The current 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 upcoming events. Let us know how you would like to participate as a volunteer. Members are welcome to attend all meetings. Annual dues are $20.00 for Family Membership and include the newsletter.

Tillamook County Historical Society

The organization was first formed in 1977 and went on to become a registered non-profit in 1984. Since then, the TCHS has built a legacy of projects and publications that form a cornerstone of our local historical record. Sometimes confused with the Tillamook County Pioneer Association—made up of “pioneers” whose families were born in or have lived in Tillamook County for at least 40 years—the TCHS is open to everyone.

Tillamook County Historical Society is restructuring in 2022 and will be having a program for each meeting, public invited. Meetings are usually the second Tuesday of each month with occasional field trips to areas of historical interest. For more information visit: https://www.tcpm.org/tillamook-co-historical-society.html

Watch for updates on our facebook page. www.facebook.com/tillamookcountyhistoricalsociety/

Are you interested in local history? Do you have stories that need to be preserved and shared? The Tillamook County Historical Society (TCHS) wants you!

2022 TCHS MEETING SCHEDULE

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Tillamook County Historical Society Looks to the Future

The TCHS is trying a new format for meetings this year. (See the schedule on the following page). With some new members and new ideas, we are hopeful we can entice even more folks to join us in celebrating the rich history of Tillamook County.

The Tillamook County Historical Society wishes to acknowledge the passing of several of our long-time members this past year. Our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Claire Peterson, Clarence “Bub” Boquist and Ted Jacob.
AN UPDATE ON ......................TILLAMOOK’S HOQUARTON HISTORICAL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

You've probably noticed the signs of progress at the Hoquarton House—or, more properly, the Hoquarton Historical Interpretive Center—just next door. The turn-of-the-century house and surrounding grounds got a lot of attention in 2021, including the restoration of the front bay windows, installation of several new north-facing windows, the pouring of the science lab floor downstairs, the design and construction of a native-plant trail, and much more. It was a big year, and thanks to some new grants and donations from the project’s community partners, the building and grounds will be opening to the public in the fall of 2022.

For those who don’t know the back-story, the idea for the Hoquarton HIC came out of an ambitious planning process that created Hoquarton Park back in the early 2000s. That process uncovered a largely forgotten history of the Hoquarton waterfront, a history that chronicled the evolution of transportation and industry in Tillamook. The collected artifacts, photos and stories from that effort culminated in an exhibit at the Pioneer Museum in 2005. That show was among the museum’s most popular, and it led to the idea of creating an interpretive center.

School District, joined the project early on to plan and oversee construction of the science lab. "Can you imagine a better place kids to do science?" asks Thomas. "Hoquarton House is such a great location, with an incredible natural area right on the doorstep."

Phase three of the project, which is in-progress now, includes final structural improvements to the building, and final restoration or reconstruction of the interior and exterior. Phase four, which will start this summer, will include the creation of a network of concrete-paver pathways leading into and around the building, a covered back-patio/meeting area—also finished with paver bricks—the completion of the main-floor galleries and offices, and the completion of the science lab downstairs. Three of the main-floor rooms will be devoted to Hoquarton Slough history, featuring photos and artifacts that tell the story of the waterfront’s evolution. The back room—what was once the back porch—will house administrative offices for the Tillamook County Historical Society and the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council, two partner-organizations who will provide volunteers to help operate the facility once opened.

"If all goes as planned, we’ll open the main floor and the science lab to the public this fall," says Wooldridge. "We expect to open the upstairs rooms the following year. It’s going to be a marathon, but most of the pieces are in place.”

Wooldridge stresses that the project is seeking to raise another $50,000 this year to meet its fundraising goal. That will bring the projected cost to between $235k and $300K, including cash and in-kind donations.

"We’re writing a couple more grants this winter, and we’re going to approach a number of charitable foundations for donations over the coming year.”

The Hoquarton HIC project has been made possible by a growing list of community partners and sponsors including Tillamook County, the Tillamook Urban Renewal Agency, Rosenberg’s Building Supply, the Tillamook County Historical Society, Hamptons Lumber, Tillamook School District #9, the Oregon Cultural Trust, Oregon Community Foundation, the Pasuga Foundation, the Gene Norris Memorial Fund, the City of Tillamook, Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council, and the Bay City Arts Center. These partners have contributed critical assistance through grants, in-kind donations, and hundreds of hours of volunteer labor.

If you would like to make a charitable donation to the Hoquarton HIC, contact Charlie via telephone at 503-842-7013 or via email: baycityartscenter@gmail.com