

Depot Report for August 2024

Restoration

- Jay Baersten from Washington State Historical Society and liaison for all the HCP grants visited the depot on Thursday, August 15 on her swing through Eastern Washington to see progress made on the various grant-funded projects. Members of the Restoration Committee and architect Ned Warnick showed her around the building, pointing out the changes made possible by grant funding. We also looked to the future and a possible next grant application in 2026.
- The green vintage gutters have been installed with downspouts leading to the ground, as we continue exploring ways to tie into existing drainage systems.
- The security cameras installed by Galexis Systems are operational, although a few more need to be added. Video is accessed by phone and/or computer.

Programming

- Another successful Depot Days found nearly 250 folks visited the depot over the two days. Friday evening activities were devoted to inducting the latest group of honorees to the Pullman Walk of Fame. They included the name of Ken Vogel, whose contributions to town and WCHS were acknowledged. His wife Sally accepted the award. Five speeders parked alongside the building as part of this year's theme "Speeders, Grains, and Trains." Inside displays featured grains of the Palouse – visitors could sample treats made from many of these grains. The passenger car featured activities for children.



Other

- With regrets we accepted the resignation of Kathy Meyer from the Steering Committee. Efforts are underway to find a replacement. Kathy will try to continue some committee work from home.
- Depot Days was an excellent opportunity to advertise our Vogel Campaign earmarked to raise funds for the restoration of the passenger car. So far over \$22,000 has been donated.
- Twelve people assisted with the cleanup day, Saturday, July 27th.



Report from the Archive, August 2024:

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

Archives has still experienced a much heavier visitation and requests than normal this past month.

This month is the last day of our lease on the Gladish location and Gladish has not contacted us, but I'm sure they will.

I may approach them with a proposal to maintain the same percentage increase per last five years for the next five years. I'd like them to play their hand first, any recommendations from the board?

Regards,
Alex

Directors Report

Kathy Meyer has resigned from the board but will continue to do the Newsletter. We need to start recruiting new board members. Donna Potts resigns from the board at the last meeting. Worked with Ed to get the bunchgrass out. Still adding the digital bunchgrass to the website when I can. Should have them all on by the end of the month.

Ronda has resigned as the coordinator of the Perkins house. I am doing the donations deposits for them until we find someone to take over. Jill is going to step up and oversee the yard. Krista is working on a murder mystery party, Nancy Cochran and I are doing the after dark tours (we have made about \$2000 from those in a couple months), Nancy Rothwell will oversee the holiday event. I think we should be good for now. Nobody wants to step up currently. The Perkins house fund was building up because of the after dark tours, so Jon moved some to the WCHS fund and designated it to the Perkins house. Jon is trying to see if I am a signer on the account or if it was just Ronda. Helping Krista with the school house at the Palouse Empire Fair.