



BAKER HERITAGE MUSEUM

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Baker Heritage Museum Quarterly News

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Volunteer, John Hardwick, Legacy Man of the Year 2016

Baker County Chamber of Commerce Honors Baker's Best!



The Baker Heritage Museum is very proud of it's long time volunteer, John Hardwick. He is the recipient of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce Legacy Man of the Year, 2016. Our very

own Hal Huntington, 2015 Legacy Man of the Year, announced and presented John with the award.

John has been an active member of the Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum. He is on the board and been their Vice-President, as well as acting President. Over the years, he has donated many hand-carved boxes for raffle prizes and silent auction items for the Friend's major fund raiser, "A Night at Old Auburn."

John is extremely generous with his time, support of the museum, sharing of history and so much more. He is a humble

man with a big heart, kind smile and a no-nonsense "let's get it done" spirit!

Besides supporting "A Night at Old Auburn," John has supported the Museum's Summer Camp, helped with the building of the Paint Your Wagon model cover, made our "Comment Box" and helped identify artifacts and their use, especially when it deals with wood.

Thank you, John for your many volunteer hours, and support of our "crown jewel," the Baker Heritage Museum. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

\$30 Tickets Available NOW! \$38 after Feb. 19th!



Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum's "A Night at Old Auburn" Annual Casino Fundraiser

Dinner, Live Entertainment, Casino style gaming, BINGO 1860-70s Apparel (optional & contest) Silent Auction items from \$200 to over \$1000 in value, Raffle packages valued from \$50 to over \$300.

Saturday, February 25, 6 pm–10 pm
Baker Heritage Museum,
2480 Grove, Baker City

Commission Chair Report



Dave Hunsaker, Chair
County Museum Commission



Between Friends

2016 was a great year for the Baker Heritage Museum. From new programs and a partnership with the Baker City School District, to a major upgrade of the museum's lighting, great school visits, Mindy's progress in cataloguing and curation, and a record-breaking Night at Old Auburn fundraiser, the year was one to remember.

We are now selecting a new Museum Director to replace Lea. Lea's leadership and her commitment

to the museum will be sorely missed on many fronts. Her drive to begin the process of getting us fully accredited (a long journey) will be pursued by the new director and the Museum Commission. Thank you Lea.

You all know about our efforts in the rock room to upgrade the electrical service and improve the lighting in the cases. This is an exciting effort and our appreciation goes to Steve Bogart for his leadership. And speaking of leadership...many thanks

to Hal Huntington for his multi-year efforts in service to the museum, its staff, and its volunteers. Chris Cantrell continues her fine work with the Friends and remains a critical part of the team. And finally... everyone's congratulations goes out to John Hardwick, Baker County Legacy Man of the Year for 2016!

I can't wait to see what 2017 brings...if the past is any predictor it should also be one to remember (kind of like this winter!).

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- Chris Cantrell**
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- Cindy Bacon**
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Secretary
- Kathy Oster**
- Linda Robbins**
- John Hardwick**
- Deborah Ray**
- Tammy Henden**

Friends of the Museum (Board Meetings every 4th Thursday)

Dear Friends,
We are so excited about our upcoming 8th annual Casino Night Fundraiser, "A Night at Old Auburn," and as in years gone by, our community businesses have generously stepped up to support the event with some wonderful prizes. So

come out and try your hand at winning while you support a great cause.

Next up will be our membership drive, so watch for information about that, or you can even renew your membership (or start one) at our Casino Night (membership through June

30, 2018). There's a benefit of a few free raffle tickets for our members, so even better chances to win! Get your tickets at the museum or online, and we'll see you at the museum on February 25th!

Very Best Regards,
Chris Cantrell

Upcoming Events at the Museum

- Feb. 20th**
Historic Society meeting. Presentation on Champ Bond and the Little Alps Ski area.
- Feb. 25th**
A Night at Old Auburn, Friends of Museum Annual Fundraiser.
- Mar. 18th**
Opening for the Season 7 days a week
- Mar 24—30th**
"A Place for All People" Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit. Reception on the evening of March 24th.

Volunteers Rock!

A big THANK YOU goes out to all who assisted in the Annual Appeal Outreach.



Interested in helping with the off-season work parties? Call and leave a message at the Museum (541-523-9308). Many hands make work load light.



Thank you Rebecca and Tammy for staffing the Museum Gift Shop over our "off season." Also thanks goes to Linda Robbins, Chris Cantrell, Linda Hudson, and Mindy Sherrieb for helping out.

Adler House News



The Adler House Museum has a new roof thanks to grants from the Leo Adler Foundation

and the Kinsman Foundation. Request for bids went out in August with the requirements of meeting a historically designated house. The Museum Commission reviewed the bids and recommended the Baker County Commission award the work to Palmer Roofing from Pendleton, OR.

Working around major rain

storms and weather, the work was completed in November. THANK YOU Steve Bogart for overseeing the project.

The Alder House was decorated with the Jewish Hanukkah in mind and the downstairs was open for the 2016 Historic Baker City Parlor Tour. Thank You Volunteers!

The Cavin-Warfel Rock Rooms Getting A Light Lift.



The Museum was able to secure a grant from the Leo Adler Foundation to update the exhibit case lighting in the Rock Room. Bob Whelan Electric is replacing the old fixtures with new LED light fixtures and updating the wiring as necessary. Volunteers Ellen Stevenson, Steve Bogart, Mark Ferns, Dave Hunsaker, Lynne Proudfoot, Cindy Bacon, Tammy Henden, Rebecca Kolbet, Clair Button, Bruce McMillan, Mindy Sherrieb, Kathleen Martin, Shelly Cutler and Garwood Allen are working on moving rocks in and out of cases keeping ahead of the electricians. With new LED lights, cases moved, and clean shelves, there is a NEW LOOK in the Rock Room.



Director's Update - Changes Occurring



Lea Gettle, Director

This marks my last newsletter as the Museum Director, I have accepted a position with a new company, but will always hold the Museum near and dear to my heart. Over the past two years I have come to realize many things: the Baker Heritage Museum is truly a gem of Eastern Oregon, our volunteers are incredibly dedicated and they are the ones who breath life into this amazing place, our youth are the future of culture and art and this must be nurtured, keeping our doors open would not be possible without all of our generous supporters, and Baker County and its residents are truly remarkable. Those statements are so diverse, but must be properly aligned in order for the Museum to thrive. Without any of those important pieces it's impossible to reach our goals, vision, and mission of bringing the story of Baker County to our visitors. I will never be able to sing enough praise for this beautiful Museum, our volunteers, supporters and Members, grantors, or our community at large. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Director and leave my mark, I will greatly miss the daily challenges and excitement and I look forward to watching the Museum continue to grow and gain notoriety as a premier Eastern Oregon Museum. Sincerely, Lea Gettle

**BAKER HERITAGE
MUSEUM**

2480 Grove, Baker City

Open mid-March thru October
9:00 to 4:00 seven days a week
November thru mid-March
Friday & Saturday 10:00 to 3:30



Mission Statement:
The mission of the Baker

- Heritage Museum is to
- Conserve artifacts of historical Baker County,
 - To educate the public about the development of the area,
 - To preserve local archives and to make them available for re-research.



Many thanks for recent grant support from:

Leo Adler Community Fund
Oregon Comm. Foundation
Baker Co. Cultural Coalition
Kinsman Foundation

Annual Appeal

The Baker Heritage Museum Annual Appeal Fundraiser was a success. A big THANK YOU to all who continually give so willingly to preserve and help us share our history.

Baker Heritage Museum Newsletter Survey.

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