President’s Letter to the Membership

Dear Fellow OHC members:

Sure feels like summer is over, doesn’t it? And what a wonderful summer we had here in beautiful Lake Oswego.

Did you attend OHC’s Collector Car and Classic Boat Show in August? If not, mark your calendar for next year’s event: August 18 and 19, 2018. We have expanded to three locations for two days. We not only had approximately 300 collector cars and 30 classic boats, we also had the rare operating PT 658, The Reliant, other beautiful wooden boats, Airstream, and military vehicles on display in Foothills Park, along with a Poker Run on Saturday throughout Lake Oswego. We had a water ski show on the lake at Sundeleaf Park and events for the entire family including youngsters. At George Rogers Park we had pancakes and hamburgers provided by the Lions, tents with vendors who gave out samples, an Oswego Heritage Council museum store with memorabilia for sale, collector cars, motorcycles, trucks and more cars! It was an exciting weekend!

Now we are thinking ahead to our newest project: A special archive room dedicated to the long-term storage and preservation of all of the OHC collections in a safe, secure and temperature-controlled environment is a necessity. This project has been made possible by a generous challenge grant of $11,500.00 by the Barrett family. We are asking your support as part of this challenge. The OHC archive room will not only preserve our community’s history but allow you to come and research your interests in our community’s history. It is a wonderful, community-oriented project that we hope to have completed early next year. In this newsletter, we have an appeal letter with more details on how you can help develop and maintain this important community asset at OHC.

In December, we will once again hold our annual OHC Holiday Gift show on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, from 2pm to 8pm. We invite you to stop by the Heritage House and Museum and find some unique treasures and special gifts for the Holidays for your loved ones. Our artists are local and talented. We will have wine from a local vineyard, local Oregon honey products, glass art and decor, vintage Holiday decor, hand-made puppets, knit wear and hats and much more. We have invited Santa this year for kids of all ages. Details will be on the invitation which will be sent out to each of you in a few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of Oswego Heritage Council and its projects for the benefit of our community. We very much appreciate you!

Please come by the Heritage House and Museum anytime from 10am to 3pm Monday through Friday to visit our museum and to learn more about OHC. Our latest museum

Oswego Heritage Journal

Preserving Our Past, Enriching Our Future

The Oswego Iron Furnace, built in 1866 at the confluence of Oswego Creek and the Willamette River, was the first iron furnace on the Pacific Coast.
collection (Creating Community: Oswego Women) will be on display until the end of the year. It is a unique collection of historic photographs from OHC’s archival collection featuring women from Oswego’s past.

Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Holidays!

Candee Jones,
President

Our Docents

Oswego Heritage Council is fortunate to have a talented and dedicated group of docents who give tours of the Oswego Heritage Museum. They work a shift or two each week and we are so grateful for their enthusiastic efforts! In each of the next several newsletters, we will focus on one docent to allow you all to get to know him or her a bit better.

Meet Caroline Glad! She is an Oregon native, but grew up in Midland, Michigan. She returned, with her family, to Lake Oswego in 1984, where she attended and graduated from Lakeridge High School. (Go Pacers!) She fell in love and married Shawn Glad, a lifelong Lake Oswego resident and graduate of Lake Oswego High School. (Go Lakers!)

Caroline and Shawn have five children and live in the Uplands Neighborhood. When their two oldest children left the nest, Caroline felt the urge to get involved with the Oswego Heritage Council. She has been with us for several months and is also learning archiving/collection preservation protocols.

Fun Fact: This acorn doesn’t fall far from the tree: Caroline’s great grandfather contributed to the creation of the Midland County Historical Society in Michigan in 1952.

Thank you to ALL our docents: Aase Besson, Kenneth Dale, Susan Fairchild, Lynn Hingson and Caroline Glad.

From Our Archives

It seemed like a good idea at the time, Part Two.

