



Signing Off

We say goodbye to a longtime volunteer and Homesteader author.
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On The Nice List

Local Authors and Artists are featured in the DHM Gift Shop. *See p. 4*



The Homesteader

Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—DECEMBER 2023



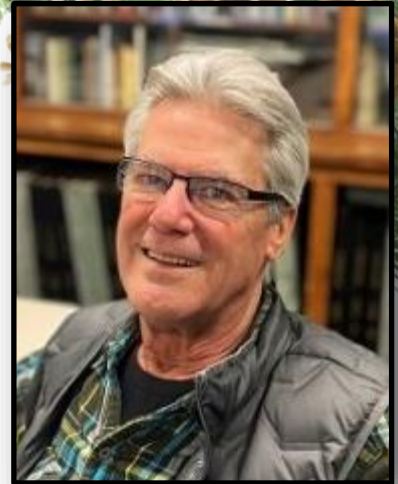
Thanks to you all, the 2023 Chili Feed and Raffle surpassed all expectations! Beautiful weather and smiling faces paired with the warm reunion of friends and family were the perfect compliment to a steaming bowl of Millie’s Chili.

We served nearly 300 bowls of chili, received over 50 pies, and sold thousands of dollars worth of raffle tickets. The top selling raffle basket was “Date Night,” which included not only 2 bottles of wine, but tickets to a High Desert Chamber Music concert, and gift certificates to the Pine Tavern and the Tower Theatre. The Cat basket beat out the Dog basket, but only by a whisker.

Harriet Langmas entertained the crowds on piano throughout both days, setting the mood for sharing a meal, being thankful for friends and family, and gathering once again.



A Message from Board President Adrian Bennett



Thank you for your ongoing support this giving season. This year is one marked by continuations, pivoting, and merging for the DCHS, all pursued with a view towards enhancing, revitalizing, and expanding our mission to preserve, promote and celebrate our shared local history.

The Antique Fair, the Historical Haunt Walks of Downtown Bend, and of course the Chili Feed are continuations of marked success. We have pivoted by partnering with C3 Events to bring Bend Night Markets onto our grounds every Friday throughout the summer, as well as continued to work with, among others, the Old Mill District, the Bend Chamber of Commerce, and the Oregon Archaeology Road Show.

We have merged our enterprise with the Deschutes Pioneers' Association which disbanded in 2022. The DCHS has brought the former Pioneer members into the membership of the DCHS and assumed responsibility for the Pioneer Queen as well as the Pioneer Scholarship for high school seniors. In the latter category we have renamed the scholarship to honor the primary Pioneer Association promoter of the program to the Leon Devereaux Historical Society Scholarship and opened the applicant field to include high school seniors from beyond the Deschutes County lines, to include Crook and Jefferson counties. The scholarship is underwritten for now by the funds raised by the Pioneers, but it will need additional financial support to be sustainable in the long run.

Of course, our exhibits have changed to include the highly popular Klunkers and Stumpjumpers exhibit about the origins and development of mountain biking in our own backyard, a celebration of the Deschutes County Library's *A Novel Idea*, and a return of the John Fremont photo exhibit of several years ago. We are still working on locating a site and funding for the History Pub as well as with ODOT regarding the plans for a permanent exhibit on the evolution of irrigation, agriculture, transportation, and industry within the county.

All these activities require money, and it is only with your support that the DCHS can pursue them with any assurance of success. You can donate securely online at deschuteshistory.org/donation/ or send the coupon on page 6 with a check. Of course, we always love seeing our supporters in person at the museum!

Thank you again for your generosity,



**Deschutes
Historical Museum**

129 NW Idaho Avenue
Bend, OR 97703
Open Tuesdays-Saturdays
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
541.389.1813

Museum Staff:

Kelly Cannon-Miller, Executive Director
Vanessa Ivey, Museum Manager
Rebekah Averette, Collections Manager
Tracy Alexander, Membership Officer
Michelle Patrick, Visitor Services



2023 DCHS Board of Directors:

Adrian Bennett, President
Jane Williamson, Vice President

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Mike Berry, Paul Claeysens, Tony DeBone,
Terry Foley, Greg Fulton, Karen Green,
Heidi Kennedy, Erik King, Susie Penhollow, Liz
Rink, and Scott Stuemke.



Complete minutes of the meetings of the Board of
Directors are on file with the
Museum office.



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THANK YOU CHILI FEED VOLUNTEERS!

