

SESQUICENTENNIAL
OF
SEASIDE SCHOOLS



First Grade Class Seaside School - 1911

January 2023 marks **150 years of public schools** in Seaside. The first school was opened in 1873 on the east side of Avenue U, close to the location of today's Les Schwab Tires.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

We've kept active over the past few months!

The Saltmakers returned in early September, just in time for a fire ban and lots of smoke in the air. They pressed on anyway and more than 500 people visited our site. Another highlight was the special one-day exhibit by John Fisher and Garry Bush at the museum.

History & Hops has returned! Great subjects, food and drink and lots of people interested in history.

The Sou'Wester Garden club works hard to keep our Heritage Garden at the cottage in great shape, so this year the museum hosted a luncheon for them in the Butterfield Cottage as a special thank you.

This year we presented a Holiday Tea at the Cottage event, instead of the perennial favorite Gingerbread Tea. COVID and the shortage of volunteers led us to try a catered tea with limited seating and it sold out within a week. Robin Montero arranged a wonderful event and we've received many compliments. Look for future events similar to this!

Thank you to the several new volunteers that have joined our ranks recently - they are the backbone that keeps our museum open to the public.

Coming attractions: new and improved website, annual membership drive, new and improved exhibits and more.

It's important to stay in touch - be sure to sign up for our newsletters and watch for info on Facebook and our website.

I personally made a "little" change of direction and will become Seaside's Mayor starting Jan 1. I will continue working with our great board and volunteers to keep teaching residents and visitors about Seaside.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! - Steve

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest board members!



KEN HEMAN

Ken spent 25 years working in the Music and Radio Industry. He changed careers and is now with the City of Seaside Visitor's Bureau. Ken has lived here since 2010 and lucky for us, he loves learning about the amazing history in our area. Ken was a board member some years ago and is very happy to be involved again. (We are happy too). Ken lives with his wife, Sandy, two dogs, and a cat. He is a lover of good beer and awesome burgers. Seaside is the place to be for that! Welcome aboard Ken!



SANDY MCDOWALL

Sandy moved to Seaside in 1995 and although Seaside has not been her original destination on the Oregon Coast, she has never regretted a day of living in this beautiful city. Sandy is a self-employed tax consultant and full charge bookkeeper. She loves to travel and has an affinity for the history of the North Oregon Coast. Sandy has worked for the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, on and off, for the last 25 years and is now a volunteer docent at the museum. She looks forward to being a member of the board and to learning more about our town. Sandy, we are so glad to have you!

Thank you, Brian Ratty for your service on the Board of Directors. We wish you the best!

DESTINATION: SEASIDE



COMING MARCH 2023



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JEAN PHILLIPS

Volunteer at a Museum? Not me. However, after ending my long career, a few years ago, as a Human Resource Manager/Consultant mainly for hitech companies in Washington County, we moved full time to our property in Seaside that we've owned since 2004. My husband and I started to enjoy retirement settling into road trips/travel until he passed away in 2019. So in 2021, I started looking for something to fill my need to give back to my local community but still allow me the time I need to keep my healthy life balance and enjoy our beautiful north coast. I've only been volunteering since June 1st. But I've found that the exhibits have allowed me to learn so much about our City and County's history. And the people who visit are locals and from far away. I enjoy sharing my new knowledge with them. The staff, board members and other volunteers are great to work with and we all get to share ideas and help to keep it all going - including the Butterfield Cottage where I get to provide tours. The truth is I frequented Seaside, Cannon Beach, and Ilwaco with my husband on weekends/vacations for years, but the first time I walked into the museum was in April 2022. If you haven't been by please come see us, say hi and learn something new. You won't regret it.

Destination Seaside

Ever since Helen Lattie opened her boarding house to visitors in the 1850s, people have been traveling to Seaside to see the beautiful sights and enjoy outdoor activities. Some people even choose to stay and live on the coast.

Join us to explore how people came to Seaside by ship, train, airplane, or our early highways. Which roadside café did your family stop at on the Sunset Highway? Did your dad honk the horn while rolling through the tunnel? What memories do you have of traveling to Seaside?

If you have photos, recollections of your family's travels to Seaside, where you stopped for pie, the train trips, boat travel, we would like to add them to the exhibit.

Submit stories and/or photos by February 1st to seasidemuseum@gmail.com or snail mail to:
570 Necanicum Drive
Seaside, OR 97103



DO YOU HAVE SPARE TIME ON YOUR HANDS?

COME VOLUNTEER!

We are open **Wed-Sat**, with two volunteer shifts available:

11:00 - 1:30 or **1:30 - 4:00**

You can sign up for as little as one shift a month!

Email us if you are interested!
seasidemuseum@gmail.com



150 YEARS OF SEASIDE SCHOOLS

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Circa, 1900

It was a simple one room school house located on the Lattie Donation Land Claim just east of Ben Holladay's Seaside House. The Lattie's were one of the first families in Seaside and their donation land claim covered much of west Seaside from Tillamook Head to mid town. Ben Holladay's resort was visited by travelers from San Francisco and beyond who would come to Astoria by ship and then south on the beach in elegant carriages. Both the Lattie family and Holladay believed that a school was vital for the community. With this school house, local children no longer had to travel the distance to the Clatsop School which was located on today's Dellmoor Road.

