

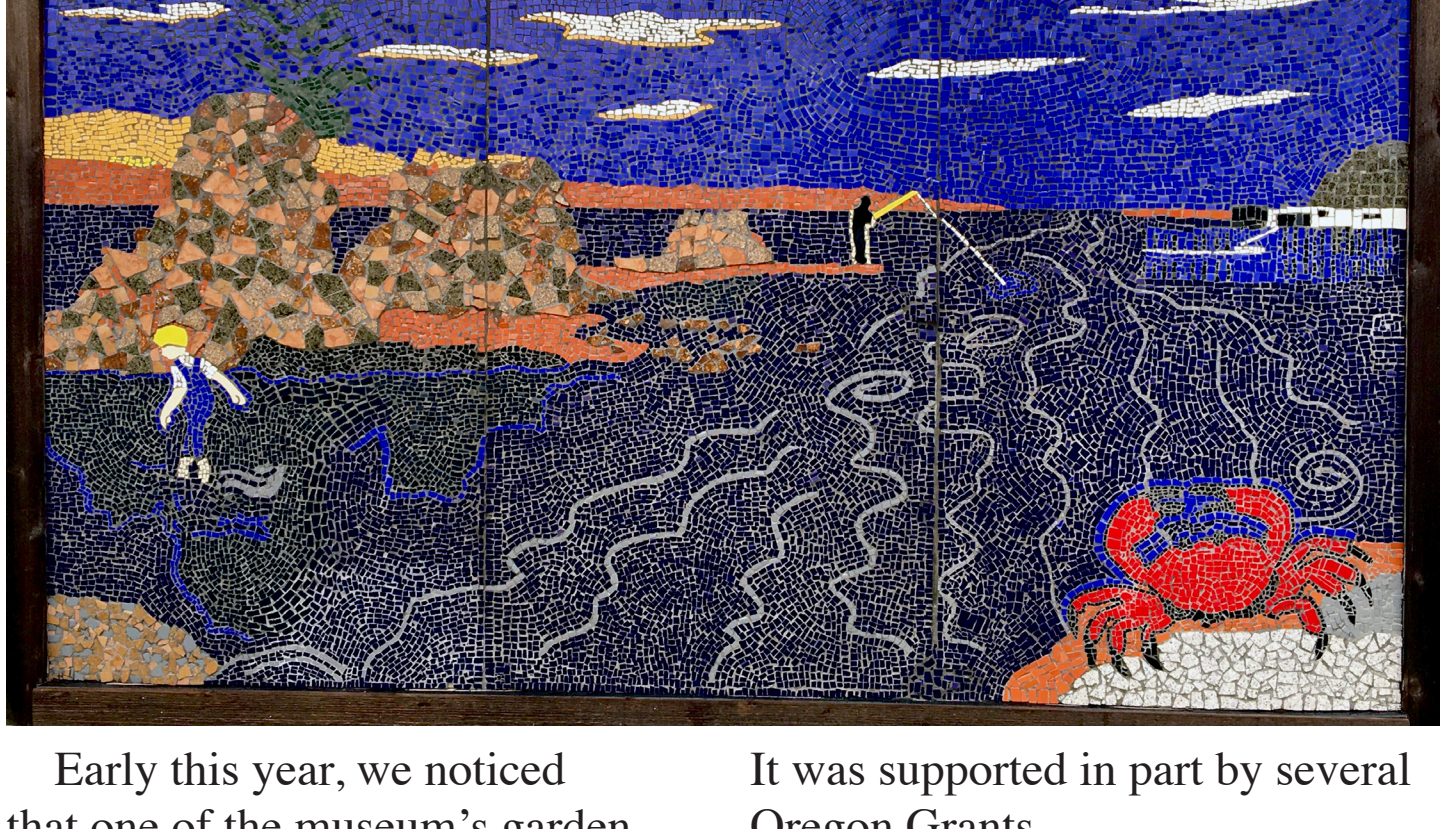
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NEWSLETTER OF NORTH LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Garden mural restored



Early this year, we noticed that one of the museum's garden mural panels was bowing. "Blue Night on Siletz Bay," dedicated in May of 2006, was completed by community and youth volunteers from around Lincoln City and designed by Lawrence D. Adrian, artistic director, Oregon Coast Children's Theatre/Center. Students were directed by Dina Kirk, educational director of the Oregon Coast Children's Theatre/Center.

It was supported in part by several Oregon Grants.

We called on Lawrence for help. Restoration—which included removing and replacing tiles so that the board could be screwed back in, resealing the mural, and staining the frame—was completed this summer. A framed dedication plaque was also placed at the site.

Thanks to the Oregon Coast Children's Theatre/Center team for restoring this mural.

Museum benefactor Larry Martin dies in Salem

Larry Martin died in mid-August of this year in Salem. He was the longtime secretary of the museum's board of directors. He and his wife, Danell, contributed a combined 40 years of volunteer service with the museum.

His obituary in the *Salem Journal* highlights the interesting and dynamic life that he lived.

In 2017, the museum business office was dedicated to Larry and Danell. Larry was a wealth of knowledge, and extremely helpful to me and to others he worked with.

