

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum News

Quarterly Newsletter

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Our Mission

The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum is an educational and repository facility that demonstrates the history, the vision, the vitality, and the values and culture of the peoples of the Siuslaw Valley and coastal region.

Museum Hours

The museum is now open
Wed thru Sun
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Hours will be extended as soon as additional volunteers become available.

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Winter Calendar

Dec 12 10am Board Mtg
Jan 9 10am Board Mtg
Feb 13 10am Board Mtg
Mar 13 10am Board Mtg

Board meetings are held at the museum

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Del Phelps, Project Manager

As you all know, in January of 2021 your board of directors decided to put another goal at the top of our list other than adding to our Library. I asked the board at that time what our most important asset was. It did not take long for the board to come to the decision that we can replace the buildings in case of a fire, BUT we can't replace our artifacts! So, at that time we embarked on the mission of getting a Fire Suppression System in place in all structures. One year and ten months later we are excited to let you know that our project is now complete.

Our contractors all came in at the bid quoted, or less. The Ray Wells Inc. contractor for the underground portion of the project gifted the museum back \$4,000.00 of their original bid price. The system has been inspected, tested and approved by the agencies involved. The 3' by 6' enclosure on the parking lot end of the museum was done by Ron Mann Construction, who only billed us for the actual materials and the cost of his worker's time/hr.

This project was well received by the community as is evidenced by the gift funds we received. We project that our fund-raising efforts will total \$90,000.00 and it looks as though the final cost will be about \$96,000.00. There is a list of the donors for this project at the right side of the large donor display. Big "Thank Yous" to these folks are definitely in order, should you meet them when out and about!

As for me, I will be sleeping better, knowing the museums artifacts are now as safe as they can be.

See more pictures of the fire suppression system on page 3



FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Del Phelps, Board Presid

I want to recognize someone who has been a big part of who I am today. He was the first person I met when I moved into Florence from Mapleton in September of 1959. He was the one who asked me to Join the Jaycees and learn about community service. He also asked me to join the Fire Department. Our families had many good times and memories on the farm that Bud and Dorri moved to up the North Fork. He and I and two others had 20 years of Horse Packing and hunting near Hells Canyon in the Wallowa Mountains. He was one of my Cheer Leaders on the Siuslaw Bank Board when I was starting and developing Florentine Estates. But most importantly he is the one who got me interested in becoming a board member for the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum. In mid-year 2004 he asked if I would come on the board as His Vice President and moving on to President the following year 2005. To do this for him it was a no-brainer Question, of course I would! I knew my best friend was dyeing of cancer. By now some of you will know that I am speaking of Bud Miles. He and his board had visions of moving the museum to Old Town and he and his board put their trust in me, to work towards that goal if the opportunity should come.

So fast forward to today, 18 years later, here I am still board president for all those years except two, and I could proudly say to Bud, that with the help of many good people, we have accomplished his vision. We have bought and paid for the Old Florence School for \$910,000.00 with much community help. We have joined the two buildings with city and county tourism dollars. We have put in an elevator to the second Floor, for \$135,000.00, paid for by community support. We have organized it into one of the best liked museums on the Oregon Coast with the help of great volunteers. We have just finished the installation of a Dry Fire Suppression System in the entire complex for \$95,000.00 to preserve our artifacts in case of a fire, paid for by community support.

So, I say to my best friend Bud Miles up there, with your help from above, we together got it done! And to you Bud on a personal note, thank you for asking me to come on your board back in 2004!



Dorri Miles, Bud Miles, Fred Jensen, facing camera left to right

MUSEUM RESEARCH LIBRARY REPORT July 2022

Submitted by Stephen Skidmore

Museum Library volunteers met on Thursday, July 7. In attendance were John Barnes, Hester Grove, Jim Hays, Deb Lobey, Gail McDivitt, Merilee Mulvey, Pat Rongey, Steve Skidmore, Sharon Waite, and Sandy Zinn.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

Gail: Sandy and I are entering the farming exhibit into PastPerfect.

Pat: Pat continues to work on scrapbooks. She has completed 2 and still has 13 to go. Merilee, Jim, Sharon, and Karen Childs are helping her with the scrapbooks.

Hester: working on PastPerfect deaccessioning.

Deb: interview with Keith Herring has been completed. Mike Bones interview is next.

Sharon: Sharon continues to work on filing. She and Jim have been in discussion with Zac Burt of The Siuslaw News re: local history. Zac has an interest in local history and could be a potential Museum volunteer in the future. Sharon and Sandy have been working on the subject file cabinets and eliminating and revising subject headings.

Sandy: she has been working with Gail on PastPerfect. There are PastPerfect Tutorials and Sandy is working on exploring those tools. Dane of Hyak has been working on putting PastPerfect on the laptop and putting PastPerfect on the cloud. Alan Campbell continues to transfer oral history tapes to CDs.

Jim: Jim is working with Pat on transferring scrapbooks to PastPerfect and to PDFs. Many of the scrapbook photos must be enhanced—their quality was poor. Jim has been working with Hyak on improving our network and email service. Jim said that we still need access to our website and Facebook page. Steve will, once again, talk to Cindy about this issue as he has multiple times. Jim is working with Zac Burt of The Siuslaw News on giving us access to the resources that they have. Several private contributions have been made to the U of O newspaper project re: adding access to The Pilot.

