

LANE COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

CONTENTS

Reopening
Collections
Exhibits
Visitation
Outreach
DEAI
Financial
Donors
Members

Appendixes:
Accessions & Deaccessions
Financial Statement
Newsletters

*Our Mission:
To spark
learning,
reflection, and
inspiration
through
diverse cultural
programming
that promotes
historical
understanding,
equity, and
empathy.*

REOPENING

On April 2, 2023 the museum closed temporarily to the public in order to do important work to improve the safety and appearance of our space as well as refresh our exhibits. The exhibits range in topic from the Oregon Trail and the Oregon Trail Pageant, early Lane County families, migrant farm workers in Lane County and the Eugene Friends of Farmworkers, transportation, our first female sheriff's deputy and more.



COLLECTIONS

Artifact Collections

Thanks to generous grant funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and by way of the American Historical Association, we were able to complete the first ever full inventory of the artifacts collection. Between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023 over 7,200 artifacts were inventoried and updated in the museum's catalog database. This represents 45% of LCHS's total artifact collection, the rest of which was inventoried pre-COVID. As a result, for the first time since our organization has been responsible for this collection, we can now say with confidence that LCHS knows the contents of each of the ten storage spaces that house the artifact collection.



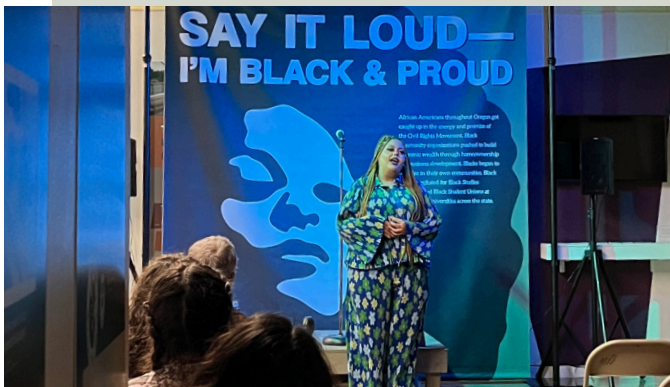
Research Library/Archive and Robert L. Hart Reading Room

We are proud to announce the official opening of the Robert L. Hart Reading Room at LCHM, created in honor of our longtime director who retired in June of 2022, an avid reader. This resource is open to the public, with no appointment required, during regular museum open hours (Th-Sat, 10a-6p). The intention behind this space is to provide better access to reference and duplicate materials and resources to researchers of Lane County History and the curious public. Previously, requests for access to any materials needed to go through LCHM staff, but this reading room now provides a place for people to begin their research with resources dedicated to public access. All archive and library collections that are kept in closed storage for preservation purposes are still available by appointment for those ready to take their research to the next level. In this fiscal year, research appointments averaged at least 1 per week.

Two of the largest donations that the Museum received this fiscal year were for the Robert L. Hart Reading Room. We thank these two donors, who donated a 76 volume set of Oregon State Laws covering the late 1800s-2009 (collection E2022.002) and a large set of the second donor's personal collection of books and resources on local history (collection E2022.003). Another notable donation was a second batch of the Al Urquhart Land Use Collection (collection L2022.018), which is a very popular research collection about the history of neighborhoods and other topics. This collection is awaiting processing due to staff capacity, so likely will not be accessible for the foreseeable future.



EXHIBITS



Racing to Change with Oregon Black Pioneers

The museum hosted the Oregon Black Pioneers' (OBP) Racing to Change exhibit through April 1, 2023. Working with OBP we were able to add several additional panels, and nine short videos, an oral history station and a poetry wall to include specifically Lane County history in the exhibit. Additionally we had two exciting community events connected to the exhibit theme.

The first was a Music at the Museum event that featured local musician m5vibe including an opportunity for him to speak about his experiences, why history was important to him, how it feels to be part of a museum exhibit and more. The second was Poets in Action that featured a diverse group of both local professional artists and open community members artists and was co-sponsored by the NAACP and Wordcrafters in Eugene.

Exhibits on display before our refresh included: Equality and Nothing Else: 100 Years of the League of Women Voters, The Boat the River Built: The story of the McKenzie River Drift Boat, Vehicles and Transportation, A Place for Justice: A History of Lane County's Courthouses and a section from the exhibit Lost Town: Revisiting Logging Communities.

