

THE PLOW

SPRING 2023

SHERMAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Museum Opens Tuesday May 2, 2023

Join us in ringing a new season at the Sherman County Historical Museum! We will be open 10am to 5pm Tuesday through Saturday until the end of October. Come see our new fresh lobby with travel and community information in the Visitor Center. We also have a new look for our Museum Store with local vendors you can shop all season long. The Oregon Trail Exhibit is a must see! We have given a new fresh look to our display and come see the Sherman County connection to the Oregon Trail. Admission \$5 Adults and \$1 Students. Members Free.

SC Historical Society Annual Meeting June 25, 2023

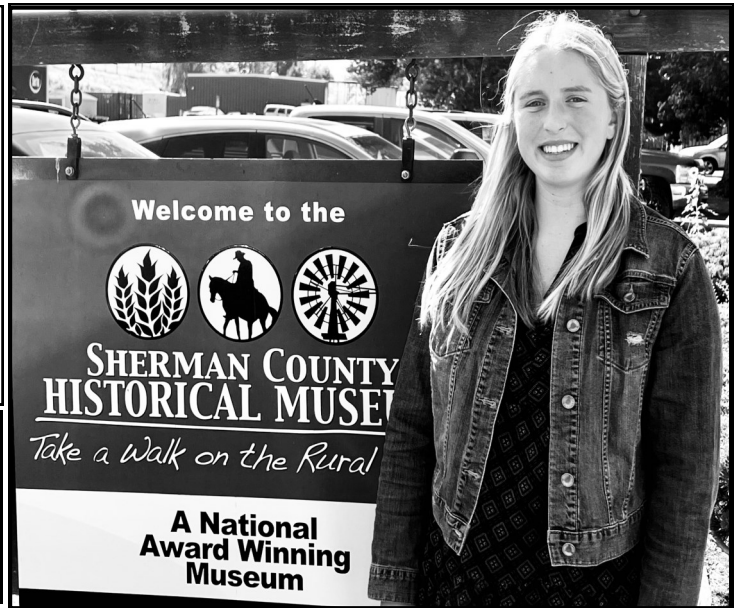
We hope to see you at this years Annual Membership Meeting on June 25, 2023. There will be a social hour at the Sherman County Historical Museum starting at 3:30pm. You will be able to enjoy music by Tyson Huckins as you tour the museum and enjoy good company and see the changes we have made at the museum. We are excited for members to see the Oregon Trail Exhibit and other improvements in the Museum Lobby.

The Annual Membership Meeting shall start at 4:30pm at the Senior Center. Dinner will follow with catering by Hilary Bibby.

Please RSVP for this event by calling: 541-565-3232. Watch for more information regarding this event.



Work Study Student Natalie Martin



Natalie Martin, daughter of Doug and Sandi Martin, is a Work Study Student at the Sherman County Historical Museum. Natalie has grown up on her family's farm in Sherman County and is currently a Senior at Sherman County High School with plans to attend college this fall. Natalie is the ASB President at her school and participates in volleyball, basketball, track and a member of the local Sherman County FFA Chapter raising and showing market beef. When she is not in school or playing sports, Natalie works on Martin Farms driving bank-out wagon during wheat harvest and helps out with harvesting various other crops too. Natalie also enjoys hunting, skiing and driving snowmobiles. We are so happy to have Natalie here at the Museum during her senior year of high school and appreciate all of her hard work she does and her great attitude she brings every day! We will miss Natalie when she graduates! Thank you, Natalie!

Cultivation, Conservation, & Clothespins Exhibit Building

Thank you to:

- MCP for the concrete to extend the HVAC unit pad
- John English & the City of Moro for use of the concrete mixer
- Board Members Steve Kock & Terry Fuhrer for their work during this project.

Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to Sherman County and Oregon Equipment for their generous donations towards the replacement of the CCC Building HVAC system.

Thank you to all for your help!

In 2002 the CCC Building opened with over 185 generous members and friends of the Sherman County Historical Society were joined by:

Meyer Memorial Trust, Oregon Economic Development Department / Regional Strategies / Columbia Plateau Conservation Resource Center, the Collins Foundation and Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Foundation in construction of this Ag Exhibit Hall, completed in June, 1999, by contractors, Howell Construction, Christiansen Excavating and Coburn Electric.

Sherman County Historical Museum 40th Anniversary



1983 was the opening of the Sherman County Historical Museum 40 years ago this June. In 1994 the prestigious Albert B. Corey

Award from the American Association for State and Local History for vigor, scholarship and imagination displayed by the primarily-operated volunteer organization was awarded to the SC Historical Society & Museum. Today volunteers are still the heart of the organization. Celebrate 40 years with us this June 25th at the Annual Meeting.



Membership Drive 325 by 3/25/2023

February 3, 2023 the Sherman County Historical Society launched a membership drive with a goal of having 325 members by March 23, 2023.