Twenty years later the community had grown larger, and a two story school was built between 3rd and 4th on what is now N. Holladay Drive. Students would line up each morning and to the beat of the drum, they would enter in rows and march to their respective classrooms. The building was also a social center for the community with evening events such as public meetings, dances and socials. The building was soon enlarged and continued to serve as a school from 1894 to 1974. For years after, it was the site for indoor soccer and basketball for the youth of the community.

*A presentation on the history of Seaside Schools is
available for groups.*

Contact the museum to make reservations.



Original Clatsop School Circa 1894

The first Afternoon Holiday Tea event was a great success!



Butterfield Cottage curator, Robin Montero was able to corral the necessary troops to get this idea off the ground. We could not have done this without our generous sponsors, members, and donors.

We want to express our absolute thankfulness for all of our supporters. We had so many people respond to our request for donated tea cups and tea pots. We ended up with more than we imagined we would receive!

The Afternoon Holiday Tea will come back next holiday season for those of you unable to attend. Also those who just can't get enough holiday cheer.

In the meantime, we are going to hold a May "Mad Hatter" Tea Event. The full details are still being compiled. We will send out ticket notifications to members first so make sure you get your 2023 membership form submitted!



The Mayor of Seaside was able to attend! What a treat!



The cottage is currently decorated for Christmas, feel free to stop on by and take a peek.

Thank you White Cap Catering and Hamilton Market once again for donating all of the wonderful sweets and savories.



IN WITH THE OLD

Seaside Museum board member, Rachael Wolford has been collecting old Christmas Tree ornaments for more than 40 years. She has generously allowed us to place some on our tree this holiday season.

In the 1840s to 1860s blown glass ornaments were made by blowing molten glass into molds to create the shapes. Figural glass Christmas ornaments originated in the small town of Lauscha, Germany. The production of Christmas ornaments became a family affair for many people. Developing a cottage industry, some families invested 16 hours a day in production. For some, it was their sole source of income.



The bird ornaments date back to the early 1900's. Although a tail is missing and the silvering has become faded, they are in good shape for being more than 100 years old.



The ornaments with the indented center were called witches' eyes and were supposed to ward away evil.



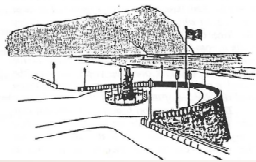


The smaller bales (or 'tophat') indicate that the ornament is older. As years passed, the bales on ornaments were made larger.

WHO'S IN CHARGE OF COOKING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

Try taking this interesting recipe for a spin!

Seaside
Centennial
Cookbook
100 YEARS
1899 - 1999
SEASIDE, OREGON



Learn more about the Seaside Signal and Claire at the museum!

Our Seaside Signal Exhibit has some great information.

BELOW ZERO SALAD

1 Pkg. cream cheese
1/4 Cup mayonnaise
1/2 Cup chopped dates
1/2 Cup crushed pineapple
1/8 tsp. salt
2 tsp. Lemon Juice
1/2 Cup whipped cream (Cool Whip?)

Mash cream cheese with wooden spoon. Stir in mayonnaise. Mix until smooth. Add dates, pineapple, salt, and lemon juice. Fold in whipped cream. Freeze in tray for about 4 hours. Serve on lettuce with creamed mayonnaise.

This recipe was found in the 1999 Seaside Centennial Cookbook. Below Zero Salad was submitted for the Centennial Cookbook by local Seaside Signal columnist, Claire Lovell. Claire found this recipe in an issue of the Seaside Signal from 1934!



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THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP
HISTORY ALIVE!

THEN & NOW

North Quartz Creek Bridge is located on U.S Hwy 26, about 28 miles southeast of the Seaside junction. The bridge was built in 1939 by state bridge engineer, Glenn S. Paxson of Salem, Oregon. It spans 835 feet from one side to the other with a deck width of 26 feet. This type of steel deck girder bridge was common in Oregon in the late 1930s and early 1940s. According to the State Highway Map from 1930, the only paved highway from Portland was what is now Hwy 30. There were rock, dirt, and/or gravel roads that wound about through the forest, but the eventual development of Hwy 26 made a large impact on how travelers made their way to Seaside.

The construction of the Sunset Highway portion of Hwy 26 began in January of 1933. With the help of the WPA and Civilian Conservation Corps, sections of the highway were opened for travel in September of 1941 and the rest of the road was completed by the end of that year. The highway was originally the Wolf Creek Highway, again being named after a nearby creek. The Oregon State Highway Commission renamed the road to Sunset Highway in January of 1946.

Today, the bridge is still well-traveled by those who live on the coast and must go into the "big city" for any reason as well as the flocks of tourists that are attracted to Seaside just the as in the 1930s.

