

Brooks Historical Society Newsletter

July 8, 2014 Vol. 3

<http://www.oregonpioneers.com/marion/BrooksHistoricalSociety.htm>

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.

Getting "Steamed Up"

Preparations are underway for the Great Oregon Steam Up on APMA grounds the last weekend of July and the first weekend of August.

There will be Grand Marshalls for the Steam Up parade each day. Among those honored as Grand Marshall will be Dave Dezotell, Jack Chapman, and a 97 year old WWII vet in a vintage truck. 2014 Steam Up buttons are available at the Dezotell Building for \$1, and new Steam Up shirts and hats are \$20 with \$35 for two.

Brooks Depot Museum is ready with their **featured French Prairie Heritage Rose Garden** Exhibit. (See the related article on page 2.) BHS recognizes and thanks Laura King of the Northwest Rose Historians for her hard work. The exhibit relates to the newly dedicated Rose Garden, and gives the stories of Father Schoener and his rose hybridization, the story of the Mission Rose, and stories of many individual old roses with specific ties to families in this area.

Can you give us four hours on one of the Steam Up days? We need a full

crew of volunteers for the Steam Up weekends. Tasks include helping with food preparation, taking money at the food booth, being a docent in the museum, helping with the children's Passport Program, and volunteer on behalf of BHS at the APMA booth. Contact Dorene Standish if you can help. 503-393-2053.



Two vending volunteers- 2013

A Statesman Journal readers contest, Best in the Mid-Valley, recently designated Antique Powerland and the Great Oregon Steam Up as an award winning attraction. They won

- Best Family Attraction **GOLD !!!!!**
- Best Place to take out-of-town guests – **BRONZE!**
- Best Event **BRONZE** (Steam Up)!

Brooks Celebration and Rose Garden Dedication

French Prairie Heritage Rose Garden was dedicated on June 21 with the general public, APMA and BHS volunteers, and representatives from Bush Garden and the Heritage Rose Garden in Newberg in attendance.

People receiving plaques for their contribution included Charlie Philpot, Dorene Standish, Julie Cox, and Jim Mehlschau and Charles McMahon who built the shelter. Laura King of the Northwest Rose Historians received an engraved bowl for her dedicated work on the garden.

Charlie Philpot presents Laura

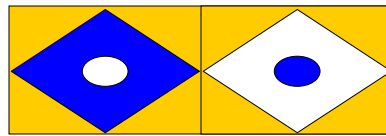


King with engraved bowl

Lots of volunteer time went into the garden; building and painting the picket fence, site and soil preparation, finding and obtaining and planting the roses, creating the walkways and the shelter, obtaining the benches, and donation of rustic outdoor furniture. Laura created an extensive exhibit related to the roses in the garden and placed it in the Brooks Depot Museum.



A cozy corner in the garden



Relish

for meats, dried beans, or sandwich fillings
From the recipes of Helen Egan (Mrs. Homer Egan) Circa 1930

24 large tomatoes
 8 large green peppers
 4 large onions
 5 T salt - heaping
 4 T brown sugar - heaping
 2 T Cinnamon - heaping
 5 C vinegar (cider)
 9 pint jars

Scald, peel and cut up tomatoes. Grind peppers and onions, each cut into quarters. Catch juices and use too. Tomatoes can be heating while grinding vegetables. Add vegetables and seasonings, except for brown sugar, to tomatoes in heavy pot. Cook until thick enough to suit taste. Stir frequently to prevent sticking. Add brown sugar, stir well and remove from heat.

Fill pint jars to top, adjust lids and turn upside down until sealed.

Scanning Project

We need a volunteer to scan our family history books into the computer, to allow electronic access to them, and provide back up copies of our collections. You can use your own computer, or we can provide access to one. Please contact Dorene Standish if you can help. 503-393-2053.

New Addition?

Preliminary Sketches for additional space for BHS document storage and a meeting room have been approved by the Society. The next step is to take them to the APMA planning committee.

Steam Up Quilt Show

The first annual **Steam Up Quilt Show** is being organized by Kathleen Mason of Aurora Colony, Vickey Winn of John Deere, and Brooks Historical Society.



Vintage Quilt

The plan is to have quilts from the 1920-1940 era on display in each museum, with a "Quilt Passport Program" much like the children's Passport Program. After viewing each quilt in each museum, participants would

enter their filled passport into a drawing each day for fabric, notions, books, or other quilting related materials.

The focal point of the Steam Up Quilt show will be a tent between the Old Aurora Colony Museum exhibit and the Brooks Depot Museum. In the tent, there will be more quilts on display. A local Grange volunteer will be on hand to talk about quilting and allow visitors to help tie a quilt, as part of the on-going Grange project of sewing child-size quilts to give away at Helping Hands, a local charity.

You are invited to drop by the tent, and participate in the Quilt program. If you would like to volunteer to staff the tent or any part of the Steam Up Quilt show, contact Vicki Cunningham, 503-390-6697.

Bylaws Change at BHS Semi Annual Meeting

Wonderful early summer weather added to the enjoyment of the semi-annual meeting of all BHS members Saturday evening, June 7, in a tent outside the museum. At the meeting, the group voted in favor of the proposed change to the bylaws eliminating term limits for officers. As changed officers can be re-elected yearly as long as they agree to run. Directors would not be affected. (Directors are currently elected for three year terms, may run twice as director, then must step down, or run for officer's position.)

Many thanks to Michelle Duchateau for the main dish for the Teriyaki beef potluck dinner.

Brooks Historical Society

1 (503) 390-0698

3995 Brooklake Rd. NE
Brooks, OR 97303

Mailing Address:
PO Box 9265
Brooks, OR 97305



Brooks Historical Society

Membership

Adult Member ----- \$15.00

Student Membership ----- \$ 5.00
(Elementary and High School)

Business Membership ----- \$35.00

Donation ----- \$_____

Name:

Address:

City/State/zip:

Phone

E-mail

Checks should be written to:

Brooks Historical Society

Mail to:

PO Box 9265

Brooks, OR 97305

Videos, Books, & Research Collections for

sale: Visit our website at [http://](http://www.oregonpioneers.com/marion/BrooksHistoricalSociety.htm)

[www.oregonpioneers.com/marion/](http://www.oregonpioneers.com/marion/BrooksHistoricalSociety.htm)

[BrooksHistoricalSociety.htm](http://www.oregonpioneers.com/marion/BrooksHistoricalSociety.htm)

BHS Officers and Board

President - Louis Sowa

Vice-President - Bob Brown

Treasurer - Dorene Standish

Recording Secretary - Vicki Cunningham

Correspondence Secretary - Texie Lou Hilyer
Price

Board - Position 1- Mary Ray

Position 2- Leah Ott

Position 3- Marilyn Barner

Position 4 - Dan Groah

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

Interested in Antique Powerland?

Visit antiquepowerland.com