



NEWSLETTER

Washington County Historical Society

May/June/July 1998

Bart Anderson New President

President Walter Weist resigned May 1 as president of the Washington County Historical Society. Walter and his wife Myrlene left May 12 for St. Louis, Missouri, where they will serve a one-year mission for the LDS Church at the new temple there. The Wiests have returned to the area where they lived for twenty years, and were happily looking forward to renewing old acquaintances. We wish them well.

Vice-president Bart Anderson assumes the presidency to serve until elections in November. At that time a new president and vice-president will be elected.

Bart is a long-time active member of the Society. We look forward to his leadership as we move into a new era of activity.

New Secretary Welcomed

Claire Lefkow is the new recording secretary for the Society, replacing Marjorie Bundy. Marjorie served well and long, but found it necessary to resign due to an employment change. We will miss her.

Claire and her husband John relocated to St. George from Huntington, Long Island, New York, thirteen months ago. They live in Green Valley. Claire has a long history of community service. She was employed in city positions, and involved in political activities in New York. Always interested in history, Claire naturally delved right into the history of this area, and is enjoying learning about it. Her service to our Society will fit right in. We look forward to a long association. And we must thank Sydney di Villarosa for bringing Claire to our group. When Sydney met Claire she recognized her abilities, and knew Claire would be a great asset to the Society. Welcome, Claire! We hope all of you will get to know Claire and her husband John, and welcome them to the board.

Bylaws Updated

WCHS officers have completed analyzing the Society bylaws. They recommended three changes which were brought before the board at the last meeting, and all were approved by vote. The changes are all in Article III, Section 2. The first change provides for the office of past president to be added. The immediate past president will continue to serve on the board for an additional year, giving added strength to the executive board.

The second change simply gives new titles to two positions. The fund raising project director becomes "development director." The historic preservation director will be called "historic group director."

The third change will recognize one representative from each of the historical groups in the county as a "Director" to serve on the board. This will give added status to those of you from each historical organization in the county who attend the monthly meetings of the organization.

Thanks to Larry Eck and LuWayne Wood for their work analyzing the bylaws and recommending the changes for this update.

Anna Shaw New Publicity Director

We are pleased to welcome Anna Shaw who returns to the WCHS as director of publicity. Anna is a former president of the Society, and has served in many capacities--most recently as co-chair of the Courthouse Art Exhibit.

Courthouse Art Exhibit Successful

Thanks to Carla Fox and Anna Shaw for another successful Pioneer Courthouse Art Exhibit. It ended up in the black financially, and good crowds attended. Interest was diluted this year because of several competing events in the city at the same time. So committees will rethink

whether or not to sponsor the exhibit again.

The opening night reception was a very special social event enjoyed by a large crowd. Our thanks to Carla and Anna for a superb job.

Luncheon Programs

Bart Anderson gave his "Legacy" lecture for the April 30 luncheon program.

The next meeting is on Thursday, May 28, at noon in the Courthouse. Lunch is \$6.00. The speaker is Dr. Wesley Craig, sociology professor at BYU, who has recently authored two volumes listing Washington County cemeteries, and names of people buried in each cemetery. This is a valuable addition to the history of our county.

The board voted to suspend meetings of the Society for the summer months of June, July, and August. There will be no board meetings or luncheon meetings for those three months. There will be a summer social to be held at the Snow Ranch in August, and it will include a visit to Grafton. The exact date and other information will be given to members by telephone.

Miscellaneous Items

* Some attendees of our monthly luncheon meetings have been concerned that the benches are uncomfortable and may be discouraging attendance. It is suggested that you feel free to bring a cushion for your own comfort.

* The floor of the courthouse was refinished recently. Our Society shared the cost of the work with the Chamber of Commerce.

* Several gifts of furnishings have been presented to the Jones Adobe House. Jerry and Dolores Riggs gave an old-fashioned cooler, and a milk pan. The Leavitt family gave a pioneer quilt. The Jones family is giving a pioneer stove that was actually original to the home. Thanks, one and all. These gifts are now, or soon will be on display in the home.

* There are still some Historic Washington County afghans and wall hangings available for sale. They can be obtained at the Art Museum, or from Elaine Alder, 628-8484. They will probably not be reordered, so when these are gone, there will be no more. The wall hangings are available in teal color. Cost is \$56.00, and includes the hardware for hanging. These would make great Father's Day gifts. They are stunning on an office wall. The afghans are available in sienna, cranberry, and hunter green, and sell for \$63.50. Both the afghans and wall hangings are great wedding, graduation, anniversary, or birthday gifts.

