

Brooks Historical Society Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the Brooks Historical Society and Depot Museum is to educate and stimulate an interest in and knowledge of the history of Brooks, Oregon, and the surrounding areas.

Check out the BHS
Facebook page.



BHS 2017 Celebration Plans Continue: "Brooks Then and Now"

Music, food, exhibits, a door prize, and some exciting topics and speakers are lined up for the BHS Celebration on June 17, 2017. Look at the tentative schedule of events on the right. Save the date and plan to attend. Entrance will be free to attendees of this Celebration.

Inside this issue– a story of a former residence in Brooks.

If you have more information to share about the history of Brooks, give us a call at 503-390-6697.

New Director Appointed.

Louis Sowa was appointed as Director 1 for the remainder of a three year term (through 2018).

Congratulations and thanks for your service, Louis.

Brooks Celebration "Brooks Then and Now"

June 17, 2017 -*tentative schedule*

Gates open at 9 am

Talks and entertainment 10 am to 3 pm

10 am	Introductions and Welcome
10:10	Early Brooks – overview
10:20	Linus Brooks
10:30	Schools
10:40	Churches
10:50	Post Offices
11:00	Ramp History
11:10	Historic Houses
11:20	Assembly of God/Bethel Park

12:00 Potluck lunch- BHS provides tableware, drinks, and cake.

Entertainment – **French Canadian fiddlers**
Browse exhibits and talk to presenters.

1:00	Entertainment in Historic Brooks
1:10	The Masons
1:20	Local Businesses History
1:30	Onion Barns and Industry
1:40	Hopmire

2:00 more music from the French Canadian fiddlers
Browse the exhibits and the museum
Talk to presenters.



A Home in Brooks circa 2010—

Lizette Gobin lived in this house in Brooks, shown in this picture taken circa 1910 to 1914. The house was on the south side of Riverton Street, west of what is today Iggy's Bar and Grill near the NW corner of Portland Road/99E and Brooklake Road NE in Brooks, Oregon. (Photo courtesy of Christine Lynch photograph collection.)



According to an article in the April 8, 1932 Gervais Star, Lizette's father came here as an employee of the Hudson Bay Fur Company from Canada and landed at Vancouver. when she was six years old. He helped to build the first Catholic church at St. Louis.

Lizette's first husband, when she was age 15, was Pierre Narcisse Depot, who took the land on which the town of Gervais is located as a donation land claim. After his death in 1968 at the age of 62, Lizette married Jean Baptiste Gobin. They bought a farm owned by Homer Gouley near Hopmere.

They lost this farm due to mortgage and the death of Mr. Gobin, and she was left penniless. Friends provided this home for her in Brooks. A granddaughter, Mrs. D. D. Cairns, lived with her and took care of her when she was blind. She died in 1932, at the age of 104. Mrs. Gobin was the oldest continuous resident of this community at the time. She was blind for the last 15 years of her life., continuing to do needlework, sewing quilt blocks and making tiny stitches.

Other Images from Brooks



The old Blacksmith shop—2017



The former White residence— 2017

Workdays April 13 and 20

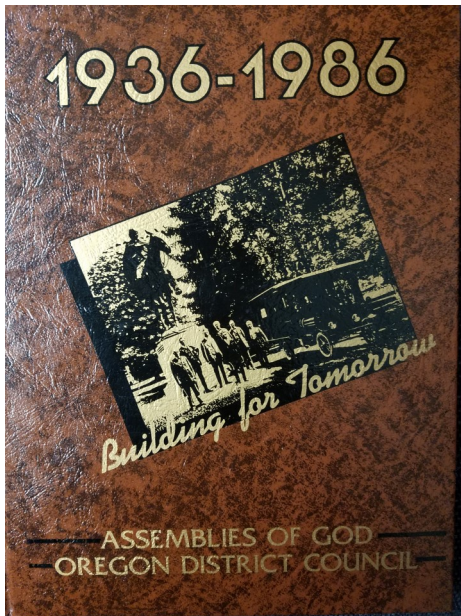
Our next Brooks Historical Society workdays will be at noon on Thursdays, April 13 and April 20 at the Depot Museum. We will be working on our presentations and displays for the Brooks Celebration Day on June 17.

We would love to hear ***your stories***, and have copies of historic photos you might like to share. Visitors are welcome to come by and learn about us and the museum.



Recently Donated to the BHS Library

The book, *"1936-1986 Building for Tomorrow; Assemblies of God, Oregon District Council"* is now at BHS. It has a ***history of Bethel Park in Brooks***, with many fascinating pictures showing what a vibrant part of the community this has been in the past.



Come by and browse all of our history and genealogy collection. Some items are for sale, including CDs of genealogy research on local families.

We are open for events, and on Saturdays 10-4 through September.



Books Sale At Steam-Up 2017



Book-lovers will again have the chance to browse our Brooks Historical Society used book sale during Steam-Up. Thousands

of used books on all subjects will be available at extremely low prices. Plan to come by each day, as new books are put out as space allows.

Do you have books to donate? Would you like to help out at the sale? Call 503-390-6697



Powerland Heritage Park 2017 Season Begins With Free Event



Powerland Heritage Park is now open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. through September. Non-event gate admis-

sion is \$6.

The first event of the Powerland Heritage Park season will feature free entrance and parking on May 20 and 21st. Come enjoy the Craft Fair, Grand Opening of the Farmhouse Museum, and our park-like campus with its 14 member museums.

Brooks Historical has played an important part in supporting and furnishing the Farmhouse museum, and designing the French Prairie Heritage Rose Garden .

As is our custom, Brooks Historical Society will sell food in a tent outside our depot museum as our principal fundraiser this year. Volunteers are always welcome!

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Meetings

The Brooks Historical Society meets at the Brooks Depot Museum at 10 am the first Saturday of the month.

Directions to the museum at Powerland

Heritage Park: From I-5 - take Exit 263 -- go west approx. 1/4 mile to: Powerland Heritage Park, 3995 Brooklake Road, Brooks, OR 97303

Interested in Powerland Heritage Park?

Visit antiquepowerland.com