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*"Searching back in time to discover,
preserve, and share our heritage."*



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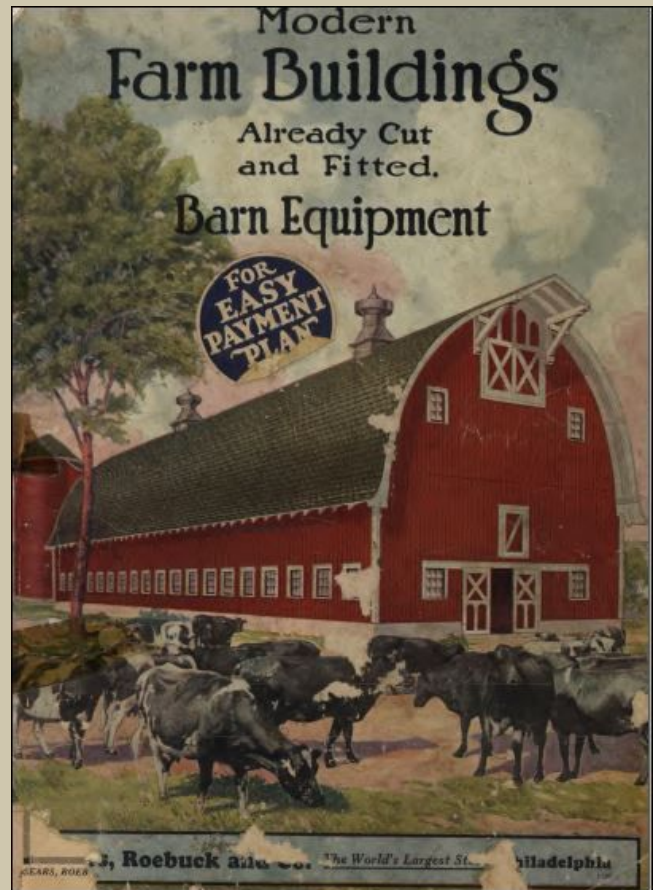
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Sears, Roebuck and Company

They made Barns Too!

Honor - Built



Front page from the 1924 Sears and Roebuck Barn Kit Catalog. Story on page 7.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GEORGA FOSTER

Again its been a tough year with the pandemic still with us but in all I think we have done well. We have 34 members. I want to thank those who have stuck with us and the several members and non-members who sent donations. We still have expenses to cover and it helped out tremendously. The board will be meeting later on in the summer to decide which road to take on a few issues. Post office fees are very high and also if we want to remain a 501(c) 0 or change our status. Also, we really need two volunteers to help Juanita with a financial audit which has been put off during the Covid event. The volunteers for audit can't be on the board or a officer. If you would like to volunteer your help is greatly appreciated.

Looking into several programs for the fall. As of now we will probably have Zoom presentations for the most part and in person occasionally. We have now several out of area members and this platform reaches those areas of interest. Till we meet again in the fall, have a great summer and happy trails!

Georga

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SOCIETY NEWS

It was a great get together!

Members joined in for a lunch to commemorate the societies 45th year. Ten members attended a lunch at Casa El Mirdor. It started out a blustery day but was on the way to sunshine by the time to leave. Thank You for your support.

In attendance was Juanita Neitling, Jan Leinenger, Audrey Crader, Lorna Elliot, Doug Henne, John Brookhouse, Jim and Sandy Bisset, Rose Denslinger, Lynn Winters and Georga Foster.



