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star? See p. 2*



# The Homesteader

## Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—JULY 2024

July 4 is not only the date we celebrate the birth of our nation, but it is also the birthday of the Deschutes Historical Museum. On July 4, 1980, former Oregon governor Victor Atiyeh stood on the front lawn of the newly dedicated county historical museum and declared, *"It [Deschutes Historical Museum] will be here, as a reminder of the past, after many of us are gone."*

Forty-four years later, we welcome visitors looking to discover the history of the Deschutes Valley and those who came here to live.



**Happy Birthday Deschutes Historical Museum**  
**Celebrate at our Annual Free Day July 4 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**



# Bend's Basketball Legacy is a Slam Dunk

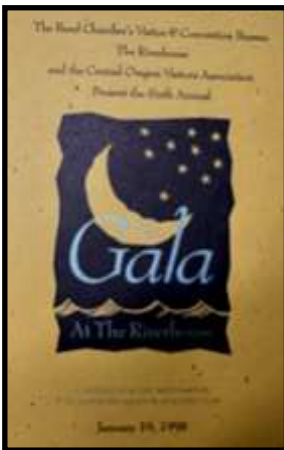
by Tracy Alexander

When the sad news of the death of Portland Trailblazers star Bill Walton hit, local author, storyteller, and self-proclaimed basketball junkie Jim Crowell had a gem of a tale, with photographic evidence to back it up. Friends of the Deschutes County Historical Society may know Jim from his play "Your Faithful Servant," or his book "Frontier Publisher." You may also recognize him from the news when he brought home two gold medals from the 2023 Huntsman World Senior Games in Utah. Or, you may recognize him as the force behind the transformation of the old Bend Athletic Club into the home of the Boys and Girls Club of Central Oregon. It is this role that brought Jim to the Deschutes Historical Museum with a photo worth a thousand words.



Jim Crowell, photo courtesy of Central Oregon Daily News

Jim's passion for basketball began in grade school where he played in a four team league, then all through high school in Jan Ward gymnasium, the very same court where he continues to shoot baskets every morning. Originally built in 1918 as a private athletic club, it was later owned by the Bend LaPine School District and used to house PE classes for the nearby high school (now the Bend LaPine School District Administration Building) and Reid School. After years of disuse, the building was falling into disrepair and the school district wanted to get rid of it. However, Jim and his Bend Senior High School classmates recognized the importance of the historic building and decided to save it. The Bend Boys and Girls Club was in need of a home, and this building seemed like a great match.



The massive price tag to renovate the old Bend Amateur Athletic Club building required a fundraiser with a big draw. Enter Bill Walton. Walton attributed the teamwork of playing basketball at the Boys Clubs and rec centers in San Diego with guiding him in his youth, and was happy to support the cause. He was the featured speaker at the sixth annual Gala at the Riverhouse on January 19, 1998, a benefit for the restoration of the Bend Amateur Athletic Club.



Tonight's talk by ex-Trail Blazer Bill Walton will put the Athletic Club fund-raiser over the top.

Ahead of the event, Walton toured the building as it was under construction, and was satisfied with the plans for a court with six baskets. Walton told the *Bend Bulletin*, "Six baskets is perfect... The beauty of basketball is that you can play it by yourself. With six baskets, everybody can always be playing."

The Bend Bulletin January 19, 1998

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## Deschutes Historical Museum

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





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Thanks to Walton's appearance, the organizers sold out the fundraiser early and were confident that they would surpass their \$2.2 million goal.

Now, if you have ever met Jim Crowell, you know that while he has a wicked 3-point shot and nearly perfect free throw, he probably won't be dunking the ball on anyone. However, what he lacks in height, he makes up for in a grand sense of humor! So, when the night of the Gala fundraiser came, Jim, 5'7", had a plan to introduce Bill Walton, 6'11", in a way that would not soon be forgotten. "The photo of me and Walton captures a ploy by me to not look any more silly on the podium that night than I already was. So, before the event even started, I "borrowed" one of the Riverhouse's step ladders and hid it behind the podium. So when I, as emcee, finished my introduction of him, he came bouncing up from the audience. By the time he got to the podium, I had set the ladder up and was already standing on the third step. The *Bulletin* photographer captured the moment perfectly because the look on Walton's face is perfect for the situation---'I've been set up by the little twirp and there's not a helluva lot I can do about it."

This is the photo that Jim proudly shared with the DHM staff, and allowed it to be scanned and entered into the collection.

Not only did the Bend High School graduates succeed in their goal to save and restore the Bend Amateur Athletic Club and provide a space for Central Oregon kids to safely practice teamwork, but mid-court now bears Jim's name, "Crowell-Scott Court."



Photo courtesy of Central Oregon Daily News

## Our Volunteers Keep History Alive

The Deschutes County Historical Society staff held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on the lawn of the Deschutes Historical Museum, honoring the over 85 volunteers who worked to help keep local history alive over the past year. Around 40 volunteers and their families shared stories and laughs over grilled burgers and root beer floats, and had a friendly competition with a volunteer version of Jeopardy (winners got bragging rights).

