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Reminder:

**Please renew your
annual membership!
\$20.00 for an individual
membership; \$30.00 for
the family membership.**

**Checks payable to :
Fort Rock Valley
Historical Society
PO Box 84**

Fort Rock, OR 97735

Your annual membership is
very valuable and receives this
newsletter and free entrance to
the museum. See page 4 for
membership application.

Keeping the doors open during trying times!

What a year! We hope our newsletter
finds you well.

We opened later than anticipated this
year due to the Coronavirus closures
and health regulations. We
successfully opened the Museum on
Memorial Day weekend. Attendance
was phenomenal that weekend,
bringing in over 90 visitors on
Saturday and Sunday!

As the year progressed, it was
interesting to find that most
visitors were Oregonians,
taking road trips closer to
home. We didn't have many
international travelers and had a
handful from other states. Many did come from Washington and
California, most were visiting Sunriver or Bend, taking local trip
excursions.

We want to thank our hostess Deborah Morehouse-Hofer (pictured) for
her dedicated service as both volunteer and employee to the Museum
the past couple of years. She resigned from her employment in July
and new Fort Rock resident, Annie McClung took on the duties. We
closed the Museum early due to wildfire unhealthy smoke and low
attendance. The Museum officially closed for the season on September
12th which would have been Fort Rock Homesteaders Weekend and In
a Landscape Music in the Wild classical concert at Fort Rock. The
global pandemic has put a lot on hold or non eventful. Many non-profit
organizations have suffered through this pandemic era.

We held elections at last year's annual meeting. We thank Jay
Dunbar for his term of service as secretary. He decided not to seek
re-election and to conclude his term. Joni Bramlett of Fort Rock
was elected. Joni brings a world of experience. As a retired transit
coordinator with Oregon Department of Transportation, she resides
with her husband Ben in Fort Rock. The current board members
have been pleased with all of her participation. She has taken on the
responsibility of Secretary and has also succeeded in ordering new
items for the gift shop. We welcome Joni to our organization!

As always the historical society seeks volunteers! We welcome
membership and participation. The garden suffered this season due
to lack of participation. We do thank and appreciate our volunteers
and special thanks to Gary Gregor for planting the garden and
Nancy McClung for always being at the ready when we need
something done!

There are two 3-year positions open for election. We meet once a
month and it's a rewarding and fun volunteer experience! Think
about it!





Abernethy Gray Historical Preservation Society Volunteers Help to Spruce Up and Preserve the Museum and Grounds in 2020!

There have been several new things happening at the Museum! Abernethy Gray Historical Preservation Society, Oregon Chapter volunteered to do some maintenance and upgrades in May. Covid-19 put a damper on the original March schedule as they had several members at the ready and plan to camp in the area for their two-day preservation event in Fort Rock. As time passed, seven of their members were able to social distance on a weekend in May as they helped stain the new exterior finish on the Belletable House, cleaned up museum trails and brush on the grounds, oiled the picnic tables and Fort Rock Store deck. They also built a beautiful new hitching post and refurbished the information sign at the front of the Museum parking lot. We thank them for their interest and tireless efforts! Seven of their members did all of this work in one weekend!

New Addition to the Museum Grounds and Display!

With another generous donation by lifetime member and supporter and Fort Rock homesteader, Dick Morehouse, the Historical Society was able to construct an open barn over the Chuckwagon slab for preservation of items there. Headed up by outgoing board member, Tim Smith, the building is beautiful! When concrete was added to the perimeter, historical society board members added their family brands. What a fun project for all! Board president, Nancy Bowers has been hard at work getting the display cases donated by the High Desert Museum in order. She has completed three of the four. Marjorie Petrusha of Westfir donated several items this spring that came from the Fleming Ranch that was located adjacent to the Webster Ranch. All of the items have been placed throughout the Museum and in display case. The board is thrilled with all of the new additions this year!

Belletable Exterior Renovation Gets Stained!

