History and Humor Merge at Annual Meeting

Teddy Roosevelt's Oregon Roadshow

Regarded as our nation’s premier Theodore Roosevelt impersonator, Joe Wiegand will present his one-man theater show during Clatsop County Historical Society’s annual meeting on May 17th at the Liberty Theater. “Teddy Roosevelt’s Oregon Roadshow” is presented by the Oregon Historical Society and Wells Fargo.

Mr. Wiegand has been entertaining audiences nationwide with his reprisal of President Theodore Roosevelt. In 2008, to celebrate Theodore Roosevelt’s 150th Birthday, Joe, his wife Jenny, daughter Sam, and golden retriever, Faith, toured the 50 states. Their travels culminated with a performance in the East Room of the White House for President and Mrs. Bush on T. R.’s birthday.

Wiegand’s T. R. shares stories full of adventure, laughter and inspiration. The show will portray T. R.’s adventures as rancher, Rough Rider and father of six in the White House. It will relive the establishment of America’s great national parks, forests, monuments and wildlife reserves.

Members will have an opportunity to meet the President personally during a private reception in the McTavish room of the Liberty Theater before his public appearance.

above: Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks visits Astoria in 1908.

opposite: Joe Wiegand brings Teddy to life with an unparalleled grasp of history and an uncanny way of convincing you that you are in the company of the great Rough Rider President.
The newly renovated gallery will open this summer. Photographs will expand on these stories of peoples and their contributions to our region. Additional items and photographs, new interpretive panels will be created to tell the stories of these extensive renovations to the space. After some fresh paint and other modifications, the gallery will reopen this summer.

The Lost and Found

Greetings from D.C.

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.

The plant manager of the United States Postal Service office in Austin, Texas recently succeeded, perhaps not swiftly, in the completion of their appointed rounds by delivering this post card from October 3, 1907. The original intended recipient was Sophie Boelling, sister of Mary Flavel.

The plant manager’s wife did some investigating and found the connection between Miss Boelling, her sister, and ultimately the Flavel House Museum and contacted us to confirm that we would accept the belated post card on Miss Boelling’s behalf. It is now part of the Boelling family papers in the Heritage Museum archives.

Now, if anyone knows their friend Helen, the sender, please let her know it has arrived.

Immigrants on the move

Gallery Receives a Face Lift

The gallery in the north east corner of the Heritage Museum has, for many years now, featured items from the various immigrant groups that located in Clatsop County. The detailed Chinese altar with its gilded painting of the Chinese God of War Kwan Tai, the Finnish ski boots with their iconic up-turned toes, a Swedish captain’s sea chest, English fine china, and more have represented the physical and cultural life that these new citizens brought with them to their new home.

Currently the gallery is closed while museum staff and volunteers make extensive renovations to the space. After some fresh paint and other modifications, new interpretive panels will be created to tell the stories of these peoples and their contributions to our region. Additional items and photographs will expand on these stories.

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Volunteers Needed

Can You Help?

Please contact us at: 503-325-2203 or cchs@cumtux.org

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What happens in the photo booth stays in the photo booth…or does it?

So Long 2012!

A few of the revelers from the 2012 New Year’s Eve Blowout had fun with their time in the booth.

Memorials

Great-granddaughter of Captain George Flavel

Virginia Flavel Johnson

September 17, 1914–January 23, 2013

Virginia Flavel Johnson was the third child of Harry Melville Flavel and Elizabeth Patricia Flavel. When she was just two years old her parents divorced and she left Astoria with her mother who returned to her family in Oakland, California. Her older siblings, George Edward and Patricia Jean, remained in Astoria to be raised by their father with help from his aunt Nellie Flavel.

Although she lived in California, she did return for occasional visits. In an oral interview in 2004 she recalled roller-skating in the attic of her great-grandfather’s mansion and a birthday party her Great Aunt Nellie held for her and her sisters Virginia and Patricia.

She is survived by her sister Patricia Jean Flavel, half-sister Mary Louise Flavel, son William Frederic Malenfant Jr. and three daughters: Patricia Elizabeth Malenfant, Penelope Virginia Marshall, and Virginia Flavel Collins, eleven grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Thank You!
Roaring 20’s Speakeasy Casino Night
March 2nd at the Heritage Museum, 6 pm–10 pm
1618 Exchange Street, Astoria, OR

Win big at Black Jack, Roulette, or at the Craps table. Perhaps your game is Texas Hold ‘Em. Whatever your game you won’t want to miss the fun. Knock three times and tell ‘em “Joe” sent ya.

Annual Membership Meeting
May 17 at the Liberty Theater, Members Only Reception 6 pm–7 pm
Public Performance 7 pm–8 pm (free to CCHS Members)
1205 Commercial Street, Astoria, OR

Our guest speaker was born in New York City, New York on October 27, 1858. Graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude from Harvard University, he was elected the youngest member of the New York General Assembly. In the years to follow, he served as a United States Civil Service Commissioner, President of the Police Commission of New York City, Assistant Secretary of the United States Navy, Colonel of the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry, Governor of New York, Vice President and President of the United States, all by the age of 42. Please join us for an evening with the 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt.