



**BAKER HERITAGE MUSEUM**

# Baker Heritage Museum Quarterly News

Fall 2010

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## Autumn Reflection

To everything there is a season. Typically Autumn is a time of reflection and preparation, so let's take a moment to harvest some memories of highlights from 2010 at the museum.

We kicked off the year with the Friends of the Museum's first annual Casino Night Fundraiser, "A Night at Old Auburn." The February 27th event put "fun" into fundraising with a professionally coordinated Casino Night Event hosted by Team Casino. Proceeds from the event provided vital funds to the museum. Thanks to all who supported this entertaining evening. You can bet next year will be even more fun!



**FUN**draining Casino Night

In March the museum opened for the season with 2 fine new exhibits in the Central Gallery, "Life in the Golden Mountains," telling the story of early

Chinese culture in Baker City, and the "Esther Munk photography" exhibit. Deep appreciation goes to the Adler Community Grant Fund for funding assistance along with numerous donors, former Director, Joan Jacobs, who was the creative project leader, and the many others who assisted. These exhibits will be assimilated back into the museum collections soon, so take time to visit before the season ends.



Springtime brought community collaboration during Spring Break Kid's Week, numerous School Tours and the Community Choir Concert. We hosted the Historical Society's well-attended presentation by Gary Dielman on "Baker City's Chinatown." Our popular Mother's Day Event offered free admission for moms with an adult paid admission.

We had a busy summer offering discounts for bikers, moms, dads, quilters, cruisers and internet savvy Chamber visitors, internet surfers and facebook fans. Miner's Jubilee brought the Quilt Show, Museum Store yard sale, and Paint your Wagon Film Fest followed by our Museum Summer Camp, which was supported in part by a grant from the Baker County Cultural Coalition.



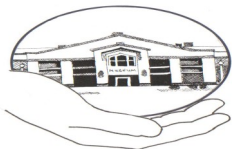
*Happy Campers*

We were a favorite stop on the Wing Luke Museum Eastern Oregon tour.

There's always something new to see, and we challenge you to visit and make your own memories before we close for the season October 31st.

And then we begin to prepare for next season!

## Friends of the Museum



### *Between Friends*

#### Board of Directors

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Another "open season" for the Museum is drawing to a close and I want to bring you up to date on our accomplishments and our plans for the future.

Our Board of Directors has some new faces: Nelson Clarke from Clarke & Clarke has joined the Board as our Vice President; Chary Mires, former Baker Heritage Museum Director, has joined the Board as Member-at-Large; Liz Starkey is our new Treasurer. Julianne Williams is still our Secretary. Two members have retired from the Board: Nova Sue Harrison and Millie Wagner. Both have done outstanding work over many years for the Friends and the Museum and deserve a big "thank you" for their many contributions.

We are looking for 2 or 3 additional members for the Board. If you are interested or could recommend someone, please let me know at 541-523-2114. Our Bylaws have been updated and allow us to have between 7 and 13 members on the Board. We meet once a month at the Museum and are a friendly bunch ... if I do say so, myself.

The purpose of the Friends is to support the Museum through various programs and provide goods and services and contributions above and beyond the Museum's budget. This past year we have contributed to some much needed remodeling and housekeeping in the Museum. We have improved the restrooms, purchased a new vacuum cleaner and improved signage. We also contributed funds for the new flat screen TV in the Leo Adler Room. The Museum's Cook Book has been reprinted and is again available in the Gift Shop and we updated the map of the Museum used by the visitors.

Our major fundraiser was the Night at Old Auburn casino event. Everyone who attended said it was fun and we should do it again. We are currently in the planning stages for our next Night at Old Auburn, which will be on **February 26, 2011**. Save that date! Even if you are not a big gambler it is a great opportunity to get together, eat, socialize and be entertained. We will need lots of volunteers that night so please keep that in mind, too. Last year we had a great response to our suggestion for people to dress up or come in period costume. We hope that even more people will do that this time. Start gathering your costume now and buy your tickets early!

The Friends will have booths at the upcoming Holiday Bazaars, November 6<sup>th</sup> Bazaar at the Community Connection and December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Bazaar at the Fair Grounds. Among other things, we plan to sell pine cone fire starter baskets. For this project, we need baskets, decorative ribbons and metal coffee cans to melt wax. If you have them to donate, please bring them to the Museum before October 18<sup>th</sup>. If you can help staff the booth at either Bazaar, please contact Cathy Cook – Volunteer Coordinator, at the Museum. 541-523-9308. Another fundraiser we are working on will be a Rumage Sale to be held in the Museum's parking lot, this next spring. We will rent spaces for you or your friends to sell your items there. More information on the date and time will be out after the first of the year.

Calling all "E-Bayers"! We started an E-Bay selling program last fall but our project person has moved away. If you are an E-Bayer and could help,

please let me know. Lots of us have items we don't need and the proceeds from E-Bay sales go to the Friends and ultimately the Museum.

