

# CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Nick Schultz & Wally Moen

The weather keeps teasing our volunteers. We know it's still winter but when we have those fifty-degree days we get excited about all those outdoor projects. During the cold winter months, the volunteers do stay busy.

The Klingele Building crew is always working on and restoring interesting projects. The Danner Building crew has been busy completing work on the 1946 Ford Cab-over truck plus they have been in the process of completely overhauling and restoring the kiddie train engine. The Farmstead crew has been busy replacing the railroad ties for the kiddie train plus doing some badly needed general maintenance. The Horse~n~Harness group has been busy planning training sessions and future events. You may recall that the crew in the wood shop (Building #1) recently completed the horse drawn funeral coach. Now they are building a coffin to go in the funeral coach. They have also just completed the sign for the new "Stuart Gallion Building". The office staff continues doing what is necessary; paying bills, writing correspondence, filing local and state forms and many other things that need their attention.

We are happy to announce our two new contractors: Don Evans as our Operations Manager and Cheryl Reese as our Education Coordinator. You can read their biographies elsewhere in this newsletter.

In December, the board of directors voted to increase the annual membership dues. We need your support in the work of preserving our agricultural heritage and educating future generations about the history and methods surrounding it. Payment of \$50 or more in dues entitles you to receive newsletters and other mailings, an invitation to attend monthly board meetings, and voting privileges at the annual membership meeting.

The 2023 Annual Membership Meeting will be held on March 25 at 1:00pm at the museum. Members whose dues are current as of that date will be eligible to vote for the three members of the Board of Directors whose terms are expired. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Prior to the annual membership meeting in March 2022, there was some confusion about whether a family membership had more than one vote. The wording in the by-laws was thought by some to be ambiguous. The February 7, 2023 restated by-laws clearly state there is one vote per current paid membership.

If you visited the Winter Light Fest at State Fair Park, you saw many artifacts from the museum. Tractors, trucks, wagons, a tram, two military displays, a roadside mower, a manure spreader, and many smaller items that were our contribution to this great event.



A Caterpillar crawler is one of the Klingele shop projects



Tanker truck restoration by Klingele shop crew is nearing completion



Mike Haider testing the coffin for size





The kiddie train is being rebuilt by Bill McLaughlin in the Danner building



The kiddie train power pack is in a "coal" car and the 1946 Ford cab-over is behind it



Matt Cleem pounding a new tie into the track for the kiddie train

There are a couple of recently completed new displays. In the Horse and Buggy Building, the north wall now has a gallery of horse photos and paintings donated by Jim Warner. Also mounted on that wall is a display of models of horse pulled wagons. This display nicely fills that large wall. We also have an Eagle Scout project that will be dedicated at the April Grand Opening. This is a

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bronze statue and a sign to honor all veterans that have served their country from this agricultural community.

The early cold weather delayed completion of the newly constructed Stuart Gallion Building, but it is now almost done. The exterior metal sheeting has been installed, the electrical is complete and by the time you receive this newsletter the concrete floor should be finished. We want to thank Rob Gallion for funding this building honoring his brother, Stuart.

We are working on updating the website to be more mobile friendly. A committee is working on the development of electronic methods for the museum to receive donations to better accommodate those people who do not carry cash.

Thank you for your membership and our dedicated volunteers because without you this great museum would not exist.











Closeup of the plaque on

the Veterans statue



website donation icon

The new Stuart Gallion Building is 96 x 36 x 12 feet



**Amendment of the By-Laws** 

By Co-President, Wally Moen

The Articles of Incorporation for the museum state that the authority to make the by-laws of the corporation is vested in the Board of Directors. Museum members can suggest changes to the by-laws, but it is the Board that decides what is included. The by-laws is the document by which the museum is ruled. Since the creation of the museum in 1979, the by-laws have been amended several times. However, it has been many years since every article and section was reviewed.

The Board held four special meetings in January and February 2023 to read and review the by-laws. Every section was read, discussed, and most were rewritten. There were a few deletions and some additions to the document. The document was sent to the Union Gap Mayor and City Manager for their review, to see if any of our wording needed to be clarified. Their suggestions were very helpful. After each session, the board reviewed the changes, and often additional changes were made at the next meeting.

Three members of the Board of Directors are elected each year for a three-year term during the annual membership meeting using a secret ballot. The three candidates with the highest vote count are elected. There is one vote per current paid membership. All voting members shall be at least 18 years of age as of the date of the annual meeting.

