

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Original Wasco County Courthouse Preservation Corporation to preserve the Original Wasco County Courthouse; to collect, exhibit and interpret items related to the governmental/legal history of Wasco County; to provide a venue for Presentations of local historical interest; and preserve and make available educational & research materials.

A Word From Your President...

Well, here we are going into Summer already! Earlier this month we had the Annual Meeting at the Original Courthouse, and were fortunate enough to have Carolyn Wood give a presentation on the Walldogs, last year's Muralfest, how it all came about, and where it is going from here. Following the presentation, we all had a chance to gather and talk. This was followed by the business meeting and the board elections. I will continue as President, the Vice President office is currently vacant, Sheila Dooley will take over the Treasurer position, and Rodger Nichols will continue as Secretary. On the board will be Sandy Bisset, Karl Vercouteren, Sherry Mumford, Linda Wilson, Stephanie Rickert, and Carol Stace. We are also fortunate to have Chris Bolton staying on as our fantastic Docent.

We were just informed that we have received a grant from the Northern Wasco County PUD for building the replica iron jail cell door! This will be a great addition to the restoration of the Courthouse. It will allow us to present a more accurate restoration, and will, no doubt, give our visitors a good photo op!

We continue to have issues with folks camping and doing other things on the property. No Trespassing signs have been posted just about everywhere that we can put them. The next step will be fencing. We have put a Fence Permit application in with the City of The Dalles Planning Department, and should get it soon. Once we have that in hand, we will purchase fencing materials and host a work party to install our first section of fencing at the SE corner of the building. This fence will block off the easy access route through the property, and we hope that this will decrease trespass.

If you haven't had the chance to stop in and see the museum lately, I encourage you to find the time to do so. The grounds are looking fabulous and there are some new exhibits and interpretation panels to see inside. This is your museum, come and enjoy it!

-Eric Gleason, President

News of the Annual Meeting...

So it was June again which means it was time for the Original Courthouse Preservation Corporation to hold its annual meeting and elect any new officers. The afternoon started with Carolyn Wood giving a presentation on the Walldogs of last year's Muralfest fame, how it all came about, and where it is going in the near future. After the presentation and some lively stories we adjourned downstairs to a table loaded with goodies and liquid refreshment for a little meet and greet before the annual meeting. The membership addressed several issues, from the street population to the grant for our new jail door and then we held the election of officers. Eric Gleason will continue as President, Sandy Bisset stepped down as Vice President, leaving the office currently vacant, Sheila Dooley will take over the Treasurer position, and Rodger Nichols will continue as Secretary. On the board will be Sandy Bisset, Karl Vercouteren, Sherry Mumford, Linda Wilson, Stephanie Rickert, and Carol Stace. Chris Bolton is staying on as our Docent.

It Has Never Looked Better!

Shovel fulls of thanks go out to Linda Wilson and Sally Temple for their tireless work battling



the Oregon Grape that had taken over the west corner of our front yard. The green thumbs have taken the day and the hours of planning, cutting, chopping and shifting of bark and topsoil have resulted in a magnificent landscape. It looks natural without its old, overgrown appearance and is a real treat for anyone who comes by to visit our museum... and may I recommend that you do exactly that.

And In Other News...

“Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage...”

-from To Althea, from Prison a poem by Richard Lovelace, 1642

The exception to that rule, of course, is the restored jail cell here at the Original Wasco County Courthouse Museum. As you read in the Fall newsletter last year, an effort has been underway to restore one of our jail doors with authentic iron bars. We can now announce that, through the generosity of Northern PUD and their support of local history, we were awarded a grant to move this project one colossal step farther along. The Dalles Iron Works has been (patiently) waiting to begin construction and we are rounding up the requisite number of strong volunteers to help with the change-over. Before you know it our visitors will be able to hear the finality of iron on iron as they pose for the very popular photo-op behind bars...



And just a reminder... if you missed a February forum talk, want to see it again or share it with a friend, they are now available online. Just go to **YouTube.com**, enter **Original Courthouse History Forums** and click on the video you want to watch.

Also remember that if this seems intimidating, like me you probably know a 10 year old grandchild who can help you through the process...

Our Esteemed Board of Directors & hangers on various and sundry



Eric Gleason: *President,*
vacant: Vice President,
Rodger Nichols: *Secretary,*
Sheila Dooley: *Treasurer*
sitting Board members:

Sandy Bisset,
Karl Vercouteren,
Sherry Mumford,
Carol Stace,
Stephanie Rickert
and Linda Wilson

with

Trish Neal: *Internet support,*
Duane Powell: *Technical support,*
Chris Bolton: *Newsletter Editor & Docent,*
Juanita Neitling: *Volunteer*

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday
MAY 4th through SEPTEMBER 30th

11:00am -3:00 pm

Extended hours for group visits by previous appointment
and when The American Empress is docked in town.

Adults	\$4.00 each
Family Rate	\$8.00
Youth 12-18	\$3.00 each
Children 6-11	\$2.00 each
Children under 6	FREE
Adult Groups	\$3.00 each
Youth Groups 6-17	\$2.00 each

And as always, remember that if you are current on this year's Museum membership
you always get in for free!

We need your e-mail address! No, we promise not to sell it to anyone. But once we have it, we can send you the newest newsletter *in full, postage free, color...* and with a few easy keystrokes you will be able to send it on to friends. Those of you without e-mail, please don't worry. We will continue to send the same information to you by snail mail. Remember our membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st each year. You can print this page separately, in black and white, and get yourself this snazzy membership application to fill out and mail in... And there is a second membership form just right for passing along to that friend you want to become a member too! Asking a friend to join with you helps us exceed last year's membership numbers, and filling in your e-mail address on your membership form is the easiest way to place yourself on the list to receive the full color newsletter, thereby saving yourself from a drab life in black and white...

Please take a minute and renew your membership and continue being a vital part of our historic preservation effort.



ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2023

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