

TILLAMOOK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Tillamook County Historical Society was formed in 1984 to bring together those persons interested in preserving the history of Tillamook County. The Society concentrates on doing a number of projects such as placing historic plaques, conducting historical tours, printing books about local history and producing a newsletter with local history topics and up-coming events. **Let us know how you would like to participate as a volunteer.** The Society schedules regular meetings and events and an annual meeting of the general membership where a speaker or program is planned. Members are welcome to attend all meetings. Annual dues are \$10.00 for Family Membership and include the newsletter.

If you would like to keep receiving this newsletter, please make sure your dues are paid for the current year. We will be dropping those who are more than a year behind from the mailing list. Thank you.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR EMAIL HAS CHANGED!

2021 TCHS MEETING SCHEDULE

The JULY meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, in Cloverdale. Meet us at the cafe in the Rusty Cow at noon. We will tour the area looking at the murals and the newly installed Nestucca River sign. There will be no August meeting - just go and enjoy the Fair! Beginning in the fall, meetings will be held at the Tillamook Library.

 Watch for updates on our facebook page.
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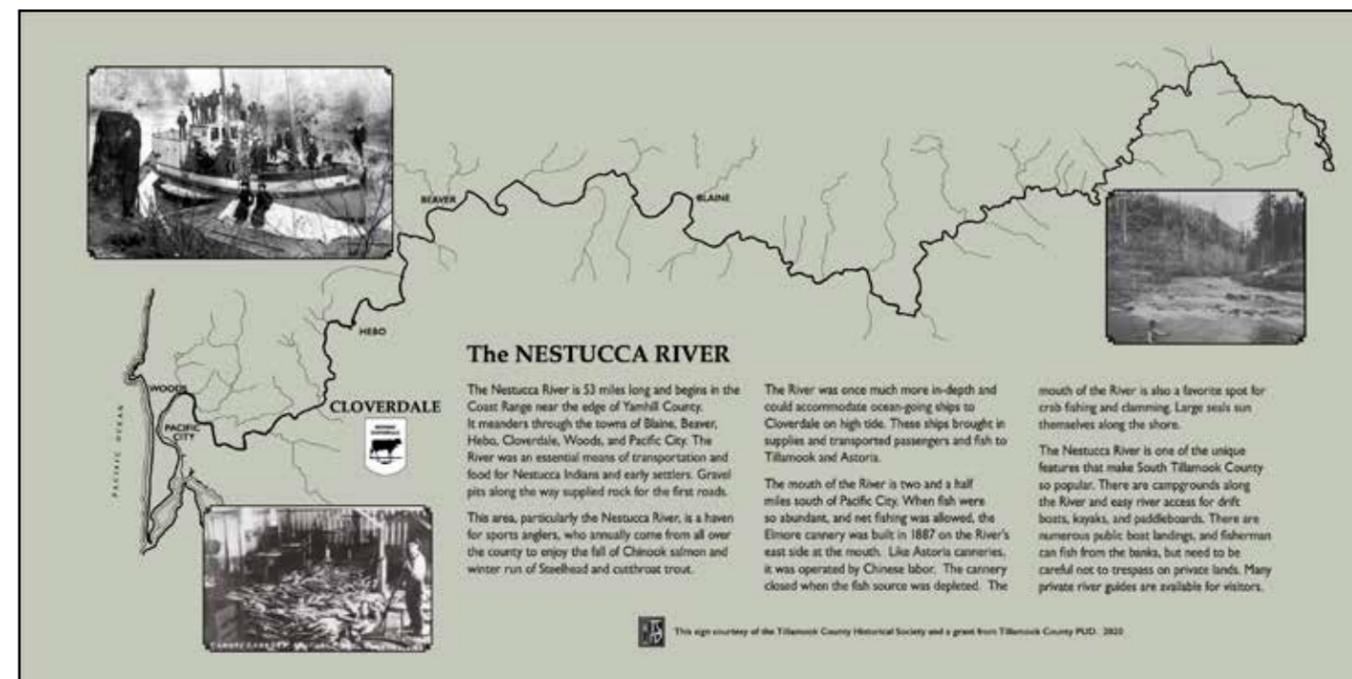
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THE TCHS CLOVERDALE PROJECT has been well received and is nearly at the end. The board voted to allow money to be spent on the installation of an interpretive sign about the Nestucca River. Designed by TCHS member Diane Colcord, it will be placed on the northern end of Cloverdale. There is talk that another group will pay to have a second sign made and installed along the river in Pacific City. Take a road trip and check out the changes!

Join us July 13th, noon, at the Rusty Cow In Cloverdale for a tour of the murals and the new sign.