**Our Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Leo Adler Room, at the Museum.** We will be voting on the passage of our new by-laws. They have been updated to reflect the principles and practices in the *Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Handbook*. A copy of them, for review, is at the cashier's desk as you enter the Museum. We only have two membership meetings a year and your participation is important. We won't keep you more than an hour! Please plan on attending.

The Baker Heritage Museum is one of the "jewels" of Baker County. Just about every visitor comments as the leave on how fantastic our collections and displays are. However, the time and effort of many people are needed to keep the Museum open and active. Every member of the Friends can contribute in some unique way. Start by coming to our meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

*Hal Huntington*

Hal Huntington, President

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum

**Thank You  
Volunteers!**



**Some of our Faithful Friends doing what friends do!**

## DE & Jane Clark Foundation Supports New Exhibits

Recently, the Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum were awarded a \$5,000 grant from the DE and Jane Clark Foundation for the development of new exhibits in the Central Gallery, as well as improved signage and lighting for the Mining and Wildlife exhibits in the Main Gallery/Pool Room. The Foundation has offered up to an additional \$2,500 in matching funds if the Friends find \$2,500 in donations. The fundraising has begun, and we are grateful for donations

received thus far from: Betty Kuhl, in memory of Edith Chadwick Liz and Barry Starkey, in memory of Bill Lindemann and also June Marx Baker County Lions Club Peggi & Glenn Timm

We have a little way to go to access the matching funds, so please consider this. Donating to this cause effectively doubles what your contribution will do to support the museum. How sweet is that?

The best part is the exciting plan we have for the Central Gallery Exhibit next season. The exhibit entitled "Caravans and Collecting—2 Unique Tales of Charismatic Baker Natives" will take a free-wheeling approach to telling the stories of Wally Byam, who invented the Airstream Trailer, and the Cavin sisters, who amassed a world renowned 18 ton rock, shell and mineral collection. Please contact the museum to learn how you can help.

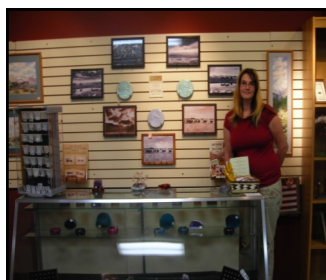


## Event Rentals

Many who visit the museum dream of days gone by in the "old Nat," wondering what wonderful events have unfolded in our beautiful Ballroom.

Recently the Museum Commission developed a Facility Event Rental policy, so perhaps there's a chance you could make your dreams come true within the museum.

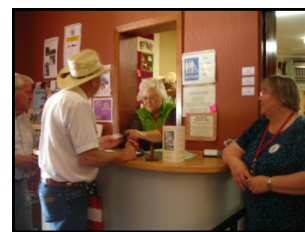
Call Chris for details!



Museum Store Coordinator,  
Connie Pollock

## Staff Notes

By now, most of you are familiar with the new faces at the museum. Cathy Cook, Volunteer Coordinator, invites you to join the fun and rewarding work we always have here at the museum. Connie Pollock, our Museum Store Coordinator has been wheelin and dealin, insuring our gift store selection is top notch. Come visit us and see how you can get involved with our mission.



Cathy Cook (right) providing oversight as her mom, Leita Seiber, greets visitors

## 21st Century Concept

Most of our focus at the museum is spent on finding creative ways to conserve and display the historical artifacts to which we have been entrusted. So sometimes switching gears into the present day takes looking at things differently, stepping out of the past and back into the modern day world.

Today's technology makes recording our history and sharing our archives simpler

and more economical than in the past. You can visit our website, access our virtual gallery, and see many of the photographs we have in our collection.

Soon this newsletter will be added to the website, and will be available electronically with a click to anyone with internet access who is interested. This affords us the opportunity to reach an unlimited audience, and it

also provides a cost savings opportunity to better use our resources. If you have e-mail, and/or access to the internet you may opt out of receiving this via the US postal service, a considerable savings in postage and printing. Please let us know that electronic communication is your preference by sending your e-mail address to us at: [museum@bakercounty.org](mailto:museum@bakercounty.org).

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

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MUSEUM**

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Open mid-March thru October  
9:00 to 4:00 seven days a week



**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-search.

**This newsletter was sponsored by:**

The Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum

*You can promote your business while helping the museum—Call Chris at the museum to learn how you can sponsor our newsletter!*

**Membership Matters**

Please help us increase our membership by encouraging your family and friends to join our ranks.

It's not too early to think about the holidays. Do you have folks on your gift-giving list who "have everything" and don't need another gadget, trinket or tie? A gift of membership is the perfect solution. We can provide you with a membership gift certificate or we can mail it to the recipient on your behalf.

Membership includes 10% discount in gift shop, free admission to the museum, invitation to special events and quarterly newsletter.

Not a member, but want to join our heritage family?  
Just fill out this form and return it to us.

**Membership Form**

Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$30.00
Partner	\$60.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Contributor	\$250.00
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Life Member	\$1000.00

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