When there was a policy question, we turned to Larry because he literally wrote the book, having authored the NLCHM bylaws and policies and procedures manual.

Larry and Danell left the board in 2018 and moved to Salem but continued to support the museum through membership, donations,



and answering questions when we were in a bind.

His hard work and dedication live on at the museum, and we send our love and condolences to Danell.

The museum board, staff, and the North Lincoln community owe a debt of gratitude to Larry.

Jeff Syrop

Museum Director

Exhibit highlights WWII prejudice against Japanese-Americans

NLCHM is hosting through the new year the Oregon Historical Society's traveling exhibit "What If Heroes Were Not Welcome Home?" It is on display in our Anne Hall Gallery. This poignant display examines the prejudice that Japanese American veterans from Hood River, Oregon, experienced upon their return from serving their country in World War II. These American citizens served heroically with the United States Armed Forces in the South Pacific and in Europe, yet many of their families were incarcerated in concentration camps on American soil.

Curated by Linda Tamura and Marsha Matthews, "What If Heroes Were Not Welcome Home?" was originally displayed in August of 2013 at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland in conjunction with the Smithsonian traveling exhibition "American Heroes: Japanese American World War II Nisei Soldiers and the Congressional Gold Medal."

This exhibition, now available at no cost as downloadable PDF documents, uses first-hand accounts, photos, and scans of letters and historical documents to show how wartime events brought national notoriety to the small community of Hood River. Visitors will be invited to make meaningful connections between the past and present—exploring the promise and

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reality of American democracy and equality.

One soldier depicted in the exhibit, George Akiyama, wrote in his diary that after the war, still wearing his uniform with the Silver and Bronze Star, he stopped to get a haircut at a downtown barbershop. The barber waved his razor, exclaiming, "I ought to slit your throat."

Visitors are asked to put themselves in his shoes, and the shoes of the other returning soldiers, and consider how they would have reacted in that situation and how they would handle similar situations of bullying or racism in the present day.

NLCHM has also included an exhibit panel on the Kanatani family of Otis. Frances Kanatani and her family were sent to Minidoka War Relocation Center in Idaho while she was nine months pregnant. Their story highlights perseverance in the face of oppression and atrocity.

MUSEUM CLOSED

The museum is closed due to the sharp rise in Coronavirus cases in our community. There will be no indoor programs. Please check the museum's website for the most recent updates. Thanks for your understanding.

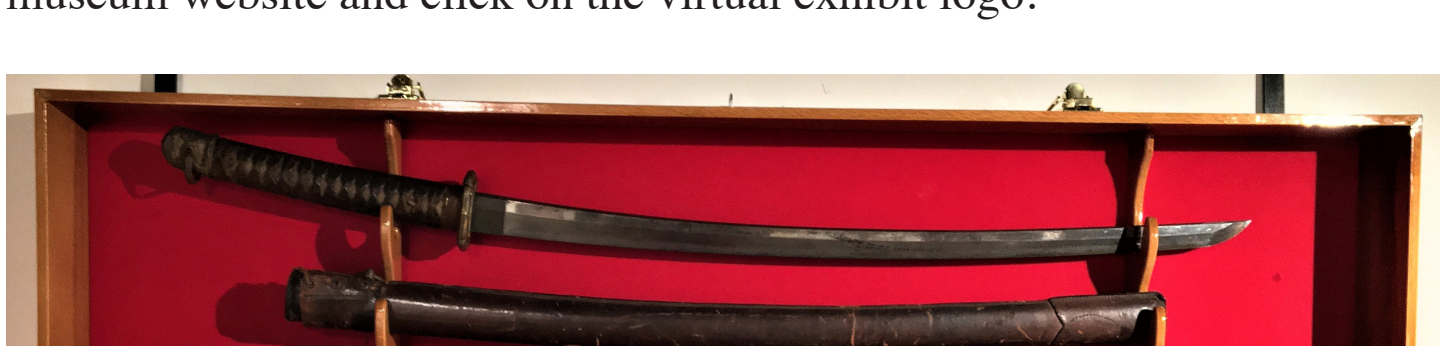
CURATOR'S CORNER

Saber on display in WWII exhibit

Sergeant Leonard Bones (Kernville), shown here for *Yank Magazine* at the Battle of Attu during WWII in May 1943, was awarded a Purple Heart for his efforts on Attu. Leonard was injured during the battle on Kwajalein in February 1944 and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was lost in action in the Philippines in late 1944.

The saber he is holding in the photo was donated to the museum by the Bones family in 2010 and is on display, with new interpretation, in the WWII exhibit.

For more information, newspaper articles, photos, and links, head to the museum website and click on the virtual exhibit logo.



Tiny Tours continue online; Pixie exhibits shared by OHS



"Tiny Tours" continued through the summer with tours of auto parks and lodging and the Redhead Roundup exhibits.

The Pixie Kitchen and Pixieland "Tiny Tour" was shared by Oregon

Encyclopedia and the Oregon Historical Society on social media and has over 1,300 views.

These tours will continue for the remainder of 2021.

New and renewing members

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