The Historical Society Research Library has been closed since March 20, 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. We usually mail The Historian, but this issue being sent via email. If you have Society friends who do not have email, share this with them.

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Living History Presentations

Cindy English @ First Christian Church
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We have a date
These are tentative dates. Consider them cancelled until you hear otherwise.

July 24, Pie and Ice Cream Social
Oct 17, Graveyard Tour
Dec 19, Christmas Open House

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Our raffles are drawn by name, not numbers so you can get tickets by sending requests by mail. We will hold all tickets for pickup when we open. We suggest you wait until things “clear up” but if you just can’t wait, old fashioned mail is the best way. Thanks for your consideration during the pandemic. Drawing dates will be announced when things get better or for the rifles, when all 300 tickets are sold.

Raffle will resume sometime in the future

We have not had a raffle since Labor Day 2019. As you know, if you read this newsletter regularly, people give us things for the raffle, some new, some old, but in good shape, and these items are not of historic value. We gratefully accept them and pick out the best items and have a raffle. Due to the coronavirus closing many things, we have postponed our raffles until things get better. If you bought a ticket, it will remain in the jar until we resume selling the rest of them. One raffle is approximately 10 items and names are drawn one at time and the winner phoned. He comes to the research library and claims his prize. Then another name is drawn. $1 each or six for $5. The other raffle will be two prizes, an air rifle and a shot gun. $10 each or six for $50. We will let you know when ticket selling will resume. Thank you for your patience.

Something to think about.

JCHS is self-supporting and we make money to operate the Society but we have limited money-making possibilities. Membership is vital. The membership dues go a long way to help support our Society. Our bookstore also contributes to our survival. Think about Father’s Day, Birthdays and upcoming single occasions for which you might need a gift. A membership for a year to one of your friends or relatives might just be the thing that helps them appreciate local history.

You may order by mail and we will send or deliver your order when it is filled. Remember we are not open but we check the office weekly.

Amazon can help us

If you shop at Amazon, please sign up asap. It only takes a few moments and we get a bit of money from your purchase. It costs you nothing. Sign up:
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Fred Meyer Community Rewards also help. Sign up now or take the time to renew. If you shop at Fred Meyer, you have probably received a notice to renew.

www.fredmeyer.com/community rewards.
Our I.D number is NPO#94511

Oregon Books will give members a discount if you show your JCHS membership card, and will donate 5% of the sale back to the Historical Society.

Oregon Books
150 NE E Street
Grants Pass, OR 97526
541-476-3132
Different Ways for Pandemic Times.

We really appreciate our members. Without their yearly dues, we would not be able to function as well as we do.

JCHS’s Research Library is usually open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 4pm.

However we have been closed due to the pandemic since March 20. Some of us will try to answer your inquiries if you phone or email. Be patient, we only check things about once a week.

We are an old—fashioned research library where our records are generally open to members and others for a small fee. We hope we can open soon. Researchers have to “look up” and search for the information they need. We do not have the funds or the staff to digitalize items...we just have the old, original printed items and many, many photographs.

With the advent of the Internet, many people think everything is at their fingertips by sitting down at the computer, but this is not true. Someone has to copy the material to put it on the internet, and many small historical research libraries do not have the time or the funds to scan and digitalize files, photos and records. Research fees support their operations.

We do have a web page but it is informational, not interactive. You can see what we do and you can even look at most of our old photos. If you have not visited our website, please do so. Web address on back page of this newsletter.

The JCHS also has many volunteers who help with our events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Pie Social, the Graveyard Tour and the Christmas Open House. All things are on hold until the pandemic ends. That is one reason why we are emailing The Historian which we usually mail three times a year. If you know someone who is a member and does not have email, share this or tell them to phone and we will try to mail them a copy.

Keep good thoughts about the well-being of the Society and the world during the coronavirus pandemic.

We would like to remember the Staffords, who played many parts for the Living History Players. Darrell “Stafford passed away Feb. 12, 2020 and his wife Margaret passed away Sept. 23, 2015.

Brady Project

The Josephine County Historical Society a 501 (c ) 3 organization is the fiscal agent for the Brady Project. We collect the donations and pass them on to the artists. We do not keep any of the funds received. If you wish to donate, send checks to:

Josephine County Historical Society
512 SW 5th St., Grants Pass, OR. 97526

You may donate on the JCHS website www.jocohistorical.org

Be sure to note “Brady” on your check or website donation. The Brady Project will be a memorial statue, as shown below, honoring Brady Adams.
Springtime at the Schmidt House is beautiful and we work hard to keep it that way. Our long time gardener is no longer with us and volunteers are doing the upkeep in the flower beds and lawns. We especially thank Ken Bell, Jan Greenblatt and Jim VanDelden for their efforts.

Oh, those sneaky night campers:
Vandalism is getting to be a problem and also our name and green grass lead people to believe our historical Schmidt House and the Research Library next door are public property, somewhat like a city park. That is not the case. We pay money to have the property policed and cleaned up after some people use the gardens, porches and bandstand as camp sites (bushes as restrooms and cooking on porches, etc) and party sites. We are considering putting up a wrought iron fence, similar to ones used in the Nineteenth Century, to protect our property. The house and barn are over 120 years old and we do not want more damage. We do not wish to dip into our investments and savings, because we survive on the interest without touching the principal. Many people who bequeathed money to the society stipulated we never touch the donation, but use only the interest. With interest being the way it is now, there is not a lot to be used for extras, such as a fence, lawn mowing and weeding. We are doing what we can, when we can. Any suggestions?