

## 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...

After what seemed like an eternal winter it really feels good to be starting on spring! But the winter was not without its charms. Karl once again brought together a fantastic slate of knowledgeable and entertaining speakers for the February History Forums, which were consistently well attended. The Board and several volunteers all pitched in to make the experience an enjoyable one for all. It is always great to start out the year with such good energy!

We have several things coming up that you all may want to join in. Our first open day of the season will be May 2nd. Then June 1st we have a field trip planned with Lloyd DeKay, from the Columbia Gorge Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute, focusing on the fascinating Geology of the Gorge. There are more details about this field trip and a sign-up sheet elsewhere in the Newsletter. We also have our Annual Membership meeting coming up on June 22nd. At the meeting Victor Johnson will give a presentation on the historic Herbring House, in The Dalles, which he has been restoring for the last few years. At the meeting we will also vote on revised Bylaws for our organization, and will have elections for the Board and Officers. If you, or someone you know are interested in serving on the board please let one of us know.

Also, a tip of the hat to Mark Poppoff who fabricated a window to replace the missing transom window on the Old Zimmerman Shed. Thank you Mark.

That is about all for now, wishing everyone a great Spring!

-Eric Gleason, President



If you wanna know more about the details of the field trip planned with Lloyd DeKay, from the Columbia Gorge Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute, and the Geology of the Gorge, just keep reading and you'll find all the details further on...

# The OWCC Museum Annual Meeting

Well, as Eric said, another year has steadily marched along bringing us up to another June and its attendant annual meeting and election of officers. This year we are holding it on Saturday, June 22nd in the Original Courthouse Museum building. At the meeting Victor Johnson will give a presentation on the historic Herbring House, our neighbor around the corner at 313 W 4th Street. Victor has been restoring it for the last few years and has a wealth of information on this bit of our local history.

At the meeting we will also vote on a needed and revised list of Bylaws for our organization, and of course we will have elections for the Board and Officers. If you, or someone you know are interested in serving on the Bboard please let one of us know. Both old knowledge and new blood are needed and much welcome.

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## Gorge Geology Tour with Lloyd DeKay

If you want to go on the Gorge Geology tour and learn a whole lot about why our neighborhood looks the way it does, here's all you need to know... It starts Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at the Original Courthouse Museum with an 8:30 a.m. orientation lecture by Lloyd. We will then take a tour bus on a 50 mile loop up to Hood River, across to Bingen and then back to The Dalles with 12 to 15 stops at sites of geological significance. We will stop for a no-host lunch along the way, at a location chosen by group consensus. Of course you are free to bring along a packed lunch or have your meal provided by your valet if you have one... Then, full and well informed, we will return to the Original Courthouse Museum around 3:30 in the afternoon. This is open to anyone and the cost is \$40.00 for current paid OWCC members, and \$45.00 for others. Those of you who attended Lloyd's presentation, in 2023, will know that your gonna get your money's worth and come away with a solid understanding of why the Gorge looks the way it does. You must be signed up by May 25th. Seating is limited so sign up soon! Don't forget to print out the registration and liability waiver on the next page, fill them out and mail them to: QWCC PO Box 839 The Dalles, OR 97058

Transportation will be provided by Keith Clarke, Columbia Gorge Limousines.

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## A Sign Of The Times?

So one of those times that great minds got together and hatched out an idea came up with a plan to set a post in the ground out in front of the museum and cover it with signs that tell which direction and how many miles one had to go to find other pockets of European civilization (or gold, or soldiers, or religion, or whiskey...)

So that would maybe include Canyon City (225 miles), Cross Hollow, *now Shaniko* (68), Oregon City (105) Fort Simcoe (103), Fort Boise (350), The Whitman Mission (153) goofy name places like Bakeoven (60) and of course where it all started, Independence, Missouri (2065 miles).

This seems like an ideal opportunity to expand our collective base of knowledge by inviting our membership to pitch in some names and distances for this project. Just remember these few simple rules... It has to be a location that existed (and was known about) after 1859 and before 1883. This sign is for folks back then, so use the name that was in use between those dates. It should have direct relevance to the courthouse, so probably no room for Tokyo or Dublin. Also, figure the mileage from back then. No freeway miles or scenic shortcuts. stage routes and Oregon Trail only...

