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Reworking School Programs

The Traveling Trunk programs are one of the Museum's most successful programs, now running on 13 years. This year we are reworking the programs to reach more kids than ever. The programs are created to provide supplemental material for meeting Washington's OSPI social studies requirements. Today, in addition to grade-specific topics, Washington State also requires that all schools teach the tribally-developed curriculum "Since Time Immemorial" to all grades. Local teachers have been requesting museum programs to help with this new requirement.

With a few adjustments, many of the museum's education programs can be used as supplemental material for this curriculum. For example, one of the STI lessons for K-3 is on the First Salmon Ceremony. The curriculum recommends using the book "P'esk'a and the First Salmon Ceremony" by Scot Ritchie as the basis for the provided lesson. The museum also used this book in a presentation with the Kalama Library's Pre-school and Kindergarten story time program that was greatly enjoyed by all the little ones who came. By scaling that program to a class size, the museum can offer all schools a Kindergarten program to be presented either before or after the STI lesson. The STI 4th grade lesson on Tribal Homelands compares northeast coast tribes to northwest coast Washington State tribes as the main focus of the lesson but has the additional learning goal of knowing the name and location of our local tribe. The Traveling Trunk "Cowlitz Round of Life" which was developed by the museum and approved by the Cowlitz Tribe focuses on the seasonal, semi-nomadic movement of the Cowlitz people around their homeland long before the arrival of Europeans to the area. The STI middle school lessons focus on treaties with the Point No Point Tribes of the Olympic Peninsula and has the learning goal of students understanding difficulties the tribes faced with traditional fishing and hunting rights, among other things. The Museum's Traveling Trunk on traditional fishing practices of Pacific Northwest Tribes can provide a foundational framework for a better understanding of these STI lessons. These are just a few ways the museum's programs may be used to help schools meet State requirements. Our goal is that by the start of the next school year we will be able to offer one program per grade for K-8 to help support the STI curriculum, thus serving all elementary and middle school grades including many that have been overlooked until now.



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President's Message

Greetings, friends!

There is a saying that the month of March "comes in like a lion, out like a lamb". As I look out my window, it is apparent that this year has one stubborn lamb! With trees bending and flags popping I am anxious for summer to make her much-anticipated appearance.

As summer approaches, our board and staff are gearing up for some wonderful activities and requisite fundraisers. Stay tuned for more details on what is in store.

As a reminder to our members and friends, we appreciate all the help and support provided through your generosity. I would like to remind you all that we love to have visitors at the



museum. We are planning some fantastic first-thursday programs for the upcoming months and would welcome you to enjoy these along with us.

Lee Kessler
CCHS President

Museum Director's Message

We are so grateful to those who participated in our Annual Fund Drive last year. We achieved our goal of \$35,000 raised to support the Museum's programs, exhibits, and collections care. Through the generosity of our donors, we may continue to support our community through heritage education and preservation. I also want to thank everyone who renewed their membership this year. Your membership demonstrates a commitment to local history and continuing our legacy for future generations. We are hitting the year running with continued demand for our school educational programs (See Program Report, P.4) and they are booking fast, into the end of this school year. Our First Thursday programs this year each filled our meeting room with attendees, bringing our program attendance at or above our 2019 pre-covid levels. It has been



refreshing to see so many familiar and new faces in person again, visiting with friends, and enjoying time at museum events. Please see our schedule of events on the back page to learn more about upcoming activities at the museum.

Joseph Govednik
Museum Director
Cowlitz County Historical Museum

Winter Festival Welcomes the Lunar New Year

Winter Festival was a huge success as even more kids than last year came to help us celebrate the Lunar New Year in China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, and Malaysia. Visitors made “firework” wands for celebrating the start of the Lunar New Year, origami red envelopes called hongbao that are given with money inside as traditional New Year gifts, tissue paper flowers since the Lunar New Year is also known as “Spring Festival,” paper lanterns for the “Lantern Festival” that ends the 15 days of Lunar New Year, and much more. Kids got to play traditional games like China’s Hoo Hey How, Vietnam’s Cua Ca Cop, Japan’s Uta Garuta, and especially Korea’s 2,000-year-old game Yut Nori. In the museum gallery we had a scavenger hunt to find the animals of the Chinese zodiac which we continued until the end of Lunar New Year in February this year.