In 1852, William S. Ladd received a property tax bill from the City of Portland for $6 to cover his business property tax for 1852. He had just arrived the year before with only a few cases of liquor to sell, a hole in his shoe, and a character reference from his Congregational minister. He had little or no money and could not afford to pay his assessment on his new shop. He struck a deal with the tax collector to dig up two large tree stumps in front of his store, and remove and repair the holes in the road.

He went on to build up his business into a successful multi-million-dollar operation involving banking, merchandizing, flour mills, real estate and politics. Known for his generous tithing and community philanthropy, he was said to be, however, relentless when foreclosing on mortgages. As a result, he garnered thousands of acres throughout the Portland area, but probably developed quite a few enemies. He died with an estate value of over 360 million dollars.

Part one of this article dealt with the plight of Waters Carman’s daughter, Henrietta “Etta” Magone’s, loss of her daughter in the late spring of 1893. Franchette and her art tutor, Maxwell McKechnie, died in a drowning accident in the canal between the Tualatin River and Sucker Lake. This tragedy was shortly followed by the death of Etta’s twin newborns, Maxwell and Rexford.

Her troubles were not over. Etta’s husband, Daniel Dean Magone, the son of pioneer Joseph Magone, inherited a great deal of the Magone land tract on the Willamette River just north of present day West Linn. But in 1893, Daniel saw the death of his daughter, followed within weeks by the crushing economic depression of the world-wide Panic of 1893. He was forced to carve up his estate and mortgage it incrementally until it was lost to the banks.

The death of his twin sons, Rexford and Maxwell, seemed to drive him over the edge. He became manic, angry, and developed plots of revenge on the bankers he blamed for his financial destruction. Etta’s life at Springbrook Farm
on the Carman property off Boones Ferry in Oswego must have been a living hell. Daniel seems to have left Springbrook and spent most of his time in Oregon City dive bars at night and fishing at Willamette Falls during the day.

He made friends with a murderer named Charles Montgomery. From newspaper accounts, Montgomery was basically a thug who shot his friend, Hiram Hall, in the back for $500. Although he was acquitted of first-degree murder with a plea of self defense, everyone knew he was guilty. Montgomery used his reputation to bully and extort money from people.

In the meantime, Magone’s psychosis accelerated. In 1897, he hatched a plot to steal William S. Ladd’s body from Riverview Cemetery and ransom it to the Ladd family. Magone needed help to actually dig up Ladd’s body and found two Oregon City bar patrons, Bill Rector and Ed Long, to go along with the scheme.

Montgomery was tasked with monitoring the phone lines of the Ladd House, thinking the grave had an electric alarm connected directly to the Ladd mansion in Portland. He burglarized the Eastside Railroad at the Orchard Station and stole a field telephone.

The first attempt was on April 4, 1897, but they were spooked by something and fled. Their second try was on May 17. Montgomery actually did tap into the telephone line of the Ladd household that night but quickly realized there was no alarm system.

Magone and his henchmen dug up Ladd’s grave, dragged the 350-pound parcel downhill across the road to the river leaving behind a clear trail, the stolen field telephone and a broken, newly forged carpenter’s knife at the grave. They loaded the body of William Ladd onto a boat, rowed past Oswego to Magone’s Landing in West Linn and hid the corpse in a hastily dug grave on Magone’s foreclosed farm on the river.

The macabre events hit the newspapers and rapidly became a national story. Portland police chief, Patrick J. Barry, put detectives Simmons and Welch on the high profile case. It took very little time to trace the blacksmith who made the knife and discover who purchased it. Within a few days, Magone and Montgomery were in jail. The body was recovered and returned to Holman’s Funeral Parlor. Ladd was reburied in a grave reinforced...
With concrete and guarded until the concrete set.

Magone pled insanity. The jury totally agreed, but found him guilty and fully culpable. They gave him three years in jail. Ed Long kept quiet and received two years in jail. William Rector and Charles Montgomery sang like birds. They testified against their fellow grave-robbing partners and were sentenced to a few months in jail and pardoned.

