

SHERIDAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY

MAKING HISTORY MATTER

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter!

What's New at the Museum

IMPROVEMENTS

Through the many generous donations, we have been able to improve our gift shop area. New shelving was purchased so that items could be easily displayed. Special thanks to Bruce Rogers who designed and built a beautiful bookcase for the gift shop. Need a gift for an upcoming graduation, Father's Day, or special occasion? Or take home a museum memory for yourself? Stop by the museum and browse the gift shop for:



Calendars
Historic Building Books
Aprons
Baseball Caps
Denim Shirts
T-Shirts
Handmade Items
...and much more!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Staci & Eean Coker
- Larry & Amber Deibel
- Alyssa Green
- Collin Gyenes
- Matthew Huegli
- Zeldon Linn
- John & Linda Vollman
- Jerry & Diane Yoder

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! WE WANT YOU!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the museum.

Get involved by joining our amazing volunteer team.

Pick any Saturday: 10am - 3pm

You will be partnered with one of our wonderful volunteers.

Join us and give back to our community!

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

DONNA FIRESTONE became a member of the Sheridan Museum of History in 2017, after several years of being an active volunteer. Recently, the museum purchased a complicated inventory program. Donna has devoted over 250 hours of volunteer time to transform our previous program into this new and much more sophisticated program. She has catalogued over 3800 items, positioning the museum for a successful future.

Donna is a 1967 graduate of Sheridan High School and an Oregon State University graduate in 1972 with a degree in Pharmacy. Donna joined a family of pharmacists -- her grandfather, mother, aunt, uncle, and sister were all pharmacists. Donna is a member of Rebekahs, FL Club and serves on the board of the Sheridan Museum of History. She is following in the footsteps of her mother, Loisel Haas Bride, who tried her best to start a museum to protect the memories and artifacts of the City of Sheridan but was unsuccessful.

Donna has been a wonderful addition to our museum. Thank you for your dedication, time, and efforts with this huge project!

EVENTS

We currently have two coffee groups who are enjoying the museum with their morning coffee.

April 9: The museum participated in the Yamhill County Farm Fest. It was well attended, and we met many potential visitors for our museum.

April 22: We hosted the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce meeting. All attendees enjoyed homemade breakfast treats provided by our museum members.

May 17 & 24: We shared history with several classes of first graders as part of the Heritage Day program. What a joy to see smiles on children learning about history!

UPCOMING

June 18: Hometown Days - "It's a Magical Day." The museum will be open from 10am to 4pm and will have a bed turning at 11am by Donna Hulett. The museum will also be hosting the All School Reunion from 10am to 4pm. We will be closed during the parade which begins at 1pm.

July 4: Willamina 4th of July Celebration

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

For 6/1/2022 - 5/31/2023

It is time to renew your membership. We will be sending out reminders around the 20th of this month. If any of you are willing to have your reminder sent via email, please let us know. Otherwise, we will be sending out the renewals via USPS. Thank you for your membership!

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HISTORICAL TIDBIT

The Dickey Family Heritage

John Dickey married Sarah Noel in 1821 and they had 10 children. Sarah passed away in 1842 and John married Elizabeth Lynch, a widow with 10 children. John and Elizabeth added 4 more children to the family. In 1853, John and Elizabeth, along with 5 sons and 5 daughters, came to Oregon via covered wagon along the Oregon Trail and they took up a donation land claim just east of Mill Creek in Polk County. Other members of this family were already in Oregon. In 1854, John and Elizabeth along with her sons, Aaron, John and Joseph Lynch, organized the Union Baptist Church which was located between Buell and Sheridan.

Thomas Jefferson Dickey was born in 1825 in Tennessee, and he married Narcissa Reed in 1848. He and his older brother John E. came to Oregon in 1851 to see what all the fuss was about. They liked what they saw and immediately returned to bring their families to Oregon. Thomas, Narcissa and their 2-year-old son, John, joined a wagon train in 1852 which was led by his older brother James Noel Dickey. They arrived in Sheridan in the fall of 1852 and took up a donation land claim just 3 miles west of Buell. They had 8 children.

Evander (Van) Dickey born in 1870 was their 6th child and he married Elizabeth McGhie. Their son, Glen W. Dickey, was born in 1898 and he married Helen Chapman, daughter of Frank Chapman and granddaughter of William and Esther Lorinda Chapman. Glen and Helen had a son, Glen W. Jr. in 1926. Glen married Phyllis Thomson. Glen and Phyllis assumed the operation of the farm (part of the original donation land claim of William Chapman). They had 4 children (Glynnis, Deborah, Vane and Vanessa).

After 170 years, the farm is still in the Dickey family.