The big event on Saturday was the arrival of PT 658 at the Foothills docks on the Willamette. The crew, three who are WWII Veterans, were welcomed to the city by Mayor Hoffman and many other admirers. A WWII DUKW owned by Steve Greenberg of Wilsonville, the Phantom, a 52’ Astoria Marine Bridgdeck Cruiser owned by Chuck and Trish Kellogg of Ridgefield, Washington and other beautiful boats joined PT 658 at the docks for the show.

Also on Saturday, our second annual water ski spectacular was well attended and was quite the show. This year’s boat trophy winners were:

- Major Benefactor’s Choice awarded by Monte Shelton Jaguar, was Bizwoo, a 1949 Century Seamaid owned by Mario and Anne Biseo,
- Distinguished Sponsor’s Choice—Black Pearl, a 1966 Century Coronado, owned by John and Elizabeth Tyler,
- Lake Oswego Corporations’ Choice—Viki G, a 1949 Chris Craft Runabout, owned by Karl and Viki von Tagen,
- President’s Choice—Moly Monterey, owned by Karl and Viki von Tagen,
- Directors’ Choice—Moon Dance, a 2005 Homemade Lobster Boat, owned by Rick and Roberta Donovan.

A big thank you to Monte Shelton Jaguar, the Lake Oswego Corporation, the City of Lake Oswego and all of the other sponsors of the show.
Waters and Lucretia Carman
By Stephen Dow Beckham

Built about 1857, the home of Waters and Lucretia Carman is one of the oldest dwellings standing in Lake Oswego. The home is located at 3811 Carman Drive near the southern base of Mount Sylvania adjacent to Mountain Park. Only 1.5 acres of the original 640 acres in the property surround the home in 2011.

Waters Carman was born on September 20, 1811, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, information confirmed in his land application papers. He emigrated to Sangamon County, Illinois. In the spring of 1832 Carman joined the Illinois Mounted Volunteers as a private in Captain Moffett’s Company to fight Chief Black Hawk and his tribe of Sac and Fox Indians who had been forced by dubious treaty to move to Iowa. The Indians’ return to Illinois sparked the conflict. Black Hawk and his people retreated to Wisconsin where they were pursued and defeated. Abraham Lincoln was among the soldiers engaged in this conflict.

Carman married twice in Illinois. By his unknown first wife he had a son, Joel Carman, who eventually settled in Oswego. In 1843 Carman married Lavina Buckman in Sangamon County. They were the parents of a daughter, Lavina Rachel, born March 11, 1844, who also came to Oregon in the 1850s. Carman’s wife died on August 20, 1846. By some accounts he had four children in Illinois.

Lured by the prospect of a new beginning and free land in Oregon, Carman traveled overland in 1849 to seek gold in California. His sojourn in the mines was short. In 1850 Carman was one of several men working for salary, room, and board with the Albert Durham family in Durham’s sawmill at the mouth of Sucker (Oswego) Creek.

In September, 1852, Carman settled his claim in the western part of Lake Oswego. The following year he married Lucretia Allyn Gurney, the widow of Gustavus Gurney, a contractor surveyor of the General Land Office. Gurney drowned during the township surveys in the Columbia Gorge. The Carmans’ wedding ceremony in 1853 was the first in Lake Oswego.


Waters Carman was a farmer. He logged timber on his claim and fired it to make charcoal to sell to the Lake Oswego Iron Works. Needing more income to support his growing family, in 1861 he went to Fort Simcoe where he worked for the Office of Indian Affairs on the Yakima Indian Reservation.

Carman built and operated a grist mill and sawmill. These facilities served the agricultural program forced on the Indians. The sawmill produced lumber for their homes that replaced traditional mat-covered lodges. James M. Smith, the Indian Agent, reported in 1870: “Lumber has been furnished to the Indians as fast as logs for sawing have been delivered. During the year past they received some 60,000 feet of lumber. About 6,000 bushels of grain were ground . . . .” On his return to Lake Oswego, Carman brought a number of Indian baskets from the Yakama Tribe, items yet treasured by his descendants.

