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# The Historian

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## Message from the President

Thanks for checking out our website and reading this special Christmastime newsletter. We mail our regular newsletter four times a year (Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall) and occasionally we have a fifth newsletter. So this is a **Special Occasion** and also a chance to reach some people who may not be members of the Society. We would love to have you join the society, so for those non-members this next paragraph is for you!

The Josephine County Historical Society is a non-profit Society not affiliated with any government. We get **NO** money from the county. I mention this because of our name: Josephine County Historical Society. Because we collect and preserve the history of Josephine County, many people think we are financed by public funds. This is not true. We survive on our sales in our bookstore, our membership dues and our fundraising programs, plus some bequests held in trust for us. Since the 2008 recession, we have not received as much funding from our trust investments. We are looking for new members and would love to have you join us. You can join on-line. If you are reading this, you are on our website and can explore further and join the Society now.

If every resident of Josephine County would just give us one dollar, we could operate for a couple of years, but that is not going to happen so we need more members at \$20 per year.

Read this entire electronic edition for details about the Josephine County Historical Society, what we can do for you and what you can do for us.

Joan Momsen, President.

### We Have A Date:

- ✓ Christmas Open House December 17, 2016

Free to the Public.

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## Board for 2017

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## Books Come and Go

Do you have a person in your family who is always looking at their computer or smart phone?

Maybe it is time to get them back to flipping pages instead of pushing apps. **Buy them a book for Christmas.**

The Josephine County Historical Society has many local history books that are not available elsewhere. Consider buying a book for someone as a gift.

We have some large print books, good for children or older adults. We have a few old newspapers that might interest you. We have some things on computer discs in case you cannot get them off the electronic devices.

Our book store is small, but we might just have something that catches your eye or imagination.

We also have gift certificates so they can come and pick out their own book.

Come and see us at:

512 SW 5th Street, Grants Pass

Open 10 am to 4 pm Tues.-Friday.

*We have a group of Living History Players, who for a fee, will visit your organization to provide a program about local history. Please phone for more information.*

## Meetings

We have an annual meeting in November for all members to attend. We have our Board of Directors monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

Members are welcome to all meetings, but do not have to come to any meetings. You can volunteer at our Library or our events, but you can be a member and not worry about having to assist, although we love volunteers and can find a space for you.

Come talk to us or email our new Executive Secretary and ask what you can do.

<jchsmartha@gmail.com>

## Revised Website

We had our website simplified and made easier to use. It used to be run by volunteers but we had the revision done by Bruce Dunn, who does it professionally. We asked him to keep it basic. You are looking at it now.

Remember our website address:

[www.jcohistorical.org](http://www.jcohistorical.org)

## Revised Facebook

Sally Yarbrough is now checking our Facebook page more frequently than we had time to do in the past. She will answer your questions on a regular basis.

Check out our Facebook page and see some of the links and additions she has made. Hope you enjoy the additions.

We have a vinyl fence we would like to sell . There are 9 portable section of a Kroy 6 foot high vinyl privacy fence. Each is 8 feet wide with posts at both ends, lattice tops and Gothic Post caps. We used these at the historical Society only about six times. The fence to the west of (behind) the Schmidt House is the same as these extra ones we wish to sell. Each panel can stand alone, maybe in front of doorway to give more privacy. They are identical to the one by the J Street sidewalk. One or all. \$175 individually or \$1575 for all 9 . OBO Phone: 541 479 7827



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**Members who shop at Oregon Books will get a discount if they show their membership card and Oregon Books will donate 5% to JCHS.**

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We have two newsletter sponsors (Shamrock Technologies and Evergreen Federal Bank) and we encourage you to use their services.

## Would you like to serve on the Board of Directors?

The Josephine County Historical Society is governed by a Board of Directors. The Research Library and Schmidt House Museum are overseen by an Executive Secretary. The Board of Directors hires and gives advice and consent to the Executive Director. We would like to have some new people take an interest in the operations of the Society by volunteering to serve on the Board.

We are a non-profit corporation operating under the laws of the State of Oregon. Board Members serve for a two-year term and are elected just before our annual meeting in November. If someone wishes to serve, they can contact the office and we will make arrangements for you to attend a couple of board meetings. If you attend two consecutive board meetings and decide you would like to serve, the sitting board votes on your admission to the Board. You will then

be placed on the ballot for the next election, so you may join the Board at anytime. You need to be a member of the Society and be willing to take on assignments given by the Executive Board or the Executive Secretary. We would like to give you a few meetings to see if you meet our needs and visa versa. Phone 541-479-7827 if this form of volunteer service meets your desires. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 pm for about an hour.





## ABOUT THIS PAGE

The last page of our quarterly newsletter has letters to the editor, information about publisher and our address. This electronic edition is to remind you that we need more members. **Please consider joining for a year, reading our newsletter, checking our Facebook and Web pages and seeing if there is something you can do that will benefit us both. Money is always nice.**

### Newest Books:

We have three new books of **Short Stories of Josephine County**. They have larger print and good for both children and adults.

Come and see them or look for them on this site.

Titles in our Bookstore. Come and see.

A Walk Through History, Grants Pass

A History of Josephine County

110 years with Josephine

Oregon & California Short Line Railroad

Cemetery Chronicles

City Schools/County Schools

Dam Picture Book

Another Dam Picture Book

Death of Savage Rapids Dam

Domain of the Cavemen

First There was Twogood

A Field Guide to Jo. Co. Cemeteries

Golden Days and Pioneer Ways

Grants Pass Centennial Notes

Grants Pass, Images of America

Grants Pass, The Golden Years

Indian Wars of the Rogue River

Incidents, Indiscretions, and Indecencies in Jo. Co.

Interviews of Illinois Valley Old Timers

Josephine County Historical Highlights

Journeys to the Past

Legend of Indian Mary & Umpqua Joe

Letters From Home

Mythical State of Jefferson

Pictorial History of Josephine County

Postcards from Grants Pass

Postcards from the Past

Sailors Diggings

Streets of Grants Pass 2014

Students Make History

They Settled in Applegate Country

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