

# Newsletter

News For Clatsop County Historical Society Members

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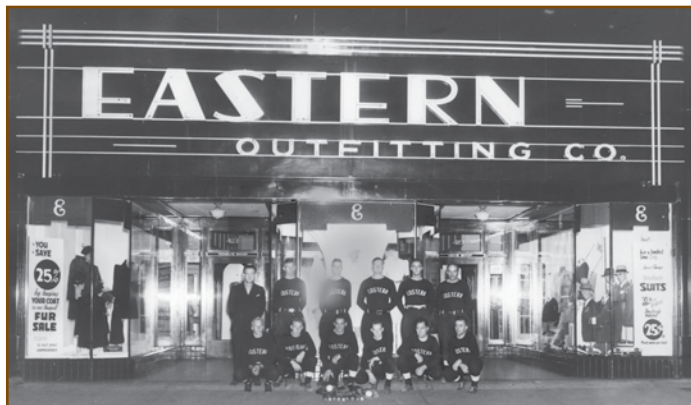
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## SIGN UP NOW!

A sign can be described as “a posted notice bearing a designation, direction, or command.” From the beginning of the written word, humans have relied upon signs as a means of conveying information; be it a name, a direction, a warning, or an advertisement. Prominently displayed for public view, signs have consisted of letters or symbols inscribed or mounted on wood, metal, paper, glass or other material.

“Sign Design”, a new temporary exhibit at the Heritage Museum, offers a view of the built landscape—a distinct portrait of the culture that blossomed and the people who worked, shopped, strolled, lingered, and conducted the



*Eastern Outfitting Company's sign was a great example with its art deco design. (south side of Commercial St. between 9th and 10th)*

business of their lives in a significant era of the community's history. The signs—from shops, markets, offices, hotels, and restaurants—provide a collective memory of the community and offer access to people and places half forgotten or never known. They are a window into the past, and a glimpse of the way things were.

Sign Design consists of photos depicting various street scenes and individual signs, both from the past and the present day. Mixed in among the photos are original signs from the museum's collections. The exhibit is on display in the Parker Gallery at the Heritage Museum until March 31st.

## Trees Threaten the Flavel House

The hurricane force winds that blew through Clatsop County last December left a great deal of destruction behind them. And while the sturdy Flavel House withstood their torment, its trees did not.

Two of the four Cork Elms on the west side of the house were snapped off at the midpoint of their trunks and the remaining two sustained substantial damage. All four will likely have to be removed. These trees were designated as Oregon Heritage Trees and were planted around the time Captain Flavel built his retirement home. They will be difficult to replace.

The most threatening to the house, yet least obvious, are two cypresses on the south side of the house. Upon closer examination it has become clear that these two trees were moved by the winds; the ground at their base was lifted, indicating that their shared root system has been compromised. Also, a certified arborist noticed substantial rot in the interior of the trunks. Unfortunately these grand trees must be removed before they are forced to surrender to the next strong wind and fall upon the house.



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*View of the two cypresses on the south lawn looking east.*



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## Noted Historian to speak



Author and historian Stephen Dow Beckham, Professor of History at Lewis and Clark College, will speak at the Clatsop County Historical Society's annual membership meeting on Saturday, March 22nd at 12:00 pm in the Heritage Museum. The topic of Professor Beckham's talk will be "An Adventure in History", celebrating the

Bicentennial of Astoria and its relationship to similar themes on a regional and national level.

Professor Beckham is the Dr. Robert B. Pamplin, Jr. Professor of History at Lewis & Clark College.

Educated at the University of Oregon, UCLA and Oxford University, Professor Beckham has taught college students for the past 38 years. He is the author of several works including, most recently, *Oregon Indians: Voices from Two Centuries* (2006). He is currently collaborating on a new book to be released in time for the Astoria Bicentennial in 2011. Additionally, Beckham has helped to develop many museums and exhibits both in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Some of his projects include *The Literature of the Lewis and Clark Expedition* touring exhibit, the Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles, the Oregon Trail Center in Baker City, and *Oregon My Oregon* at the Oregon Historical Society.

The annual meeting will include an update of Historical Society activities and a buffet style lunch will be served. Additional information will be mailed to members soon.

## Collections Corner

We had two wonderful and successful temporary exhibits at the Heritage Museum in 2007.

The first was *A Cabinet of Wonders: Thingamajigs, Whatchamacallits, & Whozaphats*, sponsored by Lektro, Inc. Visitors had a lot of fun trying to decide just what some of the items were used for.

The *B List members Show* featured some fun personal collections from various CCHS members, all beginning with the letter B! From beads to beer steins, Barbie dolls to baskets, it was interesting to see such a wide range of collectibles. Thanks to all members who contributed to this exhibit.

The 2008 season begins with the aptly titled exhibit, *Sign Design*, showcasing many of the different signs, from past businesses to political campaigns to city street signs, that we have in the collection. *Sign Design* will be on display until March 31st.