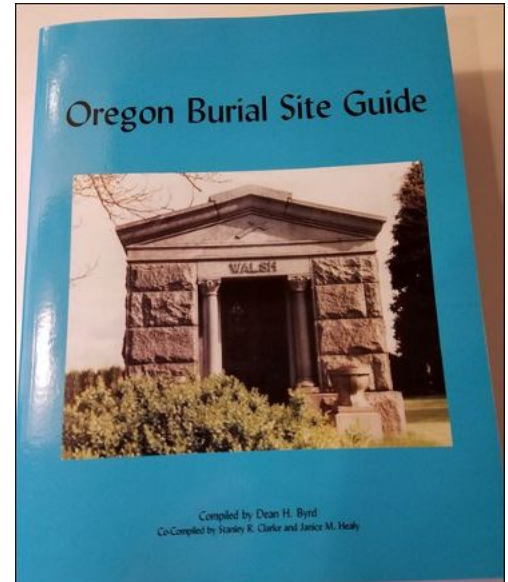
The society takes summer break in July and August, there is no activities planned. Stay up on society news and the program schedule on our blog : <https://gorgegen.blogspot.com/>

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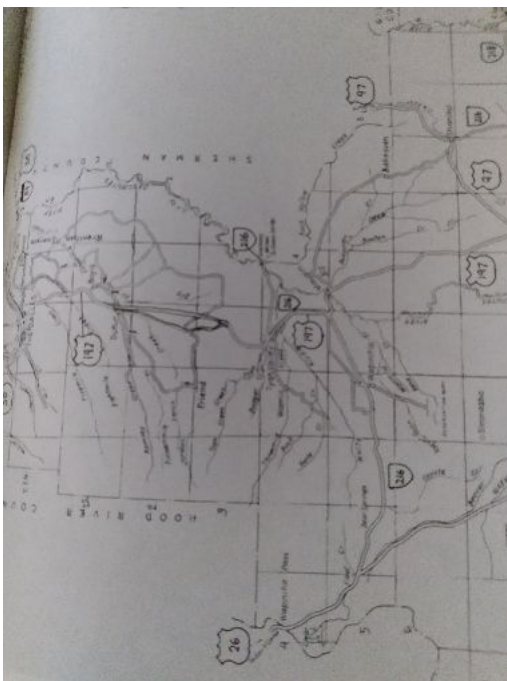
Timeless Tombstones ~ The Oregon Burial Site Guide

The Oregon Burial Site Guide, from 4 authors and compilers, Ruth Bishop, Dean Byrd, Janice Healy and Stanley Clarke. The giant undertaking that proved to be an important resource for Oregon genealogists and historians as well. With resources from newspapers, fraternal organizations, family histories, genealogical societies, historical societies, historical journals and endless interviews of land owners and with help from the Oregon Cemetery Survey.

From the introduction to the book-
"A major turning point came around Memorial Day in 1987. The late Darlene Dickson Albert, along with her husband, persuaded the compiler into escorting them on a photography visit to Fairfield Cemetery. This was so enjoyable that we drove to St. Louis Cemetery nearby for more pictures. The upshot was that the compiler bought a camera and continued field trips which eventually resulted in personal visits at least once to 437 cemeteries, burial sites in Oregon". The book is dedicated to Darlene Dickson Albert."



The guide is divided by counties and lists cemetery descriptions, number of burials, acres, condition, date started and earliest known burial plus township, range, section. You will also find maps and photos. The guide can be found at both local libraries, The Dalles- Wasco Library and the William G. Dick Library at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center or can be purchased from Amazon or several used book outlets on the web.



Oregon Burial Site Guide Wasco County				
Name of Cemetery and also known as	Number of burials	Acres	Condition	Date started
PARKLAWN AKA: 1. I.O.O.F [THE DALLES] 2. VETERANS				1888-26 August 1913 is buried there. The illegible on the des shown on Lyle 1978
PIONEER [THE DALLES] AKA: 1. SUNSET HILL				1860-1
				1860-1



Have a timeless tombstone you would like to share?
Send your photos and story to gorgenealogical@gmail.com



A growing archive of historic collections - The Mountain West Digital Archives

The Mountain West Digital Library is a collaborative of libraries, museums, and archives -- universities, colleges, public libraries, museums, archives, and historical societies. Starting in 2001 as a program of the Utah Academic Library Consortium, MWDL has been joined over the last decade by partners in other states in the West as well, including Utah, Nevada, Oregon, and Hawaii.

