Upcoming OHC Events

OHC Annual Meeting
Saturday, February 18th, 2017
9:00 a.m. Refreshments
9:30 a.m. Meeting
Oswego Heritage House
Hope to see you there!

Grand Opening of the Historic Rose Garden and the Historic Home Tour
Saturday, May 20th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Members $25 - Non-Members $30
Historical homes, local history, workshops related to preservation, and entertainment.

PT Boat arrives at Foothills Park Collector Car & Classic Boat Show
August 27

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President’s Letter to the Membership

Ladies and gentlemen of Oswego Heritage Council:

Happy New Year to everyone! Oswego Heritage Council has had a very interesting and productive year. Your support and enthusiasm for Lake Oswego’s past and present have helped to make OHC the success it is today.

In November, we held the grand re-opening of OHC’s newly designed museum! If you have not yet seen the museum, please stop by between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and take a look. We usually have a docent on premise to answer any questions you might have. However, we are always looking for volunteers from our membership. Perhaps you might be interested in being a docent at our museum? If so, please call our office and sign up! We would love to have you get involved.

Oswego Heritage Council’s museum displays a permanent exhibit of Oswego history from the early native American civilization in our area through 1999. We will have a rotating exhibit, changing every six months, as well. Until fall, the rotating exhibit now on display shares the fascinating history of The Twins and Waters Carman.

On February 18, 2017, Oswego Heritage Council will hold its Annual Meeting. Doors open at 9 a.m. for refreshments and conversation. The business meeting will commence around 9:30 a.m., followed by a panel of experts discussing OHC’s collection and archives and our partnerships in the community and state. You should have received your Annual Meeting packet by now. We hope you are able to attend, but if not, please return your proxy as soon as possible. Your voice counts!

Oswego has many wonderful events planned for 2017. As we hope you are aware, the first Wednesday of October, November, February, March, April and May we hold a historic lecture series. February’s First Wednesday was held in conjunction with Lake Oswego Reads. Due to enormous popularity, the event was held at the Lakewood Center. I wish to thank the Lakewood Center for their graciousness and generosity to OHC and to all who participated in this enriching community event. Beginning on March 1, 2017, First Wednesday will be held back at the beautiful Oswego Heritage House, and will continue to be held there until further notice.
Conversations With Our Directors

President’s letter...

Did you know that you can rent the Oswego Heritage House for almost every occasion? Our lovely and comfortable facility is perfect for weddings, memorials, showers, meetings, conferences, and more. In addition, our beautiful restored Heritage Rose Garden opens in May this year. Please check with our office for details. This year OHC will once again offer an interesting and exciting Historic Home Tour in May! We have made a few changes this year and we think you will like them. In August, we will hold our annual Collector Car and Classic Boat Show in George Rogers Park, Foothills Park, and Sundealde Park. Again, we have a few changes and think you will be very pleased. In December, we hold our annual Holiday Gift Show with a variety of local artists who offer their lovely wares for sale. We hope you will join us at all our events. Thank you for being a member of Oswego Heritage Council and for your part in helping to preserve and share the rich and interesting history of Lake Oswego.

Thank you, Candee Jones, President

Bonnie Trumbull, Second Vice-President

Board Member Profile

A fifth-generation Oregonian, Bonnie has been described by the Lake Oswego Review as “a supporter of all things Oregon.” She loves her state and especially Lake Oswego.

Bonnie has enjoyed serving on the Oswego Heritage Council Board of Directors for the past six years. Her early involvement started on the OHC Historic Home Tour which was a natural fit with her appreciation for beautiful architecture and her background in interior design. The newest project that Bonnie is dedicating her time to is the OHC Museum Store.

“IT is the personal side of history that interests me so very much. As my husband says, “everyone has a story’’, shares Bonnie. Her family story includes the internment of her father, his younger siblings, and grandparents in the Japanese relocation camps at Heart Mountain in Wyoming and Tule Lake in California, while his oldest brothers were serving in U.S. Military Intelligence in the South Pacific. Her husband, Jim’s family tree is full of notable early Americans, including John Trumbull, Revolutionary War-era spy and painter of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. She wonders why anyone would not be naturally intrigued by history. After completing an eighteen-year career as a commercial and residential interior designer, Bonnie decided to redirect her efforts in another, more passionate pursuit of presentation. With a strong desire to help strengthen and restore gracious behavior in our country, Bonnie chose to attend the Protocol School of Washington (PSOW) in D.C. in 2014, earning her certification to teach Corporate Etiquette and International Protocol. She returned to the PSOW in 2016 to complete Protocol Officer Training, Pairing her B.S. in Education from Oregon State University with her more recent post graduate work, Bonnie now teaches individuals, corporations and universities in the two, uniquely different areas of protocol and business etiquette, preparing professionals and university students with the critical behaviors necessary to build lasting relationships. When Bonnie is not at the Oswego Heritage House or running Bonnie Trumbull Protocol, she enjoys time with her husband, Jim. They kiddingly say they spent most of their free time scheming about ways to more frequently visit their daughter and son, who live in the greater Los Angeles area. Jim and Bonnie enjoy travel, entertaining, golf, boating on Oswego Lake, and all that their community has to offer. Bonnie feels honored to serve on the Board of the Oswego Heritage Council and encourages anyone interested in history, preservation and all things Oswego to please get involved with OHC!

Preserving History and Culture

Planting Peace

On November 11th, we honored veteran’s past & present, as we planted the hope for peace on earth. Thanks to Lake Oswego Rotary for donating this peace pole to grace our Heritage Rose Garden. May Peace Prevail on Earth.

First Wednesday Series

March 1, 2017, 7 p.m. Brian Monihan, Vice-President and Publisher at Pamplin Media Group will discuss the important role of newspapers as a living history of our community, the current state of the newspaper business and his wildly popular book, No Call Too Small.

April 5, 2017, 7 p.m. Cecilia Otto, 21st century vaudeville singer and creator; will unveil her new WWI song album.

May 3, 2017, 7 p.m. Phillip Margolin, world renown author of “Worthy Brown’s Daughter” will discuss writing his historical fiction book about slavery in Oregon.

Gregory Nokes who researched the lawsuit Holmes vs. Ford (1852), will discuss this important lawsuit which is the center of Mr. Margolin’s book.”

Recent Collection Acquisition

Thanks to the generosity of the Lake Oswego Public Library and the Clackamas County Historical Society, the Oswego Heritage Council has just acquired hundreds of negatives, photos and letters of the Puyallert/Pollard family. The nitrate negatives have been printed, using special chemical processing. Every item from the collection has been preserved, cataloged and will be digitally uploaded to the Lake Oswego Library’s database so that these treasures can be enjoyed by all. Special thanks to our Collections Manager, Dr. Mark Browne for his tireless efforts towards this project. Come see the photo slideshow at the Oswego Heritage Museum in March!