



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Nick Schultz

By now you have probably heard this comment many times, “Where did 2016 go”? I know I have had that thought many times. That started me thinking about everything that has been happening at the Ag Museum. We have had another busy year with many changes and additions. There

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have been two Eagle Scout projects completed, one was the restoration of a cream separator and second was replacing the front porch and ramp on the visitor center. Both of these projects were completed successfully and the boys received their Eagle Scout promotion. There have now been eleven Eagle Scout projects over the years. Three main groups that make our museum function are the membership, auxiliary and volunteer staff. Your membership allows us to keep the doors open and moving forward. The auxiliary helps clean our cabins and are always willing to be docents whenever we have a tour.



Volunteers demonstrating our working sawmill during one of our many events in 2016

The group that I want to talk about is our volunteer staff. The office volunteers do all the necessary office duties including answering the phone, responding to phone messages, recording the daily registration sign-ins, keeping track of all the accession artifacts, typing letters and much more. They keep everything organized and neat. On any given Tuesday there will be anywhere from twenty-five to thirty-five volunteers that show up to help. Their talent and expertise is beyond imagination. We have carpenters, machinists, welders, mechanics, body repair techs, painters, electricians, hobbyists and most of them are jacks of all trades. Sometimes it takes my breath away when I see everything that gets done. Not only does the job get done but it gets done expertly. The Board of Directors is a group of dedicated individuals that has the best interest

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Central Washington Ag Museum tractor restoration featured in Antique Tractor Blog!

The Massey Harris Pony tractor that CWAM restored in 2016 was proudly featured in several trade publications and websites, including the popular ‘Antique Tractor Blog.’ You can find the complete story on their website. www.anti-quetractorblog.com/2016/09/04/central-washington-agricultural-museum-restoration/



Central Washington Agricultural Museum Restoration

09/04/2016 | Written by Suzette Thomas



We are in the process of restoring a Fordson Super Major for 2017, if you're interested in assisting just let us know.

Get the word out - we need more volunteers!

The museum has continued to grow, and we've been busier than ever in 2016. If you have friends, family or acquaintances you think could help the museum, send them our way. We are especially in the need of tour docents (guides) for the increasing number of school field trips and group tours we are doing. There will also be a new volunteer recruitment campaign in 2017.

We want your help to keep history alive!

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of the museum in mind. Whenever a decision is needed they always do their due diligence and come up with a sound decision. Thank you Board of Directors.

Another highlight is the addition of horses to the museum. The Horse~n~Harness group is in charge of this endeavor and it is moving along nicely. This is another group that volunteers their time and expertise. They have built corrals, hitching posts and training areas. They put on demonstrations during the Pioneer Power Show in August and were a main attraction. We haven't had horses on site for almost twenty years so we are very excited. They will be sponsoring a horse plowing bee in March. See the events calendar for more details.

The museum took over the Old Steel Car Show for the first time this year. We had a record number of cars participate (187). The oldest car was a 1910 and then the years spanned up to the present. The bulk of cars were 1930's, 1940's and 1950's. It was a great show and we are looking forward to another great show in 2017. See the events calendar for more details.

In June we organized and hosted the Union Gap "Old Town Days" along with Civil War re-enactments. This event has grown every year. We estimated over 4,000 spectators enjoyed this event. It is a busy three days for all the volunteers.

In August the Central Washington Antique Farm Equipment Club put on their annual "Pioneer Power Show". It is always a fun event because there are several demonstrations and hands-on things to do. The museum volunteers provide many hours during this event.

One of our long term goals is to provide educational tours to 3rd and 4th graders throughout the valley. I am happy to report that this endeavor continues to grow. This year we had close to 1,000 children come through for a hands-on experience. Their energy level is contagious and by the end of the day our docents and other volunteers all leave exhausted but with a big smile on their faces.