I want to thank the Board of Directors for all their time and hard work that went into this project. It was a very tedious, but necessary task. Any museum member can request a copy of the by-laws by sending an email to info@centralwaagmuseum.org, or you can pick up a hard copy at the museum office.

# WELCOME TO THE CWAM TEAM!

## Cheryl Reese, Education Coordinator

My name is Cheryl Reese, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Education Coordinator for the Central Washington Agricultural Museum.

I am a local girl through and through. I was born in Yakima and went to school in Zillah from kindergarten through graduation. A fun fact about me is that when I look out my upstairs bedroom window, I can see the hospital in which I was born! My father managed a fruit warehouse in Zillah and one of my first memories is the smell of the controlled atmosphere rooms. Although I don't think I could capably drive one today, I learned to drive on a forklift.

My family consists of my husband, Lance, and my son Jackson (16). We have two dogs: an English Springer Spaniel (Stache) and a Maltese (Banjo). Together, my husband and I own Bearded Monkey Cycling and Bearded

Monkey Music. If you have visited either place you have most likely met my husband, son, and Stache.

I began my work as an educator in Spring of 2017 when I joined Washington State University Extension in Union Gap to teach health and nutrition to local elementary and middle school students. My work with

## Don Evans, Operations Manager

My name is Don Evans, and I am the new Operations Manager for the museum. As a matter of my background, I'm a retired Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Sergeant, with a 22-year

career there. During my time in Las Vegas, I had the opportunity to be a gang Detective for five years and a Sergeant for six, among many other assignments. I routinely managed patrol squads and mixed squads from 12 to 30 Officers at a time. After retirement, I moved to Auburn, Washington.

For three years I worked as a police officer in Auburn. I then moved to the east side of the state, and worked as the Director of Security and Emergency Management for one of the larger hospitals in the Spokane area where I managed a security force of 19 Officers and administered an annual budget of \$1 million dollars. I also worked for two years as a deputy sheriff for Stevens County, just north of Spokane, where I owned a 14-acre farm. I retired from law enforcement a second time in March 2022 and moved to Yakima.

I have a bachelor's degree in Social Science from UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas); and a master's degree in Business Management from Boston University in Massachusetts. Prior to becoming a police office in Las Vegas, I served in the army for six years, attaining the rank of sergeant.



Coordinator at the CWAM booth at the

Cherry Institute meeting in early January

WSU inspired me to become a substitute paraprofessional with the Yakima School District, so between the two positions, I have a solid relationship with the YSD. Along with my new position at the museum, I am also a Regional Program Manager for Junior Achievement of Washington. I have also worked for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, and Avon. I have had a cosmetology license since 1989.

With a deep interest in history and a love of museums, my position here is the perfect fit! As I am new to the nonprofit world, I have found many resources to make myself as effective as possible. I recently took a 3 hour course and earned a certificate in nonprofit grant seeking essentials and I have several more classes scheduled.

This is such an exciting time to join CWAM. Now that the world is finding a little normalcy post-COVID, I have the challenge of reinvigorating the education program not only through in-person field trips but using technology so students who cannot get here in person can still experience all that we have to offer. My goal is to grow the program so significantly that in the future not only will we have an Education Coordinator, but we will also need an entire education department!

That being said, we will be in great need of volunteers. Whether you are a seasoned CWAM volunteer who would like to share your knowledge, or a new volunteer/member, we would love to work with you. Don't let lack of experience with kids or field trips stop you! We will teach you everything you need to know. All you need is an interest in agriculture, history, or education. We also

have several community events throughout the year that call for volunteers as well. If any of these options pique your interest, you can reach me at 509-961-0556 or email me at cwam.ed.coordinator@gmail. com. I'll work with you to find the perfect volunteer opportunity.

I look forward to meeting you all soon!







Highway mower at the Light Fest

# CWAM'S OPERATIONS REPORT

## Operations Manager Report - By Don Evans

Let me firstly say that I am excited and honored to be associated with the museum! I have met with the board and several volunteers since I first started in October, and we have jointly identified many areas where we shine as an organization, and where we may have the opportunity to improve operations. I look forward to meeting all of you at the upcoming general membership meeting, where I can speak to you in more detail about the path that we see for the future of the museum, and where we can get your feedback on this vision.

