The Oswego Heritage Council promotes and increases public awareness to preserve the community’s legacy of historically significant buildings, sites, culture, natural charm and recorded materials and cooperates with other organizations working toward similar goals.

October 2010

Oswego Heritage Council’s Annual Holiday Art Show & Sale

November 20 & 21, 2010
Saturday 10 to 5, Sunday 10 to 3
398 10th— at the corner of 10th and “A” Lake Oswego

Support Oswego Heritage Council and enjoy spirits, handmade art & gift ideas from over 20 artists

Join us for
First Wednesday
November 3, 2010 7pm
Trista Nelson

“How the U.S. Sponsored American Relief Administration in 1921”

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Happy 100th Birthday
To Virginia Campbell
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News from our President George Benson

I am often asked what the Heritage Council is all about. "Do you just take care of the Heritage House?" To answer that question I need to share that The Oswego Heritage Council was organized in Jan. 1970 with a specific purpose that was --- "To acquire, move, renovate….historic home presently located at 12801 Boones Ferry Road…the Irving house" Unfortunately, their effort was unsuccessful as the house was demolished to build the Mountain Park Shopping Center. In follow-up to that defeat, the by-laws were revised to restate and broaden the council’s purpose. So when you read our mission statement today you will know that it reflects the intent of our founders which was the preservation of historical significant buildings and sites in Lake Oswego.

Mary Goodall was our first president and was instrumental in establishing the plan of placing memorial plaques on historical buildings and sites. The first plaques were placed in 1970 on the Carmon-Wilmont home and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1989, a plaque was placed on the Goodall Christmas Tree which remains in the south west corner of the Safeway parking lot and is our community Christmas tree. This past month we placed a plaque on the Oswego Creek Bridge in George Rogers Park. So the practice continues as many plaques have been placed on homes, commercial buildings, a school and a church (please refer to our web page and click on History). It is our hope, as it was with the founding Council, that this effort will help bring to our community’s attention the value and importance of preserving our heritage.

The Heritage House is certainly the center of our activities and fund raising efforts as we want to maintain it in the best possible condition for community use. The scope of our activities, however, far exceeds the caretakers role. We are all committed to caring out our motto of “Preserving the past – enriching the future.” Hopefully, our yearly calendar of activities reflects that commitment.

(Thanks to our Historian, Phyllis Miska, for the historical information)

George Benson

CHANGING TIMES: By Henry Germond

Found: In the archives of the Heritage House is a promotional piece offering building sites just west and south of the town of Oswego. The Ladd Estate Company theme was “live where you play”. No date appears on it but you can guess it was printed in the late 1920’s or the early 1930’s.

The Ladd Estate Company, sparked by Paul Murphy, was offering: “Half acre home sites equivalent to 4 city lots with all improvements paid for (are available) for no more than the cost of a good 50 x 100 lot on a crowded city street.”

The brochure promoted Lakewood 1 and 2, Dunthorpe, Lakeview Villas, Oswego Lake Villas, Forest Hills Acres, Bryant Acres, Rosewood and Country Club District. “It covers 1200 acres of the type of scenic beauty that has made Oregon famous.” Included was a list of questions and answers, which after 90 years, would be answered quite differently.

Question: “How do taxes compare with Portland?”
Answer: “Taxes on the same valuations, are about half.”
Comment: Today the situation seems to be reversed.

Question: “What would I have to pay for a building site for an acre or more?”
Answer: “Prices range from $160 up depending on the location.”
Comment: Multiply that by 1,000 or more to today’s prices.

Question: “Is the water in Lake Oswego clean and wholesome for bathing?”
Answer: “Yes, it is considered ideal both as to cleanliness and temperature, and circulates constantly.”
Comment: Today that is a matter of some debate.

Question: “What is the nature of the soil?”
Answer: “The soil varies somewhat, but for the most part is a deep loamy silt.”
Comment: Ask any builder today, look out for the big rocks and boulders!

The flyer boasts “Your home, 20 minutes from Broadway, but a ‘million miles’ from its hustle and bustle”. Today congestion is a lot closer during rush hours and, when the wind is right, you can hear the sound of the freeway.

Eighty to ninety years ago have brought change, even to the name of our fair city. But it’s still a great place to “live and play”.
Test Your Restaurant History IQ
Match the Trivia to the Restaurant
Submitted by Nancy Dunis

1. A & W
   A. Owned by Horst Mager
2. Beachcomber
   B. Served “Bull Burgers” after closing
3. Don Elton
   C. Was located behind the old fire station
4. The Hindquarter
   D. Before the Beachcomber
5. Irelands
   E. Owned by Kay & Charles Needham
6. The Gables
   F. Was located in a grocery store
7. Oswego Lodge
   G. Known for BBQ beef sandwiches
8. The Market Place
   H. Old equipment can be found in Ace Hardware’s attic
9. Pat’s Café
   I. Had red velvet wallpaper & served Chinese food
10. The Pinafore
    J. Showcased cinnamon rolls in the window
11. Rusty Duck
    K. Owned by the notorious Stan Terry
12. The Odyssey
    L. Located in Lake Grove in the early 50’s
13. Safeway lunch counter
    M. Before Johnny’s (not the cleaners)
14. Village Drug Fountain
    N. Known for it’s “webfoot”
15. The Gazebo
    O. Owner always wore a hat in the restaurant (a woman)
16. Chalet L’Abbe
    P. Located in Mtn. Park

Scoring: 100% right: Congratulations!
75% right: Not bad!
50% right: Hmmmm...
Less than 50%: You need to eat out more.

Email me your answers. We have a prize waiting for the person with the most correct answers. sunray65@comcast.net

Peace Rose and the rose garden arbor