15 a month. Mrs. Bliss housed two small library collections of books at City Hall which was built in 1926.

Edna Kingkade Bickner – taught 3rd and 4th grade at Oswego School which was built prior to 1929 when Lakewood School was built. Edna and her husband Will lived at the corner of 1st and B in Lake Oswego. Edna remembers that the school children used to march into the classroom to the sound of a beating drum and were usually barefoot.

Helen Grigg – is a well-known quilter, historian and teacher. She is one of the original members of The Oswego Quilters group which formed in 1954. Grigg’s group is still quilting. About 20 or so women meet every Tuesday morning without fail at Grigg’s Lake Oswego home to work on a quilting project. In fact, this group has been meeting and quilting every Tuesday for 56 years! Many of the projects the group works on come via special request from someone in the community who found an unfinished quilt in their attic or wants a quilt made to honor of their family heritage.

By Nancy Dunis Board Member of Oswego Heritage Council
First ad for the opening of Murphy’s Office (aka The Heritage House) March 17, 1920