

Klickitat County Historical Society

2021 Schedule

Wednesday, April 21	KCHS Board Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday, April 28	Volunteer Host Workshop—10 am
April 26-30	Museum Clean-Up Workdays
Saturday, May 1	Presby Museum Opens, 10am--4pm daily
Sunday, May 9	Mother's Day
Wednesday May 19	KCHS Board Meeting, 10:30 am
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day
Sunday, June 20	Father's Day
Wednesday, June 23	KCHS Board Meeting, 10:30 am
July 8-10	Goldendale Community Days
July 10	KV Quilters Quilt Show at the Presby
Wednesday, July 21	KCHS Board Meeting, 10:30 am
August 16-17	KCHS Fair Booth Decorating
Wednesday, August 18	KCHS Board Meeting, 10:30 am
August 19-22	Klickitat County Fair
Wednesday, September 22	KCHS Board Meeting, 10:30 am
Friday, October 15	Presby Museum Closes
Wednesday, October 20	KCHS Board Meeting, 10:30 am
Saturday, October 30	KCHS Annual Meeting, Noon, Goldendale Grange Hall
Wednesday, November 17	KCHS Board Meeting, 10:30 am
Thursday, November 25	Thanksgiving
Wednesday, December 8	Decorate porch for Christmas holiday

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NEW LEADERSHIP AT THE PRESBY

At our first KCHS board meeting of 2021 the Board was excited to install a new president, James Radcliffe. James joined us several years ago and his enthusiastic and energetic attitude immediately made him an excellent addition to the board.

Ex-President Ron Ingraham said, “In with the new, out with the old. I’m glad to remain a part of our working board with James at the helm.”



New president , James Radcliffe on the right, joins Dennis Birney, treasurer and Mary Childs, secretary. Missing is Ken Marvel, our vice president.

James comes to us after many years teaching in the East Side Union High School District in San Jose, California. He returned to the Goldendale area, where he grew up, to care for ailing family members. He has volunteered with the local Friends of the Library group and has spent time tutoring at Goldendale High School.

At the Presby he quickly became known as our “Mr. Fixit”. His wide range of skills includes clock repairs and furniture refinishing, repairing and recasting picture frames, painting, carpentering and a host of other talents. He was great help at the Pioneer Pals Day in 2019 demonstrating everyday activities in the Victorian home.

He joins Treasurer, Dennis Birney, Secretary, Mary Evans Childs, Vice President and Ken Marvel, as our executive board and leadership team. All of the nine board members volunteer many hours to keep our projects and the Presby Museum going forward.

We need your help! On the following page we list our committees along with the chairs. Please have a look at the opportunities to serve and contact any of the board members before the season begins.

We’re planning to open May 1. Come and see the new displays in the Annex. You will be amazed at the transformation. President James, along with Ken Marvel and Mark Bryan, did much of the work.

Memorial Donations

Donations in honor of loved ones continue to come in. Our last letter noted what we had received up to 12-1-2020, many more gifts came in honoring Jean Allyn Smeltzer from that date, those are listed here with the more recent, continuing on from our Christmas issue.

Jean Allyn Smeltzer

Linda Schroder Enderby

Keith Silen

Kay Kimmel

Patti Allyn

Patsy Kayser Palmer

Ray Willis

Donors include Norma Telford, Ron Ingraham, Dennis & Ginny Birney, Steve & Kandy Lockard, Jim and Bonnie Beeks, Larry & Harlene Wilson, Frances Heller

Wilson, Mary Evans Childs, LeRoy & Barbara Fields, Dyan & Herald Catlin, Jim & Donna Miller Inez Freeman, Emmet & Debra Miller.

We have used some funds from the Memorial Fund to purchase needed materials and labor for the refurbishing and new exhibits in the annex building.

Coming Soon—Summer Fun!

We are preparing for a summer season featuring a return to normal.

Dennis Birney will leading a workshop session for those interested in acting as hosts on April 28, at 10 am. Hosting is a fun and interesting way to volunteer at the Presby.

The Klickitat Valley Quilters are once again planning to

spearhead the Community Days Quilt Show which takes place on our porch July 10 this year. The show has become a yearly part of the midsummer festivities. We always include free admission to the museum; it will be an opportunity to see the changes in the Annex and the military display upstairs.

Luann Whitmire and her Out-

reach/Special Programs Committee are also planning to put on the Pioneer Pals activity day for youngsters again this year. The date has not been set yet, but keep in touch by going to our website, <http://www.presbymuseum.com>.

Questions? Our email is presbymuseum@gorge.net.

2021 Membership \$ Carry the Presby Through the Shut Down

Money received for 2021 memberships has paid the bills for operating the Presby House during the pandemic-caused closure of the museum. The board has not had to utilize the accrued interest on the Iams' donation that was invested in two Mainstay accounts in September, 2019. That account has earned over 6% interest even with the economic down swing because of

the virus. If needed, KCHS's Umpqua Bank money market account dollars will be used to pay monthly expenses through the second quarter until attendance (revenue) increases with the summer months.

The building of a climate-controlled storage room, a new 'Farm Office' exhibit, and revamp of the existing annex exhibits have been accomplished

with funds from the Memorial (donations) account.

The financial status of the KCHS is very good. It is a result of the generosity of members' time and money through the 60 years of KCHS's existence and the conservative spending policy of past and present board members.

Dennis Birney, Treasurer

Committees Get It Done

Article VI of our Revised KCHS Constitution, adopted at the annual meeting in 2009 identifies a number of committees which, will deal with the many aspects of maintaining our organization and taking care of the Presby Museum campus and activities. If you are interested in volunteering your time, choose a committee below and get in touch.

We're listing the various committees along with the current chairperson below. Every chair will tell you, "We could use some help!"

Accessions	Marilyn Willis McKune
Archives	Inez Thompson Freeman
Cemeteries & Obituaries.....	James Radcliffe/ Sandy Crosland
Community Days Quilt Show.....	Wendy Griffith /Missy Large
Constitution.....	Dennis Birney
Displays/County Fair.....	Bonnie Beeks/Luann Whitmire/Mary Childs
Garden Committee	MaryAnne Enyeart
House Maintenance/Improvements	James Radcliffe
Housekeeping	Kathy Moco
Membership/Memorial Donations	Mary Evans Childs
Museum Visitors/Gift Shop	Kathy Moco
Outreach/Special Programs.....	Luann Whitmire/Susan Marlow
Photography/Interviews	Ken Marvel
Publications	Bonnie Beeks/Ron Ingraham
Website and Technology	Missy Large/Dennis Birney

Looking Forward to Goldendale Sesquicentennial

2022 will mark the 150th birthday of the town of Goldendale. The 100th birthday of the town was celebrated with much fanfare including publications, a beard-growing contest and a staged re-enactment called "Glitter".

In 1972, A forward-looking activity was a time capsule assembled by a committee chaired by Frank Knosher and buried just south of the pioneer monument on the courthouse lawn.



The cover plaque is pictured here. It says, Goldendale Centennial Time Capsule; 1872-1972; To be opened Year 2022.

It was first suggested that the capsule be opened 100 years hence in2022. Later they decided to set the opening at 50 years in the future, "At that time, the younger people of today will still be around to explain these bits of evidence."

Pete May, *Sentinel* editor, wrote in an editorial that the capsule activity could become the most lasting and meaningful feature of the Goldendale Centennial experience..