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Baker Heritage Museum Quarterly News

Spring 2011

The Museum is Open for the 2011 Season

While Spring re-awakens life around us, so the Museum shakes off winter with another season of sharing the rich history of Baker County. The Museum opened for the 2011 season on March 19th, with new and exciting exhibits to welcome back our local supporters and attract tourists to our community.

What's new?

As part of the Museum's strategic plan, each year we bring a new exhibit to the Central Gallery, creating a fresh view of a different piece of our area's history right as you enter the museum.

"omatic Baker Natives," features the stories of Wally Byam, inventor of the iconic Airstream Trailer, and our world renowned rock hounds, the Cavin sisters.



We have so much to display that the exhibit "overflowed" the 1400 square foot Central Gallery into the Museum Entry Hall with Wally Byam memorabilia, including his "Great Coat" and grandmother Melvina Byam's quilt. Never again will you be able to be so close to so many of Wally's personal effects.

With the assistance of several strong volunteers, including Dick Hindman and his handtruck, we placed the

Cavin sisters' magnificent 950 pound crystal prominently at the entry way to the Central Gallery. Mamie and Beth would be delighted to see the way their sparkling siren lures visitors into the exhibit.

How appropriate that their treasures from the sea, as well as their lovely personal items are on display to remind us these Baker girls were elegant ladies, as well as prolific rock hounds.

Set against the backdrop of Megan Dorrah's mural of mountains and Eastern Oregon Blue Sky, we hope to stir a sense of wanderlust as you gaze upon the cherished mementos of these venturesome Baker natives. Enjoy!



This year's exhibit, "Caravanning and Collecting - Two Unique Tales of Charis-

Welcome Caravanners and Rock Hounds Alike



Perhaps you've already noticed an increase of Airstream trailers coming through town. We look forward to seeing more, especially during the Wally Byam Caravan Event over the 4th of July weekend, featuring a Vintage Airstream Exhibit. We were delighted to welcome the Owyhee Rock Club on opening day. There's something for everyone!



Charlie & Betty Burke
1st Airstream visitors this year





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Friends of the Museum

Thanks to our many sponsors, donors and volunteers, our 2nd annual "Night at Old Auburn" Casino Night Fundraiser on February 26th was a rousing success! We are pleased to report after all expenses, we were able to contribute proceeds of \$4713 to support the Museum. That's a significant increase from our first event in February 2010 when we netted \$1400...and the momentum is projected to continue. In that regard we have already set "Night @ Old Auburn III" for **February 25th, 2012**, so start getting your costumes ready and start putting your expense money aside each month. Circle the date on your 2012 calendar NOW so you don't plan anything else for that weekend.

ship and support your museum. We appreciate your quick response and your continued support.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Spring **General Membership Meeting** Thursday, **June 2 at 4pm** in the Adler Room of the museum. We hope to appoint new Board Members at this meeting. If you want to get involved on our Board, please give me a call. And if you have suggestions on topics you would like to see on the agenda, contact me at 541-523-2114. It is very important to me that we keep all our Friends in the "loop" regarding our support of the museum.

teer Coordinator, Ashley Van Winkle at the Museum. There are many volunteer opportunities available at both the Museum and Adler House. Thanks in advance for your support.

If you haven't visited the Museum recently, this is a great OPEN SEASON to do just that and take advantage of your membership which includes unlimited visits. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, business associates and/or visitors with you and enjoy our new exhibits and unique displays.

Sincerely (on behalf of all the Friends Board of Directors),

Hal Huntington

Hal Huntington, President
Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum

Our **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** for 7/1/2011-6/30/2012 is now underway. Please return the form on the back of this newsletter to renew your member-

If any of you have some spare time when you could work as a greeter, docent (for tour groups) or Museum Store cashier during our OPEN SEASON, please contact our new Volun-

BAKER HERITAGE MUSEUM FUNDRAISER
50th Anniversary
CASINO NIGHT
"A NIGHT AT OLD AUBURN"
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2011
 6:00 - 10:00 PM

BAKER HERITAGE MUSEUM
 2480 GROVE STREET - BAKER CITY - 541-523-9308

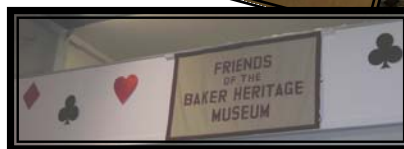
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Thank You to all our sponsors and donors who supported this event:

A NIGHT AT OLD AUBURN 2011

Photo souvenirs of a memorable evening and successful fundraising event. Thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered and found it in your hearts to open your pocketbooks to support this fun Casino Night event. We look forward to next year!



