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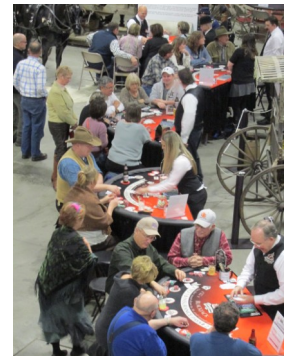
8th Annual Night at Old Auburn ~ Get Your Tickets Today!

February 27th, 2016 from 6pm to 10pm is the Friends of the Museum casino night fundraiser. Don't double book—you won't want to miss it!

Tickets are \$30 if purchased by Feb 21st and \$38 after that or at the door. You can purchase tickets at the museum, online at bakerheritagemuseum.com and at many local businesses around town. Your tickets includes a great night full of entertainment:

- Delicious catered dinner
- No-host bar
- Live entertainment
- Team Casino will host gaming activities (they'll even teach you how to play)!
- Purchase "funny money" to try your hand at gambling then enter your winnings for great raffle prizes.
- Silent Auction full of great items
- Victorian costume contest

We hope you'll join us for this wonderful night of making history while supporting the museum!



"A Night at Old Auburn" 2015

What does the money support?

- Increased education and children's programming
- In order to grow as a museum our staff must grow as well
- Our operating expenses over the past several years have steadily been increasing.
- Increased events and programming at the museum.

Mark your Calendars—Upcoming Events

October	Sat 31st	Last day of the regular season at Baker Heritage Museum, see our special opening schedule!	9am-4pm
November	Wed 18th	Museum Strategic Plan Public Meeting	Noon-1pm
	Fri 27th & Sat 28th	Special Opening—Pictures with Santa and Store Sale	11am-2pm
December	Fri 4th—Sun 6th	Community Choir Concerts	7pm; 3pm Sun
	Fri 26th—Sat 2nd	Special Opening—Winter Break	10am-3pm
February	Sat 27th	"Night at Old Auburn" Casino Fundraising Event — Get your tickets today!	6pm-10pm
	Wed 9th	Volunteer Training & Meet and Greet—Please call to sign up!	Noon—2pm
	Sat 19th	Opening Day regular Season (7 days a week Thru Oct)	2am-4pm

Commission News & Chair Report



Hal Huntington
with sidekick, Doni



Between Friends

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Museum Wish List:

- Printer Paper
- Bleach
- Vinegar (Cleaning)
- Coffee
- Cleaning Rags

We have had a very productive open season with great events and fundraisers, such as the spring auction that raised over \$1000. We lost a valuable member of our commission when Clodagh Dunn moved to Idaho early this year. We are very fortunate to have found a very active new member, Jane Bunker. She is also a volunteer at the Adler House. Welcome Jane. We also lost a few valuable volunteers and members of the community this year, Liz Stakey and Eloise Dielman. They will be greatly missed.

Our new Museum Manager, Lea, has proved to be a godsend. Her small business background and quick learning ability has produced a very efficient staff and volunteer corps. She is a very successful grant writer and is helping improve and maintain our beautiful facility. Our budget is very responsive to our needs and

controls are keeping us on track.

As mentioned in the spring newsletter, the commission is in the process of prioritizing our capital improvement needs and working on a 5 year strategic plan. If any of you have suggestions or recommendations on how we can improve the museum please contact any member of the commission or Lea Hoover. We will also hold a public meeting regarding our strategic plan on November 18th at the museum from noon to 1pm. Community input is very important to us, we hope to see you there.

A special thanks to our volunteers and friends of the museum who care about keeping our museum a viable preserver of our county history.

Hal Huntington, Chairman

Friends of the Museum

Greetings Friends!

What a great summer season we have enjoyed at the museum. We are always glad to see so many in our community in to support us, and the feedback on this year's new Military exhibit has been truly rewarding.

Thank you to so many of you who have responded to our annual membership drive. The response has been good, but we are still hoping a few of you who may have missed the July 1st renewal will step up to support our efforts with your membership. We truly depend on your support. Reminders were mailed recently or you can

use the form on the back of this letter.

There have been a lot of changes at the museum, and our board has also undergone some changes. We welcome Jan Plumbtree to the Friend's Board as Treasurer, and Trish Stephens has taken on the Vice-president role. Thank to both of them! We have openings on our board, so let us know if you an interest in supporting your community by joining us. Our annual fundraiser is February 27th, 2016, don't forget to purchase your "A Night at Old Auburn" tickets! If you'd like to be on one of our committees please give us a call. We love our volunteers, and we think we all have a good time being friends!

Hope to see you at the museum soon!