Having the support of our members is what helps keep the Society and Museum operating. Our members are so important to the organization and we would like to strengthen our connection with our members.

By having a membership drive we hope to get brand new members to invest in our organization and past members to renew their membership and consider gifting a membership to family or friends!

We currently have 187 memberships so we are over half way to our goal of 325! We will continue to work to reach our goal all year long.

Thank you for all the support we receive every year from our members.



SCHM Booth at Sherman PTO Carnival

March 3, 2023, was the Dr. Seuss Carnival at Sherman County School. Thanks to the seniors (Morgan Geary and Cadence Smith) for helping with the Sherman County Historical Museum booth at the PTO Carnival. Such a fun evening for all! Happy to be part of such a great event.



Oregon Trail Exhibit



During this past winter at SCHM, volunteers have been busy working up the Oregon Trails Exhibit. Some fresh paint, new photos and a shuffle of current items on display has given a shining new look to this display. Sherman County has a portion of the Oregon

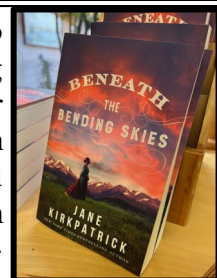
Trail that crossed the northern part of the county as pioneers were headed to the fertile land of the Willamette Valley. As time went on and more pioneers were arriving, alternate routes were made. Sherman County was also home of the Barlow Cutoff, to the Sam Barlow Trail.

Learn more local history and please come see the Oregon Trail Exhibit this season!



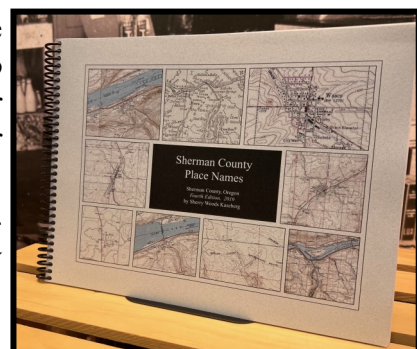
Local Vendors selling in Museum Store

The Museum Store is where to go to shop local! We will be promoting local vendors and products from our own community here in the Museum Store! From authors to jewelry and wood working pieces, the Museum Store will have a little bit of everything to offer. We hope to continually build our local vendor selection until we have all community based products for you to shop for!



We are excited to be your connection to find local products for yourself or a gift for friends and family!

Come see the new displays and the new look of the lobby!



Hosts Needed! Help Keep Doors Open!



The Museum needs your help!

Due to a shortage of volunteers to greet visitors at the Museum this season, we need YOU to consider volunteering with us!

Bring a friend and spend a day, a morning or afternoon to share our community museum, story and heritage with travelers and visitors from around the world.

April 5, 2023 at 5:30pm Host Calendar Day & Training! Call for more information: 541-980-3989.

We have a wonderful community and many enjoy stopping here to get to know us! Please consider being a volunteer at the Museum.

Projects & Wish Lists

The Sherman County Historical Museum has a Wish List for new projects and improvements.

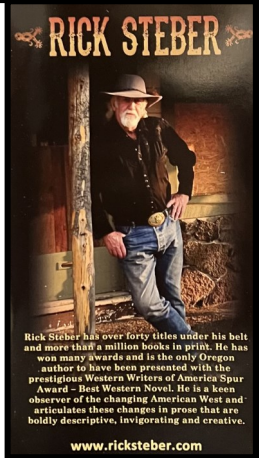
We have used a very generous donation to upgrade all exhibit lighting to LED and it has been a huge upgrade for the care of all artifacts. BUT.... Now we are in need of upgrading work lights! Our fluorescent lobby lights have reached the end of their lifespan and replacement lights are needed in the lobby, the kitchen area and in the large storage room. This will be a large project that we will need to address in phases but as lights go out we need to replace them. The Oregon Incentive Program has fixtures we would like to install but we need to work on raising extra funds for this project.

Another item on the wish list is a new computer at a workstation for volunteers. This computer will be set up on our network to run the museum software Past Perfect to manage the collection. Thank you!

Look What We Did In 2022

~ Oktoberfest Books & Brew ~ Rick Steber Book Signing & Presentation

October 30, 2022 the Sherman County Historical Society had some Oktoberfest fun with special guest, author Rick Steber for a book signing and presentation! At 1 p.m. at the Wasco Event Center in Wasco, Oregon, we started the afternoon off with an Oktoberfest themed social time and lunch with German themed foods from Bratwurst, sauerkraut, German Potato Salad with Bacon to Apple Strudel! Our guests were able to enjoy some local wine from Moody Tollbridge Winery or have a favorite beer and settle in to listen to Rick talk about his latest book along with stories of some of our favorite publications he has had over the years! Rick was very entertaining; the food was great and the Sherman County Historical Society appreciated everyone that spent the afternoon with us! See everyone at the next Oktoberfest in Grass Valley October 22, 2023.