We had several groups join us at Winter Festival. As a special bonus this year the Thunder-Bots, a local youth robotics club, came and gave demonstrations of a Lego robotic dragon they built to celebrate 2024 being the year of the dragon. They programed the Lego robot dragon to do

a short “dance,” moving in a wavy circle, in honor of dragon dances held worldwide during the new year. In addition to the Thunder-Bots, the Story Tellers network came and told several traditional Asian stories, and the Woodcarvers shared their wonderful carvings with visitors. There was so much to do that most families stayed for three hours or more with smiles the whole time! A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped kids have fun making crafts and playing while learning about our world. We could not have done it without you!



Museum Partners with Columbian Artists Association For a 3rd Year!

The Spring art show is back again for its 3rd year, making this an annual event at the museum. Every year the Columbian Artists Association (CAA) hosts an annual Spring Art Show with submissions from local artists who compete for prizes. The art in the show is available for sale, and a portion of the sales benefit the CAA, Museum, and our local

artists. Don’t miss this opportunity to find your next favorite treasure to bring home and take pride in knowing it was crafted by a local artist from our community. The Spring Art Show may be seen at the Museum during normal hours 10am-4pm, Tues-Sat, until April 13.



Spring Art Show Opening Reception



CAA President Eileen Thompson

GiveBIG 2024

Thank you to everyone that participated in GiveBIG last year! We are so grateful for your support as we join with nonprofits throughout southwest Washington in this annual fundraising event for a 3rd year.

Each year Washington Gives hosts GiveBIG, a statewide fundraising campaign where individuals and organizations come together across Washington to invest in our communities. By visiting the Washington Gives website (wagives.org), you can find a donation page for all the participating nonprofits from right here in Cowlitz County and learn more about how they make our community a wonderful place to live. This year the Museum is gathering support for our highly sought educational programs. The “Traveling Trunk” school programs bring history to the classroom. Each school year we reach hundreds of local students, including many summer school programs. We

serve our community as a public benefit by engaging children in the richness of our local history at no cost to local schools, free adult evening programs, free family programming, and free admission to the museum.

GiveBIG officially begins on **April 23**, which leads up to the main event, a 48-hour giving opportunity on **May 7-8**.

To participate in giving to the museum this year, please scan the QR code below or type the following URL into your browser:

www.wagives.org/organization/Cowlitz-County-Historical-Society

Thank you for your support!



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From the Collections Room

Winter, it seems, is a great time for donations. Since the last newsletter we have received: a 1987 videotape of “Steam Whistle Logging”; a Kelso High School class ring and 1936 yearbook; old county tax statement forms; a life preserver from Crystal Pool; an elephant logging harness from Morgan Berry’s Woodland farm; two old Cowlitz County Advocate newspapers; a Cowlitz County Coroner’s Office uniform; Kelso Recreation Council papers; a drill and bit set used to build houses in early Longview; a set of saw filing tools used at Long-Bell; some local immigration/naturalization papers; “Our Washington” student history book; three CUBS bus tokens; a 1947 LIFE magazine with an article on the Northwest; slides and tapes from County Tourism; an American Flag flown at the County Courthouse in Kelso; a 1960s woman’s hat and Longview Fibre safety playing cards; a 1971 Longview/Kelso area map; and a small collection of locally made dolls. Photos we have received include: some Hammond Logging Company photos; 1960s/1970s Mount St. Helens climbing and Toutle River fishing photos; a County Treasurer’s convention in Kelso photo; two Weyerhaeuser and a Port of Longview photo; and a framed photo collage of the 1938 graduating class of Ryderwood High School.

