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Baker Heritage Museum Quarterly News

Winter 2010-2011

A NIGHT AT OLD AUBURN

Come join the Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum for their 2nd annual Casino Night Fundraiser
"A Night at Old Auburn"
 Saturday, February 26, 6-9PM

Stroll down memory lane at the Museum, revisit the rich history of Baker County, and imagine yourself back in the old gold rush town of Auburn, noted for its saloons and gaming parlors. Team Casino, a professional gaming company, will set the stage with roulette wheels, craps and blackjack tables for Monte Carlo style gaming at Old Auburn's "Fashion Saloon," which in its day was known for its "hurdy gurdy, dance hall, gambling and wild women!" Poker tables, Bingo in the School House, silent auction, live entertainment, dancing and more will add to the fun. Miss Sally Stanford, AKA Mabel Busby formerly of Baker City, and various colorful guest personalities will contribute to the ambiance of the evening. So will the no host bar at "Ludwig's Brewery." A buffet dinner by Kurt Miller Catering, featuring a Roast Beef au jus and Roast Ham carving table will be at "Rackerby's Hotel," also noted for its dance hall saloon. If you choose, dress in 1860s attire and be included in a "best dressed" period costume contest.

This event is important for the Museum and Adler House as the primary fundraiser supporting both museums.

Advance tickets are only \$35, available at the Museum, Betty's Books, the Chamber of Commerce, Historic Baker City office, J. Tabor Jewelers and Ryder Brothers. Buy your ticket now to enjoy this fun-filled event!

BAKER HERITAGE MUSEUM FUNDRAISER



CASINO NIGHT

"A NIGHT AT OLD AUBURN"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2011

6:00 - 10:00 PM

ADMISSION TICKETS:
 IN ADVANCE \$35
 PER PERSON OR
 10 PACK FOR \$300

AT THE DOOR:
 \$40 PER PERSON

**FUNNY MONEY
 PACKETS**
 \$10 TO \$200

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Stroll down memory lane and revisit the rich history of Baker County. A "good time" you can bet on!



Texas Hold'em

Funny Money is used to play games and buy raffle tickets.



Craps

- Dinner by Kurt Miller Catering

- Entertainment

- Period Costumes Optional



Roulette & Bingo

Let's Make History! Deal Me In!



Black Jack

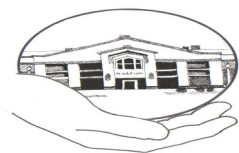
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Friends of the Museum

We want to thank all of you who attended our Fall General Membership Meeting on October 28th, 2010. We had an excellent crowd, passed our new By-laws, and had a very informative discussion regarding the upcoming Museum Annual Appeal and the late spring Friends Membership drive. We reminded everyone that Friends' membership runs from July 1 to June 30th the following year, while the Appeal is in November to December annually, providing a year end charitable contribution tax break opportunity (separate from and not including membership).

In the Fall 2010 Newsletter, we introduced new faces on our Board and mentioned we were still seeking at least two more members. We are very happy to announce that Mr. Scott Warner has agreed to fill one of the openings. Scott is very active in the community and will be a welcome addition to our (your) Board. Thanks, Scott, and welcome!!

The Friends had a booth at the Community Connection Bazaar in late November and one at the 4H Bazaar in early December. While we did not

make a whole lot of money for our Museum support, we did make some new friends and got some valuable exposure in the community. We had some unique items for sale: Fire Starter Baskets with pine cones and kindling; Fudge from the kitchen of Leita Seiber; Handcrafted tree ornaments, Irish tea and cookies, Irish soda bread fixins and picture frames all from Clodagh Dunn (who, by the way, is from Ireland); and a variety of goodies from our Museum Store plus a Mr & Mrs Snowman donated by Liz. Julianne and Del Williams along with Liz Starkey crafted a beautiful 4'x6' Friends Banner that is portable so we can use it wherever we set up shop. Thanks to Kelly Brickman, Ron Hogg, Chary Mires, Hal Huntington, Linda Robbins and Clodagh's daughter Lisa for helping put together baskets, set up, staff and tear down booths. Volunteers teaming together make positive things happen for the Museum, and besides, we have fun!

Our next big adventure is the 2nd annual "Night at Old Auburn" on February 26th starting at 6PM and going until 10PM. Tickets are on

sale now and we hope to "sell out" quickly. This is the largest fundraiser to support our Museum, so please **BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!!** Don't miss out on this fun way to show your support. We will need volunteers to help as greeters, guides, set up, clean up and break down. If you would like to participate, please contact Hal at 541-523-2114.

As we prepare for the new season, thanks to everyone who is helping prepare the new exhibits. We can always use help, especially once the museum opens for the season March 19th.