Board member and local carpenter Greg Fulton donated his time and artistry to create custom frames for three colorized photos from the museum's collection, which were given away as door prizes to lucky volunteers. Winners also took home Sue Fountain's two books and a pet travel package.

Five volunteers received special recognition for achieving five years of service: John Cain, Susan Cline, Lisa Lee, Steve Stenkamp, and Deb Zitella. Jan Lewis was honored for 15 years of volunteering. Special honors were given to Konrad Klee as the 2024 Teen Volunteer, and Brad Lemmon for Outstanding Volunteer for promoting history.

Over the 2023 calendar year, 85 volunteers logged over 4055 hours. With a value of \$31.80, that equals \$128,965 of in-kind donated service. Of course, the staff agrees that the support of all the volunteer front desk staff, tour guides, collections team, school group leaders, newsletter writers, college interns, high school student volunteers, special event support, Board of Directors, and researchers is *PRICELESS!*

We always have room for more, so please stop by or download an application from our website if you would like to become a volunteer.



# DCHS NEWS



## Rebekah Averette, Master of History

Please join us in congratulating Collections Manager Rebekah Averette, newly hooded with her Master of Arts degree in history from Portland State University.

Her masters thesis, *The Women of the Oregon State Insane Asylum: 1900-1910*, analyzes treatment of the women deemed mentally ill and institutionalized in Oregon at the turn of the 20th Century. The dawn of the Progressive Era, new theories on how to treat the mentally ill did not always align with treatment in practice. Rebekah's advisor, Dr. David Johnson, professor emeritus, hooded Rebekah at the PSU history department graduation ceremony this past June.



## “Shakespeare on The Lawn” Returns July 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. with “The Merry Wives of Windsor”

Guerrilla Shakespeare mounts their 8th production and are glad to get back to the comedies! This year, the team tackles the classic comedy *The Merry Wives of Windsor* featuring Cody vanBelle as Sir John Falstaff and a cast of talented local artists.



Drunkard Sir John Falstaff conspires to seduce two married women: Mrs. Page and Mrs. Ford. But they're no bimbos! The wives play along with the hedonist and Falstaff plays right into their trap until hilarity ensues. Don't miss this eclectic rendition!

Purchase your tickets online at [3Common.com/events/](https://3Common.com/events/)

## New Exhibit! Oregon: 150 Years of State- hood, 150 Million Years in the Making *A traveling exhibit*

*from the Oregon Historical Society.*

**June 19 – August 26, 2024**

In 2009, Oregon celebrated 150 years as a state. In honor of that milestone, the Oregon Historical Society created a traveling exhibit showcasing the much longer geological history of our beautiful state. Deschutes Historical Museum is hosting the exhibit from June 19-August 26.

For more than 150 million years, geology has crafted Oregon's natural resources and continues to shape the land and lives of its citizens. Some of Oregon's most iconic landscapes, such as Newberry Crater, Crater Lake, Multnomah Falls, Steens Mountain, and the Painted Hills, display Oregon's geologic splendor.

This exhibit explores Oregon's geological transformation over the past 150 million years — and celebrates those who learned to read the landscape before and during Oregon's 150 years of statehood.



## Farewell Bend

by Sue Fountain

Former DCHS Board President and author Sue Fountain has done it again. Out this year is her second book, *Farewell Bend*, a collection of stories about her hometown, Bend, Oregon and inspired by The Deschutes Historical Museum. With contributions by Jean Drost, Terry Foley, and Ellen Waterston, Sue has compiled essays she's written over the years, for the museum's newsletter, *The Homesteader*. Readers will learn about a student strike in 1921, blackouts in town during WWII, the charming Festival of the Deer in 1937, and many other people, places, and events which shaped Bend.

And if you haven't already, check out *Too Cold to Snow*, Sue's memoir about growing up in Bend during the 1950s and 60s.

Both books are available now in the DHM gift shop, \$15.00 (\$13.50 for members) each.





## History Pub Returns at McMenamins Old St. Francis School



**Last Tuesday of the Month  
7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
\$5 Fee, Registration Required**

We are excited to announce that History Pub is back at the McMenamins Old St. Francis School on the last Tuesday of the month. We returned to the Father Luke room in May with a presentation by Michael Houser about historic barns in Oregon and Washington, followed by “Oregon’s Others: Gender, Civil Liberties, and the Surveillance State” presented by professor Kim Jensen in June.

We hope you will join us for July’s presentation “Chop Suey for All: Chinese Cooks in Oregon” on July 30. Chinese restaurants were common in Oregon towns and cities beginning in the late 19th century. Usually advertising both Chinese and American dishes, they catered to the basic needs of single working men as well as to diners who were attracted by the exotic and the foreign. Archivist, historian, and author Richard Engeman explores the history of Chinese restaurants in Oregon.



