

Monthly Reports – May 2023

Depot Report for May 2023

- CMR roofing crew completed the removal of the two old roofs and installation of plywood, sheathing, moisture barrier, etc.
- CMR crew removed original copper flashing; it is being saved for possible future project.
- Subcontractor Shaun Cole Construction painted and installed new fascia boards and built replica dormers for over the freight room.
- CMR tile crew arrived – tile installation beginning week of May 15th.
- The 3-week Vintage Quilt Show ended on Saturday, May 6 and was a huge success thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers and many generous donors who loaned their family quilts. We had over 140 visitors. Income from ticket sales and raffles totaled \$824.00.
- A full house of guests attended evening Palouse People programs – Kathy Meyer’s presentation April 20 on heritage quilts and May 11 presentation by Ken Carper about photographing the Palouse.
- The Restoration Committee made a recommendation to the Steering Committee to begin conversations with Ned Warnick regarding Stage Two planning for the upcoming HCP grant. The Steering Committee then voted to have the committee meet with Ned and seek a proposal for a new contract to provide the architectural support needed. After discussions with Ned, it was decided he would begin work on the two initial portions which include restoring the soffits, windows, and doors. If approved by WCHS, it will allow bids to be prepared by August and hopefully work done before the end of 2023.
- The Grant Committee prepared the second submission of materials for the HCP grant after consultation with the state officials. Jon reviewed the submission, and it was posted into the online portal. This will complete the necessary support documentation for the 2/3s match and a request to send the promised \$258,000 grant amount to WCHS.
- The Education & Events Committee has continued to pursue all the necessary steps involved for the Phoenix Conservancy Project. A Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted for signatures by PDHC/WCHS and the property owner. The contract has been signed by Val, which includes the introduction of over 20 native Palouse plants onto the hillside above the depot near Whitman Street.
- Efforts are underway on the proposed historic platform extension to the passenger car.
- The Steering Committee approved a Policy and Procedure for Sponsorship and Naming Rights Agreements at Pullman Depot Heritage Center, which will be sent to WCHS for consideration.
- The Marketing Committee produced another *Community Update* ad for May which recognized the many volunteers who contributed to the depot’s success in 2022. The tally of social media “hits” indicate our Facebook and Instagram postings were seen by over 6,000 in April.
- We are still crossing our fingers that a new entrance sign (on the tall post) will be installed at the corner of Grand and Whitman in the next couple weeks.

Report from the Archive, May 2023:

Open to Public, regular posted hours Wednesdays, 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM.

Staff have been present throughout working the following:

Although weather has limited volunteer attendance this past month,

Collating and cataloging donated collections and entering data into PastPerfect.

Dealing with selections of collection that has nothing to do with Whitman County or its people, to be deaccessioned and moved from collection.

Accomplishing online requests, research, and responses, heavy this past month.

Whitman County Library, Rural Heritage's next grant for acquiring and posting photos isn't due until the end of this month.

Lost Apple Project Committee report, May 14, 2023:

April was busy as three committee members grafted baby apple trees to fill pre-orders. Below is a picture of some of the trees that have been grafted.



We anticipate the announcement of two more re-discovered heritage apples within the next 4 weeks.

Dave

Directors Report

Working on the Annual Meeting with Krista and Kathy. **Sunday, October 8th at 2pm.** Tour the Steptoe Grade School. It is the oldest continually running school in the State. Kathy and Donna will give a presentation about the schoolteachers and Women in the Palouse. Ed has informed us that we don't have to have a meeting during this time. It can be used to encourage more people to get involved with the Historical Society and become members. More like an event, not a meeting.