



Spring 2017 Newsletter

New at the Museum

Recently, we've had a number of wonderful additions to our collection, including the brass medallion pictured here. Apparently, it was once embedded in asphalt somewhere in a St. Helens street to certify authenticity of the paving product. Does anyone know where?



There have been many more great additions including:

Sheriff Millard Calhoun served Columbia County from 1937 to 1953 and was very involved in the famous Ledford murder case detailed in our Winter 2015 - 2016 issue of *History of Columbia County* publication. To see some of the items donated by Sheriff Calhoun's son, Millard, Jr., as well as listen to the radio show on the Ledford case, [click here](#)



Italians in St. Helens Dan Romiti allowed us to scan some photos that highlight a significant era in St Helens history. The image on the left shows the interior of the Italian Importing Building which housed various businesses including a hotel. It was located in the wedge of land between Columbia Blvd. , St Helens Street and North 14th Street. Constructed in 1911, it was razed in the 1960s. Portions of the basalt stone foundation are still visible.

World War I As a consequence of our April program, new family correspondence and photos have been donated which detail how their sons served our country. Their personal stories describing the experience have been added to our collection. [Follow this link](#) if you would like to see some of the images from our program.

Oregon Historical Society Program

In honor of National Garden Week, we will join the St. Helens Garden Club and St. Helens Public Library to host a presentation by the Oregon Historical Society of an original narrated glass lantern slide show on the history of 20th century gardens, created for the Portland Garden Club. All slides are hand-colored and screened using an original lantern slide projector. The program begins at 7 pm on Thursday, June 8th, in the Columbia Center Auditorium.



Genealogy Workshop



At noon on Wednesday, May 31st, three volunteers will be available to aid with ancestry research. Bring your questions and lunch, or just observe, as we try to solve some genealogy mysteries. We will be in the Courthouse Annex just inside the main entrance on Strand Street.

History of the Courthouse

Brandon Sundeen will present a program on the various locations of the Columbia County Courthouse and some interesting stories from local papers and images from our collection. We recently uncovered some color slides of the construction of the Annex we will include as well. Please join us at noon on June 14th in the meeting room just inside the main entrance to the Courthouse Annex on Strand Street.



Columbia County Fair July 19 -23

We're excited to be at the Fair again this year. Our booth will be outside the Agriculture Building. Please stop by and say hi. We'll have volunteers to help with genealogy research, be available to answer questions about our organization and local history, and, of course, have historic pictures on display.

Membership 2017

If you haven't renewed your membership for this year, you should. Otherwise, you miss out on another great issue of our publication, *History of Columbia County*, which is mailed to members twice a year. Please help support our mission to preserve the images, documents, stories and artifacts of Columbia County history with your annual membership.

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