Merilee: she suggested that we keep a separate ledger for contributions to special projects such as the newspaper project. She continues to assist Pat with scrapbooks project.

John: he has not been in the office as much recently due to his recent move. He has been working on Rhody Days pamphlets from the early-mid 1950s which were Coast Real Estate promotions for special developments such as Coast Village

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and Greentrees. He is entering the pamphlets into PastPerfect.

Sandy asked everyone to remember the purpose and priorities of the Museum when planning special projects. These new projects need to enhance the long-term mission and the priorities of the Museum.

The group's next meeting will be August 4, 2022, at 11:00 AM, at the Museum Library.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.



King and Queen Rhododendra and Court being welcomed at the museum.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Oct 8-Oct 30th

Submitted by: Harry Zinn, Operations Manager

We are hosting the Charro attire exhibit in the museum from October 8th through October 30th. The Comonoidal Cultural nonprofit from Springfield, Oregon is partnering with the museum during the Hispanic culture month in Oregon.

We had the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association tour the museum at 4PM on October 6th. It was a group of about 25 people.

The storage area behind the kitchen display is about complete. I have to paint it. The rear room by the library is started.

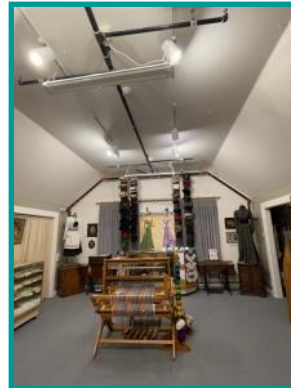
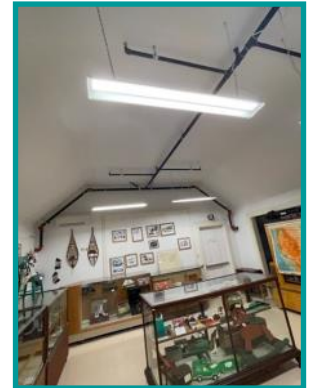
Ongoing daily and weekly museum chores continue as always. Still some volunteer shortage.

Our Wednesday crew is new, but we are now open as of 10/5.

Volunteers and visitors:	SEPT 2021	SEPT 2022
Visitors	204	229
Volunteer Hours	291	394

FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

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SPM CELEBRATED MAJOR GIFT DURING SEA LION CAVES' 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Sea Lion Caves celebrated their 90th anniversary at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum on Friday, August 26.

And, though the party was for the iconic attraction's anniversary, the museum also had cause to celebrate.

Co-owners of Sea Lion Caves, represented by Steve Saubert, presented the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum with a check for \$25,000! Museum board president Del Phelps received the gift to great applause and shouts of joy, and with great public gratitude.

About 200 attendees mixed and mingled for several hours. Coast Radio KCST/KCFM broadcasted live from the event. Members of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum board dressed in period costume to add to the flavor of the evening.

"The celebration began at 5:00 p.m. with champagne and wine for those of age, juice, cookies, and other party snacks," said Phelps. "We had a special historic exhibit dedicated to Sea Lion Caves right in the center of the museum and presentations by local dignitaries—Florence mayor Joe Henry and district 9 Oregon state representative Boomer Wright—it was a grand occasion for all," he added.

"We thank the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum for their support in hosting historic exhibits, not just of Sea Lion Caves but of the entire region's history from first-nations people through the settlers' and into modern times. They have a true community treasure that everyone should see," said Steve Saubert, one of Sea Lion Caves' co-owners. Sea Lion Caves plans to celebrate all year.

Saubert proudly introduced co-owners' family members from his grandfather (and Sea Lion Caves' cofounder) William Saubert, whose black-and-white portrait hangs on the wall of the museum's open staircase, to his wife, Sue, and two daughters and their families, who were in attendance. He also introduced Mary Jacobson, as well as attending members of

the Jacobson family which included a fifth-generation family member. Saubert also entertained attendees in a side room with a perky rendition of the ragtime classic "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin on one of the museum's antique pianos.

Saubert and Phelps also told attendees if they contributed a financial gift to the museum's operations they would receive a family admission pass to Sea Lion Caves, good for one use during the next 12 months.

Since 1932, visitors to the area have been able to descend, first by wooden stairway, nowadays by elevator, about 200 feet from the clifftop above America's largest sea cave down into the cavernous environs of multiplied hundreds of frolicking pinnipeds including Steller and California sea lions. The entire site is designated as a national wildlife refuge for the animals and birds that live there.



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These meetings are open
 to all members. Call ahead for
 space availability.

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STORY TIME

Story Time is currently on hold.
Visit the museum website or Facebook page
for Story Time updates

www.SiuslawPioneerMuseum.com
<https://www.facebook.com/Siuslaw-Pioneer-Museum>

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Please join us for Story Time at 7:00 pm on the last Friday of each month
at the Museum.

The public is invited. Admission is free. Donations accepted.

Please contact Del Phelps at 541-991-7787 or the museum at 541-997-7884 if
 you have a suggestion for a program. We would love to hear your story.

Check out our new Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Website

www.SiuslawPioneerMuseum.com

And our Facebook Page found under Siuslaw Pioneer Museum

<https://www.facebook.com/Siuslaw-Pioneer-Museum>

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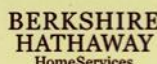
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