The Board and Staff of the Deschutes County Historical Society would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made this year's Chili Feed and Raffle a successful event! The joy in seeing so many returning friends and new ones make this a truly beloved event. To the pie donors, servers, bussers, dishwashers and cooks, raffle donors, piano players, and all the volunteers, THANK YOU!

Janet Alexander	Bob Cosner	Sarah Larsen	Robin Roemer
Tracy Alexander	Elaine Cosner	Lisa Lee	Kathy Rood
Margaret Anderson	Jai Darnell	Brad Lemmon	Carolyn Russell
Rebekah Averette	Shaylee Demelo	Jan Lewis	Matt Ryan
Susan Averette	Tina Demelo	Eloise Mattox	Jon Sholes
Robin Baraybar	Andrea DuPree	Ann Maudlin	Nanette Sholes
Tessa Baraybar	Greg Fulton	Cindy McCabe	Paula Simila
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Adrian Bennett	Grace Gorham	Jerri Melton	Laurel Sorlie
Alyssa Bennett	Karen Green	Karen Neilson	Juanita Thompson
Maureen Berry	Carla Hunt	Michelle Patrick	Tommy Thompson
Mike Berry	Vanessa Ivey	Susie Penhollow	Marge Trayser
Jon Cain	Joyce Kesterson	Tammy Perkins	Cheryl Wagner
Janine Cannon	Wanda Kunz	Emily Rastovich	Jane Williamson
Kelly Cannon-Miller	Harriet Langmas	Joan Reckwerdt	Dave Zaback
Susan Cline	Sara Langton	Liz Rink	Deb Zitella

Chili Feed: Rastovich Farms Barley Beef 🌀 Strictly Organic Coffee 🌀 COCC Culinary School 🌀 Family Kitchen

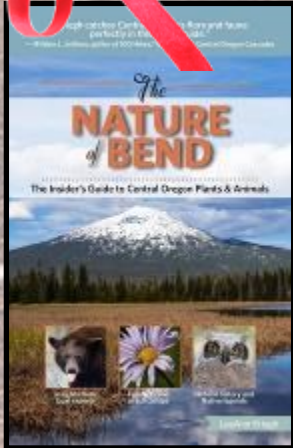
Raffle Items: The Bend Night Market Vendors 🌀 Bill Cannon 🌀 Deschutes Public Library 🌀 Desperado 🌀 Deedee Garnett 🌀 Karen Green 🌀 Legend Cider Company 🌀 Oregon Feed and Irrigation 🌀 Maya Hahn 🌀 Newport Market 🌀 The Old Mill District 🌀 Savory Spice 🌀 Isabelle Singer 🌀 The Tower Theatre Foundation 🌀 Trader Joes 🌀 Wanderlust Tours 🌀 Wild Birds Unlimited

*Gift Ideas from
the DHEM
Gift Shop*

The Deschutes Historical Museum Gift Shop is brimming with treasures from local authors and artists! Here are few ideas for those of all ages on your list

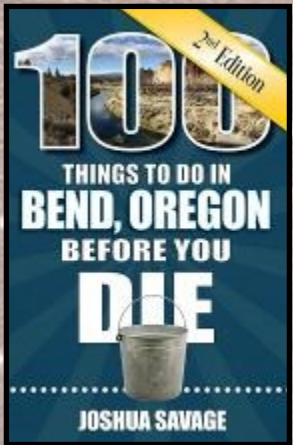


Reid School Ornament
Ceramic \$8.00



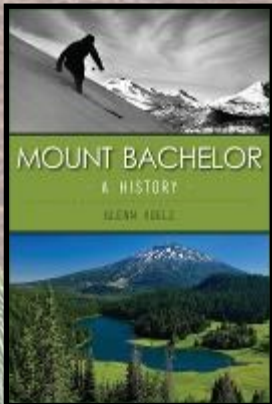
The Nature of Bend: Insider's Guide to Central Oregon Plants & Animals
by LeeAnn Krieger
\$20.00

Botanical Illustrated Cards
artist: Jeanne Debons
\$6 each variety



100 Things to do in Bend, Oregon Before You Die, second edition
By Joshua Savage
\$18.00

Creatures Everywhere
By Sandy Anderson
\$19.99



Mount Bachelor A History
by Glenn Voelz
\$23.99

Oregon Search & Rescue, Answering the Call
by Glenn Voelz
\$24.99



Skyliners Ski Poster
11" x 17"
Designed & illustrated by Paul B. Leighton
\$20.00



Remembering Bonnie Bernice Burns (1942-2023)

Long time Deschutes Historical Museum volunteer Bonnie Burns passed away November 20, 2023. The space she leaves behind at the museum is large. There isn't a part of the museum that she hasn't had an effect on. Bonnie was always ready, willing, and able to do whatever needed to be done. For those reasons and more she was honored with Volunteer of the Year in 2009.