The plan was to stain the Belletable House close to that of the old weathered exterior finish. The Historical Society was fortunate enough to have the labor all donated by volunteers. Abernethy Gray volunteer group started the project and Switchback Paint and Design of Lakeview finished it! The project is now completed! Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped out and to Keli Hall who fearlessly climbed the ladder and scaled the East upper half and her Switchback Paint and Design crew of Lakeview who helped get it all done!



Special visitor at Artifact Building at Museum!

*Photo credit:
Annie McClung*



DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE FOR 2020.

Please see membership form on page 4.

Dues will carry into 2021 season.

Did you know your dues are tax-deductible and qualify as a donation which makes them eligible for the cultural tax credit?

Double up at: <https://culturaltrust.org/get-involved/donate/>

New Items and Design at Museum Gift Shop!



This year, the board decided to change the logo for tee-shirts and other sale items. The shirts have been a popular item, as usual. Newly added are women's v-neck shirts (all cotton) with a few added feminine colors. The Unisex and youth shirts are 50/50 cotton polyester. Shirts are \$20 for adult sizes and \$15 for youth.

Other items added (with the new logo) include tote bags and mugs. Great gifts for everyone!

Petroglyph/rock art copper clay pendants by Oregon artist, Tracy Davis Follose, have been on display, and selling well. A beautiful keepsake or gift. We also received some new black and white postcards that have been placed for sale.

If you are interested in any of our items, send an email request. We are happy to ship anywhere with added shipping and handling costs.

Welcome New Employee!

Welcome new Fort Rock resident and prior Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum volunteer, Annie McClung, who came on board as the new employee to host the Museum mid-season. Annie's friendly face and her willingness to step up and help out as needed. We hope she returns when we open next spring! Plan to visit next season when we plan to open in May, and come see what's new!



Lake County Community Fund Grant Award

Fort Rock Valley Historical Society applied for a grant in July and the Museum was awarded \$2,500! The funds are targeted for staff wages and handy man maintenance work on buildings and grounds. This award is much appreciated since the museum had to open late due to COVID and closed early due to smoke from wildfires and low attendance. Even with the closures, the museum must be maintained, and cover other expenses whether we are able to open or not. Without the grant this year, we would have had to access our reserves that are normally used for off season expenditures, insurance and other upkeep needs throughout each year.



Pictured: (l-r) Board Members: Nancy Bowers, Jana Kittredge, Joni Bramlett; John Effingham, Lake County Community

The Museum seeks window coverings or old curtains to use in building windows to prevent fading during the closed season.

Please email if you have something you can donate.

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Fort Rock Valley Historical Society Annual Meeting Notice

The **annual membership meeting** of the **Fort Rock Valley Historical Society** will be held **Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 10:00am, Covid-19 guidelines in place**. All members are welcome to attend at the Museum office in **Fort Rock, Oregon**. The purposes of this meeting are to accept nominations from the membership for the board of directors, and as at all board meetings, to hear about issues of encouragement or concern from members. There are two board positions open for election; Two three-year positions. The terms for each begin January 1, 2021. You must be a current member to vote and serve on the board. Dues are now payable for 2020 which will carry into 2021 season.

Fort Rock Valley Historical Society Membership Application

"Working together to preserve Fort Rock Valley History"

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal/Reinstate Your membership receives newsletters and free entrance to museum.

☐ **Family \$30. (immediate family members only)** ☐ **Individual \$20.**

Additional Donation \$_____. Donations are tax deductible. Total enclosed: \$_____.

Relationship to Homesteader and Family (Name) _____

☐ *I would like to receive newsletter via email.*

Check areas of Volunteer interest: ☐ Host ☐ Grounds work ☐ Garden ☐ Repairs ☐ Other

☐ Grant Writing ☐ Website ☐ Public Relations/Marketing

Dues Payable to Fort Rock Valley Historical Society PO Box 84, Fort Rock, OR 97735