You can submit your ideas by snail mail to: QWCC PO Box 839 The Dalles, OR 97058 or e-mail to: [ztahol@gmail.com](mailto:ztahol@gmail.com). Can't promise we will use all entries, but who knows... Maybe you remember an important one that we all forgot about.





We will need a completed registration form and liability waiver for everyone going on the field trip.

Mail completed page(s) and check payment to:

Original Courthouse Preservation Corp. PO Box 839 The Dalles, OR 97058

**ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE MUSEUM/ICE AGE FLOOD INSTITUTE  
2024 FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

museum member \$40.00 each       non-member \$45.00 each

If you want to go on the field trip you, or your adult guardian will need to sign and return this waiver beforehand. Not that we're expecting trouble. But, then again, I bet none of the locals got up for a day of hunting and gathering expecting the last Ice Age flood to come their way...

**ICE AGE FLOODS INSTITUTE (IAFI)  
FIELD EVENT LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**

for Gorge Geology Tour for Wasco Co. Courthouse      Field Event on June 1, 2024  
Primary Host - Ice Age Floods Institute,      Columbia River Gorge Chapter

EACH person attending an IAFI Field Event must sign a Liability Release Form  
I understand that this Ice Age Floods Institute field event may involve inherent risks. I realize that the field event may include some walking on rocky terrain, exposure to heat, snakes, ticks, and that other natural hazards do exist, that falls and collisions do occur, and that therefore injuries may result. I understand that I have the option whether or not to take part in any of the field event activities. I understand that if I ride with others in a carpool, I am doing so voluntarily and accept the risks involved in doing so. I therefore accept the risks to myself and others, agree to heed the safety advice given by event leaders, and agree to use extreme caution at all times during the field event.

I understand that any costs for medical expenses incurred as a result of accidental injury or death while participating in the field event WILL NOT BE PAID BY THE ICE AGE FLOODS INSTITUTE or ANY OF ITS CHAPTERS.

I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for losses and damages I may have against the Ice Age Floods Institute, any of its chapters, officers, board members, chapter members, field event leaders and volunteers, for any and all injuries suffered by me during this field event. I attest and verify that I am participating at my own risk. This liability release is only intended to release liability of the Ice Age Floods Institute and its chapters, and does not absolve any other parties from their liability.

Print your name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For minor(s)

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any allergies, medical concerns, assistance and/or treatments required which Ice Age Floods Institute and/or field event leaders/volunteers should be aware, and whom/how to contact if there is a problem.

## 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,**  
*and Linda Wilson*  
*with*  
**Trish Neal:** *Internet support,*  
**Duane Powell:** *Technical support,*  
**Chris Bolton:** *Newsletter Editor & Docent,*  
**Juanita Neitling:** *Volunteer*

The Original Wasco County Courthouse is an Oregon Cultural Trust Partner. As a contributor to our organization you are eligible to participate in Oregon's Cultural Trust Tax Credit program. Donors who contribute to Oregon's cultural non-profits, including the Original Wasco County Courthouse, are eligible to make matching donations to The Oregon Cultural Trust and receive 100% tax credit for the Trust Donation (up to \$500 for individual, \$1000 for a couple filing jointly and \$2,500 for a Class-C Corporation).

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## HOURS AND ADMISSION FEES

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

11:00am -3:00 pm

Extended hours for group visits

By previous appointment

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!

Please help sustain history in The Dalles by supporting the Original Wasco County Courthouse and our partner organizations.

*Original Wasco County Courthouse*  
*Fort Dalles Museum & Anderson Homestead*  
*Wasco County Historical Society*  
*The Rorick/Moody House*  
*The Wing Hong Hai Building*  
*St. Peter's Landmark*  
*The Neon Sign Museum*  
*The Veterans' Museum in City Hall*  
*The Granada Theater*  
*The Dalles Mural Society*  
*District 21 School Museum*  
*The Dalles Fire Museum*  
*Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum*  
*Wasco County Pioneers*  
*The Dalles Civic Auditorium*

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

The Original Courthouse Preservation Corp. is a Federally designated 501(C)3 non-profit organization.  
As such your donations & membership dues are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP LEVEL**  
Please check appropriate box

Please mail this form and your check to:  
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PO Box 839 The Dalles, OR 97058



\$15.00 Individual     \$25.00 Family     \$40.00 Sustaining     \$100.00 Patron

Additional donation \_\_\_\_\_  Donation in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



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