We will have Rick's newest release along with many of your favorite Rick Steber books available for purchase at the Sherman County Historical Museum Store all year long!

Harvest Fest In Moro by the Museum



Museum Store Christmas Sale



SC Fair Display



2023 CALENDAR

MARCH

21 Museum Team Oregon Trail Field Trip

APRIL

SC Court Quarterly Report with County Commissioners
5 Volunteer Hosts Training 5:30pm at the SCH Museum

MAY

2 Museum Opens for 2023 Season
29 Memorial Day CLOSED

JUNE

14 Flag Day
25 SCHS Annual Meeting at Moro, Social Hour 3:30pm

JULY

Museum Quilts on Display for Month of July
4 Independence Day
23 Harvest Celebration, Moro/Museum/Senior Center

AUGUST

15-17 Set up SC Fair Exhibit
22-26 Sherman County Fair & Rodeo

SEPTEMBER

4 Labor Day CLOSED

OCTOBER

22 Oktoberfest at Grass Valley Pavilion: Presentation: Mongolian Ride
31 Museum closes for the season. Open by appointment November-April

NOVEMBER

7 Volunteer & Hosts Appreciation Party at Museum

DECEMBER

2 Christmas Open House & Museum Store Sale 10am to 3pm

Sherman County Historical Society Financial Reports

<i>2021 Financial Report</i>	<i>2022 Financial Report</i>
Revenue 2021	Revenue 2022
Admissions/Churn/Copies 1,584	Admissions/Churn/Copies 1,860
Contributions 13,528	Contributions 22,562
Memorials 5,791	Memorials 10,680
Grants, other 15,656	Grants, other 1,000
Grant, SIP for Operations 50,000	Grant, SIP for Operations 50,000
In Kind Donations, services & goods 0	In Kind Donations, services & goods 300
Interest 75	Interest 68
Land 23,462	Land 29,988
Membership 6,885	Membership 5,984
Museum Store Profit 714	Museum Store Profit 32
Special Events/Fundraising 0	Special Events/Fundraising 750
Total Revenue 2021 117,695	Total Revenue 2022 123,224
Expenses 2021	Expenses 2022
Accounting 0	Accounting 0
Collections Care 2,497	Collections Care 864
Director Expense 44,281	Director Expense 47,127
Events/Fundraising 50	Events/Fundraising 2,391
Grant Expense 11,301	Grant Expense 2,500
Investment Expense 1,004	Improvements (HVAC & LED) 23,125
Land/Crop Ins/ Fert/ Taxes 3,014	Land/Crop Ins/ Fert/ Taxes 943
Legal Fees 50	Legal Fees 50
Marketing 2,481	Marketing 3,615
Memberships 3,955	Memberships 5,043
Office 5,081	Office 5,737
Plant Operation 29,205	Plant Operation 35,318
Professional Memberships 904	Professional Memberships 495
Store Expense 214	Store Expense 416
Volunteer Program 315	Volunteer Program 697
Taxes 336	Taxes 162
Total Expenses 2021 104,688	Total Expenses 2022 128,484
Net Ordinary Income 2021 13,007	Net Ordinary Income 2022 -5,720
Investment Returns 37,288	Investment Returns -21,655
Net Income 2021 50,295	Net Income 2022 -27,376

Acquisition Donors

2022

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Sherman County School District
Lowell Smith
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Ted & Gretchen Goodall
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Howard Spencer
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Daniel Garlets
Lorraine Teeney
Shawn Payne
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Doug & Judy Reid
Karen Neff
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Instagram

*Use our #hashtag when sharing photos
from the museum!*

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Linda Thompson

Host Coordinator:

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Photo Collection Coordinator:

Lowell Smith / Sheri Carlson

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SC Trivia

By 1848 many overlanders left the Oregon Trail soon after crossing the John Day River on a "Cutoff to the Barlow Road" through what is today Sherman County. Barlow's Road was a success - and the Cutoff to the Barlow Road shortened the distance to settlements in the Willamette valley even more. This "shortcut" also contributed to the settlement of Sherman County, which later became known as the "Golden Land" because of its fields of golden grain.



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Become a Member of Sherman County Historical Society

It is time to renew your Sherman County Historical Society Membership for 2023! Now you can even sign up online at our webpage at: www.shermanmuseum.org/membership

A yearly membership is \$30 per household for the 2023 calendar year. Membership benefits include free admission to the Museum, 10% discount when shopping at the Museum Store, a newsletter, *The Plow*, and our historical anthology, *Sherman County: For The Record* which is published twice a year.

SCHS Memberships also make great gifts and every membership really helps in supporting our local historical society and museum! Each membership really counts! We appreciate your support of the Sherman County Historical Society. Our mission is to gather, preserve, research, interpret, exhibit and publish materials related to the history of Sherman County. Become a member and "Take a Walk on The Rural Side!"

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