As part of our efforts, we have identified one of our many objectives as a need to set out a strategic plan and improve communications throughout the organization, with the underlying goal of making the experience at the museum the envy of small museums throughout the Pacific Northwest. As part of this push, each month we will post the upcoming Board of Directors meeting agenda on our website. (https://www.centralwaagmuseum.org/ This will give everyone associated with the museum the opportunity to see what the board will be considering and decide if they want to attend. The agendas will remain available on the website for a calendar year after the meetings are held. Complete transparency is what we are striving for, and what we see as our ongoing responsibility to you, the museum members, and to the city of Union Gap.

As the Operations Manager for the museum, I already have had the honor of being able to represent the museum at the last Cherry Institute convention; meetings with the Union Gap city administration; meetings with the Union Gap Lodging Tax committee; and the annual Yakima Chamber of Commerce Christmas event.

Finally, if you have had the opportunity to volunteer with the museum, we thank you! If you have not, please see if there may be room for your unique talents. There is no contribution of time too small or talent that cannot be used for this great purpose. We also thank you for being a supporter of this great organization. Exhibiting the history of the agricultural way of life to future generations is no small task in this day, and your membership is the key to ensuring that the museum is a part of that effort. I can assure you that we do not take this for granted.

Thank you again for your support!



## The Old Steel Car Show Returns!

It is the 26th year of the Old Steel Car Show in 2023. There will be trophies, food vendors, museum demonstrations, door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and drawings for theme baskets. This event has grown to over 200 vehicles. Admission is free for spectators.

Registration forms will be mailed soon to prior participants. Or download the form under the events tab on the museum website (www.centralwaagmuseum.org/) and mail it to the museum with your registration fee. At this show, anything with wheels is welcome.

## Established travel writer, Lisa of DrugstoreDivas.net visits the Central WA Ag Museum.

Late this fall, we partnered with Union Gap Tourism and hosted two travel writers. Lisa of DrugStore Divas and Jenny of CookEatGo.com. They toured Union Gap and the Yakima Valley, and especially enjoyed their time at the Ag Museum.

You can read Lisa's full account here: https://www.drugstoredivas.net/things-to-do-in-union-gap-washington/

She highlighted several aspects of the museum including that it's free, that there's an audio tour, that it's great for families and is also home to the Olde Yakima Letterpress Museum.



## **2022 MEMBERSHIPS**

BENEFACTOR: \$500 & Up

Richard & Rebecca Drew, Rob Gallion, Harris Farms, David & Cheryl Stave, Yakima Co-operative Association

PATRON: \$100 & Up

Ruth Bishop, Burrows Tractor, Dave Calhoun, Jim & Cheryl Gamache, Kathy Kramer (Central WA Fair Association), Joanne Chapa (Chestnut Place Properties LLC), Darrell & Joyce Downing, Larry Dykes & Marian Easton-Dykes, Gary Feser, Rich Maurer & Arlene Fisher-Maurer, Kathy Fletcher, Bob Gimlin, Gary & Kris Green, Norma Haney, Rod & Donna Hodel, Fred Hutchinson, Instant Press Inc, Jean's Cottage Inn, Scott & Lyndee Campbell (K-5 Contracting Inc.), Jim Kabrich, Judy Markham, Tony & Melody Pottratz, Robin & Jean Robert (Robert Ranch 5 + 1 LLC), Paul & Patty Schafer, Becky Scholl, Larry Scholl, Mike & Brian Schrantz, Ella Schreiner, Kathy Schultz, Nick Schultz, Todd Schultz, Gerald Severance, Diane Grignon & Ben Snowden, Curtis & Mary R Sundquist, Margaret Morris & Ken Tolonen, Misti Uptain, Sandi Vogel, Yakima Valley Horseless Carriage Club, Janna Hagarty (Yakima Valley Pomona #11), Ron Zirkle

SPONSOR: \$50 & Up

John A Baule, Carl Gangl (Broadway Grange #647, Barney E Brown, Clarence S Brown, Bill Horst, Ken Tolonen (Fruitvale Grange #348), Andy & Peg Granitto, Dale C Harris, Kathleen & Larry Hatcher, Robert & Sandie Hennessy, Nancy A Kenmotsu, Diana Kempf & Robert Landles, Lisa Lindholm, Mark Lindholm, Donna Miller, Pacific NW Snowmobile Club, Eric & Wendy Patrick, Al Showalter, Elin Showalter, Debra Smith, Ken Stenehjem, Mildred Stenehjem, Terry Stewart, David & Diane Trampush, Tim & Marilyn Waddington, Dwight & Rita Wagenmann, James & Geraldine Honeyford (Windmill Farms), Ralph L Woodall Jr., Marti Sondgeroth (Yakima Rock & Mineral Club)