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In 1899, she started as a housekeeper for the Willing Family on 2nd Avenue in Portland. Just after 1900, she moved into a small house in Sellwood at 593 Spokane Avenue and worked as a weaver for the Woolen Mills. Her two young daughters, Lulu and Marion, worked beside her in the factory. She listed herself as a widow although her husband was very much alive in prison. By 1905, she moved again, to 920 Willamette Boulevard in St. Johns, and worked in the textile mills.

Etta passed away on March 27, 1925. Her children, Lulu, Marion, Roscoe, Cecil and Cyril went on to have families and productive lives.

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Her many letters to her sister, Lucretia Wilmot, nieces Clara Meyer and Cora Davidson, during this time are poignant, revealing an uncomplaining sweet spirit. She was battered but seemed to be without a shred of malignant bitterness.

In the end, she allowed Daniel to be repatriated with her and her family. He is buried next to Etta and her children in Greenwood Hill Cemetery, near Oswego in southwest Portland, Oregon, Section 3, Lot 82. Hers is Grave 5; his is Grave 6. I like to think she placed herself between him and her children, being cautious and protective of her children even in death.

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I would like to thank the following people for their gracious donations to our collection this last quarter: the Santee Family, the Sandy McGuire Family, the Oswego Pioneer Cemetery, Lake Oswego Hunt and the Truchot Family. Your generosity is amazing. These contributions demonstrate active participation in preserving the cultural heritage of our beloved town.

Thank you all,
Mark C. Browne
2017 Collector Car and Classic Boat Show

A fun time was had by all at Sunday’s Collector Car Show which included from left: Keith Martin, owner of “Sports Car Market” magazine, and television host of “What’s My Car Worth?”; Bob Ames, car collector and racer; and Dale Mathews, owner of Memory Lane Motors.

By Jim Rathbun

Our Collector Car and Classic Boat Show, held August 26 and 27, was a great success by every measure. This was our Show’s 18th year and we celebrated that milestone with record attendance over both days, thus establishing it as Lake Oswego’s second largest event of the year and a signature City event. Our marketing promoting the Show and Oswego Heritage Council was far-reaching: from Vancouver to Salem, Gresham to the Coast—the most extensive media coverage we have ever had donated, with a stated value in excess of $40,000. We expanded the Show’s format and brought in new sponsorships for all venues. Exhibitor revenue and participation at George Rogers Park on Sunday set a new record. A special new Car Show Award was established—the John Baines Director’s Award—honoring long-time Show Chairman, John Baines. Activities filled both days including Saturday’s water skiing exhibition on Lakewood Bay and Lake Oswego’s first-ever Poker Run Car Rally, from Foothills Park, with classic cars touring historical sites throughout our city. And there was more. In the end, this year’s Show achieved its goal of making a significant revenue contribution to OHC.

Our Show would not have enjoyed such success were it not for a terrific team of volunteers who contributed time and resources for 12 months, from monthly planning meetings through final wrap-up.

Each of these individuals deserves our thanks for their completed contribution and a job well done:

**John Baines, Nancy Dunis, Neil d’Autremont, Ron Erickson, Mike Eshaia, Miles Eshaia, Jim Harnish, Scott Havens, Vic Keeler, Glenn Lowe, Nancy Niland, Tom O’Connor, Phillip Quinton-Cox, Steve Attinasi, Roger Rollins, Mike Stevens, Bonnie Trumbull, Jim Trumbull, Bill Warner, Rick Warner**

Looking forward, the Show will carry on with our own Miles Eshaia as Chairman for the next two years. Miles has a lot of enthusiasm combined with Show background and professional marketing skills that are key to successful event management. Best of all, Miles has been part of our Show since its launch in 2000 at Millennium Plaza, where he displayed one of his own collector cars. Clearly, Miles has the heritage that makes for a good fit.

