



A Word From Your President...

Hi all!

I hope that this Newsletter finds you well, and that you all are getting to enjoy the slow and cool start of summer. Last week a lot of us came together for a program that we hosted along with the Oregon Historical Society, with funding provided by the Wasco Cultural Trust Coalition, at the historic Granada Theater here in The Dalles. Michael Helquist from San Francisco was the presenter. He is the author of a biography on Dr. Marie Equi, the Portland physician who along with her partner, Bessie Holcomb, homesteaded on the west side of town in the 1890s.

Ms Equi is best known locally for publicly whipping O.D. Taylor, a less than popular local character, outside the French and Company Bank on July 21, 1893. Taylor, a Baptist minister, real estate developer and scam artist, was the administrator of the Wasco Independent Academy and had apparently slighted Bessie.

In later years Equi would become a medical doctor and go on to champion the vote for women, workers rights, birth control, and voice her opposition to the US entry into WWI, but this was her first headlong dive into activism. Hers is a great and important Oregon story, and it was our pleasure to help bring it to the Granada and a crowd of about 125 folks. Of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of your board and our docent here at the Original Courthouse. They prepared and passed out flyers and helped in other ways to publicize the talk, baked and bought treats, and greeting our visitors at the door. This is all on top of the usual yard, cleaning and maintenance work at the museum. We as a museum are blessed with a hardworking, dedicated and fun board that I am so lucky and happy to be a part of. We do currently have a couple of board openings, so if any of you are interested in joining, just let one of us know!

We are glad to be open to the public during the summer, and are looking forward to our next event, our annual meeting, the election of officers, and a lecture by the Oregon Black Pioneers, all on Saturday, September 26th starting at 1:00 pm. Please join us!

-Eric Gleason, President

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 Look To The Future, A View Of The Past...

As well as the classic February Forum program the Courthouse Museum is always looking for ways to reach out to the population in general with a more layered view of our local history. To that end we are adding more lectures and events to our calendar.

First with help from our partnership with The Oregon Cultural Trust, we opened up an exhibit space in the historic Zimmerman shed on the back of our museum property (stop by during our regular open hours and get a peek at how woodworking was done in a time before power saws electric lights and cordless drills... *well, an argument could be made that all tools were technically cordless back then*)



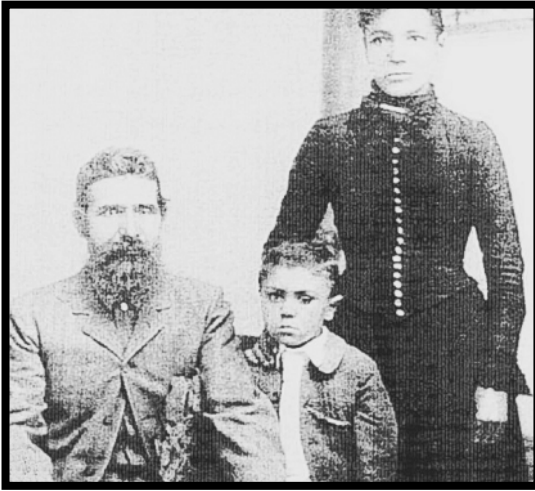
On June 25th we partnered with The Oregon Cultural Trust and The Oregon Historical Society to bring in award winning biographer Michael Helquist to speak on Dr. Marie Equi. A radical reformer and unabashed rabble rouser who once called The Dalles her home. Free and open to the public, the event, held at the historic Granada Theater, was both interesting and a timely reflection of our current political climate. This program, too, will soon be available as one of the lectures that we offer for sale through the museum.

Then, on Saturday, September 26th at 1:00 o'clock its back to the old courthouse building as the museum will host a lecture on Oregon's black pioneers. With funding help from Wasco County Cultural Trust Coalition, we bring you a talk by Mariah Rocker, Public Programs and Exhibits Manager for Oregon Black Pioneers. This is Oregon's only historical society dedicated to preserving and presenting the experiences of African Americans statewide. For 30 years Oregon Black Pioneers has illuminated the seldom told stories of people of African decent in our territorial days, early statehood and before. This will be an engaging and lively afternoon that should add more layers to the varied and complex history of our great state.



It was decided by the Board to hold our Annual Meeting after the presentation on the 26th. So this will be your chance to nominate someone to the Board to help steer the museum forward into the future. Or, better still, realize your potential and step forward in person! We have both officers and simple Board positions that need to be filled. Interested? Ask a Board member how easy it is (not to mention fun...) Help keep this old building going for another 167 years!

That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history.
-Aldous Huxley



OREGON BLACK PIONEERS

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Oregon Black Pioneers

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th
1:00 pm

at the Original Wasco County Courthouse Museum
410 W 2nd Place

(directly behind The Dalles Chamber of Commerce)

Admission to all programs is free to the public
with donations welcome

Program will be followed by refreshments and
the Annual Membership Meeting with election of officers.

This program has been funded by The Wasco Cultural Trust Coalition
and is presented in partnership with The Oregon Historical Society



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HOURS AND ADMISSION FEES

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
MAY 1st through SEPTEMBER 26th

11:00am -3:00 pm

Extended hours for group visits
by previous appointment

Adults	\$5.00 each
Family Rate	\$10.00
Youth 12-18	\$4.00 each
Children 6-11	\$2.00 each
Children under 6	FREE
Adult Groups	\$4.00 each
Youth Groups 6-17	\$3.00 each

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

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



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

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