VISITATION

Welcoming the community back!

In FY22 we found that many visitors were hesitant to return to indoor locations like museums, but by the middle of 2022 numbers were approaching normal and exceeding expectations. During this same time, due to changes in school rules and funding our schools tours were significantly reduced. We are looking forward to working with teachers to increase classroom participation on museum tours or create other opportunities to engage students with history.

2,325 onsite visitors, 1,238 offsite engagements.



[LCHM.ORG](https://lchm.org)

Visitors: 9,523

Pageviews: 45,709

Sessions: 13,661

Average Engaged Time: 1:08

[LCHM.PASTPERFECTONLINE.COM](https://lchm.pastperfectonline.com)

Visitors: 3,557

Pageviews: 103,061

Sessions: 5,943

Average Engaged Time: 7:30

OUTREACH

Outreach is an important part of our mission at LCHM and allows us to do important work outside of our museum walls. In order to grow and diversify our collection, connecting and building trust and understanding is essential and an integral part of our DEAI Action Plan. During the summer of 2022 we were able to meet with many community organizations as well as to participate in three large community events: Asian Celebration, Pride in the Park and the Black Cultural Festival.

This June, at the end of the fiscal year, we conducted outreach efforts for a collaborative project with the Springfield History Museum and Willamalane's Living History Program called the Monuments Project. This project strives to document plaques, placards, statues and murals with public history themes throughout Lane County on an online StoryMap database. This year the project partners will focus on monuments of Black and African-American history and began meeting with a group of Black and African-American community members for feedback on that work. The project was fortunate to receive two grants for this work from the Springfield Art Commission and the Oregon Cultural Trust.



Lane County History Museum recognizes the history of injustice against the diverse peoples of our community by the perpetuation of racist ideologies and by omission from the activities and collections of our organization.

As stewards of history-related collections, we must work to be inclusive and equitable in all aspects of our organization, or otherwise we will be complicit in systemic prejudice. Lane County History Museum is committed to uncovering local history that confronts internal biases and includes what is absent in order to expand our understanding of Lane County's past.

FINANCIAL

Income

Nearly 70% of the fiscal year 2023 annual budget was funded by Lane County, the remainder coming from grants, donor contributions, membership dues and other income. In April of 2022 the museum's Board of Directors approved ending the collection of admission fees in order to provide more access to our visitors. The museum is now open free of charge for all who visit.

The museum was fortunate to receive a large grant that spanned FY22-23 from the American Historical Association's Grants to Sustain and Advance the Work of Historical Organizations Program for approximately \$56,000 to complete a first ever, full inventory of the museum's artifact collections. Most of these funds supported staff hours to complete the project.

Expenses

In fiscal year 2023, personnel costs were approximately 71% of the museum's overall budget. This is not surprising given that the mission of the museum is accomplished primarily through the work of paid staff. During this fiscal year the museum was also able to offer health care benefits for the first time to all employees. Employees now have benefits that include; paid time off, healthcare insurance (not including dental or vision at this time), and a SIMPLE-IRA match.

Collections care and exhibit expenses equaled just over 4%, while programs, publications and outreach activities were just over 5%. Facilities and general operations was 17.5% and included costs associated with repainting the exhibit spaces in addition to regular upkeep and maintenance. The fiscal year ended with a slight underspending mainly due to the loss of some staff members and the fact that our exhibits redesign stretched into fiscal year 2024.

DONORS

The Lane County History Museum values our members and donors whose support makes our public programs, projects and exhibits possible. We gratefully acknowledge the following supporters who made contributions during our 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Anonymous
Anonymous
Mark & Regina Agerter
Bart & Sherrene Aikens
Alice Allen
Lynn Ash
Jeannette Baker
John Barnum
Susan Bloom
Dorothy Bollman
Joe Brazie
Robert Carmichael
Beverly Chadburn
Robert Coleman
Wendy Cook
Anthony Corcoran
Joseph & Regina Cox
Linda Danielson
Diane Du Val Dann
Dorothy Davis
Donna Dial
Sally Dietrich
Doug DuPriest & Rogena Degge
John & Ginny Dunphy
Laura Enschede
Yvonne Fasold
Stanley Finn
Michael & Joyce Fish
Susanne Esch Fountain
John & Linda Franklin
Kristin Geuy-Boggs
Jan and Michael Gillespie
Jim & Adriana Giustina
Steve Graves
John R. Gustafson
Elizabeth S. Hall
Sylvia Harvey
Max & Zella Haussler
Janet C. Heinonen
Bill Henry