When she wasn't greeting visitors at the front desk with her smile, she was on the third floor as an expert investigator uncovering the secrets of an inquiry or artifact. Bonnie's skills at sleuthing helped unearth the story behind Tot Taggart Pringle being buried in the wrong grave.

Often her detection turned into a bigger story which she'd write for the museum's newsletter, *The Homesteader*, or the *Bend Bulletin*. That is where she shined, weaving the tale of a person's life, or a simple found object into an amazing piece of storytelling.

Not even the pandemic stopped her from being a part of the place she loved. Bonnie still researched and wrote, even if it was from home. Earlier this year, she figured out the year and persons captured in a 1965 Bend Water Pageant photograph, and posted it on the museum's Facebook,

To Bonnie the museum wasn't just a space to spend time in, it was a place of community and friendships. To those working with her at the museum Bonnie gave her whole self- her stories, her laughter, her humor, and her heart. She brought joy to all of us here and we will miss her deeply.



Updates from the DCHS Pioneer Committee: *The Future of the Pioneer Queen and Scholarship*

As many of you know, in 2022 the Deschutes Pioneers' Association (DPA) voted to decommission itself this year and merge its affairs with the DCHS. Since the DPA provided the foundation for the museum, the decision was enthusiastically but sadly accepted by the DCHS.

The DCHS assumed responsibility for both the Pioneer Queen selection process and the DPA Scholarship program. The 2023 Pioneer Queen is Charleen McKee, and a new one will be selected at the DCHS annual meeting in 2024.

The Scholarship program will henceforth to be known as the Leon Deveraux Historical Society Scholarship, renamed in honor of Leon Devereaux's commitment to both the scholarship program and to historic preservation in our community as a former board member for both the DPA and DCHS. Open to high school seniors planning to attend an institution of higher learning, the application will entail submission of an essay which addresses either a historical event (pre-1970) in Central Oregon history or a person or group that was instrumental in some aspects of pre-1970 Central Oregon history. While researching the selected topic, the archives of the DCHS and/or any other archives from nearby collections, e.g., Warm Springs Museum and the Crook County Historical Society must be utilized. The scholarship fund comes from past fundraising efforts by the Deschutes Pioneers' Association, but the program needs to be endowed for it to continue in the future. Contributions earmarked for the Leon Deveraux Historical Scholarship program can be made throughout the year or you may consider an appropriate designation in your will.

Application details will be available in January 2024.

Memorials

Bonnie Burns

Tracy Alexander

Bette Andrew

Michelle Patrick

Paula Simila

Terry (Santa) Rahmsdorff

Adrian Bennett

Jane Williamson

Tributes

Ralph C. Curtis

Jean Rotter

20% OFF

One (1) regular priced item in the Deschutes Historical Museum Gift Shop.

Not valid online or with any other discounts or offers. Must present coupon at time of purchase.
One coupon per customer. Special photo orders not included.
Good through 12/31/2023



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DESCHUTES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GIVING FUND

YES! I want to help DCHS keep history alive!

Enclosed is my gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

THANK YOU

Please return this form with your payment.
Make checks payable to:

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Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest amount allowed by law. Our tax ID: 51-0186079

Or pay online via our
secure website:
www.deschuteshistory.org



For DCHS use:
Date: _____
Receipt #: _____
Initials: _____

DCHS Memberships make great gifts for long-time Central Oregonians and newcomers alike!

With benefits like free museum admission, discounts in the DHM Gift Shop, free guided tours and discounts on the Historical Haunts of Downtown Bend, not to mention the monthly Homesteader newsletter, the gift of membership is a perfect fit.

Contact the Deschutes Historical Museum for information: (541) 389-1813 or info@deschuteshistory.org

Mark Your Calendars

DECEMBER

- 9 HOLLINSHEAD OPEN HOUSE
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. 1235 NE Jones Rd.
- 13 DESCHUTES COUNTY'S 107th BIRTHDAY





an old fashioned holiday



Hollinshead Homestead Holiday Open House & Historical Tour

Saturday, December 9
10 am - 2 pm
1235 NE Jones Rd, Bend

Join us for a festive open house at Hollinshead Park.
Enjoy a free tour and homemade holiday treats.

For more information, visit
bendparksandrec.org
Questions? Call (541) 389-7275



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