

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.

All Membership Meeting and Teriyaki Beef Potluck June 7 at 5 pm

Please come to the meeting on June 7 at 5 pm. All BHS members will vote on a proposed change to the by-laws eliminating term limits for officers. Currently officers may serve 3 one year terms. As changed, the by-laws would allow them to be re-elected yearly as long as they agreed to run. Directors' terms would not be affected. Directors are currently elected for three year terms, may run twice as director, then must step down after 6 years, or run for officer's position.

We plan to meet in large tents outside the Brooks Depot Museum, but if the weather threatens, we will move to another building on site.

Michelle Duchateau volunteered to bring Teriyaki Beef for all and cook it on-site. **Thanks Michelle!** Bring side dishes and desserts and plan to tour your museum and the mostly finished Rose Garden. All members and friends are invited. A separate post-card notice and reminder will be sent to all members.



Rose Garden Dedication and Celebration June 21

The Dedication of the French Prairie Heritage Rose Garden, June 21 at 1:00 pm will be the highlight of the annual Brooks Historical Society Celebration. Tours are 10 am to 3 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Each rose will be identified with a sign giving the connection of the rose to historic figures of French Prairie. The Brooks Depot Museum will have exhibits and information on those historic figures & their families.

Lunch will be available for purchase on the grounds. Gate costs will be waived for those entering Antique Powerland for the Dedication.

Historical Marker Dedicated in Brooks

On March 21, the Northwest Rose Historians and the Rose Garden Committee of Brooks Historical Society dedicated a memorial for Fr. Schoener, The “Padre of the Roses” at the former site of the Catholic Church in Brooks where he was pastor, now the site of the Chemeketa Community College Training Center.



The date was Fr. Schoener’s 150th birthday. The memorial is about 3 feet tall with an open book which is inscribed with information about Fr. Schoener and his world famous work in rose hybridization.

Stop by and see it when you are in Brooks!

Rose Exhibit at the Willamette Heritage Center

The Northwest Rose Historians have a featured exhibit at the Willamette Heritage Center at Mission Mill in Salem from March 8 through May 31. It highlights roses that came across the Oregon Trail and other roses that ar-

rived in Oregon in that era. Many of the roses are now planted in the French Prairie Heritage Rose Garden on the Antique Powerland grounds, including some hybridized by Fr. Schoener, Brooks’ own “Padre of the Roses.”

The Northwest Rose Historians and Brooks Historical Society gratefully acknowledge the generous grant from the Fred W. Fields fund of The Oregon Community Foundation for \$6950, which helped make this exhibit possible.

Look for our Bench!

Brooks Historical Society, along with many other on-site museums and individuals, has purchased a bench for the Steam Up music tent. This includes a plaque with “Brooks Historical Society” on it. Challenge your grandkids to find our bench in the music tent during Steam-Up! If you would like to contribute toward a bench, contact Antique Powerland at office@antiquepowerland.com

Workday at the Museum

Members and volunteers helped clean, file, wash windows, arrange exhibits and update our equipment on a workday, March 20 at the Museum.



Many hands helped this go faster!
Thank you, volunteers!

If you would like to help at our next workday, contact Louis Sowa, at lsowa@earthlink.net

Madame Marie Dorian Historical Marker

The Champoege Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate a historical marker for Madame Marie Dorian on Saturday, May 10 at 1 pm. The marker will be at her final resting place, the St. Louis Catholic Church, at the corner of Manning Road and St. Louis Road, Gervais, Oregon.

Strawberry Social at Old Aurora Colony Museum June 22

The 44th annual Strawberry Social on June 22, 2014, at Aurora Colony Museum will be a celebration of an amazing reunion 140 years ago. On



June 7, 1874, 1,500 people were part of the French Prairie Reunion in Aurora .

These 1,500 represented the “Who’s-Who” of those Oregon pioneers who founded and stewarded Oregon through statehood and into the 20th century. They gathered together from all parts of their adopted state to celebrate their historic trek, and personal survival, on the Oregon Trail of the 1840s.

All descendants, families, and admirers of the “French Prairie Fifteen Hundred” are invited. We can recreate our own French Prairie Reunion in the 21st century! For more information, visit www.auroracolony.org.

Research Committee Notes

Our research committee has scanned the entire Historic Brooks School Records from 1901 to 1935. They will continue with the historic Parkersville Records and historic scrapbooks as time permits. When this information is available on CD's we will let you know.

Another ongoing project is a painstaking review of microfilm copies of the Gervais Star newspaper for articles related to the history of our area. The Gervais Star was published from about 1900 to 1935. We hope to have a searchable record of these files available in our research library.

Leah Ott showed an obituary book she is putting together by date of death, with note of the print date below. Sources are the Statesman Journal, Woodburn Independent, and the Oregonian. She scans and then pastes in the copies. She will have

3 searchable electronic copy.

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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 Antique Powerland:

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

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