<https://mwdl.org/>



Two-thirds of Americans want to know more about their family history

More than half of Americans don't know the names of all four of their grandparents, new research suggests. A recent survey of 2,113 U.S. adults, including 1,911 from the top 10 Nielsen DMAs and 202 from Salt Lake City, found that there is a massive knowledge gap in more recent family history.

WHAT DO PEOPLE WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR FAMILY HISTORY?

Stories of their ancestors when they were young/what their life was like at a moment in time - 51%

Ancestors' connection to historical events - 46%

Where their last name comes from and/or what it means - 42%

Hardships their ancestors went through/overcame - 41%

Regions/countries their ancestors came from - 40%

The street/neighborhood their ancestors lived in - 38%

Yahoo News - Southwest News Service

Colorizing photos now available on Ancestry

Ancestry, has integrated an automatic colorization feature that it says lets users bring make black and white photos more lifelike. The company says it already enables the ability to capture, digitize, retouch, and preserve old family photos, but it is now adding the ability to colorize them with a new tool. This allows users to gain "a more vivid, real-life snapshot of ancestors and their lives." ~Ancestry

The photo editor is located in your tools icon in your tree media files. It is not a stand alone application.

<https://petapixel.com/2022/06/02/ancestry-com-now-lets-you-automatically-colorize-historical-photos/>



Every man is a quotation from all his ancestors. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

A Spotlight on The Dalles Library Genealogical Desk

One of the areas most comprehensive resources for genealogy research is The Dalles - Wasco County Library. The materials within this institution covers not only Wasco County and Oregon but genealogical material from all over the world. Newer publications as well as vintage publications. Vital records, journals, family written histories, cemetery records, newspaper transcripts and microfilm make up the bulk of the collection as well as a comprehensive card file which most of which has been collected and maintained by Lorna Elliot, retired library employee. Over the years Ms. Elliot with the help of the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society provided books, gleaned newspapers, copied obituaries, collected family and historical stories to provide the family researcher rich and valuable information. Ms. Elliot was one of the first members of the society and has always had a profound interest in family history. She has been a mentor for many genealogy enthusiasts and provided many hours to volunteering for CGGS. Lorna also is a member of the Wasco County Historical Society where you can find her manning a table at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery on every Memorial Day.



Lorna Elliot

Looking back at past records and newsletters in the CGGS archive so many have contributed to the vast collection of books and materials not to mention projects and events. Local history abounds with publications local railroads, road construction, historic wagon trails, lone grave sites, business dealings, and just small town camaraderie. The society participated in a large project, the Pioneer Cemetery Memorial Headstone. Society members Earline Wasser, Lorna Elliot and Jim Bull worked the cemetery and researched the burials. Older copies of the newsletters can be viewed at the William G. Dick Library at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center or online at:

<http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/newsletter.html>



Recently added to the materials at The Dalles - Wasco Library is a family history starter kit which is free and available at the genealogy desk. The kit contains family group sheets, pedigree charts and a short lesson on how to get started. If you would like a kit please email gorgegenealogical@gmail.com and we will provide you with one.

Also, a catalog of the genealogical listings at The Dalles Library can be downloaded at our regular website here: <http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/links.html>

CGGS Publications

Publications can be ordered in print or digital form. Please email gorgenealogical@gmail.com for more information.

