Ballot Enclosed

It was reported at the 10/4/22 JCHS Board meeting that at best 10% of JCHS members typically vote in the JCHS Officer & Directors election. Members rationalize their indifference by saying their vote does not matter. Your vote matters. Elections have been determined by just 1 vote!

Your vote will elect the few that will make decisions and navigate the Josephine County Historical Society in 2023.

The Official Ballot for 2023 JCHS Officer & Directors is included with this month’s Newsletter.

Don’t Delay! Vote Today! Your Vote Matters!

Sharon Allen
JCHS Board Development Director

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Please vote.

This year the ballot looks a bit different from years past. You need to mark an X in front of each person’s name and write in names of people you wish to vote for if their name is not on the ballot. IT IS SIMPLE, JUST READ THE BALLOT.

A separate sheet of white paper is included with a return address to mail the ballot. Wrap the pre-addressed paper around your ballot to mail it, or drop it by the office before Nov. 1. If the office is closed, put it in the mail slot to the right of the front door.

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We Have A Date

✓ Graveyard Tour
Oct. 22, 2022
The annual Graveyard Tour is at the
Schmidt House
5th and J Streets
4:30 and 6:30

✓ Annual Meeting
November 1

✓ Christmas Open House Dec. 17
Board for 2022

President, Historical Sites, Properties
Ken Bell

Vice President
Leta Neiderheiser

Treasurer/Executive Secretary
Martha Metcalf

Secretary/Publishing
Joan Momsen

Events
Linda Fuidge

Living History Players
Cindy English

Membership
Pam Petrusha

Parliamentarian/Board Development
Sharon Allen

Grounds
Darrel Johnston

Directors-at-Large
Jim Van Delden
Jan Greenblatt
Shawn Karban
Lyn Snell
Krista Bell
Jody Wainwright

Business Member Renewals
Leslie Leen dba My Bookstore
Dutch Brothers Coffee
Evergreen Federal Bank
Fire Mountain Gems
Brownells Electric Store
Grants Pass Museum of Art

DONATIONS        APRIL 1, 2022
THROUGH 10-14-22

Thomas & Pamela Blanchard
Crystal Hookland
Carol & Gilbert Meek
William Villani
Elizabeth Werner
Kathryn & Irving Vodovoz
Jeanette Dickson
Dennis Eckstein
Markley & Marilyn Johnson
Michael & Suzanne Peil
Gale Shoemaker
Susan Corsi
Peter Sedlow & Lindi Leger
Darlene Casteel
Carol & Richard Gajdosik
Donna Tellyer
Joan Momsen
Jean Boling

Sustaining Donations
James Basker
Brownells’ Electric Store
Judith Basker
Linda Fuidge
Don Rice
Frank Sprinkle
Martin & Kimberly Bauer
Kris Smith
Deanne Vandevert
Tom Ford
Alan Miller
Oregon Books & Games
Sean Malloy
Sally Yarbrough
Ann Kistler
Colene & Ronald Martin
Ray & Marilyn DeBolt
Ranae & Larry Thornton
Sandi’s Candies
Kurt Nelson
Arden McConnell
We have a board meeting once a month at 6PM in the barn (board room) at the Schmidt House. The meetings last about an hour and we discuss what we need to do to keep the Society active. Members can volunteer to do other things than just coming to the monthly meeting. Some do and some don’t. Newer board members may wait a year or so before becoming more active in the society. As you can see by the ballot, some positions need to be filled. Being a chairperson can be rewarding, but sometimes takes lots of work. Others take less effort. If you wish to try something new, then feel free to write your name on the ballot.

The Josephine County Historical Society a 501(c)3 organization is the fiscal agent for the Brady Project. We collect the donations and pass them on to the artists. We do not keep any of the funds received. If you wish to donate, send checks to:
Josephine County Historical Society
512 SW 5th St., Grants Pass, OR. 97526
You may donate on the JCHS website www.jocohistorical.org
Be sure to note “Brady” on your check or website donation. The Brady Project will be a memorial statue, as shown honoring Brady Adams.

If you volunteer at the Society, we would like to keep track of the time you put in and the money you spend on behalf of the Josephine Co. Hist. Soc. Please send us monthly, or quarterly a standard sheet of paper 8 1/2 by 11 with details of what you have done for the society.

Amazon can help us
If you shop at Amazon, please sign up asap. It only takes a few moments and we get a bit of money from your purchase. It costs you nothing. Sign up:
http://smile.amazon.com/ch/936015456

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www.fredmeyer.com/community
Rewards.
Our I.D number is NPO#94511

Oregon Books will give members a discount if you show your JCHS membership card, and will donate 5% of the sale back to the Historical Society.
Oregon Books
150 NE E Street
Grants Pass, OR 97526
541-476-3132

Life of a Researcher
If you are wondering what it’s like working in a research library, look no further. It can be tedious, time consuming, and dusty at times. But there is no better feeling than when you are looking through an old yearbook for the second or third time and catch the name of the sister of the person you were looking for. Then excitedly pulling five more books, and fraudently turning pages until you find them. Being able to find a small bit of history in a newspaper clipping for someone is a rewarding experience.

New File Index
A couple of months ago we started to index our file drawers. Soon when you come in for research, you will be able to search by file name. It will also help to catalog what we have files on in the research library. We hope to eventually extend this to all of our shelves. Research will then be hopefully much easier and faster for all members and staff.

Tweet about Twitter
We recently opened an account on Twitter for those of you who like to tweet. We post news, small facts, and follow everyone who follows us. Drop a message and follow us @jc_historical. We look forward to seeing you!
Events and Living History

Graveyard Tour is next for our Events and Living History Players. We will have the presentations at the Schmidt Gazebo and Grounds as we did last year.

Graveyard Tour this year is Saturday, October 22, with tours at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm. We have nine Players ready to perform. Thank you, Ken, Raella, Edith, Julia, Rick (who will do two people), Joan M., Leta, Lyn and Irv.

Living History Players performed for the campers at Valley of the Rogue State Park this summer. And many of us supported Sandi Crowder of Sandie’s Candies as she held a 100th Birthday Party for Blind George and Blind George’s popcorn.

October 7 and 8 three of our LHP attended the Hugo Women’s quilt show. Thanks Leta (Cynthia Applegate), Julia (Mary Harris) and Joan (Margaret Wallen). Congrats to Leta for winning the quilt in the drawing. See below.

Again, we thank all the Living History Players for portraying historic Josephine County residents.