

Brooks Historical Society Newsletter

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We gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of Brooks and neighboring communities having natural, economical and

Larry Leek Visitor Center Gateway to Powerland Donation Request

At the January general meeting, Brooks Historical Society members voted to donate \$500 to the **Larry Leek Visitor Center Gateway to Powerland**, which is the new gateway building to Antique Powerland. The building now under construction will be a huge improvement to the future of the Park, housing the Model Railroad Museum inventory as well as a large reception area and multiple restrooms to accommodate bus tours and large groups. Individuals may also donate honoring our past BHS President Larry Leek. All donations will be recognized in the Visitors' Center by a plaque.

We have come a long way at Brooks Depot Museum



1986-2013
Come visit and see our
many changes!



Annual Dues are now \$15

Don't forget to pay your 2013 dues! See the table of dues near the mailing label. Checks may be made out to Brooks Historical Society and mailed to our PO Box address. Note that individual dues have increased to \$15/year. Student dues remain the same. We wish to thank you for your support over the years.

Scanning and Interview Projects

Volunteers are in the process of scanning the family histories and school records in our library. This will preserve our history in a more convenient and secure format. For security, electronic copies will be archived off site.

The interview team has again found time to resume videos in our community to preserve the history of Brooks/French Prairie from personal memories.

New Members Welcome

Michelle and Paul Duchateau
Carol Ann Armstrong
Northwest Rose Historians

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General Meetings 2013

February 2nd	10:00 am
March 2nd	10:00 am
April 6th	10:00 am

November 30 Annual Meeting and Elections

The election of officers for 2013 was held: President Louis Sowa; Vice-President Bob Brown; Recording Secretary – Vicki Cunningham; Corresponding Secretary-- Marilyn Barner; Treasurer – Dorene Standish; Board Director # 1 -- Mary Ray (3 year position); Board Director # 2 -- Leah Ott (2 years remaining in a 3 year position) Board Director # 4 – Dan Groah (3 year position). Frank Cunningham will continue his 3 year term as Board Director # 3. Thank you all for your continuing service.

Past members Larry Leek and Marie Bosch Madson were recognized for their service and support. Volunteer certificates were presented to Paul DuChateau and to Frank Cunningham in appreciation of their generous donation of time and effort. A volunteer appreciation potluck was held after the meeting.

2012 Volunteer Recognitions

Marilyn Barner –vending and correspondence
Bob Brown—Video Project, docent, vending
Tom Chaney—Docent

Dean Cuff—video project

Terry Cuff –video project

Diana Cunningham—silent auction

Frank Cunningham –building maintenance,
vending

Vicki Cunningham –silent auction, vending

Adele Egan—docent, budget, history

Dianne Froode –vending

June Gibson—office, vending

Dan Groah—video project, vending

Gary and Marcia Jebousek—silent auction,
vending

Leah Ott—scanning, vending, history

Texie Price —vending

Mary Ray—vending

Louis Sowa—computer, video, vending

Dorene Standish—vending, office,
silent auction, newsletter

George Standish—vending

Brooks Historical to be Represented at the Northwest Ag Show

The Northwest Ag Show will include a booth staffed by volunteers from Brooks Historical Society. The Northwest Ag Show is held from Jan 29-31 at the Portland Expo Center. It is the second largest Ag Show west of the Mississippi. There are 7 acres of displays and items for sale, as well as new agricultural technology, tasting rooms, and seminars. Consider visiting on family day, January 30, when the whole family can get in for \$15. You can find more information about the Ag Show on the web at <http://www.nwagshow.com/>

If you would like to volunteer at the Ag Show, call Dorene Standish. 503-393-2053

Baseball Trophy from Parkersville School Joins BHS Collection

A 1933 Baseball Trophy from Parkersville School with names inscribed on the cup, and a baseball mitt from the same era were accepted from the Tom Pfau collection into the BHS collection. It will be on display at the museum.

Names on the trophy are Coach Rose Marie Kronberg, F. Tedder, R. Howell, J. Mendenhall, C Large, E. Mendenhall, T Pfau, D. Pfau, T. Ireland, O. Colyer, W. Mulligan, and J. Ireland.

We would love to have stories about this team, and a team photo. Please let us know if you know anyone with more information.



French Prairie Heritage Rose Garden

The **French Prairie Heritage Rose Garden** is a new repository of old roses that had been cultivated on the French Prairie in the Willamette Valley prior to 1910. Three roses already have been planted in a temporary bed to the west of the caretaker's home at the Antique Powerland entrance. The Northwest Rose Historians will provide 23 roses with historic ties to the French Prairie community. The family history associated with the roses will be on signs near each rose, and in printed materials available near the garden. The garden will enhance the entry at the gateway to the grounds of the seventeen museum and heritage skills learning centers within the Antique Powerland complex. It is anticipated that this Rose Garden will be a focal point for rose enthusiasts.

Brooks Historical Society is actively involved in this effort. The connection between old roses, family stories and early Oregon history provides yet another way to involve people in local history. How did this come about? Northwest Rose Historians received a request from Antique Powerland to help with a rose garden. Brooks Historical Society voted in November to allow NWRH to work through BHS to raise money toward the French Prairie Heritage Rose Garden. BHS members have formed a Rose Garden Committee to help organize the Garden. NWRH has raised \$1500.00 so far.

In addition to roses associated with specific families, the garden will preserve some little known Brooks history. Fr. George Schoener lived in Brooks between 1911- 1915 and became internationally known as *Padre of the Roses* for his prolific rose hybridization. NWRH through BHS will use a portion of donations dedicated to the Garden to acquire photographs of rose hybridizer Fr. Schoener. If there is a rose in your French Prairie family history or to find out how you can help, please contact nwrosehistorians@hotmail.com 503 539-1637.

What We Have Been Doing

We are pleased to report some of the statistics for the past year at the Depot Museum. We served visitors during nearly 30 scheduled events on the Antique Powerland grounds.

- 1280 Visitors signed our guest book
 - 9% were local
 - 17% were Salem
 - 58% Oregon
 - 16% Beyond Oregon and other Countries.
- Museum Open—162 Hours on 42 Days
- 1085 Volunteer hours worked off-site
- 1671 Volunteer hours worked at Museum
- 46 volunteers-

We invite more members and friends to find ways to join the volunteers. Our duties and services are many, making something for everyone, including cooking and serving food and greeting and showing visitors the Museum.

Clarence "Carl" Prantl (1921 - 2013)

Clarence "Carl" Prantl, passed away peacefully at his home in Mt Angel, OR January 4, 2013 at the age of 91. Carl was born and raised on the family farm in Gervais. He loved farming, Arabian horses and fishing. Just last summer Carl could be found on a tractor baling hay. Carl was always known for being happy and making people laugh.



Carl married Helen Staab October 7, 1950 and had two daughters. Helen passed away on April 14, 1953. Carl married Annabell Hermle on October 27, 1956 and had one son. Carl and Annabelle were married for 49 years. Annabell passed away on October 26, 2006.

