



Siuslaw Pioneer Museum

We Hope You Will Consider Volunteering!

MUSEUM BOARD OPENINGS

Join the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Board – Treasurer Needed

The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum is seeking a **volunteer Treasurer** to join our Board of Directors. This is a meaningful opportunity to support a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the **Siuslaw Valley**.

This hands-on role includes attending **monthly Board meetings** and a time commitment of approximately **6–15 hours per month**. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining financial records, preparing monthly financial reports, developing the annual budget, working with our outside tax preparer on year-end filings, and providing financial guidance to the Board. There is no payroll.

We are looking for someone who is **detail-oriented**, reliable, and interested in local history, museums, or community service. If you or someone you know may be interested, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact accounting@spmmuseum.org for more information or to apply.

KYLE RESEARCH LIBRARY

This is the area of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum extended complex where archived historical materials are kept and volunteers do research for the public, for the newsletter articles, and for displays that are put up in the museum building. We also create periodicals and other printed material that conveys the history of the people/places/events in the Siuslaw Valley.

Our library is open from February through November on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are looking for interested persons who might enjoy doing various office and research projects. We keep the membership list, a quarterly newsletter, and many projects associated with the history of the Siuslaw Valley. There is filing and computer work as well as creative contributions. We hope you will join us as a volunteer!

MUSEUM DOCENTS

Our museum volunteers (Docents) greet the public who visit the museum and take entry fees. If you are comfortable interacting with the general public, it is like opening your front door and welcoming in visitors who are interested in seeing all of the historical artifacts in this lovely old home! Docents can work a one day a week shift of Noon to 4:00 p.m. and usually have a fellow volunteer with them. There is a small gift shop corner to sell memorabilia, books, etc. Visitors may wander around the house on their own. A coordinator organizes the Docent schedule. You will quickly fall in love with this historic home.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Newspaper processing
Display assistance
Creative contributions

Greeters & tour guides
Filing & computer work

If you love **history, community, or meeting new people**, there's a place for you here!

 Call Pat at 541-603-5730

Upcoming Events

Soapmaking process in the 1820s and Treadle sewing machine demo. Siuslaw pioneer museum will be hosting Betsy Ross (yes, the flag maker). Betsy will demonstrate how to make soap. Betsy Ross will show you how it was made in 1820's. Save the date Saturday - March 21, 2026. One time only. For further information, contact Pat Rongey at 541-603-5730.

Walking Tour of Old Town. This favorite event is scheduled for June 20th at 11:00 a.m. Participation is free. There will be a guide and maps of the route. Be prepared for a lovely 'walkabout' of the historic district of Florence. Meet the guide at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum.

Weaving Demonstration. Weaving demonstration on the loom in the museum. Date of event is February 22, 2026. For further information, contact Pat at 541-603-5730.

Siuslaw News Archives Find New Home

During the winter of 2025 the volunteer staff at the Pioneer Museum – Kyle Research Library have been reorganizing their two research rooms. This all came about as a result of a wonderful gift received at Christmas time from the ***Siuslaw News*** (A Country Media publication) when they were vacating their offices in Florence. They gifted their entire archive collection of the local newspapers, dating back to circa 1893.

One entire 16-foot wall of the KRL now displays 152 bound books of newspapers and 142 loose issues of the various newspapers in Siuslaw Valley history. Our volunteer staff are working on indexing negatives and photos that came with the collection of newspapers.



We're Reorganizing!

This winter the KRL volunteers have been hard at work reorganizing the two rooms that comprise the Kyle Research Library. It is the building annex connected to the Pioneer Museum building. We have been organizing research records, consolidating supplies, and moving furniture around in an effort to create a more functional area for serving the public who visit for research and the volunteers who help the public and work on research projects. Below are some of the photos of our "Big Mess" process! Every week the rooms look better and better as we find the most perfect arrangement that meets our needs for now and the future. You are invited to come visit on the days we're open (Feb-Nov; Tues & Thurs 10-4 p.m.).

New Rolling Cart that holds large items
Like poster board & foam board



Everything piled up as we move and sort



As you can see by the photos, our research library is slowly decluttering and reorganizing archive materials, desk areas, and much more. We bought a nice rolling cart that keeps large supply items flat and safe. Soon the bookshelves in these photos will be cleared and moved to other areas of the complex for other uses. Archival materials on those shelves have been moved to the other room where we will have a lot of our research archives. The rooms are improving each week! We hope you can visit us this year.



Slowly clearing shelf units and going through archival items.



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SIUSLAW PIONEER MUSEUM



The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum is located on the corner of 2nd and Maple streets in Old Town Florence.

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278 Maple Street

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Board meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at the museum. These meetings are open to all members. Call ahead for space availability.