Dorlon Hember
Allan & Trudy Hughes
Gary Hunter
Dennis & Patricia Hyatt
Mary Jaqua
Marsha Klosterman
Allan Kluber & Jane Souzon
Verna Kocken
Patty Krier & Thomas Connolly
Tom Kulick
Richard Larson & Barbara Cowan
Margie Lewis
Susan Little
Kimberly Lowder
Kathryn A. Lytle
Jack & Kay Mattison
Melvin Mead
Marcy Hammock & Herb Merker
Gary & Jane Mertz
Susan Mincks
John Moore
Dan Mulholland & Pam Miller
Natalie G. Newlove
Irwin K Noparstak
Mary Nulty
Karen K. Olsen
Elizabeth & William Orr
Stefan Alan Ostrach
Theodore & Laramie Palmer
Wayne Parker
Graham Parker
Alice Parman
John Parman
Steven Pengra
Camilla Pratt
Sue & Hubert Prichard
Susan & Floyd Prozanski
Connie & Jim Regali
Roxanne Riefkohl
Cheryl Roffe

Janice Rutherford
John & Carole Rutledge
Jane Scheidecker & Duane Partain
Karen M. Seidel
Nancy & Bob Shapiro
Judy & George Shurts
Janice Sikes
Joyce E. Sinks
Charles Snyder
Martha Snyder
Kim Stevens
Steven K. Stewart
Christine Thompson
David W. Tobin
Meg Trendler
Gregory Van Tuyle & Carla Campbell
Dorothy J. Velasco
Pamela Vigil
Jim & Barbara Walker
Sheila P. Wallace
David Walp
Carole M. Wells
Lawrence Williams & Patricia Pride
Carol Williams
Steve & Karen Williamson
Robin & Mark Andrew
Lance Winger
Keith and Kathy Wolf
Dick and Ty Zeller

MEMBERSHIP

Cal Young Society

Mark & Regina Agerter
Margaret Beilharz
Patrick and Ellen Costello
George Koris & Pam Love
Bart Poston
Kathryn Toepel
Jim & Barbara Walker

Century Society

Alice & Melvin Aikens
Duane & Bettysue Bischoff
Joseph & Regina Cox
Linda Danielson
Larry Dunlap
Jim Earl and Louise Bishop
Michael & Joyce Fish
Susanne Esch Fountain
Debbie & Steve Gibson
David Gusset
Max & Zella Haussler
Dennis Hebert & Larena
Sullivan
Dennis & Patricia Hyatt
Alice Kaseberg & Rob Bowie
Gerry & Carolyn Keener
Natalie G. Newlove
Theresa & John O'Brien
Sharon & Michael Posner
Susan & Floyd Prozanski
David & Catherine Rainwater
Connie & Jim Regali
Randall Speck
Jonathan & Molly Stafford
Dale R. Steinhauer
Christine and Richard Sundt
Gregory Van Tuyle & Carla
Campbell
Carol Williams
Edward & Susan Wojakowski

Family Memberships

Bart & Sherrere Aikens
Robin & Mark Andrew
Richard & Ann Beers
James A Chaney
Erin Douglass
Allison Fischer-Olson
Dale & Linda Forrest
Steve Graves
Allan & Trudy Hughes
Steven King
Marsha Klosterman
Allan Kluber & Jane Souzon
Sandra Ludeman
Duncan & Jane McDonald
Robin Myers
William & Carolyn Neel
Stephen O'Brien
Elizabeth & William Orr
David & Kitty Piercy
John & Carole Rutledge
Nancy & Bob Shapiro
Tom & Joanne Snyder
Richard & Sheila Steers
Jim Watson & Beth Naylor
Caroline & Larry Wehde
Lee Ann Wiley
Jennifer Yeh
Dick and Ty Zeller