#AD-07 Marriages, Wasco County, Oregon (1 854 - 1900)	\$20.00	103 pages	#EP-25 Census Records Of Hood River, Wasco County, OR (1860, 1870, 1880),	\$15.00	41 pages.	#EW-01 The Pioneer Cemetery The Dalles, Oregon 1860-, Compiled and assembled by Earline Wasser. Published by Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, 2007.	\$20.00	111 pages
#LE-07 Marriages, Wasco County, Oregon (1 900 - 1914)	\$15.00	92 pages, indexed	#EP-27 Directory, Oregon-Washington Telephone Company, Hood River Co. 5-1/2" x 8-1/2", Jan. 1, 1919	\$10.00	28 pages	#EP-23 Cemeteries Of Hood River County, Oregon (Frankton, Shelley, Jackson)	\$10.00	28 pages.
#LE-04 Power Of Attorney, Wasco County, Oregon (July 12, 1873 to Dec. 15, 1888)	\$10.00	16 pages.	#EP-31 History Of The Early Methodist-Episcopalian Churches, Hood River Co. 1871 - 1914.	\$15.00	79 pages.	#EP-24 Cemeteries Of Hood River County, Oregon (Mt. Hood & Parkdale)	\$15.00	77 pages.
#LE-08 Probate Index, Wasco County, Oregon (1854 - 1949)	\$15.00	59 pages	#LE-06 Index To Circuit Court Cases, Wasco County, Oregon (1854-1900)	\$20.00	126 pages, indexed.	#EP-28 Cemeteries Of Hood River County, Oregon (Cascade Locks & Wyeth). 1992.	\$15.00	64 pages.
#LE-05 Record Of Wills, Wasco County, Oregon, (1 864-1897.	\$15.00	29 pages, indexed	#JK-02 Index To Wasco County Court Records (Feb 1, 1865-May 16, 1881), Wasco Co., OR	\$25.00	175 pages, indexed	#EP-30 Cemeteries Of Hood River County, Oregon (County Cemetery),	\$10.00	47 pages.
#BDM-1 Surname Occurrences From 3 The Dalles, Or Newspapers 1887-1889	\$30.00	221 pages, Indexed	#JK-01 Index To Wasco County Deaths, Wasco County, Oregon (1 903-1950)	\$25.00	176 pages.	#EP-29 Cemeteries Of Hood River, Oregon (St. Mary's, Hood River),	\$15.00	82 pages.
#BDM-2 Surname Occurrences From 3 The Dalles, Or Newspapers 1887-1889	\$30.00	190 pages, Indexed				#LE-09 Declaration Of Intentions & Naturalization Records (1854-1906). Wasco Co., OR	\$15.00	50 pages.
#LE-01 Birth & Death Extracts from The Dalles, OR Newspapers (1865-1869)	\$15.00	75 pages						
#LE-02 Birth & Death Extracts from The Dalles, OR Newspapers (1870-1879)	\$25.00	176 pages						
#LE-03 Birth & Death Extracts from The Dalles, OR Newspapers (1890 - 1895)	\$25.00	156 pages						

The CGGS publications are available for in house research at the William G. Dick Library at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. The library is open by appointment for researchers. Library hours are variable.

1-541-296-8600 ext. 219

5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon 97058

<https://www.gorgediscovery.org/william-dick-library/>

"Persistence is the secret to success"



On October 18, 1873, the Oregon Pioneer Society was reorganized as the Oregon Pioneer Association (OPA). The group continued to hold annual meetings each June, usually around the June 15 "Pioneer Day" holiday, with stenographic reports of these meetings published in pamphlet form for the historical record.

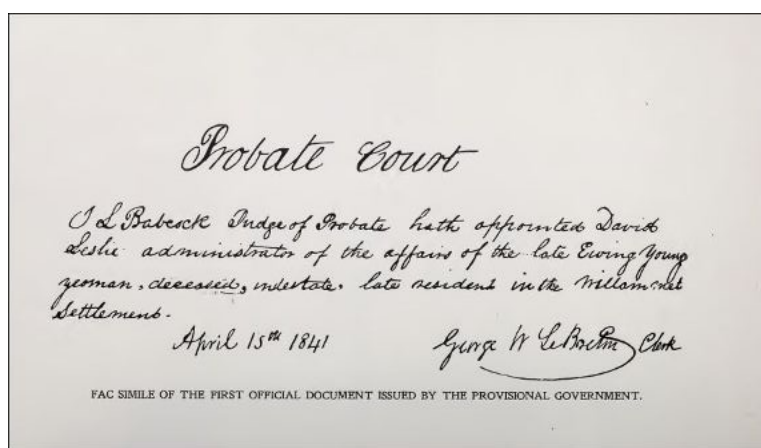
In 1874 the Oregon Pioneer Association offered to merge with the Oregon Historical Society, but the offer was declined, apparently due to the latter group's intention to limit itself to historical study rather than fraternal interaction.