You may have noticed how many times I mentioned volunteers during this article. Our volunteer Board of Directors and I wish to dedicate this newsletter to all the volunteers. Without all the hours we collectively spend at this great museum we could not offer all the events, restoration of artifacts and the everyday maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

"THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS"



Memorials

Memorials received since the last newsletter: Margaret 'Marty' Eschbach



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

by Paul Strater

The amount of activity at the Ag Museum in 2016 was the highest ever — and 2017 will be even busier! Projects at the Ag Museum have a way of working like a big row of dominoes. The group of people interested in a place to train horses and drivers to pull wagons and other implements found a home at the Museum. Then they decided to refurbish some farm implements to be pulled by the horses. Several of the implements they wanted to work on have wooden wheels. Many of those wheels are in poor condition. Several of our volunteers have been studying books, watching videos, and going to a training session with a wheelwright. They have now constructed the equipment needed to repair our own wooden wheels. Two or three folks interested in horses has grown to more than a dozen people working on many different parts of the project. And next March they will all participate in a brand new event—a horse plowing event with lots of related activities.

The same series of domino effects is starting with the “printing press process”. One man, Fred Hutchinson, saw an old printing press in our equipment display room. He is a lifelong printer, and the creator of the Olde Yakima Letterpress Museum. He determined that the press could still work. Our volunteers moved it (it’s big and heavy) to the Education Building. Now whenever we have a school tour at the Museum he, his wife, and other printer volunteers demonstrate the old letterpress process and give special printed cards to each student. And there are more dominoes to come.

Happy Holidays!!!!



The Accessions since the last newsletter are:

- Cockshutt Tractor from Jeffery Veitenheimer
- 1947 Gibson Tractor from Rodrigo Murataya
- Various Equipment from USDA Research Station
- 1948 Farmall Tractor and Gibson Tractor from Stanley Riel

CWAM EVENTS 2017

January 7 & 21	Sleigh Day (as long as snow is present)10am-3pm, Horse~n~Harness Group
March 14	Annual Membership MeetingNoon
March 25 - 26	Plowing Bee (Farm-A-Copia)
April 23	Old Steel Car Show
April 27 - 30	Tear Droppers Gathering
May 12	Ben Franklin Live-
	Yakima Convention Center6:30 pm
May 19 - 21	Play! The GapA Slice of Americana
June 17 - 18	Old Town Days & Civil
	War ReenactmentFather’s Day Weekend
August 19 - 20	Pioneer Power ShowCentral WA Antique Farm Equipment Club
September 8 - 10	Tear Droppers Gathering
Sept 22 - Oct 1	Central Washington State Fair

Check out our latest videos on our YouTube channel. Just search Central Washington AG Museum, YouTube



CWAM Annual Fund Raiser 2016

\$10 & UP: Helen Duffield

\$25 & UP: Frances Amos; Betty J Andrews; Barney E. Brown; Purdy G. Conrad; Freda Dupuis; Ronald & Kay Gamache; Ramona Murray; Pat Neveu; Betty Pace; Pat Pope; Don Rasmussen & Dorothy Sinclair; Gary & Mary Lukehart (Running Springs Ranch); Vivian Russell; Clyde & Merla Thysell; Ralph L. Woodall Jr.; Dale C Harris

\$50 & UP: John A. Baule; John Tolonen (Fruitvale Grange #348); Dan & Cheryl Hall; Kathleen & Larry Hatcher; Marty & Jean Humphrey; Jim & Lois Polley; Todd Schultz & Misti Uptain; David & Cheryl Stave; Yakima District Pomona #19

\$100 & UP: Greg Stewart (Central WA Fair Association); Roscoe Dimock; Bob & Eleanor Hester; Jean's Cottage Inn; Nancy A Kenmotsu; Mark & Lisa Lindholm; Don & Judy Markham; Tony & Melody Pottratz; Paul & Patty Schafer; Mike & Brian Schrantz; Al Showalter; Ben Snowden & Diane Grignon; Sandi Vogel

\$200 & UP: John Tolonen & Margaret Morris; Richard & Rebecca Drew; Rob Gallion; Harris Farms

\$500 & UP: Nick & Kathy Schultz



MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all the members who have joined since the most recent newsletter. Contact CWAM today to become a member.

INDIVIDUAL \$25

Cindy Attar; Bob Crowell; Richard Hirschfield; Lowell Romfo; Floyd Wilson

FAMILY \$35

Ham, Geri & David Arcano; Robin Barcnas; Jim & Ada Colbert; Doug & Rosanne Hartshorn; Rod & Donna Hodel; Schreiner Farms (Mike Schreiner); Kevin & Terri Towner

The museum gave school tours to over 1,000 students in 2016, including this group of hearing impaired students from Sunnyside, WA

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