The ancient Clatsop village recreated in the newest permanent exhibit, *Legacy of the Cedar People* is not to be missed. The longhouse, with its round entry carved out of a tree trunk, is a favorite of the kids as well as the adventurous adult. And, the artwork created by local artists Sally Lackaff and Roger McKay is stunning.



above: Two students examine an elk hide in the longhouse portion of the "Legacy of the Cedar People" exhibit at the Heritage Museum  
left: A portion of Roger McKay's mural "Four Seasons"

# Thank You Volunteers!

There is never a doubt that CCHS would be lost without it's many volunteers. This was especially true during 2007 when there were so many activities and obligations demanding our volunteers' time. We are blessed that they make time for this organization. If you know one or more of the following people, please say "Thank You!" to them for all their hard work and support they give to CCHS and our community.

Donald Acton  
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Nancy Anderson  
Kim Angelis  
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Joan Blum  
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Please accept our sincere apology for having missed anyone



## Special Note

Last year's Tea and Plum Pudding event in the Flavel House Museum was made even more special with the addition of music performed by the following members of the Friday Musical Club: Diane Amos, piano; Kristina Berney, voice; Janet Bowler, silver flute and wooden flute; Laurie Drage, piano; Miriam Galbraith, piano; Hannelore Morgan, silver flute and recorder; Jacquetta Purtle, piano; Judy Woodward, cello.

Last May the Friday Musical Club held its 100th anniversary concert in the Flavel House. In planning for their concert, the

club raised the funds needed to repair and tune the antique square grand piano that once belonged to Mrs. Flavel so that it could again fill the music room with wonderful music.

Having live music performed in the Flavel House by a group of talented women like the members of the Friday Musical Club adds an energy and excitement that one can only imagine has not been present since Nellie and Katie Flavel practiced and performed in the house.

We offer all the members of the Friday Musical Club our sincere gratitude and praise for their wonderful performances and for adding their special musical notes to the Tea and Plum Pudding event.

## Visit the web...

for more photos of these events and photos of the damage from the December storm, go to [www.cumtux.org](http://www.cumtux.org).



## Event Spotlight:

### Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Flavel House



Above, left to right: Judd Field, David Toyooka, Luke Toyooka, and Shirlee Field visit with Santa. Below: Abby Stemper receives a Flavel House commemorative stocking from Santa. (Thank you Bent Needle of Astoria for donating the stockings)



## Event Spotlight:

### 2007 Holiday Dinner & Auction

The Clatsop County Historical Society is deeply grateful to our participants, donors, and volunteers for the highly successful annual Holiday Dinner and Auction held last November 30th and December 1st. The Edwin K. Parker Gallery of the Heritage Museum was beautifully decorated and filled with holiday cheer.

Executive Chef Christopher Holen of Baked Alaska and The Schooner 12th Street Bistro restaurants prepared a delicious gourmet dinner. Chef Holen has been extremely generous in producing this dinner the past four years and has been instrumental in the financial success of this fundraiser. Thank you Chef Holen!



CCHS Executive Director Mac Burns presents Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen with a photo of the Van Dusen family homestead



Members of NNB Radio ham it up for the camera. left to right: Paul and Joyce Mitchell, Rich Murray, Tom Freel, Kimberly Armstrong, and Pat Roscoe

And, as always, the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers is what makes this event possible. They are the life blood of our organization. THANK YOU!

We are already looking forward to the 2008 dinner and hope everyone is marking their calendars for December 5th or 6th as well.



## Sign Design

Tuesday – Saturday, January 25th–March 31st  
Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange St., Astoria  
CCHS Members: Free • Non-Members:  
Regular admission

## Workshop Offered

Researching Your Home's History  
Saturday, March 15 — 9:00 am–Noon  
Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange St., Astoria  
Members: \$5 • Non-Members: \$15

## Members Meeting

Stephen Dow Beckham to Speak  
Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> — 12:00 pm  
Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange St., Astoria

## Memorials

### **Alice Ala**

Katherine Hollingworth  
Ella P.Hill  
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### **Jean Anderson**

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### **Gary Angberg**

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Buddy Hoell

### **Bessie B. Brandenburg**

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Hugh and Carol Seppa

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### **Susan Kristine Day**

Elaine Duoos Boone  
Ella P. Hill

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Toivo and Shirley Mustonen

### **V. Gordon Gerttula**

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Shirley A. Tinner  
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Toby and Thea Dyal

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Jim and Sue Moran

### **Warne Nunn**

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Ethel Wilson  
Ella P. Hill

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Michael W. Foster  
Sundial Special Vacations  
Summer Sharpe and Margaret Strachan

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Waverlie Warila  
Ruth Jensen

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## CCHS Calendar of Events

March	☞ March 15	<i>Workshop: Researching Your Home's History</i>	9:00 am—12:00 pm	<i>Heritage Museum</i>
	☞ March 15	<i>Annual Membership Meeting</i>	12:00 pm	<i>Heritage Museum</i>
April	☞ April 19	<i>Gearhart Homes Tour</i>	1:00 pm—4:00 pm.	<i>Trails End Art Gallery, 656 A St, Gearhart</i>
May	☞ May 10	<i>Mother's Day Tea and Scones</i>	1:00 pm—4:00 pm	<i>Flavel House Museum</i>
Exhibits	☞ Jan 25—March 31	<i>Sign Design</i>	Tuesday – Saturday	<i>Heritage Museum</i>
	☞ May 9—Nov. 15	<i>Victorian Vogue</i>	Daily	<i>Heritage Museum</i>