What is new?

The newsletters are put together over a period of two months. The Summer (August) newsletter is electronic and therefore we can include more and colored photos. We would love to hear from you to see if you like the three mailed and the three email newsletter per year. Email our Executive Secretary if you like this publication. Email address is on the back page.

What has happened around the Research Library and Schmidt House since the last printed newsletter was mailed:

The presentation of the Spirits of the Schmidt House went well.

We got the new water meter.

A mix up was encountered and we had no lawn water for a week when it was hot.

By mid July the lawns were back to being green.

We had a groundsman clear out debris around the Schmidt House. He cleaned out all the garden areas and some look sparse, but they will grow back. We wanted to look good for the Pie and Ice Cream Social.

We had the Schmidt House open for tours the first Saturday in July from 1 to 3. We will try it again the first Saturday in August. Tours are $10 per person.

We replanted a tree dedicated to Ross Roe. The first was so small, it got weedeated away. We replaced it with a sturdy, and taller, cedar tree.

We received an endowment check from the Basker Fund managed by the Four Way Foundation.

The weeds by the Research Library and the parking lot were all removed by board member Jim VanDelden.

Volunteers attended Porchfest successfully.

What is old?

We still have our "old" board with some officers and committee members switching places. We would love new members. See inside for details.

We are still open from 10am to 4pm Tuesday through Friday.

We still write an article each week for "Sunday Make History" in the Daily Courier. Would love to hear your stories. Email <jchsimages@gmail.com> for details.

Living History Players are still performing. Would you like to join us? Phone for information.

We still have the summer Ice Cream and Pie Social on the last Saturday in July during the Back to the Fifties week. Pie contest is open to all. Phone for details.

The tree planted in honor of Jim Basker is now large enough to shade the back yard and keep the Pie and Ice Cream Social cooler.

We still have leaves in the Research Library parking lot. A monthly summer volunteer sweeper would be nice.

The trees burned last summer when a small trailer house caught fire on K Street survived nicely and are doing well. See below.

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The electronic newsletter can show things in color and is sent to members and friends of the Society three times per year. Remember we are a non profit 503 (c) (3).
Board for 2019

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Print the coupon, fill it out and send to
Josephine County Historical Society
512 S.W. 5th Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526
You may also join online at our website.

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.

Above is the arbor from the Research Library to the Schmidt House. Below is the side lawn of the Schmidt House.

At the right is the back yard of the Schmidt House and the Band Stand.
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 through 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 told 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.

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
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Correction: In our June printed newsletter we gave the wrong date of Marilyn Luttrell’s passing. She passed away May 8, 2019
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.

1951, 1952, 1955, 1958,
1960, 1962, 1963, 1964,
1969, 1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974, 1975, 1976,
1977, 1978 1979, 1980,
1981, 1982 1983, 1984,

We have several that are older, so phone us (479-7827) and we will see what we have and phone you back. Do it now!

We could use some new board members. If you are a member and would like to serve on the Board, call our office for further details. If you are not a member, you may join at anytime. To be on the Board of Directors, you need to attend two consecutive board meetings and on the third visit the Board will invite you to serve. You will then serve until the November election when your name is placed on our annual ballot. Board members serve for two years and attend one monthly board meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 pm in our board room in the barn located behind the Schmidt House Museum. Meetings last about 90 minutes. There are many committees that you might wish to chair, but we only ask you to attend the board meetings for a few months to see if you wish to get further involved in our activities. Volunteers are also needed. Living History Players could use a few more actors. Come see us and discuss the possibilities.
Our Bookstore has a selection of historical books. Come in and see what we have.

One of the raffle prizes

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, the 3 foot tall doll pictured above, free book from our published books, etc. We may have some really exciting or nice things by the end August. Come in a get your ticket(s).

Notice This…..Please!

Saturday August 10, 2019 the Josephine County Historical Society is scheduled for a fund raiser at OREGON BOOKS. It is from 9 to 2:30 and there are lots of old books that may interest you. Stop by and see us.
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.

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**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:
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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.