#### EAMILV. \$2

Don & Judy Bird, Bob & Cindy Reed (Bob Reed Trucking), Anne & Skip Buckler, Howard & Evelyn Campbell, Alfred Carrillo, Harvey & Beverly & Matt Cleem, Jim & Ada Colbert, Harold & Betty Cook, Charles Cripps, Opal Duffield, Shane & Megan Feekes, Lynn & Tracy Harden, Timm Heberlein, Dale Hendricks, Bob Hester, Diana Holt, Jim & Jan Hyslop, Potrykus Family Juliet Henry & kids, Ray & Maralyn Killorn, John & Sally Kobli, Chase & Sophie Maarhuis, Sam & Gina Martin, Mark & Laura McDaniel, Doug & Mary McDonald, Wally & Roberta Moen, George Nix, Kim & Michael Orr, Rod Patterson, Peggy & Ellexis & Mark Rice, Ken & Judy Ruthardt, Phil & Shirley Seghers, Randy & Linda Sundstrom, Kevin & Jeanene Sutton, Clyde & Merla Thysell, Connie & Paul Williams, John & Leslie Wornell

#### INDIVIDUAL: \$25

Dennis Albano, Bill Allen, Sandy Allen, Meggan Barron, Pat Barron, Terri Barron, Carol Blomgren, Garrett Blomgren, Greg Blomgren, Karen Blomgren, Kent Blomgren, F. Clarke Brown, Buena Grange #836, Eugenia Carvo, Purdy G. Conrad, Ray Cook, Rosemary Corn, Rhonda J. Cox, Linda Dale, Karen Dillon, Bill Driskill, Freda Dupuis, Eastern Washington Agricultural Museum, Michael Emerson, Larry Fitzgerald, Jacob & Sara Galbreath, Hector Arroyo Garcia, Alan Geho, Jaime Gonzalez, Don Groth, Mike Haider, Sylvia Hall, Laurie Harmon-Willard, Dale Hoech, Janelle Moses (Holy Cow Natural Organic Beef), Roy Moses (Holy Cow Natural Organic Beef), Karen Klingele, Ron Lange, Teale Love, Jacob Maier, Alice May, Nancy McGinnis, William McLaughlin, Kim Metcalfe, Ambrose Nalley Jr, Kate Olson, Betty Pace, Rose Parker, Jeff Phelps, Dick Picatti, Janice Picatti, Jim Polley, Pat Pope, Dennis Richardson, Julie Picatti Richardson, Carole Romfo, Lowell Romfo, Vivian Russell, Dave Scheuffele, Dirce Schuler, Kate Shire, Aidan Smith, Alex Smith, Doug Smith, Michelle Stone, Jeanne Strater, Jennifer Strater, Jonathan Strater, Kristy Strater, Paul Strater, George Streby, Kay Tandberg, Chuck Tierney, Rebecca J. Ur, Elizabeth Wade, Jim Warner (Perfection Tire), Ada Ruth Whitmore (Whoop-N-Hollar Ranch), Greg Wilder, Brooke Wilson, Floyd A Wilson, James A Yockey, Taylor Yockey, Victoria Yockey

### **Membership information:**

Due to the confusion stemming from the meaning of the membership levels, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in late December 2022 to consider removing the names from the levels. During that meeting it was recommended that in addition to removing the labels, that the lowest level of \$25 be dropped and start memberships at \$35. It was then suggested that the lowest membership level be \$50, which is what the board ultimately approved for 2023. The last time the membership dues were changed was in January 2012.

The 2022 membership list reflects the prior method with level names and amounts. The 2023 membership list groups membership solely by amount.