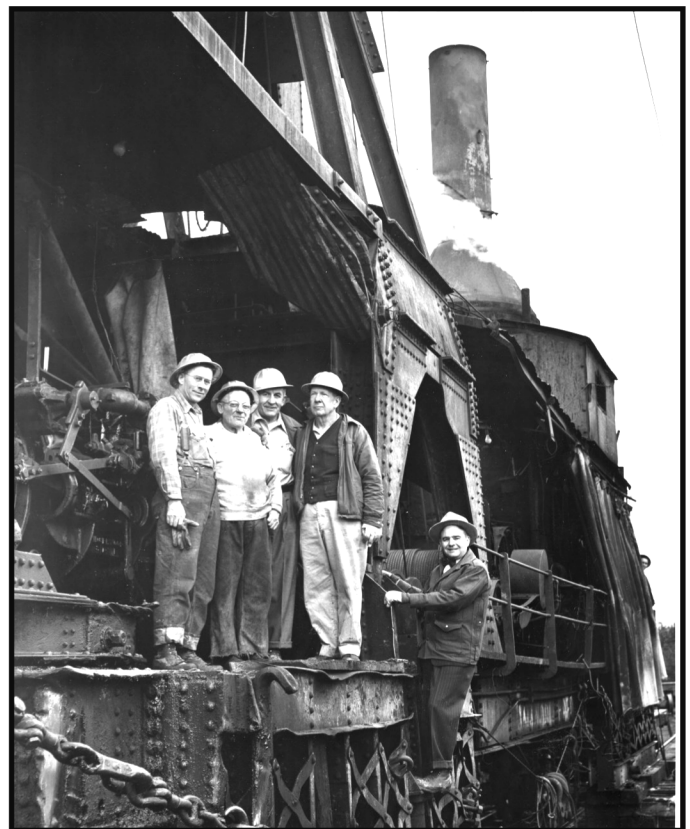
One group of items we got in late December came from the family of the late George Wend. Mr. Wend was a Longview man who worked in various capacities for both International Paper and Weyerhaeuser during his career, although he seemed to place more value on his strong Union activity with Local 3-536 of the International Woodworkers of America. He was even President of that Local in the early 1980s.

His collection does contain some non-union items, such as photos of Weyerhaeuser Company big wigs at Camp 10 for the retirement of their last skidder (No. 3) from service in 1953, or a commencement program for his (later) wife, Delores Hoge’s, graduating class from R. A. Long High School in 1949. But the majority of the collection is union related. George was often a delegate to regional (Portland, OR) or international (Toronto, Montreal, or Vancouver, Canada) I. W. A. conventions, and he kept photos and badges from them. He was also a representative on the Washington State Labor Council. He had books on labor

relations and labor laws from the union hall’s library. There was a group of local union newsletters from 1963 to 1984, and regional I. W. A. newsletters from 1980 to 1993. There was even a green, letterman-style, I. W. A. jacket.

One of the more interesting parts of the Union collection, however, are the Mount St. Helens related papers. George Wend just happened to be president of the local I. W. A. when the volcano erupted in 1980. As such, he played a role in forming Weyerhaeuser’s Mount St. Helens Operations Area Contingency Plan and Procedures, attended Volcano Briefing Committee meetings with the U.S.G.S. in Vancouver, and his input was sought on the boundary of the early Mount St. Helens protected area. All of these are documented in this fabulous collection.

We thank all those who have donated items to help preserve our history. If you have items which could help us tell the stories of Cowlitz County, please contact us.



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Give a gift membership to the COWLITZ COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

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CALENDAR

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Calendar of Events — Spring 2024

March 23rd-April 13th: Columbian Artists Association's *Spring Art Show* at the Museum

May 2nd at 7pm: "Mt. St. Helens: Salvage Logging in the Red Zone"

June 6th at 7pm: "D-Day: 80 Years Ago- Today"

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