Just a reminder, our Board meeting is the first Tuesday of each month, 11:30am at the museum. All Friends members, and anyone interested in joining are invited and encouraged to attend.

Until we meet again, stay warm, safe and enjoy our winter season.

Sincerely,

Hal Huntington

Hal Huntington, President

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

On November 17th, 2010, the Museum Commission recognized our valued volunteers with a luncheon in the Museum Ballroom. The event was catered with a delicious meal by Jessica Wickert of Lovin Oven, and Garwood Allen provided piano entertainment.

Several volunteers related delightful stories about their museum volunteering experiences, and many were presented certificates for exceeding 100 hours volunteer time. What a remarkable contribution is made by each and every one of you!

We simply cannot express enough appreciation for the effort you make to keep our museum going.

It would not happen without you. Thank You Volunteers!

*Thank You
Volunteers!*

Wintertime Exhibit Progress

The "Old Nat" doesn't hibernate when we close for the winter season. This is a busy time of preparing to reopen with exciting new exhibits and updates.

The museum was fortunate to receive grant funding from the DE & Jane Clark Foundation which included a matching grant, as well as an \$8000 grant from the Leo Adler Community Fund to aid with our new Central Gallery Exhibit; "Caravanning & Collecting—Two Unique Tales of Charismatic Baker Natives." The new exhibit will tell the stories of Wally Byam, born in Baker City in 1896, who invented the Airstream Trailer, and the Cavin sisters, Mamie and Beth Cavin Warfel, world renowned rock collectors. Memorabilia will shed light on Wally's early life in Baker County to his caravan adventures around the world, and will bring the Cavin sisters' shell collection back from decades of storage to join their magnificent rock collection. The exhibit's goal is, using Wally Byam's words, "to strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that

moves you to follow a rainbow to its end...and thus make your travel dreams come true." This venturesome spirit is the common theme of these two unique tales, the similar spirit that drove the early settlers and this community they founded.

The museum is the recipient of a generous donation of Wally Byam memorabilia from Wally's first cousin once removed, Dale Schwamborn. Dale, affectionately known by Caravanners as "PeeWee," is the son of Wally's cousin and business protege (and Baker City native), Helen Byam Schwamborn, who was a founder of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. Many personal items from Wally, Helen, and PeeWee's international caravan trips will be included in the museum's exhibit.

The museum welcomes donations or loans of artifacts, as well as historical information pertinent to this exhibit, and we are interested in finding an Airstream to display. Caravan events are planned for the summer, with a July 4th weekend Wally

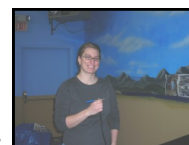
Byam birthday celebration event as a highlight.

Progress is also being made on the Cattlewomen's "Cattle Production in Baker County" and the mining exhibits in the Pool Room.

Volunteers have been working hard to make your next visit to the museum exciting, memorable and an experience you are certain to want to share with your visiting family and friends.



Danny & Chris Cantrell receiving Dale Schwamborn's (left) donation of Wally Byam memorabilia in Dewey, Arizona



Volunteers Megan Dorrah, Hal Huntington & Rory Dambach prepping the Central Gallery



Kent & Anita Nelson working on the Cattlewomen's Exhibit

Staff Update

Museum Director, Chris Cantrell, is pleased to announce that Joan Jacobs has accepted the new contract position of Museum Assistant-Curation & Exhibits. Joan was a valued volunteer during the time since she decided to leave the director position, and we are delighted to bring her talent back to a staff position. Connie Pollock will assume some new responsibilities as Museum Assistant-Store & Volunteer Coordination. Congratulations and Thank You, Joan and Connie!

Annual Appeal and Clark Grant Match raises \$4825

A very sincere thank you goes out to all who opened their hearts and pocketbooks and responded to our Annual Appeal and the Clark Grant Match (which the DE & Jane Clark Foundation matched with \$2500 in addition to the original grant award of \$5000). We couldn't continue to thrive and grow without your help.

Annual Appeal Donors

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9:00 to 4:00 seven days a week

**We're on the web:
www.BakerHeritageMuseum.com**

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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 research.

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The Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum

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Membership Matters

Don't forget, last year's membership goes through June 30th this year! Watch for our upcoming membership drive this Spring.

Your membership includes unlimited free admission to the museum, 10% discount in the museum store, invitations to special events and our quarterly newsletter.

Museums with active membership participation are thriving organizations. Consider volunteering, we have many opportunities available.

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

Not a member, but want to join our heritage family? Membership Forms are available at the museum and will soon be on our website. Your contribution helps us preserve artifacts, develop educational programs for children and adults and create new informative and interactive exhibits.

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

