

December 2024 MUSEUM NEWS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Wally Moen

The volunteers have been busy fixing things and keeping the museum operating. The building 1 crew has almost finished the restoration of the surrey with the gold fringe on top and they are working on completing the leather fenders. It looks very nice. The archway at the entrance of the museum had several boards that were getting loose and were ready to fall. It has now been repaired by the building 1 crew using lumber cut at our small sawmill. The archway is now braced and ready for many more years.

The Klingele shop crew is working on finishing several projects that have been on hold. These include a John Deere LA tractor, the F&M Transfer truck and the creation of a two-seat Farmall tractor. The Antique Farm Equipment Club's Fairbanks-Morse engine is being worked on by some of the Klingele shop volunteers. It is now in building 16 where concrete will be poured for the base and then the engine will be re-assembled.

The Danner building crew finished the restoration of one tractor, and completely restored an orchard tractor. They have also repaired some other museum equipment. They are going to look at the old steam car to see if it can be converted to air power for parades. The area in front of the Klingele building is being cleaned up and during this process, we found several items that had been designated for scrap. Many of these things must be cleaned by removing wood, tires, grease, and draining fluids such as oil or fuel before the metal can be sold to a recycling company. This has been a huge job, and I thank the crew for their work.

The mural on the side of the Lindeman building and the mural in the Fullbright parking lot were restored by volunteers, and they did a great job. The Farmstead now has a complete schoolhouse with desks, a blackboard and books on a shelf, along with a school bell tower. The merry-go-round was repaired, and the deck on the train depot is being replaced.

Another frost-free faucet was installed at building 17 to use when the water supply is off at the parade field faucets. Netting was installed in building 18 to keep birds from perching on the rafters and decorating the restored tractors below them. Work is progressing on updating the model train layout in the railcar, with improvements to the scenery and building a model of the freight depot.

The museum accession committee has been busy making sure all the equipment on the grounds is properly identified. This includes not only the museum owned artifacts, but also the personal and Farm Equipment Club items. All five major museum events had good attendance, which indicates that our advertising is working. We advertised in the Yakima Valley Tourism Travel Guide, and in the Farm Collector Show Directory, thus we are getting a lot of exposure.

Thank you for your membership and special thanks to those who volunteer, because you keep the museum going.

**THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025 AT 1 PM AT THE MUSEUM**

# Operations Manager Report by Paul Strater

Clean-up, spruce-up, reorganize and share were the key words for the Ag Museum in the past several months. Since the beginning, there has been a practice of gathering “like items” together. The result after 45 years was several locations with items packed so closely together that it was almost impossible to get between them or tell exactly what was there. As part of the reorganization some items have been moved to the circles up on the hill. Other things, such as sprayers and manure spreaders, which had been scattered all over the yard, have been placed in rows. Having equipment of the same type together will allow visitors to better see the variations in them.

The City of Union Gap established a display location on the city campus near the new public library and asked if the museum had a historical artifact that could be placed there. We chose the bright green, fully restored Bean sprayer. The plan is to change the display about four times a year.

The Ag Museum continues to participate in many events off-site. We had a booth at Dozer Days in April, we had a tractor at the September Kids Day at the Downtown Yakima Farmers Market, and we were featured at the Annual Cherry Institute Conference in January. Another major off-site location for us is State Fair Park, both during the state fair in the fall, and during the holidays in December.

Since the Drive Thru Holiday Light Fest at State Fair Park started 5 years ago, the Ag Museum has provided numerous kinds of equipment and other items for their display. This year we took two tractors with trailers of military displays, the 1941 Chevy flatbed truck, the 1930 Model A dump truck, a wagon, a manure spreader, and a buggy. The staff at the Fairgrounds do a remarkable job of positioning the items and adding lights. This year the event is from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, December 12<sup>th</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

It is now “Lighted Implement Parade” time. Some of our volunteers decorated a sleigh on the bed of the 1946 Ford cab-over-engine flatbed truck. This will be driven in most of the lighted holiday parades throughout the valley. Our volunteers will also occasionally join the caravan of large lighted trucks that roam through the neighborhoods in communities around the area every night. ‘Tis the season!!!