## 2023 MEMBERSHIPS

Through February 19, 2023

\$500 & Up

Rob Gallion, Jean's Cottage Inn

\$250 & Up

Burrows Tractor, Gary & Kris Green, Harris Farms, Pape Machinery Ag & Turf, Kathy Schultz, Nick Schultz, Curtis & Mary R Sundquist, Sandi Vogel

\$100 & Up

Dave Calhoun, Kathy Kramer (Central WA Fair Association), Joanne Chapa (Chestnut Place Properties LLC), Darrell & Joyce Downing, Larry Dykes & Marian Easton-Dykes, Kathy Fletcher, Jim & Cheryl Gamache, Bob Gimlin, Ross & Patricia Herber, Rod & Donna Hodel, Instant Press Inc, Scott & Lyndee Campbell (K-5 Contracting Inc.), Jim Kabrich, Tony & Melody Pottratz, Robin & Jean Robert (Robert Ranch 5 + 1 LLC), Mike & Brian Schrantz, Ella Schreiner, Gerald Severance, Diane Grignon & Ben Snowden, Ken Stenehjem, Millie Stenehjem, Yakima Valley Horseless Carriage Club, Ron Zirkle

\$75 & UP Tim & CC Gamache, Diana Kempf & Robert Landles, Todd Schultz, Misti Uptair

\$50 & Un

Bill Allen, Sandy Allen, John A Baule, Becky Bishop, Steve Bishop, Carol Blomgren, Greg Blomgren, Karen Blomgren, Kent Blomgren, Barney E Brown, Howard & Evelyn

## **Memorials**

#### Bill Driskill, Eleanor Hester

Remember a friend or loved one with a memorial gift to the Central Washington Agricultural Museum. Money from a memorial is used for additions and improvements unless otherwise designated. When you send a memorial gift it is helpful if you include the following information:

Who to send the acknowledgment to along with the address.
If available, we appreciate a copy of the obituary or a brief bio of
the person.

With a gift of \$25 or more the honored one's name will be placed on a memorial board. It is a tax deductible gift.

Campbell, Alfredo Carrillo, Rafael Carrillo, Purdy G Conrad, Harold & Betty Cook, Juan Cruz, Vanessa Dietrich, Karen Dillon, Richard & Rebecca Drew, Opal Duffield, Eastern Washington Agricultural Museum, Anna Fellmann, Ken Tolonen (Fruitvale Grange #348), Jaime Gonzalez, Clay Graham, Andy & Peg Granitto, Don Groth, Mike Haider, Norma Haney, Dale C Harris, Kathleen & Larry Hatcher, Timm Heberlein, Dale Hoech, Roy Moses (Holy Cow Natural Organic Beef), Bill Horst, Brian L Knotts, John & Sally Kobli, Ron Lange, W. Eugene & Carole Lange, Lisa Lindholm, Mark Lindholm, Windy Lovejoy, Judy Markham, Alice May, William McLaughlin, Dexter McNair T, Wally & Roberta Moen, Brian O Molina, Pacific NW Snowmobile Club, Rose Parker, Jim Warner (Perfection Tire), Jim Polley, Peggy & Ellexis & Mark Rice, Michael Rogers, Jose A Roque, Vivian Russell, Ken & Judy Ruthardt, Becky Scholl, Larry Scholl, Phil & Shirley Seghers, Al Showalter, Elin Showalter, Anand Srinivasan, Sathish Srinivasan, Terry Stewart, George Streby, Randy & Linda Sundstrom, Elizabeth Wade, Dwight & Wilson, James & Geraldine Honeyford (Windmill Farms), Ralph L Woodall Jr., John & Leslie Wornell, James A Yockey & Family

#### The acquisitions since the last newsletter:

- Frost control orchard pump station from John Kobli
- Various artifacts and materials for Young's cabin from Andy & Peg Granitto
- Apple box labels from Sharon Ickes
- Egg scales and eggs from Marilyn & Jerry Phipps
- Seed cleaner and slurry treater from Mark Wiggins
- Handmade model of horses and wagon from Marshia Goss
- Power tools from Mark Farmer
- Book with report from Dept of Ag to President 1889 from Ricky Messer
- Hand operated seed separator, antique padlocks, grandfather clock cabinet from Yakima Valley Museum
- Hydraulic power pack for kiddie train from Spencer Fluid Power
- Toy pedal car from George Spiepak



## EVENTS COMING UP

Horse~n~Harness Clinic April 1
CWAM Grand Opening April 1
Old Steel Car Show April 23

Northwest Regional Truck Show\* May 5, 6 & 7

Sponsored by the Antique Truck Historical Society

Auto Swap Meet\* June 10

Sponsored by the Horseless Carriage car Club

and the Model-A Club

Old Town Days & Civil War June 17 & 18 Re-enactment

Pioneer Power Show & Swap Meet Aug. 19 & 20 Agri-Copia Oct. 14 & 15

\* Not a museum event

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