

SHERIDAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY

MAKING HISTORY MATTER

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter!

What's New at the Museum

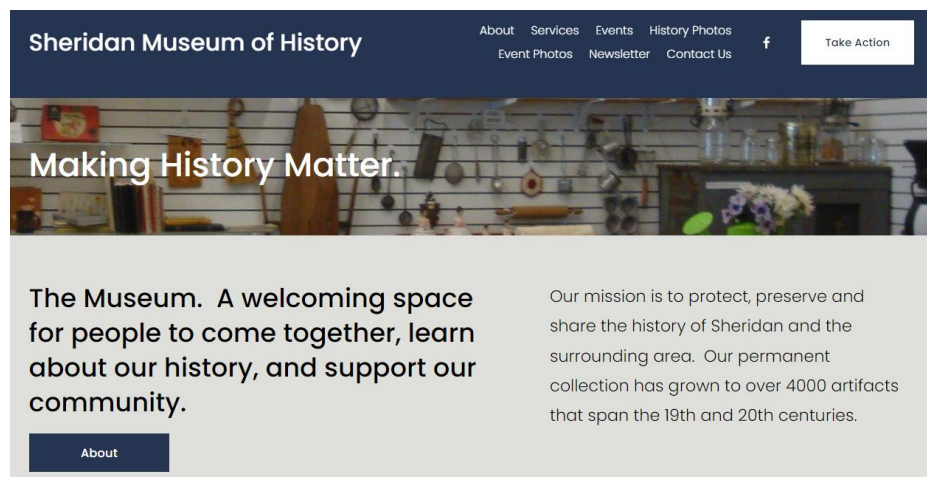
A SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

WEBSITE

Did you know the museum has a new website? Check it out at

www.sheridanmuseumofhistory.com

In August, we were notified that our web hosting provider was discontinuing this business, and we had to find a new web hosting platform. After extensive research on options, feasibility, and user-friendly, a new website was launched. The new website features an About section, Services, Events, Photos, Newsletters, and areas for involvement.



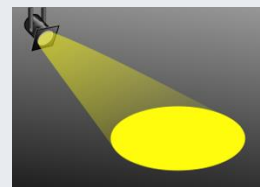
In the future, we will be adding other features like a shopping cart to process membership dues and donations. For now, take a look. What do you like? What should be added? We welcome & value your feedback.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please welcome our newest members to the museum family:

- Travis Dow
- Diana (Bail) Stava & Rich White

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MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

We are taking this opportunity to thank all of you for being valued members of the museum. Your support helps us to continue to advance our mission - to protect, preserve and share the history of Sheridan and the surrounding area.

In June, the membership renewal drive kicked off and you really stepped up to the plate - with your generous donations and membership renewals. The museum family continues to grow with new members.

Today, there are 109 members - over all categories - Individuals, Senior Couples, Families, Friends, Community Patrons, Partners and Pillars - as well as 3 local businesses.

As a valued member, you drive the museum's success. Because of you, the museum is able to offer programs, events, services, resources and provide a community welcoming space for all to enjoy.

Each member strengthens the clout of the museum, not only financially, but through your ability and willingness to share information about the museum with others.

The museum exists because of YOU! Together, we are making a positive impact on preserving our history and serving our community.

While there are not enough words to show our deep appreciation, the Sheridan Museum of History thanks each of you for your support and commitment to **"Making History Matter!"**

MUSEUM MOMENTS

The museum has been busy during the summer months. We participated in:

- Hometown Days (June)
- Harvest Fest (August)
- Wine Tasting (August)



Special thanks to Hauer of the Dauen for providing the wine and to Bill Stapleton, our amazing musician. And thanks to our generous donors for a fun raffle.

We also would like to thank the project management students at Clackamas Community College who worked with the museum on their capstone project in support of the wine tasting event - and future fundraisers. Thanks so much!

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

QUILT RAFFLE - DECEMBER 9 CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE & ACTIVITIES

A beautiful quilt made & donated by Velma Bottenberg will be raffled off on December 9. Mark your calendar! Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, or 3 for \$10.00. Stop by the museum or visit the West Valley Bulletin Board to purchase tickets.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR - OCTOBER 14 through DECEMBER 23

Need a special gift for the holidays? Check out the Holiday Bazaar for beautiful handmade items and unique crafts. Bring the kids - they will have fun too!

IN MEMORY: MEMBERS WE HAVE LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

- Frank & Jean Abderhalden
- Donna Chapman Potter
- Rene Quinones



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HISTORICAL TIDBIT

Sheridan Fire - 1913

Over the years, four major fires have leveled much of the business district:

- January 12, 1888
- July 18, 1913
- June 3, 1922
- October 11, 1934

The worst fire happened in 1913 burning everything on S. Bridge Street - from the river to the railroad tracks. The fire started at 5:45 pm in the Zeigler & Rice Restaurant, located in the Phillips Building at the corner of Harney & Bridge Streets. Two young men were cooking the meal. When refueling the Kerosene grill, the grill caught fire & flames rapidly spread to both sides of Bridge Street. Things burned quickly because it was a hot summer, most buildings were wooden, and gusty winds fueled the flames. The fire hose would burn as soon as the volunteer firemen attached it to a hydrant, which resulted in battling the fire with bucket brigades & burlap bags.



In little time, everything was gone except for the First National Bank building - its brick wall was still standing. Fifty-six (56) businesses were destroyed with an estimated loss of \$305,000. Only 1/3 of the businesses were covered by insurance.

Within a year, most of the town was rebuilt - thanks to the dedication, hard work, and love for the City of Sheridan.

To learn more about the 1913 fire:

Check out the 1980 Centennial Issue of the Sheridan Sun located in the Research section of the museum.