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Ann Irvin up for election to NLCHM Board

Ann Irvin is up for election to a three-year term on the NLCHM Board of Directors. She currently is serving as an interim board member.

Ann has lived just outside of Lincoln City for 23 years. She was raised in Moro, Oregon, near The Dalles and follows five generations of family who lived there. Her family enjoys family history and has been active with the Sherman County Historical Society located in Moro, Oregon.

Her great grandfather was two years old when his parents and grandparents left Missouri and began traveling the Oregon Trail, settling in Sherman County, Oregon. His mother had three children while traveling west. A photograph of the family on the trail is catalogued with family genealogy records..

Ann is a Financial Services Consultant with Oregon State Credit Union. She enjoys assisting members with their accounts, along

with personal and auto loans. She worked in the real estate world previously. Her hobbies include gardening and crafts. Her two children are Taft graduates. She also enjoys walking with her dog, Snowy.

To support Ann for a three-year term on the NLCHM Board of Directors, send in your mail-in ballot or go to the museum website listed in the masthead below and click on annual meeting.



Ann Irvin with antique canning jar

Join NLCHM annual meeting June 19 on Zoom

The NLCHM annual meeting will be held on Zoom on Saturday, June 19 at 10 a.m. Members will receive an email invitation and reminder for the meeting the day before so if you haven't submitted a current email address to the museum along with your membership information, now is the time to do it.

The meeting will highlight some of the year's accomplishments, touch on museum finances, cover the status of the board of directors, and celebrate the museum's wonderful volunteers.

If you cannot tune in, you can see a video of the year in review on the museum's website. (While you are there, don't forget to cast your vote for Ann Irvin.) www.northlincolncountyhistoricalmuseum.org/annualmeeting

Speckles the hen joins NLCHM artifacts

Speckles GG, the hen who laid eggs with mysterious letters on them, has joined the other storied artifacts in the museum's virtual exhibit, "Every Artifact Has a Story."



Speckles was sent to a taxidermist for preservation, donated to the museum and now resides in the kids' room.

In the late 1990s Speckles GG began laying eggs with the letters "G," "J," and even one with a question mark on it. Speckles GG and owner Sheryl Smith (aka the Egg Lady) toured fairs, gave national radio interviews, were featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not, and more!

To see this entry and others, head to the museum website and click on the virtual exhibit logo. If you want a challenge, click on the Virtual Exhibit Quiz button to put yourself to the test.



Mick and Patsy McLean leave board

For the past five-plus years, whenever the museum has held a program or event, we have counted on Mick and Patsy McLean to attend and participate.

They are moving on to other endeavors. Mick and Patsy have served on the board since 2015, and Mick served as board president from 2016 through 2020. He oversaw and guided the museum through several major transitional changes in staff and board members. Patsy filled many roles including event planner and recorder during board meetings. Mick also gave historical presentations and wrote historical articles for the "News Guard." They were committed advocates for the museum through community engagement and represented the museum in collaborative meetings across the city. Their support and

guidance will be missed and so will their positive, encouraging, and constructive energy.

We extend a giant THANK YOU on behalf of the museum and North Lincoln County community and wish them the best in their future endeavors.



Patsy and Mick McLean (front) with museum director Jeff Syrop

Digitizing continues for Tiny Tours exhibits

All of the digital tours of ground-floor exhibit galleries have been completed and we have lugged the camera gear upstairs. Tiny Tours of our Glass Fishing Floats, Mini Theatre, Native American Exhibit, Homesteading Exhibits, Fishing/



Screenshot from digitized Tiny Tours logging exhibit

Canning Exhibit, Logging Exhibit are digitally preserved. "Automobile Era," is the first upstairs tour to be completed. Since many members cannot make it into the museum at this time, we hope that you enjoy these videos in the meantime. Look for a new video each month for the remainder of 2021. Head to the NLCHM website and click on Tiny Tours on the menu bar to watch them now!



Doug Force will take his storytelling outside on June 9

Storytelling returns outdoors with Doug Force

Join us for the return of Story Time at the Museum with Doug Force on Saturday, June 19 at 1 p.m. This summer-time themed Story Time will be held outdoors near the entrance of the museum. A canopy

will be set up so this event will take place rain or shine!

Doug has decades of teaching, educational, and story-telling experience and makes the stories come alive! Kids of all ages are welcome!

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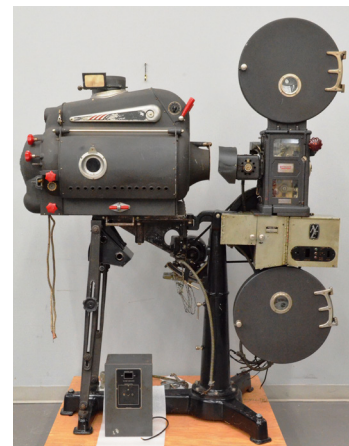
NLCHM Director Jeff Syrop was invited to visit Ace Hardware's storage facility in Taft. The building was the Lincoln Theatre from 1932 until the mid-1950s.

The main level now houses hardware overstock, and there is little evidence of its former life as a bustling theater. Upstairs in the old projection room is a different story. Jeff, escorted by Ace employee Steph, found old ticket stubs, local business advertising records, an Olympia Brewing beer can, an invoice for an order of Coca-Cola, and much more dating back to the 1940s and 1950s.

The prize find was an Ashcroft Suprex Lamphouse from the projector system for the theater. This art deco style projector surely played some of the classics from the 40s and 50s and helped bring joy to many North Lincoln County residents. The lamphouse will soon shine once again when it is on display in the museum's little theater, which also has some of the chairs from the Lincoln Theatre.



Ashcroft Suprex Lamphouse (above) from the projector system of the old Lincoln Theatre and a photo showing how the lamphouse would have worked in a whole projection system right).



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