

WCHS Monthly Reports June 2024

Depot Report for June 2024

Restoration

- Both Greystone and DePaulo are completing their last tasks to close out our final “punch list.”
- We anticipate receiving an official contract from Electrical Contractors NW, so work can proceed to upgrade the electrical “backbone” of the building, bury all lines from a new meter location on the hillside, and place conduit in a trench along the hillside running to an Avista pole where we plan to add an upgraded service line. This will allow all meters currently on the side of the building to be relocated.
- Roach Construction has begun clearing the original gutter lines from the building to the river.
- Galexis Technologies is installing our new security system.
- All these projects have been made possible by a generous gift from Mary Schweitzer.

Programming

- The May Quilt Show netted \$508. Thirteen individuals loaned quilts displayed in the show.
- Plans for Depot Days – August 16-17 – are underway. We are hosting the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening for the annual Walk of Fame recognition gathering. Speeder cars will be on display Saturday, along with exhibits in the freight room and passenger car. The Lentil Festival 5K race will start at the depot early Saturday morning.
- Nature Conservancy workers continue to develop the Pocket Prairie on the hillside. Postcards highlighting the native plants are being sold to help finance this venture. Other funds come from Education & Events activities.

Other

- An application for a \$10,000 grant from the Amherst Railway Society was completed and sent in.
- Donations toward rolling stock restoration are beginning to arrive, following a mailing campaign. Plans to expand this Ken Vogel recognition appeal will begin soon.
- The Steering Committee approved allowing Linda to begin to explore with WCHS the potential for teaming with Innovia Foundation for long-term depot support.

Director Report

- Processing gifts and memberships.
- Processing Lost apple tree purchases. This takes a bit of time, as the funds come in, I must contact Dave, Rebecca and Bret that day. They send reminders if people don't pay right away. So far, so good. They have lots of tree sales. They ship all over the U.S.
- Made a separate giving link for the Ken Vogel project. People can give online to that project.
- Larry Seeborg contacts me daily. Phone calls, email and now texts. He scanned all the bunchgrass from the very beginning. I have tried to explain to him that I work limited

hours and I can work on getting the pdfs on our website as time permits. He wants them on the site right now. I will start doing this soon, but it will take a lot of hours.

- I am putting cameras up around the Perkins House, they have had some local kids hanging around at night. The handle on our water pump was broken off, but Frank fixed it. The cameras are motion activated that trigger mine and Ronda's phones. We can set off the alarm if we need to. Or call the police.
- Once we get new account numbers, I will attach those to our online giving.
- Krista and I will meet with Janet to plan the Annual meeting. We will have it at the Chatters Museum and honor Ed.
- Helped Allison get the Amherst grant completed and sent in.

Roy Chatters Newspaper & Printing Museum June 2024

Installation of Internet at the museum is imminent. Not only will it be very helpful to all of us who work and visit there, but it is FREE – a swap for hosting Chamber of Commerce meetings there.

We've enjoyed the increased summer traffic. Alex Otero has learned the "printing spiel" which is a great help on Saturdays. Don Myott also works there every Saturday, continuing his work indexing Palouse newspapers. Janet Barstow has hosted two group tours on off days, with more scheduled next month. One tour was part of a multi-day bus tour from the west side. They toured the museum, printed their own souvenirs, and got a Palouse agricultural tour narrated by Ben Barstow. Another group was a class of graduate students from the University of Idaho fine arts department. This group handset their own lines of type, printed them, and also printed a souvenir.

Archive report for June 2024

Little over 14 months, until we need to rework our lease at the Gladish.

365 Photos have been turned over to the Rural Heritage online site through the Library,

<https://www.washingtonruralheritage.org/digital/collection/whitman/search/searchterm/United%20States%20--%20Washington%20--%20Whitman%20county/field/place/mode/exact/conn/and/order/title/ad/asc>

Type in 2024grant in the search bar.

About a third of them have been posted so far, The folks at the State Library in Olympia have a lot of work after they're submitted.

Everything else has been pretty much the same.