Our President is also I.M. Bunny

I.M. Bunny will be present for the Josephine County Historical Society’s 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will be the weekend before Easter, on Saturday April 13, 2019. It will begin sharply at 1 PM. PLEASE BE ON TIME. Come to the Schmidt House Museum a few minutes before 1 PM to get instructions. The eggs will be found quickly and late comers will miss out. We should be finished before 2 PM. Little kids are fast egg gatherers and they leave nothing for the late comers. Participants must be 10 years of age or younger. The Easter Egg Hunt is FREE. The hunt will happen rain or shine. Dress the little ones appropriately if it is raining. Tall grass can get really wet. Remember to bring your camera for pictures with The Easter Bunny. Everything is free, but donations are appreciated.

The electronic newsletter can show things in color and is sent to members and friends of the Society. Remember we are a non profit 503 (c) (3).

Tour Guides Needed

Would you like to get out of the house and spend a couple of hours doing historical research at our library? We do not have many requests for tours of the Schmidt House, but it sure would be nice to have extra persons available this summer. We will train you. It is easy but you do need to climb the stairs.

Volunteers could sit and read and look through our files for a couple of hours on Tuesday through Friday and be here to take a couple of people on a guided tour of the Schmidt House. You might even be interested in leading a downtown walking tour which takes more time. Walking tours are usually reserved, but Schmidt House tours are walk-ins. Therefore if someone is sitting in the office, they would be able to give a Schmidt House tour which lasts about an hour.

We Have A Date:
April 13 Easter Egg Hunt
May 25 Boatinik Parade
June 1 Spirits of the Schmidt House
June 15 Porchfest
July 6 Schmidt House open at 1 pm
July 26 Pie and Ice Cream Social
Aug. 3 Schmidt House open at 1pm
Oct. 12 Graveyard Tour
Dec. 7 Christmas Parade
Dec. 21 Christmas Open House

Phone (541) 479-7827 for details.

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Join the Josephine County Historical Society.
Print the coupon, fill it out and send to
Josephine County Historical Society
512 S.W. 5th Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Josephine County Historical Society presents
Second Annual
Easter Egg Hunt
Free for children under 10 years old
Remember your Easter Basket and Camera for pictures with The Easter Bunny!!
Where: Schmidt House Back Yard
508 S.W. Fifth Street (corner of 5th & J)
When: Saturday April 13, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m. SHARP!!!
Rain or Shine Event
Donations are appreciated

Name________________________________________
Address_______________________________________
City, State and Zip_______________________________
Your email address______________________________
Your phone number______________________________

Circle your membership: $20 single, $30 family, $55 business.
Spirits of the Schmidt House

The Schmidt House is our museum and has the original occupant’s (The Schmidt Family) possessions throughout the 14 room house. It was lived in by only the Schmidts, the family in the beginning and the two daughters, Anna and Flora for the last years it was a residence. It is open for guided tours when the Research Library is open.

On Saturday June 1st it will be open for tours from 1 to 4PM. However there will some unexpected activities. Some of the Schmidt Family, portrayed by Living History Players, will be making appearances that day. The public is invited to tour the house and to quietly and carefully listen in on some of the conversations among those who once lived in or visited the house.

These are friendly spirits so there is nothing to fear. Guests will walk through the house guided by a docent, and listen to the family and friends share their stories. This is a Spring fundraising event for the Josephine County Historical Society and the fee is $5.00 per person. Mark you calendars now so you will remember to attend. Small groups will be ushered through the house every few moments, so you should not have to wait very long to enter.

If you would like to help with this new event, phone Cindy (541-476-8712,) Linda(541-479-5398), or the office (541-479-7827).

You can have a guided tour of the Schmidt House each day the Research Library is open. We are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. If you want a tour, you should come before 2:30 pm because it takes an hour to an hour and a half to guide people through the house. People are not allowed to wander though the house without a guide. The fee is $10 per person and we would like at least two people on each tour. The history of the Schmidt family is given while walking through the house. You may ask questions and depending on how many questions are posed, makes the tour last from 45 minutes to 90 minutes.

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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:
http://smile.amazon.com/ch/936015456

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

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Upper left: Rivoli Theater at night when 6th Street was a two-way street. Building is gone. Above: Entry to Josephine County Fairgrounds. Building is gone, but main gate is in the same place. Below: Power House at Ament Dam. This 1911 building still stands at Tom Pierce Park. Grants Pass Cavemen opening I-5 at Grants Pass. Gov. Mark Hatfield in “normal clothes” and white head dress. Joan, your newsletter publisher, in her Cave Queen white furs and crown.

Can you name the Cavemen in this photo? Can you identify Don McIntyre, Don Cameron, Ben Rondeau, Mel Legler, Homer Browner, Thed Morrison, Sherman Dahl and others.

The Josephine County Historical Society has a variety of old photos, some identified, some not. Check out the ones for sale on our web-

Do you have old photos of Josephine County that the Historical Society could use? We would love to accept your old photos for our files. It is nice if the people are identified, but we will take them if it only says “Aunt Grace and dog Dudley”. People did not identify photos from years ago any better than they do today. They always think they will remember, but memory fades.

We will scan your interesting old photos and let you keep the originals. Or scan them yourself and email them to us.
Old GPHS TOKAS (yearbooks) Available

Did you or your parents or grandparents graduate from Grants Pass High School? We have several old yearbooks...The Toka (named after the Tokay grape and pronounced the same way). Did you move and misplace yours? Did you only get one and your sister claimed it? Do you want to see what grandma did in high school. We sell them for $25. each. Some are written in by the friends of the original owner. They are getting scarce as time passes. We also know where you might get one that we do not have. So if you would like a copy of the ones listed below, phone Wayne Morrow (541) 479-5709 and deal with him. He also sells them for $25.


We have several that are older, so phone us (479-2728) and we will see what we have and phone you back. Do it now!

The Haines Apple Tree was planted c. 1853. One hundred and sixty plus years later, it is still alive and produces apples each year. Located in Merlin, Oregon, it has a monument (seen in background of right-hand photo above) and a fence that needs to be repaired or replaced. Melissa Trauner has taken over the care and feeding of this landmark and is working to get better directional signs, new fencing and to keep it looking nice and a living memorial to the Haines Family. Phone (479-7827) if you have bulbs, fence posts or rails to help Melissa in her care for the old tree. We will get the message to her and she will phone and discuss your possible donations.

We are having another raffle in August.......There will be 15 names drawn, just like the last time. What are the prizes? We will not know the total until time to draw because people donate things to the Society that they no longer need, gifts they received and do not want, all sorts of things that really are not historical and we have decided to disperse them in this manner, plus we have also purchased some unique items for the raffle. People seem to like to come in and have a choice of what they can claim and the money helps the Society pay one or two utility bills. So far we have a Victorian dressed doll in a plastic case, a very large turkey platter, a couple of dolls to dress and give as gifts, a free book from our published books, etc. We may have some really exciting or nice things by August. Come in and get your ticket(s).
Reminder:
The Josephine County Historical Society is a non-profit with no governmental connection. **We are not part of county government.**
We are self-supporting thanks to our membership and benefactors.
We invite you to join the Society. You do not have to attend meetings, but we can use your volunteer services in many ways. Phone us and ask.

Membership Dues per year are:
- Single  $20
- Family  $30
- Business $55        Donations accepted.

Join online:
www.jocohistorical.org
Buy books and photos online too.

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:
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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 of Brady and his grandchildren, as shown below.