*The COE in one of the many lighted parades in the valley*



*The Bean sprayer is displayed in front of the new library and community center at the Union Gap Civic Campus.*

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## Thank You Sponsors

The Central Washington Agricultural Museum extends a sincere thank-you to all the businesses that sponsored our events and activities in 2024. We truly cannot do it without you. If you would like to become a 2025 sponsor, please contact us at 509-457-8735 or [info@centralwaagmuseum.org](mailto:info@centralwaagmuseum.org)

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# Important Information on Bylaws and Agreements

Earlier this year, the City of Union Gap rewrote the agreement with the museum that allows us to operate within the boundaries of Fullbright Park. The new document is significantly different from the old one, as it was last updated in 1990. The museum board reviewed it and asked for some changes. We have had a couple of meetings with the city to work out differences and are getting close to finalizing it. When the new museum license agreement with the city is completed and signed, we will work on the agreements with the Central Washington Antique Farm Equipment Club, the American Truck Historical Society, and the Grange Library Committee to make sure the museum's agreements with those organizations are in accordance with the new agreement with the city.

In February 2023, the City of Union Gap informed us that we are required to identify all privately owned items that are stored on the museum grounds. At the direction of their attorney, the Release and Indemnity form was created to track these. This form must be submitted annually and is due again by the end of January 2025. If you previously filled out this form, and still have items at the museum, please make sure you come in to update it. If you have items at the museum and have not completed the Release and Indemnity form, please do so immediately. Items that are not identified become the property of the museum. If you have removed your property that was previously identified on a Release and Indemnity form, please let us know.

The board of directors has reviewed and updated the articles of incorporation and the bylaws. The articles were last updated in 1983 and throughout the years, changes were made in the bylaws that resulted in inconsistencies with the articles. Those discrepancies were corrected, and the articles of amendment were filed with the secretary of state in February 2024.

Three VERY IMPORTANT CHANGES were made to the bylaws. These are the requirements to be a candidate for a position on the board of directors, the eligibility for holding the office of president and vice president of the museum and defining the makeup of the museum accession committee.

Nominations for a position on the board of directors will no longer be taken from the floor during the annual membership meeting. To run for a position on the board, new candidates must notify the board of directors in writing, postmarked or delivered, at least 30 days before the annual meeting. Email, texts, and other electronic communications are not acceptable. For 2025, this notification must be made no later than February 19, 2025.

To hold the office of vice president or president of the museum, the person cannot be an officer and/or a board member of an organization that has a signed agreement with the museum. The person can be a general member of those groups. At the present time these organizations are the Central Washington Antique Farm Equipment Club, the American Truck Historical Society, and the Grange Library Committee.

Until the bylaws were amended in September 2024, the guidelines regarding the makeup of the museum accession committee had never been completely defined. Since the first agreement with the Farm Equipment Club in 1992, a joint committee with members of both groups made the determination of what items could be stored at the museum. The new section added to the bylaws defines the number of members, how those members are selected and removed, and how and where the committee operates.

Any museum member can get a copy of the complete Articles of Incorporation and/or the Bylaws sent to them in email. A printed copy can be requested by coming into the office on a Tuesday.

## Text from the museum bylaws restated on September 04, 2024 (*changes in italics*)

### Article V, Section 1

The business of the Central Washington Agricultural Museum shall be managed by a board of nine (9) directors, each serving a three-year term. The three directors shall be elected each year. *To run for a position on the board new candidates must notify the board of directors in writing, postmarked or delivered, at least 30 days before the annual meeting. Email, texts, and other electronic communications are not acceptable.*

### Article V, Section 9

The Board of Directors, at their first meeting after the annual membership meeting, shall elect the following officers from the Board of Director members: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. Newly elected officers shall take office immediately. *Officers and/or board members of organizations that have a signed agreement with the museum cannot be president or vice president of the museum due to a conflict of interest.*

### Article V, Section 10

*The Museum accessions committee will be made up of six members. Potential members can be recommended to the board, but the selection is made by the museum board of directors. The accessions committee members shall serve until the member chooses to resign or the museum board of directors needs to act. All voting by the committee shall be by each member in person. There must be a quorum of four members present for the committee to hold a meeting. All meetings shall be held at the museum.*