Chris

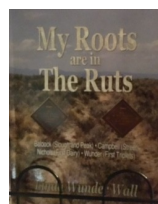
New in the Gift Shop

Check out some new items in our gift shop! Carrie has done a wonderful job re-vamping the displays and ordering new, exciting, and locally made products. Here are a few of our favorites, join us for our special openings this winter and for our gift shop sale November 27th and 28th!



Wild huckleberry Candles make a great gift (left).

My roots are in The Ruts by Linda (Wunder) Wahl, our newest lifetime member (right)



Healing stones—a great Christmas gift for anyone!



Hand painted rock animals by Margaret Nitcher of Haines, OR



Handmade beaded earrings by Elaine Logsdon, a talented museum volunteer

Summer Wrap-up

We had a fun and successful summer here at the Museum. We worked through some staffing changes this season and also hosted some successful events! To “Honor Those Who Have Served” we had a special free day and presentation on Memorial Day, we had over 100 people attend! The feedback from our Central Gallery exhibit has been fantastic.

In April Crossroads hosted “Night at the Baker Heritage Museum” themed art show. The museum-inspiring art by local artists turned out amazing! We were lucky enough to display the artwork throughout the month of July in the Ballroom. Our opening night of the art show included a Jam Session with local musicians and light refreshments, everyone had a great time.

Our kid’s summer camp in June was funded by the Edna E. Harrell Children’s Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. The grant allowed us to host the most children in the history of our summer camp program, we had 35 children participate and 4 camp leaders. The overwhelming success has inspired us to extend our camp for next year—look for advertising next Spring!

Miner’s Jubilee is always a great time at the Museum. The excitement included a blacksmithing demonstration, Copper Belt Winery wine tasting, daily showings of Paint Your Wagon, and a gift shop sale! We saw over 200 visitors that weekend, we love being part of the excitement and celebrations!

This season has been an amazing experience, we’re gearing up for some great events and programs for 2016!



Great local artwork inspired by the Museum. We loved displaying it in our ballroom!



We want your input!

Here at the museum we are constantly working on updating and improving our operations and policies. 2016 will be a year of change and improvement. We’re here to serve our community and we want to hear from you!

The museum commission is currently working on updating their 5-year strategic plan. We are looking for the community’s ideas and suggestions to improve our planning process. Please join us for a public forum on November 18th Noon to 1pm at the museum. If you cannot attend please feel free to call Lea with your ideas at 541-523-9308

We depend on the generosity of our members. Please help us advance our mission by remembering us in your will and estate planning.

Winter Hours and Events

Although the museum is closing for the regular season on October 31st, we will keep limited winter hours. We will be open **Fridays and Saturdays from 10am-3pm**. We will also be open for Santa Pictures and a special **gift shop sale** on November 27th and 28th from 11am-2pm. Bring your family in to visit the museum during winter break! We will be open December 26th-January 2nd 10am-3pm! If you’d like a special tour on other days please give us a call to make an appointment at 541-523-

Volunteers Rock!

When thinking about all the reasons that I am proud to be a member of the museum community, volunteers are always number one. The dedication, selflessness, and pure joy that our volunteers bring to their job is inspiring. Without our knowledgeable docents, greeters, and front desk volunteers our visitors experiences wouldn’t be nearly what they are today!

I saw many visitors leave happy, rave about us in reviews online, and send cards to thank their tour guides after their visit. We received great comments in our guest book such as “Best museum I’ve ever been in!”, “Great folks at desk!!!”, “unbelievable”, and “loved our great tour guide”! When I open to a random page of the guest book there are

visitors from 10 states and 3 countries, we love our out of state (and out of country) visitors but we love seeing our locals visit too! Even better, we love when knowledgeable locals get involved as volunteers!

That being said we are looking for committed and passionate volunteers for the upcoming season. If you have ever wanted to try staffing the Leo Adler House or leading a school tour, this is your chance! Training for both will be held this spring (see our event calendar).

Too shy to lead a tour? We are also looking for volunteers who can assist our tour leaders by shadowing tours or being greeters. Whatever your skills and interests, we have a place for you at the Baker Heritage Museum.

I’d like to say a special thank you to the volunteers at Adler House for not only cleaning and maintaining the house throughout the season but also doing a fall cleaning—the house looks great!

If you are interested in volunteering throughout the winter, please join us on Fridays at 10am beginning November 6th for special projects including inventory, organizing, research, and curation. Contact the museum for more information!

Thank you volunteers, we couldn’t do it without you! I am proud to be working with you, learning from you, and becoming part of the museum family.

Lea Hoover, Museum Manager

**Thank You
Volunteers!**

