

CLACKAMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DONATIONS APPEAL

2018

Dear Members, Community Leaders, and Valued Donors,

We are so grateful to have your continued support as we move into 2019. As always, our mission to enrich the lives of current and future generations through collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of Clackamas County begins with YOU!

“What an excellent museum! We’ve lived in the area our whole lives and never knew this was here!”

Unfortunately this is a comment we hear all too often at Clackamas County Historical Society. The staff, Board of Directors and our dedicated team of volunteers know the value of our institution and are working tirelessly to promote ourselves as a meaningful destination. However, unlike many other museums, CCHS does not receive funding from any city, county or state entities.

We need advocates, we need champions, and we require your donations to help fulfill our potential. Last year, with an annual operating budget of only \$147,000, personal contributions ensured that our doors remained open to nearly 3000 visitors and funded several ambitious projects including:

- The Genealogy Discovery Center
- The “Life and Death in the Oregon Territory” rotating exhibit
- Murdock Talks educational program series

In 2019, CCHS’s focus is to assess our institutional resources and make them more available to the community. For example:

- Working to make our photo collection more accessible online
- Increasing our presence as a research destination
- Opening our exhibit space to include previously untold stories

HOW TO HELP

No gift is too small when helping to preserve history. Whether it's a contribution of **\$10** or **\$10,000**, CCHS makes sure every penny is used effectively. This year there are more ways to donate than ever before! Purchase a salmon plaque for as little as **\$100** and have your name or message featured on our **Fish Ladder Wall of Recognition**. Make a donation of **\$2,500** or more to be recognized on our **Major Donor Wall** prominently featured in the lobby of the Museum of the Oregon Territory. With the forms and envelope included in this letter, making a donation is easier than ever. If you would prefer to go paperless or find out other ways to contribute, visit us at clackamashistory.org/donate.

STEVENS-CRAWFORD HERITAGE HOUSE REINTERPRETATION

Caring for a historic home is a costly but rewarding endeavor. One of CCHS's main goals is to reevaluate the purpose and meaning of the Stevens-Crawford Heritage House to be better suited for public use and enjoyment. One aspect includes the widespread inventory of the artifact collection maintained at the house. Others include cosmetic improvements to the house's interior and gardens. The knowledge gained through the inventory and updates will serve as a basis for a new interpretive narrative, which is a necessary step in creating new relevance for SCHH. To make our vision a possibility we ask for your help. For example, a donation of:



- **\$35** will pay for a gallon of paint used to refresh the interior walls of SCHH
- **\$100** will pay for an order of archival boxes to store historic textiles
- **\$300** will pay to print interpretive panels for one room
- **\$400** will pay a month of house utility bills

MUSEUM OF THE OREGON TERRITORY SECOND - STORY REDESIGN



You may remember that CCHS partnered with Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition to plan the complete redesign of MOOT's second floor exhibit space to align with the geographical area between Philip Foster Farm and Mission Bottom. Last year we sent out a request to help cover the \$15,000 cost for an Interpretive Master Plan. The plan has since been completed by Alchemy of Design and is available to view on our website at clackamashistory.org/redesign.

The overarching theme of the redesign is that Willamette Falls is at a crossroads of geography, trade, industry and recreation that has attracted people for thousands of years and will continue to draw people into the future.

The total estimated cost for this project equates to nearly **2.3 million dollars!** This is your opportunity to support a specific element of the redesign and help make our industrious vision a reality.

COMING IN 2019

Lastly, our new collaborative exhibit with the Clackamas County Family History Society is scheduled to open in the Murdock Gallery mid-January 2019 and will spotlight Oregon City photographers between 1850 and 1925. In addition, it will feature a **"Then & Now"** wall showcasing several images of Oregon City from CCHS's historic photo collection juxtaposed with their present comparisons.

For updates visit us at clackamashistory.org, or follow us on any of our social media platforms.

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