Adler House Reopens May 28th

The dedicated team of Adler House volunteers are dusting and polishing the Adler family treasures at a cleaning party on May 17th in preparation for our Memorial Day Weekend opening. Thanks to Colleen Brooks, Jane Hutton and Chary Mires for such loving attention to detail that even Leo Adler, who we know was not a homebody, might have

stopped for a moment to enjoy. In addition to our normal Friday through Monday 10am-2pm hours, we are planning First Friday afternoon tea on the lawn at Adler House, with costumed docents starting June 3rd. If you wish to become involved, giving tours, serving tea, or baking cookies, please contact Ashley at the museum.



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

Exhibit Progress

While we've shared a little about the great new Central Gallery exhibit, there's so much more our volunteers and staff are doing. Changes are coming in our mining exhibit, and we're delighted to see great progress on the Cattlewomen's "Cattle Production in Baker County" exhibit. Work on this comprehensive exhibit is wrapping up with a June projected completion. If you have a Baker County registered brand, don't miss the opportunity to become a part

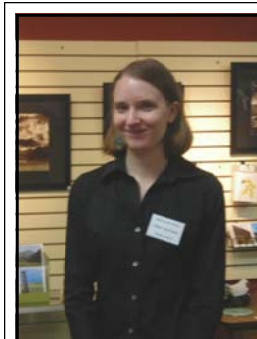
of this exhibit. Purchase your brand plaque by calling Patti Pickard at 541-523-2943.



Jerry Gildemeister at work on Cattlewomen's exhibit

Staff Notes

Please join us in welcoming our new Museum Assistant, Ashley Van Winkle. Ashley has assumed responsibility for both Museum Store and Volunteer Coordination, a daunting task, but she comes well qualified with a Bachelors degree in history from Western Oregon University, and a Masters of Science in Publishing. If you wish to discuss ways you can help on any level, Ashley would love to discuss our many opportunities with you. Give her a call or stop by to meet her Fridays through Mondays.



Ashley Van Winkle, Our new Museum Assistant—Store & Volunteer Coordination

Thank You Members and Volunteers!

Membership Drive

It's time to renew your membership by completing the form on the back of this newsletter. Memberships are from now through June 30th, 2012, so not only are you supporting a great cause, but you get the benefit of being able to enjoy unlimited admission to the museum during 2 seasons. The Friends have changed the membership categories with free passes for guests of members who support us at Partner level and above.

Membership benefits:

- Free admission to the Museum
- 10% discount in the Museum Store
- Newsletters
- Electronically generated (e-mails) updates and notifications of special events
- Voting privileges at the Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum Spring and Fall General Meetings
- Free guest passes for listed membership categories

Membership Categories:

Individual: \$20 or earn a membership with 48 hours of volunteer time each year

Family: includes spouse & children 17 or younger

Partner: Family + 2 guest passes*

Sponsor: Family + 4 guest passes

Contributor: Family + 6 passes

Sustainer: Family + 8 passes

Life Member: Family + 2 guest

passes annually

Your tax deductible donation will help to preserve the rich history of Baker County.

*guest passes are for one visit

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Baker City, OR 97814

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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:

“Thursday Art Night”
Baker Art Guild &
Eltrym Theatre

Thank you!

Membership Matters

The Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum are launching this year’s membership drive now.

Your tax deductible contribution helps us preserve artifacts, develop educational programs for children and adults and create new informative and interactive exhibits.

Thank you for joining us! Your membership is an investment in the preservation of Baker County History.

Support our heritage family. **Renew your membership** or join us now.
Just fill out this form and return it to us.

Membership Form

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ 30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> new member
<input type="checkbox"/> Partner	\$ 60.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$ 100.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributor	\$ 250.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer	\$ 500.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member	\$1,000.00	

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