*Unidentified Oregon family with their Chinese cook. OHS*

Richard Engeman, a native Oregonian, a retired academic librarian, archivist, and historian lives in Albany with his husband Terry and four cats. His career with the Oregon Historical Society and the University of Washington Libraries immersed him in the history of the Pacific Northwest. He is the author of *The Oregon Companion*, a personal encyclopedic view of the state, and of *Eating It Up in Oregon*, a cookbook that reflects his interest in regional food history. He is a frequent contributor to the online *Oregon Encyclopedia*, and is a member of the board of the Albany Public Library Foundation and the Albany Historic Landmarks Commission.

To Register: <https://www.mcmenamins.com/event.aspx?id=256868>

## Memorials

### Charles “Bill” Boyd

Bend Senior High Class  
of 1958

Andrea Hunnell-DuPree

### Susie Penhollow

Margaret Anderson

Bette Andrew

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Carty

Jim Crowell

Alyce Dawes

Elsa Ruth Douglass

Andrea Hunnell-DuPree

Marva and Ed Kentner

Sara and Jim Langton

Gayle Lowe

Ann Maudlin

James McNamara

Lawrence and Sally Palermo

Chuck and Martha Rieb

Lennard and Delane Sholes

Paula Simila

Marie Wheeler

## Tributes

### Ralph C. Curtis

Jean Curtis

### Marsha Stout

Alyce Dawes

## Read/Create: Novel Idea Authors Visit Museum

Emily Habeck and Cindy Baldwin, authors of the 2024 A Novel Idea selections, visited the museum to view the quilts inspired by their books. Both were moved by the creativity on display, and Habeck, whose mother is also a quilter, commented that she felt “understood.”



*Above: Emily Habeck, author of Shark Heart*



*Left: Cindy Baldwin, author of No Matter The Distance, the youth selection*

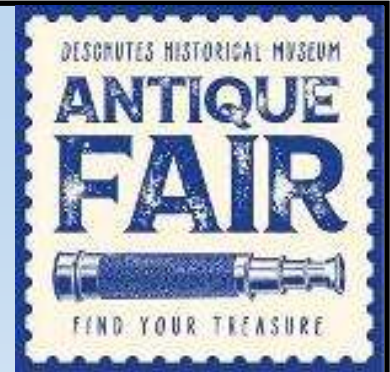
**From Brad Lemmon:** The John A. Brown essay in the June *Homesteader* left out three people who contributed to the research. John Frye tracked down newspaper articles the rest of the group hadn’t found. Discussions with John and Jean Frye about Warren Glaze helped me find additional information. Nanci Remington of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in Portland did some research on the Beaverton school that Brown’s daughter Nellie attended. Nanci also gave me clues pertaining to Oregon Catholic Church records.



# Third Annual Antique Fair

## August 10, 2024

### 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



Mark your calendar for August 10 to partake in another wonderful day on the grounds of the Museum, wandering the vendor booths with their treasures from the past (pre-1970). The Museum will also have its own booth with contributions from the community, all proceeds benefit the Deschutes Historical Museum. Please investigate your garages, attics, and closets for items no longer needed or wanted, and consider donating them to the museum's booth. Jane Williamson has volunteered her garage as a collection point. Call her at 541-390-4351 or email at [jwilliamson1375@gmail.com](mailto:jwilliamson1375@gmail.com) to set up a delivery time.



We welcome back Madison who will have fresh baked goods (which sold out by mid-morning last year) and the Central Oregon Genealogy Society, offering tips for those seeking help in pursuing their family lines. A registered appraiser will be available from 1-3:00 p.m. to appraise one of your antique items. A \$5 contribution will be appreciated for an appraisal.



***We are still accepting vendor applications, visit [deschuteshistory.org/antiquefair/](http://deschuteshistory.org/antiquefair/)***

## Mark Your Calendars

### JULY

- 4 FOURTH OF JULY OPEN HOUSE**  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
- 6 & 20 HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Architectural Tour**  
10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
- 13 & 27 HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Early Days of Bend**  
10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
- 18, 19 GUERRILLA SHAKESPEARE PRESENTS: THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR**  
7:30 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum  
**Tickets Required: 3Common.com/events/**
- 30 HISTORY PUB: CHOP SUEY FOR ALL: CHINESE COOKS IN OREGON**  
Presented by Richard Engeman, Pacific Northwest historian and founder of Oregon Redivia, LLC.  
McMenamins Old St. Francis; 700 NW Bond St., Bend  
Father Luke Room, 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
**Reservations required, \$5 per person**



*Chinese Cook from Oregon State School ca 1890 photo: OHS*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**August 10: Antique Fair**

**August 30-31: The Little Woody Barrel Aged Beer, Cider and Whisky Festival**

**September 21: Oregon Festival of Cars**