Summer hours

The Mt Hood Museum is operating under reduced hours as we follow safety practices in pandemic time. We are open Wednesday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. That provides ample time for sanitizing!

GC history walk

The Columbia River Volkssports Club has introduced a new Government Camp walking event that starts at the Mt. Hood Museum. The walk includes both 5K and 10K options and incorporates history. Registration materials are available at the museum in business hours.

Cabin tour canceled

The annual Steiner Cabins Tour has been canceled for 2020, a victim of the pandemic. We are looking forward to a terrific event in 2021, focused on the Rhododendron, which marked its centennial in 2020. The cabin tour and Rhododendron Centennial +1 Celebration are scheduled for Aug. 7, 2021.

Museum reopens to visitors

After being closed for three months, the Mt. Hood Museum reopened to the public on Wednesday, June 24. The museum will follow safety procedures being implemented across the US and Europe. One big new change for museums is that they will be “no-touch” spaces. The museum has implemented changes to the physical set up to eliminate resources that visitors commonly like to handle. Visitors at the museum will be limited to 15 at any one time with limited capacity in each of our display rooms. Hand sanitizer, masks and social distancing will be followed. To implement the plan, we will have greeters at the door to direct and provide directions. Another change we are putting in place is limiting the use of the museum restroom, Visitors only needing restrooms will be directed to the Summit Rest Area.

One lesson learned is that it takes about two hours to sanitize the museum. As a result, museum hours for now are Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
From the President

Life can change in a moment.

A year and a half ago, when I took over leadership of the Mt. Hood Museum Board of Directors, my focus was on raising awareness of the museum in the state and the region and building a viable strategy for our Capital Campaign.

As you know, the world we knew changed overnight when the coronavirus surfaced and the governor declared a state of emergency, closing all but essential services and businesses. The museum closed, along with 95 percent of museums worldwide. Within a few weeks, Clackamas County Tourism notified us that they were canceling our contract as an official Information Center. The contract was funded through county room tax revenue, and with businesses closed, there were no room taxes. That revenue is an important part of our operating budget.

But you, our community, responded to our appeal for help with donations and support to keep us afloat. We are grateful to you for your help and for your support of the museum as the keeper of the flame of mountain history.

The museum reopened on June 24 with new practices in place to protect our guests and staff. The first couple days were slow, which was good, as we honed our safety procedures and practices including ongoing sanitizing. When the weekend arrived, so did carloads of visitors from around the state and country.

Like most of the world, we are following the path of COVID-19 carefully and will adapt to changing conditions. We have postponed our lecture series until further notice, canceled the 2019 Steiner Cabins Tour, and are likely to cancel Heritage Night this fall. No one knows how long the pandemic will last, and as I write this, cases are rising in Oregon, the country and around the world.

So while we adapt to our changing world, we will continue to plan for the future of the museum that will greatly improve our home in Government Camp, providing space for community gatherings. We are nearly finished with the Phase 1 architectural drawings, and we will be ready to pursue economic development opportunities with a shovel-ready project when the time comes.

Stay safe and healthy, and treasure time with family,

Alene Davis
Board President
Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
Curator’s Report Summer 2020

Museum Donors

Cash donations 10/01/2019 – 06/30/2020

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RLK Co. Timberline Lodge
Pucci Skilift Chair Sale
Bill and Toni Wainwright

$1000 - $4999
Skiyente Ski Club
Dave Butt
Bill Davidson
Gretchen Makinson
Lucy Mitchem
Lloyd Musser
Nick Rinard

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Charlotte Kocher

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Theresa Graham
Kathleen Garbe

In Honor of Lloyd & Maureen Musser
Fran Gaul

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Paul Oliver
Dick Shook
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Bob Swanson
Emilio Trampuz
Jordan Winthrop
Matthew Wood
Wren Geoffrey
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10/01/2019 – 06/30/2020

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Brooklyn Eisele
Cundy Carrier
Diane Kindall
Anne Jenkins
Don Dorres
Cathe Anderson
Robert Boss
John Orefice
Sylvia Kearns
Vicki Anderson
Jon Tullis
Cindy Fetty
Alma Reick
Patty Brown
Kristin Lundberg
Heather VanHouten
Daven Berg
Cody Lusk
David Schmitz
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Diane Crane
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Maureen Vermilya
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Bill King
Dave Cronauer
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Beverly Kropp
Ed Elliot
Ronald Snell

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Jerry Schmidt
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Jane Paulson
John Spencer
Barbara Dechet
Peter Dodd
Paul Oliver
Dee Wright
Linda Farnsworth
Alice White-Hoppe
Amy Bullard
James Cain
Sally Neidermeyer
Michael Barmache
Bonnie Jondahl
Dustin Shaub
Megan Forsythe
Frances Gaul
Toni McCauley
Allan Paraskeva
JB Brennock
Don Eisele
John Brighton
Lynn Weigand
Dale Parshall
Scott Morrison
Dan Mancuso
Jack Nantz
Stephen Barnett
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Myrna Geddes
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Patti Gay-Buoy
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Sue Barton-Venner
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Karen Schmidt
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Toni Wainwright
Carolyn Sheldon
Janet Paulson

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Nick Rinard
Gretchen Makinson
Lenore Martin
Stuart Cato
Steven Potter

**Recreation Clubs**
Cascade Ski Club
Bergfreunde Ski Club
Northwest Ski club Council
Mountain High Snowsport Club
Skiyente Ski Club

**Steiner Society**
Bob Steiner
Karen Steiner
Meredith Frigaard
Linny Adamson
Nancy Dougherty
Judy Arasmith

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**Volunteers**

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Make a gift to the museum online at

**www.mthoodmuseum.com**
Accessions 10/01/2019 – 06/31/2020

Emilio Trampuz - 4 DVDs Barlow Road lecture and field trip.