The OPA remained financially and socially viable well into the decade of the 1880s.[1] There followed a 15-year decline, as death took its toll and the membership and associated dues revenue which supported the Oregon Pioneer Association plummeted.

The OPA entered into partnership with a new organization, the Native Sons of Oregon in 1899, along with another aging and declining fraternal organization of the pioneer period, the Indian War Veterans of the North Pacific Coast. Due to its declining numbers inevitably resulting from the deaths of eligible members, the Oregon Pioneer Association was largely supplanted in 1901 by the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, a new fraternal and historical association with less stringent eligibility requirements for its members. The OPA proper continued in existence, holding annual meetings through 1928.

Wikipedia contributors. "Oregon Pioneer Association." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 28 Feb. 2021. Web. 11 Jun. 2022.

Issues of the Oregon Native Son contained accounts of historical events, pioneer travels, biographies of pioneers and notable families who settled in Oregon and Indian War and Civil War accounts from veterans and their families. The above association was established at the state fair grounds on September 25, 1885, by veterans who participated in the Indian wars of the Pacific Northwest, which were fought prior to 1860. The objects of the association are "to keep alive the memories of the trials of pioneer life, to encourage friendship and benevolence among those who have acted as the vanguard of civilization, to transmit a true history of the Indian wars of the North Pacific coast, and to impress ourselves and our posterity with that true patriotism which protects our homes from all evils, both by war and peace.



The first official document presented to Oregon's Provisional Government 1841

Issues of the Oregon Native son can be viewed or downloaded from Internet Archive or Google Books <https://archive.org/search.php?query=oregon+native+son&sin=>

Another great genealogy blog!

From Leland Meitzler
Orting, Washington

<https://www.genealogyblog.com/>

They made barns too!

This article is from the latest newsletter from the Idaho Historical Society and features this story of the barn of George Obendorf of Wilder, Idaho. 1915

For National Dairy Month, the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office is highlighting the National Register-listed George Obendorf, Gothic Arch Truss Barn near Wilder. You may have heard of mail-order catalog homes from Sears, Roebuck & Co., but did you know that you could also order a kit barn?

The barn was built in 1915 and is a pre-manufactured structure shipped by rail in its component parts to Wilder and assembled by local carpenters and the family for their dairying operations. Sears began selling mail-order kit homes in 1908 with all the necessary plans, instructions, and materials required for construction by a local builder or the owner. After the success of the kit homes, Sears started selling plans and components for barns in 1911. The Chicago-based corporation expanded its farm building program in 1918 with a stand-alone "The Book of Barns" catalog, which continued until the Great Depression began.

<https://history.idaho.gov/fih/>

The Honor-Bilt Division of Sears, Roebuck & Co, had been operating a highly successful mail order house and farm building business since 1908. All materials were pre-cut and finished by Honor-Bilt, and shipped by rail to be assembled by the customer. In 1915 George Obendorf ordered one of Honor-Bilt's newest offerings, a 42' by 60' Gothic Arch Truss horse and dairy barn, for which he paid \$1,500. The barn was assembled by local craftsmen and members of the Obendorf family during the summer of 1915.



From the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office Newsletter - June 2022



Founded by Richard Sears and Alvah Roebuck in 1886, Sears, Roebuck & Co. earned its 20th century designation as the "world's largest store" primarily through its catalog sales. In addition to its exhaustive general catalogs, Sears also published kit-home catalogs—which were distributed beginning in 1908—that led to the sale of more than 70,000 residences in 30 years.

Available in more than 370 styles as well as custom options, each kit contained most of the materials required to construct a wood-framed residence, with the exception of heavy masonry or concrete materials, which could be obtained locally. Once a house was in place, homeowners could then turn to Sears' how-to books on painting, electrical wiring, and plumbing for maintenance needs.