Waters Carman died on October 4, 1878. His widow, Lucretia, lived on in the family home until her death on September 20, 1902. The property then passed to her daughter, Mary Lucretia Carman Wilmot, then to her grandson, Wilbur Wilmot, and next to her great grandson, the late Richard Wilmot.

Few homes in Oregon have been occupied by the same family for more than 150 years. The Carman-Wilmot house is a place of special distinction. It also houses a number of examples of Waters Carman’s skill as a furniture maker, treasures from Oregon’s frontier period.

* For the first time in the history of this home it is for sale. We hope such an important historic LO house is preserved for future generations .

Christmas Trees Sale
Beginning November 25
Grands and Nobles, 2-14 feet, $35.00 per tree.
1/2 of the profit goes to OHC. For more information email Fred and Jan Anderson, Cornelius fred@ocprobatelaw.com

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If you would like donate items to our museum or to volunteer with Oswego Heritage Council, or if you would like to have an Oral History interview done with you or a friend please let us know. Give Jude a call for details 503-635-6373
OHC's 12th Annual Car and Boat Show a Success

The 12th annual Oswego Heritage Council Collector Car and Classic Boat Show took place under beautiful summer skies. Several thousand people, enthusiasts and owners of cars and boats, gathered in George Rogers Park and at the docks behind State Street to enjoy their shared admiration of these cars and boats. Nearly 250 cars -- a great variety of vintages and models -- covered the field at George Rogers Park and about 50 wood and classic boats were on display at the docks.

The Council’s executive director, Jude Graham, said that about $15,000 worth of items were donated by 100 individuals and local organizations to help make the event a success. Local businessmen, John Baines and Vic Keeler, co-chaired the Council’s car show while Kristen Winn chaired the boat show.

The OHC Board of Directors Award, presented by John Baines, went to Mary Shaver, owner of a British racing green 1954 Jaguar XK120DHC.

The Major Benefactor Award for classic cars went to Ken Krolikoski for his 1932 Packard 903 Coupe Roadster. Jim Tower of Monte Shelton Jaguar presented the award.

The Premier Sponsor Award went to Monte and Elaine Glud, owners of a 1936 Packard 120B Convertible. Presenting the award was Dan Heine of the Bank of Oswego.

Despite the unusually high temperature of the day, car owners and aficionados enjoyed the opportunity to exchange ideas and share their interests. Gratefully, the Lake Oswego Lions Club was there to serve pancake breakfasts and hamburgers to hungry attendees at the event.

Thank you Monte Shelton Jaguar, Bank of Oswego, Lucia Fine Jewelers, Bobby Pierce Kent, & Wells Fargo Advisors and all of our other sponsors.
Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors Bernard C Chocolates and Albertsons.

**November 2, 2011**
Kerry Eggers will present "Ducks VS Beavers: 100 years of Civil War". Proceeding his presentation will be Amy Platt and Bill Lang from the Oregon Encyclopedia who will give a short presentation.

**February 1, 2012**
Lake Oswego Reads Night—Ed Edmo will be our guest speaker. Ed is a Saoshone-Bannock poet, playwright, performer, traditional storyteller, tour guide and lecturer on Northwest tribal culture.

**March 7, 2012**
Sandy Carter, Executive Director of the Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation will present history of the Willamette Falls Locks, Crown Zellerbach, and the Oregon City Falls.

**April 4, 2012**
Steve Dietz, OHC Board Member, and Judy Gage, Historian for Clackamas County Sheriff, will present the history and research process for the Murder at the Hunt.

**May 2, 2012**
Dr. Stephen Dow Beckham will present an audio/visual presentation on "Doorways to Oregon History: Oregon's Architectural Heritage".

Please come hear our presenters. 398 10th 503.635.6373