Individual Adults

Parker Aquinaga
Kim Kelly
Kimberly Lowder
Herb Merker
Karen K.Olsen
Randal Painter
Lisa Ponder
Teri Lynn Scott

Individual Seniors

Lynne Anderson
A. Lynn Ash
Susan Bacina
Mari Baldwin
Patricia Baron
Cathy Bellavita
Linda A Berg
Cheryl Bidstrup
John Bigelow
Susan Bloom
Audrey Bradshaw
Marilyn Buergerl
Wayne E. Burian
Douglas Card
Dorothy J. Chase
Alice Christianson
Sally Clingman
Jeran Coffey
Robert B.Coleman
Judy Collins
Wendy J. Cook
Dorothy Davis
Donna Dial
Dottie Dougher
Yvonne Fasold
Ann Fidanque
Stanley Finn
Bernard Fischer
Leslie Sata Fischer
Laura England Flanigan
Tim Foelker
Kristin Geuy-Boggs
Darlene Griffith
Randy Gudeika
Ronald E Hagen
Frank Hales
Jerry Miller
Elizabeth S. Hall
Sylvia Harvey
Linda Hawkins

Bill Henry
Dorlon D. Himber
David Igl
Eunice Kjaer
David W. Klute
Verna Kocken
Ron Lancaster
Ted Lay
William T. Leslie
Christine Luehring
Kathryn A. Lytle
Donald MacGregor
Douglas Mann
Jack Mattison
Lucile McKenzie
Riley McLean
Steve McQuiddy
Diane McWhorter
Sandra A Melinder
John M. Moore
Gay Morgan
Rhonda Morgan
Karen Olsen
Wayne Parker
Graham Parker
Penelope Parks
Alice Parman
John Parman
David B Perry
Suzanne Peterson
Judy A. Potter
Dorothy Powell
Camilla Pratt
Marge Ramey
Michael D Robinson
Mary Ann Roos
Janice W. Rutherford
Jane Scheidecker
Dennis Schuelke
Elaine Sedlack
Karen M. Seidel
Barbara Sherman

Judy Shurts
Pauline Silano
Joyce E. Sinks
Charles Snyder
Martha Snyder
Chris Snyder
Rene Speer
Betty Spoden
Kay Stein
Rene Stone
Melody F. Stuart
Ross Sutherland
Christine Thompson
David W. Tobin
Ellen Todras
Nick Urhausen
Dorothy J. Velasco
Becky Venice
Pamela Vigil
Sheila Wallace
Dawn Walter
Wayne Warner
Laura Weeks
Oreta Wheeler
Sharla Whitten
Patricia Wilson
Lance Winger
Jo Ann Zinniker

Lifetime

Mary Cleve Boehi
Corey Buller
H. L. Dilley
Jim Dotson
Jim & Adriana Giustina
Theona Jesson
Gary & Jane Mertz
Lori Rude
Violet Shafer
Steven K. Stewart
A. Joyce Thomas
Elizabeth Wilkinson

Oregon Historical Society

Institutional

WREN
Springfield History Museum
Bohemia Gold Mining
Museum
Singing Creek Educational
Center
Oregon Genealogical Society
Fern Ridge Public Library
Newberry Library
OSU Library
Siuslaw Public Library
Univ of Washington Libraries
Wisconsin Historical Society
UO Knight Library
Springfield Public Library

LCHS Board of Directors

(as of 9.26.2023)

Karen Olsen, President

Parker Aguinaga, Vice-President

Alice Christianson, Secretary

Donald MacGregor, Treasurer

Christine Luehring

LCHS Advisory Council

Alice Parman, Facilitator

Lynn Ash

Wayne Parker

Yvonne Fasold

LCHM Staff

Allison Fisher-Olsen, Co-Executive Director

Jennifer Yeh, Co-Executive Director

Robin Myers, Curator of Collections

Stephen O'Brien, Digital Assets Manager

Cover: KE2286. W.T. Grant Company, 135 West 9th Avenue, Eugene. Construction photograph showing a worker looking down from the roof of the structure. McCracken Bros. truck parked on site, Dutch Boy Paint Store in background. 1955.