I close with thanks to all who were on board throughout my Chairmanship. It has been a fun time and I now look forward to helping with Sponsorships for next year’s 19th Annual Show.

**Winners of the 2017 Collector Car & Classic Boat Show**

**Presenting Sponsor Award:**
Jaguar Land Rover Portland
1952 Mercury Monterey Convertible - Gary and Sabrina Osborne.

**John Baines Director’s Award:**
1932 Ford Roadster - Donald Cummings

**Owner’s Choice:**
1960 Chevy Corvette - Craig Steggal

**Venue Sponsor Awards:**
Airstream Adventures NW: 1931 - Packard - David Charvet
Buckley Law PC: 1955 Austin-Healey 100S - Bob Ames
Pioneer Sponsor Award:
2013 Corvette - Jack Vilendre
1939 MG TB - Roger Aumann
1956 Chrysler New Yorker - David Duthie
1935 Ford Pickup - Rod Folen
1934 Chrysler Street Rod - Ken Willard
1964 Chrysler 300K - Harry Torgeson
1956 Austin-Healey 100 - Kent Lambert
1911 Columbia - Don and Sharon Plumb
1966 Jaguar XKE - Todd Caulfield
1967 Chevy Camaro RS - Glen Lutz
2014 Corvette Stingray - Ken and Vikki Auck

Heritage Sponsor Award:
1948 Lincoln Cont. Cabriolet - Daryl Campbell
1966 Chevy Sportvan Custom - Lenne Peters
1957 Porsche Speedster - Charles Botsford
1935 Ford 3-window - Robert Bausserman
1995 Jaguar XJS - Bill Loppnow
1948 Packard Sedan - Ron Clinton
1925 Ford Model T - Bob Walmer
1938 Station Wagon Woody - Brian Nagel
1954 Mercury Monterey - Tom and Linda Nored
1955 Chevy Bel Air - Rick Rogers
1964 VW Sunroof Sedan - Diane Brandon
1967 Austin-Healey Sprite - Kelly Wood

The Archive Room at
The Oswego Heritage House
and Museum

The mission of the Oswego Heritage Council is to assure and protect the preservation of Lake Oswego’s history and culture. Our forebears have left us an invaluable window into our past in the many letters, photographs and objects they have contributed to our community over the years. The OHC archival collection includes resources from the earliest Native American residents to the present.

Historical resources such as photographs and letters can be fragile and can be lost forever if they are not properly preserved and protected into the future. OHC staff and volunteers have made major progress to employ modern preservation and cataloguing techniques to properly preserve these resources and make them available to the community through our newly renovated museum and rotating exhibits. However, our current basement storage room is not up to modern preservation standards and we are rapidly running out of space as generous community members bring us new items.

THE PROJECT:

The Oswego Heritage Council proposes to create a special archive room dedicated to the long-term storage and preservation of all OHC archives in a dedicated safe, secure and temperature-regulated environment. The archive room will also serve as a private meeting and research space for potential donors, archivists and researchers.

THE NEED:

Creation of the archive room will require remodeling of existing space within the Oswego Heritage House. Proper preservation techniques require specialized lighting, temperature control, a security system, chemically neutral storage shelving and research furniture.

THE GOAL:

Our goal is to raise $50,000 by December 31, 2017.

PLEDGE:

Name: ________________________________

In Memory of: ______________________ (optional)

Pledge Amount: ______________

Credit Card: ____________________ exp. __________

cvv ______ billing zip ____________

Todd Stephens, director of Events Logistics for Airstream Adventures, standing by a special Airstream 27’ limited edition “Tommy Bahama” unit. On display at George Rogers Park all day Sunday, it attracted a large number of people who checked it out.
HOLIDAY GIFT MARKET

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

2-8 pm

Oswego Heritage House & Museum
398 Tenth Street
Lake Oswego