Santa Clara Historical Society

The landscaping at Heritage Square is progressing well. The first section of the walkway with the \$100.00 Family Name Bricks will be in place by Swiss Days. It is not too late to place your order. Call Joyce Whittaker, 628-0971, or Connie Blake, 634-1118, or Claudia West, 673-9427. Or you can mail to P.O. Box 135, Santa Clara, UT 84765.

Following is the schedule for Swiss Days, which will be on September 25 and 26, 1998:

Friday, September 25:

Heritage Days at Heritage Square, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Pioneer hands-on experiences:

candle dipping, tin punch lanterns, games, Easter eggs, making soap, butter, sling shots, rag dolls, prairie rings, etc.

Displays of early businesses (Valley chapel)

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Bake sale and dinner

Tours of Heritage Square

Walking tour of Santa Clara

7:00 p.m. Dedication of Hug/Gubler Home

Saturday, September 26:

7:00 a.m. 5-K fun Walk/Run, start & finish at City Park

8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast, City Park

9:00 a.m. Booths open at City Park

10:00 a.m. Parade—east on Crestview to Park Entertainment throughout the day.

Saturday activities at Heritage Square:

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Business displays, walking tours, Heritage Square tours

SANTA CLARA'S MUSICAL DRAMA PAGEANT:

Days and times to be announced later. This is a very popular event, and will be expanded for additional performances. Watch for dates.

--Joyce Whittaker

Utah History Fair

Many of our WCHS members were seen at the Smith Convention Center judging exhibits at the Utah History Fair. This is a much appreciated service that encourages local students to pursue history. It was of great interest to all involved to see the subjects chosen by the students, and to witness the creativity of their displays and presentations. The sponsors and teachers thank those of you who helped, and hope you will be involved next year.

Our Society officers voted to give \$25.00 to each of the winning students to help with their travel expenses to Washington, D.C., for the national finals.

WCHS to Cosponsor Conference

Our Society has agreed to cosponsor the 1999 conference of the national Communal Studies Association. Max Stanton, PhD, of BYU-Hawaii, is chair of the conference. This is a diverse group of about 200 people from all over the U.S. They are excited about coming to St. George. More information will be forthcoming about the conference, and how our members can be involved.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers

A Las Vegas tour company has added the St. George DUP Pioneer Museum to the itinerary of their tours coming to the St. George area. Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, there will be at least one bus group, which will double our yearly number of visitors. Obviously this will spark interest from others to return and bring family and friends. This will also necessitate furnishing more docents to accommodate them. Docents come from DUP camps in the county, and they do an excellent job.

--Dolores Riggs

Sons of Utah Pioneers

The annual scholarship dinner was held May 5 honoring a recipient from each of the four area high schools. Scholarship recipients were: Cherie Jones, Snow Canyon High, \$1,000.00
Ethan Hacker, Dixie High, \$500.00
Tara Calico, Pine View High, \$250.00, and
Brooke Barney Smith, Millcreek High, \$250.00.

Our thanks to Joyce Whittaker and Sherri Anderson of Santa Clara, and Helen Gardner of Gunlock for the excellent tours of their towns that they conducted for our group in April.

Upcoming summer treks will take us to Enterprise, Veyo, Brookside and Diamond Valley. We will also visit the Hebron and Hamblin cemeteries. The National SUP Encampment will be in Mesa, Arizona, October 15-17, 1998. Members are making plans to attend as a group.

--Harold K. Monson

St. George LIVE!

Tours will run all summer, and will begin and end at the Pioneer Arts Center. Guides and bus drivers are still needed. If you would like to be part of this fun activity, call Doug Alder, 628-8484. And, take your visitors on the tour!

Society Dues

Membership numbers are down this year. Will you please check to see if you have paid your 1998 dues? If you are not sure, call Irene Hoyt at 673-5928, and she will check the records. If you have not paid, please fill out the following form and mail your check right away

TO CURRENT AND FUTURE MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As you may already know, the purpose of this society is to record and preserve the vital and exciting history of our county. Meetings will be held: monthly, the last Thursday of each month, 12 noon in the old courthouse.

Yearly Membership \$10.00
Lifetime Membership \$150.00

Thank you for your Support!

Please mail this form with your dues to:

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