

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 cultural affinity

Annual Meeting

You are invited to the Brooks Historical Society's
Annual Meeting which includes
the election of officers and board members,
followed by a potluck.



The First Twenty-Five Years

Continued from the last issue

The Saga continues for the board members and the volunteers during the 1990s and into the 21st century.

Charter Members Still Active, attending meetings and volunteering at events:

Lena Belke Carney (Founder) President, 1986-90, 1995-98, also V-Pres 2000-04. Lena was given an honorary title of Ambassador as she so often made the important contacts with businesses and other organizations in acquiring moving the depot., WAPI for the first site lease, Trolley for rehabilitating the building, Iris Parade permits, etc., etc.

Carol Bilke Adelman Treasurer 1996-2002. She and Jim set up Quickbooks on the computer, (Mike Adelman, treasurer 2002, re-wrote the program).

Dean Cuff Director 2009-11.

Adel Egan Rec. Sec. 1999-2009, Dir 1998, on Exhibit Com., wrote collection policies, revised by-law, filing system, articles for newsletters; coordinates documents, passport program and researches history of the French Prairie and Brooks.

Marie Bosch Madson Director 1999-2003, always there for meetings, fund raising events, made early days toys,. She and Dan provided the mail Crane ; Dan was popular at events blowing up animal balloons for the kids.

Other Officers during the early years now deceased or no longer actively involved:

Robert Ostron, (Founder), V. Pres, 1986-1992.

Masako Yada Treas, 1986-1990.

George Sturges Pres 1990, V-Pres. 1993-95, added much information to our agriculture and farm tool history.

Iris Royston Pres. 1991-92.

Judy Brudka Treas. 1991-93

Gary Rush Tras. 1993

Harvey Hilands, V-Pres, 1999-2001, Dir. 1998, Harvey silently underwrote improvements in the building and landscape.

Beverly Singer Cuff Singer Dir. 2007-09, helped with passport program.

21 Century Officers and volunteers: Texie Lou Hillyer, Wooley Price Corresponding Secretary 1998-2005, created artifact inventory 2010, entered register on the computer, Vending and Docent at events.

Chris Lynch Pres 202-03, V-Pres 2005, set up off-site booths for APMA events, had close contact with APMA, extended our use limits around depot.

Shirley LaFlorme Studinear 2002,, vol. at off-site booth.

Candy Ramp Eggers Pres. 2003-04, 2006. Redid many documents for archive purposes.

Frank Cunningham Pres. 2005, V-Pres. 2001-2002, 2006-08, Dir. 1998-2000, 209-11, keeps the building mended, grounds tended, and sets up vending cook tent, picnic area.

Dorene Isham Standish Dir, 2002, Treas. 2003-2009, Rec. Sec. 2010-3011; on Exhibit Com., set new exhibits, fund raising chair, coordinates Silent Auction, Vending, AgFest, Pioneer of the year Open Weekends, researches Family Histories, creates Family Genealogy books and history of Gervais and former elementary schools.

Maxine Wargnier Hawks joined in many projects from painting depot, booth sitting to vending, was instrumental in jump starting vending.

June Gibson Pres 2007, Dir. 2008-9, Treas. 2010-11, vending.

ReVerta Isham Corbett Pres. 2008, Corres Sec. 2006, newsletter editor 2003, did computer graphica, cards, posters, invitations, and worked for APMA.

Louis Sowa V Pres 2009-11, Newsletter Editor 2008-11. Electronics advisor, and sound system expert. Sits on Board of Governors.

Larry Leek, Pres 2009-11, contact with APMA and WAPI, histories.

Marilyn Schlecter Barnes, Cores. Sec., 2007-2009, Hospitality Coordinator 201, vending.

Ray Smith Dir, 2006-11, vending.

Bob Brown Dir. 2010-11

Our big fund raisings have been the Silent Auction and Food Vending since 2005.