Wally Moen  
CWAM President

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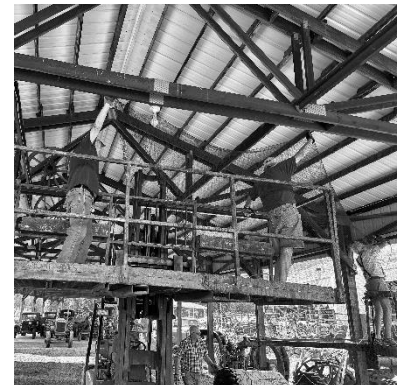
## Museum projects



*A two-seat Farmall tractor is being created*



*Repairing the entrance archway*



*Installing bird netting in building 18*



*Lindeman building display of a Lindeman crawler and a John Deere BO tractor*



*A fully restored 1945 Case VAO*



*A big project remains to recycle the scrap pile*

# Education Coordinator Report by Cheryl Reese

This year has seen a flurry of activities and events at the Central Washington Agricultural Museum. We've hosted everything from a Grange Youth Western Regional Conference tour to family reunions, and everything in between, including our exciting and educational field trips.

Over 300 students from as far away as Ellensburg visited us this spring and were treated to tram rides after watching sawmill, apple packing, and blacksmithing demonstrations. No field trip is complete without a visit to the Farmstead to ride the train and the merry-go-round!

In September, Bale Breaker Brewing in Moxee welcomed us as their monthly community fundraising partner. They donated \$1 per pint of beer sold that day to the museum, which raised \$200. The local band Phlox entertained the crowd while kids played with a giant checkerboard. Museum board member, Nick Schultz, gave rides in our replica 1903 Oldsmobile surrey. We spent 10 days at our booth in the Ag building at the Central Washington State Fair, and we wrapped the month up by taking a tractor to the Downtown Yakima Farmers Market on September 29th. A great time was had by everyone who climbed on the tractor for a photo!

Haunted October is a big thing in Union Gap, and we were excited to participate in the scarecrow scavenger hunt contest again this year. To enter the contest, participants scanned a QR code at each participating location to submit a photo of their scarecrow. Each photo taken counted as a separate entry and prizes were randomly awarded to the entrants. Our creepy scarecrow was quite a hit, and I can't wait to see what we come up with next year!

One of our big projects for December was decorating an entry for the local lighted parades. We plan to be in all the local lighted parades in the Yakima Valley and maybe join in a few runs with the local Christmas trucks that spread surprise and joy to our communities. I can't wait to share complete details and photos with you in the next newsletter!

As we seem to always have exciting events in the works, this is a great time to remind everyone that they can't happen without the enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers. If you would like to join us in making these events happen, we would love to have you! Whether you have one day a week to spend with us, or one day a year, we will make sure to find something for you that matches your schedule and interests! You can reach me at [cwam.ed.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cwam.ed.coordinator@gmail.com).

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## Farmstead Improvements



*The new schoolhouse is ready and waiting for a visit from students when field trips begin in the spring.*

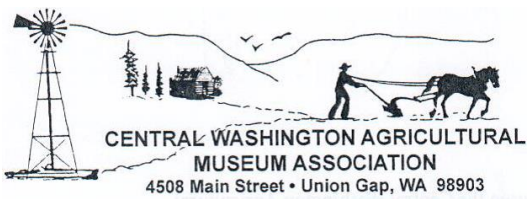


*installing the school bell at the top of the bell tower*



*Completed school bell tower ready to call the children to classes*





# 2025 Events Coming Up

Annual Membership Meeting	March 22
Season Opening	April 5
Old Steel Car Show	April 27
ATHS Truck Show	May 3
** Sponsored by the Antique Truck Historical Society	
Auto Swap Meet	June 7
** Sponsored by the Antique Automobile Club of America	
Old Town Days & Civil War Reenactment	June 14 & 15
Pioneer Power Show & Swap Meet	August 16 & 17
Agri-Copia	October 11 & 12

\*\* Not a museum event

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*Bill & Sandy Allen*

*Pioneer Power Show  
Grand Marshalls*



*Rose Parker and  
George Streby*

*Rose was honored as  
co-founder of the  
Antique Farm  
Equipment Club & the  
Pioneer Power Show*