Zigzag Ranger District - Historic sign from Summit Ski Area.

Jeff Ackerson - Thunderbird ice axe.

William Lewis - Two 1950s Mount Hood Ski Patrol armbands.

Gloria Jacobs - Four 1960s – 1980s Mount Hood National Forest Maps

Palmer Lodge - Log sign, White River Park, circa 1926.


Sue Farris - Eight Hal Lidell, black and white photograph Christmas Cards.


Joyce Harris - Custom beer can opener used for Kanda Beer ski race and By Design, autobiography of Howard Hermanson.

Troutdale Historical Society - Black and white photographs Mount Hood area, circa 1938.

Susan Sickler Fenske – Vintage Battle Axe Inn souvenirs.

Floyd Bergmann – Framed black and white Mount Hood photograph.


Susan Annala - Large collection of climbing gear related to Crag Rats.

Barbara Fox - Rock art photographs from Columbia Basin.

Mary Ellen Fitzgerald - Photographs of USFS Ski Area Administrators.

Erin Thoeny – Large collection of Mogul Busters Ski School students and instructors.

Shari Bridge – Three vintage ski movies.

Lynn Weigand - Collection of Schnee Voglie Ski Club jackets, shirts and caps owned by the late Jack Weigand.

Terry Jondahl – Book – The Rossignol Legend and a Ski Bowl poster.
Don Dorres - Vintage photos of Monica and Paul Parker skiing.

Jeff Hepler - Seven pairs vintage wood skis including 10th Mountain skis.

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol - 2019 MHSP pin.

Grant Baker – Eighteen 1950-60s, PNW ski race trophies.

Petr Kakes – Golden Rose Ski Race silver trophy.


Peter Landis - Three Cascade Ski Trail vintage signs.

USFS, Clackamas River Ranger District - Mounted Beaver.

Larry Schiller - 1970s Mono Ski.

Lisa McNabb – Plans for Mazama Lodge circa 1959, Thunderhead Lodge brochure, Timberline Lodge silver anniversary program.

Still Creek Inn - Framed Life magazine 1964 Mount Hood flood.

Sheryl Miles – Set Sawyer souvenir Timberline Lodge photographs.

Busy Bee Catering – Three Alpine Hut menus circa 1990s.

Susan Annala – Large collection Crag Rats related climbing gear. Two pair handcrafted 1900s wood skis.

Oregon Beaver, taxidermy mount
Museum honors Cheryl Maki for service

It’s been said that employees are a company’s greatest asset. Cheryl Maki, our site manager, is the face, the hands, the voice and the heart of the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum. This year, the museum honors Cheryl for more than 10 years of service to the museum.

“I’m am thrilled and grateful that she has stayed with us for 10 years,” said Lloyd Musser, museum curator. “Not only that, she is always willing to go the extra mile, to do what needs to be done.”

When Cheryl started working as customer service representative at the museum in 2010, her job was to meet and greet visitors and answer questions. Sales were a very minor part of the job.

Fast forward 10 years. Cheryl’s job has evolved to include training and scheduling part-time staff and volunteers, daily cash oversight and accounting, managing the museum membership database, and running the museum store, including selecting, purchasing and pricing merchandise.

The Museum Gift Shop, which was a tiny operation 10 years ago, has grown to be a major income source. It offers a variety of handcrafted items, clothing and an extensive collection of Mount Hood books. Cheryl is the interface between the museum and the public, responding to requests from the public.

“I stay with the museum because it is a wonderful place to work and I feel appreciated. The museum staff and board members are like a small family,” said said. “I’ve missed interacting with the public for the past three months.”

We can only hope Cheryl will continue with the museum for the next 10 years! Thank you Cheryl!

There are many ways to support Mt. Hood Museum

Donations of all kinds are vital to the operations and future of the Mt. Hood Museum. Our archives are comprised of hundreds of items donated by our community that represent the history of our mountain.

Every year, well before the coronavirus, we sponsor three major events - Ski the Glade, the Steiner Cabins Tour and Heritage Night - to raise funds for the museum. Many people make financial gifts every year to our Annual Fund.

Here’s a couple other ideas:

- If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit MHCCM and receive tax benefits in return. You can give any amount up to $100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without having to pay income taxes on the money. This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover.

- Another option is to remember the museum in estate planning. The greater the contributions made to nonprofit organizations, the lower the tax burden to the estate.

- And another simple yet meaningful way to give to the museum is to make a gift in honor or in memory of someone. Makes it easier to shop for those folks who “have everything.”