The above officers/directors, along with fellow members were volunteers for the special events on the Powerland Grounds as well as many APMA-sponsored off-site booths such as at Ag-Fest, State Fair, Keizerfest, Mission Mill, all the while taking care of Society business of running the museum, collecting and preserving information while spreading the history of the French Prairie surrounding the Brooks Community.

Any omissions are unintentional and may be due to the lack of information in the minutes through the years.

Brooks Area as Margurite Kingston Lowery Remembers

Ronald Jones was a Senator and lived on 99E Highway just South of Brooks. His efforts allowed Brooks to get the First School Bus in the United States.

Brooks first Fire Truck was a Japanese Fire Truck.

There were 5 deep wells around Brooks in which the Fire Truck could fill.

There was a Hanging tree just North of Brooks on the East side of 99E. They actually held court and other territory business at the Tree.

Pete Burnett was the Wagon Master-He would plant trees to mark the sections of the Community.

Labish Center has still the tree marking the Labish Center section. It is located at the intersection near the Labish Center Fire Station, then there was a Labish Center School behind the Fire Station that is presently there. (2011)

Sam Ramp-Monte Russell and Waldo Lowery and Lyle Klampe were on Patrol at night to make sure the Japanese were in by 8 PM. Many times Margurite. with small children would ride along, didn't like to stay home alone.

Brooks and Community History

We at Brooks Historical Society now have in their library and camcorder. This was purchased to be able to continue recording the history that is in the thoughts and minds of the people of our Communities.

If you know anyone who has information and is willing to share? Please let us know, we would love to interview them, and preserve the ever forgotten past.

Myron Siddeall Harper

May 24, 1923 - September 23, 2011



MT ANGEL - Myron's mischievous smile and twinkling eye was born May 24, 1923 in Salem, Oregon to Ralph and Areta Harper. He graduated from Woodburn High School with the class of 1942. On January 16, 1949 he married the love of his life, Sarah Jane Orange.

Myron's caring, loving, honest ways were spent with his family, friends and nature. His passions included farming, gardening, Border Collie dogs and agriculture. He dedicated his spare time to many organizations such as Soil and Water Conservation, Fruitland Community Church, 4-H, FFA, School Board, Marion Co. Soil and Water Conservation Dist, Western Oregon Livestock, Marion County Livestock Assn., Sons of Labish and founding father of the Oregon Sheepdog Society (OSDS). He received the OSU Pioneer of Agriculture in 2006 for his dedication and hard work.

Myron will be joining his father, Ralph Harper; mother, Areta Vesper (Jones); and sister, Rena Ruth Bany; in heaven. His memory will live on through his wife, Jane of Mt. Angel OR; children, Bonnie (Marc) Henny of Brooks OR, Clay (Susan) Post Falls ID, Ann Harper of Lafayette LA, Albert Haertal of Tillamook OR; and 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, brother, Sidney (Blanche) Harper or Prineville OR; sister, Martha Marks of Canby OR.

. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the OSU Agricultural Scholarship Fund. Arrangements by Howell-Edwards-Doerksen with Rigdon-Ransom Funeral Directors.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the Brooks Historical Society and Depot Museum is to be educational, to stimulate an interest in,

OFFICERS and BOARD

President - Larry Leek

Vice-President - Louis Sowa

Treasurer - June Smith

Recording Secretary - Dorene Standish

Correspondence Secretary - Marilyn Barner

Board - Position 1- Bob Brown

Position 2- Ray Smith

Position 3- Frank Cunningham

Position 4 - Dean Cuff

Adult Member ----- \$12.00
Student Membership ----- \$5.00
(Elementary and High School)
Business Membership ----- \$30.00
Donation ----- \$

Name:

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Checks should be written to

**Brooks Historical Society
Mail to: PO Box 9265
Brooks, OR 97305**

MEETINGS

The Brooks Historical Society meets at the Brooks Depot Museum at 10AM 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