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.

This year’s annual meeting presentation will focus on the ongoing Oswego Pioneer Cemetery Project. Richard Santee and Steve Dietz, OHC board members, will provide a summary of OHC efforts undertaken thus far to inventory and document the cemetery which is located on Stafford Road in Lake Oswego.

Formerly known as the "Odd Fellows Cemetery," the Oswego Pioneer Cemetery comprises 5.14 acres, and is located within Jesse Bullock’s 1850 Donation Land Claim. The cemetery was originally laid out in nine sections in 1881 by Bullock’s son-in-law, George W. Prosser, who gave the property to the Oregon Iron & Steel Company in 1892 for use by the community. By 1934 it had been donated to the Methodist Church, and the Oswego Odd Fellows Lodge (IOOF #93) managed the cemetery from 1938 to 1977 after receiving it from the Methodist Church. The Oswego Pioneer Cemetery Association has owned and managed the site since 1977.

The earliest known grave in the cemetery is that of Florine Augusta Woodruff Davidson, who died November 29, 1880. Cemetery founders Bullock and Prosser are also buried there along with members of over a dozen other Hazelia and Oswego pioneer families. Other notables include six mayors of Lake Oswego, three builders of the Oswego iron smelter, and numerous other early settlers and community leaders.

The OHC research has revealed a wealth of information regarding the cemetery and those buried there. The nature and sources of the information will be shared, along with a number of the many historic photos that have been found of those who rest within the OPC.
On Saturday Morning, FEBRUARY 21, at 9:30, we begin our Annual Meeting with coffee and refreshments. From 10:30 – noon is our Business meeting, with election of officers and Board of Direction, and our annual update.

This year’s Annual Meeting program, the OSWEGO PIONEER CEMETERY PROJECT, is especially exciting for us to share with you. Richard Santee and Steve Dietz, who both serve on our Board, have been very involved in researching the history of our Oswego Pioneer Cemetery. Their enthusiasm for this rich piece of Lake Oswego’s heritage, has been overwhelming in terms of their findings and the necessity, they feel, for us to support this facet of our community’s identity.

When Richard and Steve came to the Board to seek the Heritage Council support of our Pioneer Cemetery, we became not only enthusiastic, but encouraged them to continue their research efforts. We now want to share with you their process and early discoveries. We hope you will find their presentation as fascinating as we did.

Richard is OHC’s 1st Vice President. He was formerly on the faculty at University of California at Berkley teaching Sociology. Richard was born in Portland and moved back to Lake Oswego 5 years ago, and soon thereafter was elected to our Board.

Steve is OHC’s 2nd Vice President and currently a 5th grade teacher in Vancouver, Washington. He is also a semi-retired Archaeologist and used these skills to pursue the history of the Oswego Pioneer Cemetery.

On a different note, we want to thank you for joining us at our 1st Member Appreciation and Holiday Art Show, which was held the weekend after Thanksgiving. Many of the artists who showed their work, are also members of OHC. Their combined efforts to present an exciting show while also respecting the feeling of tradition that encompasses the architecture of our Heritage House was evident from the moment you walked into the decorated entrance. The House felt alive and very festive.

Jude Graham, our new director, and the artists joined together to decorate all rooms, and Bill Warner, Henry Germond, and George Benson, installed new lights around the perimeter of our House to brighten the seasons, now and in future years.

Each of our Board members has contributed to the success of our Oswego Heritage Council’s many activities and events again this year, and thus, our membership continues to grow. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you again on February 21, at the Annual Meeting.
Current and Past Membership List. Thank you to all of our members for your continued support.

**Lifetime $1,000**
- Don Atchison
- George Bergeron
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**Pioneers $250**
- C. Herald / Virginia Campbell
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- Sponsor $35
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- Lifetime $1,000

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Your membership donation is tax deductible and will help to preserve the community's historic buildings, sites and natural charm.
“First Wednesdays” 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**February 4, 2009** In Association with Lake Oswego Reads

**“Stubborn Twigs”**: A Special Presentation on Japanese Internment Years. Presenter: Mitzi Asai Loftus

**March 4, 2009**: The Diary of Will Pomeroy: A Boy’s Life in 1883 Oswego. Presenters: Susanna Kuo and Claire Kellogg

**April 1, 2009**: Old Houses, New Gardens. Presenter: Lucy Hardiman

**May 6, 2009**: Oswego Lake Country Club: Its Heritage Presenter: John Hedlund

It is with great sadness we report the loss of Walter Durham. Walter was one of our longtime members and was one of Lake Oswego’s historical treasures. He died on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008. He was 98.

He was the great-grandson of Lake Oswego’s founder, Albert Alonzo Durham, a lifetime member of the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce, the oldest member of the Lake Oswego Rotary Club, and an emeritus member of the Lake Oswego Historical Society.

His family has requested that memorial gifts in his honor be made to the Oswego Heritage Council.
We are grateful for your continued membership.

May the New Year greet you with prosperity.

We look forward to continuing our relationship in 2009.

The Board of Oswego Heritage Council