



**ORIGINAL WASCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE - 1859**

## **ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE REGIONAL HISTORY FORUM SERIES FOR 2017**

**Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs courtroom of the 1859 courthouse, 410 West 2nd Place, The Dalles behind the Chamber of Commerce / Visitors' Center**

The programs are free but donations are always appreciated.

### **Saturday, February 4**

**Now Playing at the Vogt: The Dalles' Forgotten Opera House**  
*Karl Vercouteren helped produce a musical review of songs heard at the Vogt Grand Theatre last September in the Morin Printing building. His new program features photos of the almost-forgotten cultural center that hosted traveling troupes and locally-produced entertainment from 1890 to 1916.*

### **Saturday, February 11**

**Naomi Pike Schenck: Survivor of the Ill-Fated Donner Party**  
*Naomi was two years old in May 1846 when her parents joined the Donner Party wagon train bound for California. Local historian Julie Reynolds traces Naomi's life from the tragedy in the Sierra Nevadas to The Dalles, where a stained glass window memorializes her daughter.*

### **Saturday, February 18**

**Art Deco Architecture: The Gorge**  
*Hood River freelance writer and architectural historian Ellen Shapley has a passion for history and the design of the built environment of our area. She will share her discoveries of local Art Deco treasures from the 1920s and 1930s and tell stories of the people who commissioned and created both small gems and bold statements in our towns.*

### **Saturday, February 25**

#### **Thomas Condon as Paleontologist**

*Author, former professor of geology, and current director of the U of O's Condon Museum, Bill Orr will evaluate Condon as a scientist based on what can be learned from Condon's collection of fossils. The 2016 OPB "Oregon Experience" program explored "the father of Oregon geology's" connections with the Original Courthouse as well as his pioneering scientific work.*

**Coffee and cookies will be served.**

*Become a member of Original Courthouse – help preserve local history!*