

# 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.

## BHS Celebration Day June 17 “Brooks Then and Now”

On June 17, 2017 from 9 am to 3 pm, our annual Brooks Historical Society Celebration Day will feature exhibits and talks on “Brooks Then and Now.” We are still in the planning stages, but have already identified pictures, families, businesses and activities that will illustrate our theme.



We have been offered the use of the display room on the west end of the Dezotell building as exhibit space, and gathering space. In tents on the grounds near the Depot, we will have talks on various topics and may include music as we have done in the past.

Check out the BHS Facebook page.



If you have an idea, or exhibits or photos you would like to share, and would like to join our planning process, call Dorene at 503-393-2053. Or just show up at our workday, or at one of our meetings, on the first Saturday of each month at 10 am. Meetings are either at the museum, or if it is too cold, in the Dezotell Building, Charlie Philpot Boardroom.

## BHS Workday Scheduled for Noon Tuesday, January 17

As the December workday was cancelled due to weather, we have scheduled a new workday for Tuesday, January 17 at noon. Come join us for a few hours. It is fun to work together on a good project! There is lots to keep us busy:

- 1) clean and rearrange exhibits after items were moved to the Farmhouse museum.
- 2) arrange an exhibit for the Ag Show at the Portland Expo Center January 23,
- 3) filing and inventory,
- 4) work on our Celebration Day project, including choosing photos, assigning research, and contacting community members.

**—Lena Beilke Carney—  
Founder, Board Member,  
Ambassador, Friend**

***Lena Star Andrews Beilke Carney  
August 10, 1922—December 4, 2016***



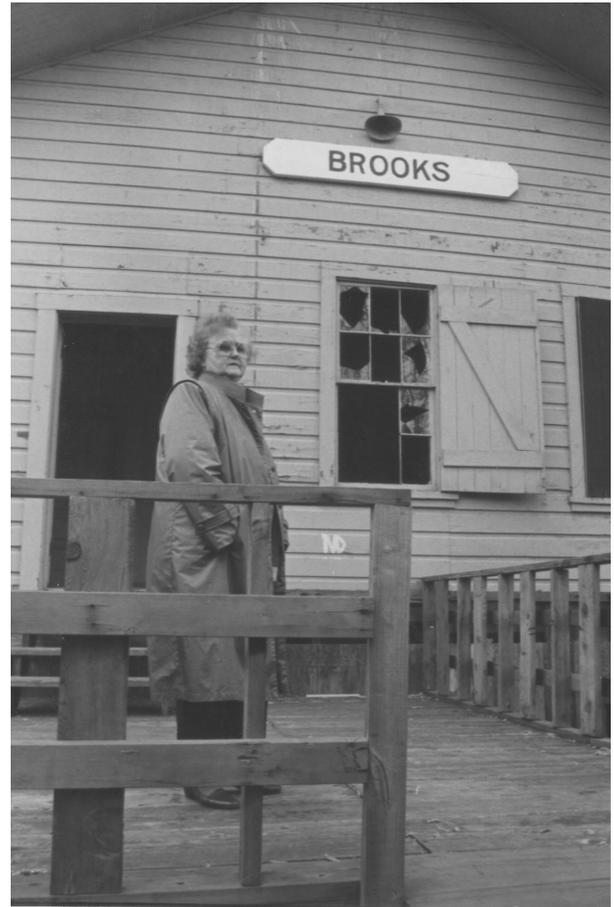
Lena was one of the founding members of Brooks Historical Society in 1986. It began when Robert Ostrum, a teacher at Brooks School, contacted her as a community member to serve as a resource for his students who were studying local history.

Her energy and vision resulted in her overseeing the Brooks Southern Pacific Railroad Depot moved to the grounds of



Antique Powerland in 1989. It was the first museum building on Powerland grounds, now called Powerland Heritage Park.

She also oversaw much of the renovation of the Depot. Lena held many offices on the board of directors of Brooks Historical Society and led many projects.



Later, she became our official Ambassador to the community, making many contacts in the Society's name. We profoundly appreciate her 30 years of vision and support.



*Brooks Depot Museum today at Powerland Heritage Park houses the exhibits and research of the Brooks Historical Society.*

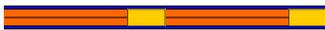
## In Memory of Robert "Bob" E. Brown July 25, 1929 – Jan. 8, 2017



A long-time member and friend of Brooks Historical Society passed away January 8. Bob served in several positions on the Board of Directors, most recently as Vice-President and then as Director.

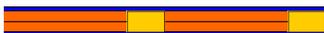
He volunteered his woodworking skills as well, to further BHS projects. Bob donated his childhood model train, which is now a featured display in the agent's office of the Brooks Depot Museum.

Bob was a world recognized entomologist who retired from the Oregon State Department of Agriculture. He was a gentleman farmer who always took the time to help others. He enjoyed gardening, farming, raising honey bees, and fishing. He was very active in other community organizations as well as Brooks Historical Society. We will miss him.



### BHS Annual Meeting Elections Results

As there were no last-minute nominations at the BHS annual meeting on November 5, 2016, the slate of candidates provided by the nominating committee was voted in unanimously. See the back of this newsletter for a list of current office holders.



## Farm House Museum Nears Completion

An opening celebration of the Farm House Museum is planned this spring, perhaps in May. The museum is housed in a replica of a 1920 farm house on the grounds of Pow-erland Heritage Park. It provides a look into farm home life in the 1910-1930 era. This is about the time frame of many of the antique power machines



Dorene Standish of the Brooks Historical Society and others have been very active in providing period furnishings for the Farm-house museum. These include a heating stove and an organ.

***If you have 1910 to 1930 era*** spice cans, light fixtures and kitchen gadgets, or small bookcases, please contact Dorene at 503-393-2053 to donate them to the Farm-house Museum.



### 2017 Dues

Please continue your support of the Brooks Depot Museum by promptly paying your 2017 dues. See the back page of this newsletter. Dues and your donation are tax deductible. Thank you.

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### Brooks Historical Society

#### Membership

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(Elementary and High School )  
Business Membership ----- \$35.00  
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### BHS Officers and Board

President - Frank Cunningham  
Vice-President - Dan Groah  
Treasurer - Dorene Standish  
Recording Secretary - Vicki Cunningham  
Correspondence Secretary - Marilyn Barner  
Board - Position 1- Vacant  
Position 2- Leah Duda  
Position 3- Sharon Shelton  
Position 4 - June Gibson

### 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?**

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