With nearly 100 Sears building products catalogs, the BTHL chronicles both the evolution of residential design and the history of the mail-order-turned-department store corporation.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sears_Modern_Homes

Oregon Genealogy

Oregon Genealogy Network

Oregon Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 600 members and growing. It is a vital resource for your genealogy questions and is a very informative source for researching. The network consists of amateur as well as researchers well versed in helping you answer your family history questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state.

Join today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190997804291208/>

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Portland, Oregon
503.222.1741

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<https://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>

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OrGenWeb

Or GenWeb is hosted by USGenWeb and is part of a volunteer group of researchers and genealogists from each state providing free online information to the genealogy community.
Started over 20 years ago, USGenWeb has grown into one of the largest free genealogy sites on the internet.
<http://www.orgenweb.org/index.html>

Washington Genealogy

Washington Genealogy Network

Washington Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 550 members and growing. Like its sister state of Oregon, this site provides researchers a way to find information and answers to your research questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state of Washington.

Join Today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222494824442130/>

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1901 S. 12th Avenue
Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

Washington State Genealogical Society
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Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

Local Historical Resources

Wasco County Historical Society
300 W. 13th St.
The Dalles, Oregon 97058
541-296-1867

Wasco County Original Courthouse
410 W. 2nd Place
The Dalles, Oregon 97058
541.296.4798

Wasco County Pioneer Association
vasallee@gmail.com
541.296.4043

Ft Dalles Historical Museum
500 W. 15th and Garrison St.
The Dalles, Oregon 97058
541.296.5457

Hood River Historical Society
300E Port Marina Drive
Hood River, Oregon 97031
info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org
541.386.6772

Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

Family History Centers

The Dalles FHC
1815 E. 15th St.
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Goldendale FHC
N. Columbus Ave & McLinley
P.O. Box 109
Goldendales, Wa. 98620

Stevenson FHC
650 NW Gropper Rd.
Stevenson, Wa. 98648

Hood River FHC
1825 May St.
Hood River, Oregon
97031
541.806.0372

Libraries

The Dalles Wasco County
722 Court St.
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.2815

William G. Dick Library
5000 Discovery Drive
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.8600 EX. 219

Hood River County Library
502 State St.
Hood River, Or. 97031
541.386.2535

Ft. Vancouver Regional Libraries

Goldendale
131 West Burgen St.
Goldendale, Wa. 98620
509.773.4487

White Salmon Valley
5 Town and Country Square
Whire Salmon, Wa. 98672
509.0493.1132

Stevenson
120 NW Vanciouver Ave.
Stevenson, Wa. 98648
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Historical Resources In The Gorge

Fort Dalles Museum
W. 15th & Garrison St.
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.4547

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
5000 Discovery Drive
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.8600

Wasco County Historical Society
300 W. 13th St.
The Dalles, Or. 97058
541.296.1867

Museum of Hood River
300 E. Port Marina Dr.
Hood River, Or. 97031
541.386.6722

Gorge Heritage Museum
202 E. Humbolt
Bingen, Wa. 98605
509.493.3228

Dufur Historical Society
P.O. Box 462
Dufur, Or. 97021

Klickitat County Historical Society
127 W. Broadway
Goldendale, Wa. 98620
509.77.4303

Presby Museum
127 W. Broadway
Goldendale, Wa. 98620
509.773.4303

Sherman County Historical society
200 Dewey St.
Moro, Or. 97039
541.565.3232

Maryhill Museum
35 Maryhill Museum Drive,
Goldendale, Wa. 98620

Original Wasco County Courthouse
PO Box 839
410 West 2nd Place
The Dalles, Oregon 97058252
(541) 296-4798

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center
990 SW Rock Creek Dr.
Stevenson, Wa. 988648

Calendar This! Upcoming Programs

(Subject to change)

All programs and lectures are scheduled for ZOOM. Please check the blog for a complete schedule of events and more information.

<https://gorgegegen.blogspot.com/>



September - TBA

October - TBA

November- TBA

A Little Humor



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We always welcome ideas!

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