THE TILLAMOOK COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM is changing! For starters, our staff has increased by one. We welcome Peyton Tracy from Sequim WA as our new Assistant Director/Collections Manager. She is hard at work spearheading a cataloging and digitization campaign for the objects in TCPM collections. The 2021/22 Object Reconciliation and Accessibility Project will set the groundwork for a complete record of all artifacts held by the museum, a thorough exploration of their pertinence to our mission, and will pave the way to move our collections from the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center to another facility within the next three years. Additionally, we are both putting the final touches on the summer temporary exhibit, which explores the history and traditions of the Tillamook County Fair. The county fair exhibit will be up from July 1 to mid-November, 2021, and will feature a number of partners to the museum, celebrating one of Tillamook's oldest and most beloved events. Come to the museum at 4:00pm on July 1 for the grand opening of the exhibit, a bag of popcorn, and a glass of lemonade!



In October, 2021, TCPM will partner with the Tillamook County Cemetery Preservation and History Group to bring you a cemetery "living history" interpretive tour at the pioneer cemetery across from the fairgrounds. Tickets will be on sale at the Pioneer Association Building at the fair this year and will continue to be sold until we run out. Prices are still being determined. If you or anyone you know are interested in volunteering for the event, we are searching for people to dress in period costumes and to "play" the parts of early pioneers to the area. Please contact Jaykob Wood at director@tcpm.org if you are interested in participating.

As always, we hope to see you soon! Jaykob Wood, Executive Director TCPM

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FOUR FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT CEMETERIES • LISA SEARS

Cemeteries hold historical records.

Gravestones hold different types of records of a person's life. Sometimes, the only record of a person is in the cemetery. Gravestones may have inscriptions with not only the person's first/last name and birth/death dates but also their middle name and a woman's maiden name. If a couple is buried together in the same plot it could have their marriage date. Pictures of the deceased are popular along with the person's signature. If you are lucky, gravestones may have family relationships on the stone.



Gravestone located in First Presbyterian Churchyard, St. Mary's Georgia shows maiden name, children, and second husband

Occupational, organizational, and religious affiliations can be discovered on cemetery gravestones.



Gravestone located in Cypress Lawn, Colma, CA has many personal elements of the person including his picture, signature, and his artwork

Perpetual cemeteries vs. Non perpetual cemeteries.

Many rural Oregon cemeteries have non-perpetual care. Basically, this means when a person is buried in a non-perpetual cemetery or a non-perpetual part of the cemetery, the gravestone and its surroundings are maintained by the family and friends of the deceased. Lacking this knowledge, many people wrongly believe that when the graves are not being maintained it is the fault of the cemetery authority.

Perpetual care means that when the grave plot was bought 5-15% of the plot price is to be put into a perpetual upkeep account. These funds are used to maintain the overall cemetery including roads, borders, lawn mowing, etc. Grave-stones are still the responsibility of the owners.

Additionally, the trend towards cremation with ashes being kept or scattered has reduced cemetery income thus bringing in less money for upkeep of the cemetery.

Some types of gravestone cleaning can speed deterioration.

Some well-meaning people have unknowingly cleaned with chemical cleaners (such as bleach), metal brushes, or power washing equipment that can actually speed up deterioration of gravestones. According to Oregon State Parks Historic Cemeteries, cleaning should be done with soap such as Orvus and water. Another approved gravestone cleaner is D/2 Biological Cleaner. Remember, when cleaning, always use a natural or soft nylon brush with a consistency similar to your toothbrush... NEVER use a hard bristle brush.



Gravestone located at Tillamook IOOF Cemetery, before and after cleaning with D/2 Biological Cleaner.

Cemeteries are a repository of art.

Art associated with cemeteries is called funerary art. Funerary art is defined as any work of art forming, or placed in, a repository for the remains of the dead. (Wikipedia) It might be created by a famous commissioned artist or a family member expressing grief through their own art form. You can find a treasury of different art forms at cemeteries including stone and wood carvings, statues, paintings, stained glass, iron works, architecture, flower arranging and more.



Pobleonau Cemetery - Barcelona, Spain



Pere Lachaise, Paris, France



Bay City IOOF, Tillamook, Oregon

Local Cemetery group

A new cemetery group has been forming in Tillamook County. The group is being coordinated to preserve our local cemeteries and their history. Our current project is preserving gravestones and adding grave GPS locations on Find a Grave. An additional goal is to present histories of people buried in our local cemeteries. We will be cleaning headstones a couple times a week all summer long. We need volunteers. If you are interested in participating in this project please contact us at