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The Palus Museum



426 East Main Street
Dayton, Washington

Visit Both BMHS Museums!

Fridays 1 pm to 4 pm

Saturdays 1 pm to 4 pm

March – December

Or Year Round By Appointment Call:
Rose Engelbrite

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Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse



113 North Front Street
Dayton, Washington

Blue Mountain Heritage Society

— Board Meets Monthly —

• 2nd Thursday – 5:00 pm

• Smith Hollow School
Dayton, Washington

*Everyone is
Welcome!*

You did it! — \$20,000 Grant Match Met

To provide sustainable resources for the upkeep and maintenance of the Smith Hollow Country School, we have been working with the Sherwood Trust to establish a long-term endowment fund. The Sherwood Trust offered us a \$30,000 grant. To receive it, BMHS had to raise \$20,000 in matching base funds. We also had to make annual contributions of \$3,500 for 2014 and \$3,500 for 2015.

Thanks to you, on October 14th, 2015, we met these goals! We are now working

through the steps involved in setting up the endowment fund and planning for the future.

To insure the fund will sufficiently cover the costs of short and long-term repairs, we will contribute \$3,500 to the fund each year. This annual amount increases to \$5,000 per year beginning in 2020.

To our donors, volunteers, board members, fund raiser participants, and grant sources, thank you for securing the long-term upkeep of the Smith Hollow Country School.

Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse added to Washington State Heritage Register of Historic Places

On October 16th, 2015, the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation held a public hearing in Dayton to discuss nominations for the state's historic register. One of the nominees was Dayton's Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse. A presentation on the school's history was made to the council

by Michael Houser from the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. The nomination was prepared and made by Linda Yeomans, President of Historic Preservation Planning and Design. In 2009, Ms. Yeomans started working with Ginny Butler and Elizabeth Thorn and gathered the information needed for the nomination. The council had high praise for the project. The vote was unanimous to list the Smith Hollow

Country Schoolhouse on the Washington State Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate all the volunteers and donors who were part of the vision, the plan, and the implementation that resulted in this special recognition for another one of Dayton's historic structures. Thank you everyone!



The Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse was granted a listing on the Washington State Historic Places Register. Blue Mountain Heritage Society members pictured with the awarded certificate are Project Administrator Anne Strode, BMHS Secretary Dallas Dickinson, BMHS President Paula Moisio, BMHS Fundraising Chair Eric Thorn, and Project Manager Ginny Butler. Second from the right is a member of the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

BMHS - President's Message

By preserving the history of our area, we honor the resilience and fortitude of those who first settled here and forged a pathway for creating the wonderful community we currently enjoy. And that same resilience and fortitude exists in members of our community today.

Looking back on 2015, BMHS faced

some major challenges—the passing of board members Elizabeth Thorn and Randy Barton and the daunting task of raising matching funds to secure an endowment grant from the Sherwood Trust. Yet, our board and supportive membership pulled us through. New board members stepped up, and dedicated individuals contributed the

time and financial support needed to move BMHS projects forward.

To wrap up 2015, I invite everyone to BMHS's annual meeting. Come enjoy our traditional *Soup Supper* followed by a special viewing of local historical films sure to remind us of the resilience and fortitude of area citizens from the past.

Paula Moio, President BMHS

News Briefs



Local Students Fill Smith Hollow School –

The second and third grade students from Dayton Elementary enjoyed an afternoon field trip to the Smith Hollow School House. Roslyn Edwards (in period-appropriate clothes) acted the part of a school teacher from the past and led the students through a fun spelling bee and a sing along. Mrs. Edwards was assisted by BMHS Secretary Dallas Dickinson, who helped to organize the outing with the second and third grade teachers. The students had a great time visiting the school and seeing what things might have been like if they were born 100 years ago!

Volunteers Busy with Fall Landscaping –

Volunteers have been diligently working on the Smith Hollow School House grounds. Weeds were battled, rocks were gathered and moved, seed has been planted and watering is taking place. Special thanks to Duane Dunlap and Larry Fairchild for their steadfast efforts to improve our landscaping!

Yard Lights Installed – Long-time supporter Columbia Rural Electric Association has donated and installed, a pair of old-fashion style street lamps beside the front sidewalk at the Smith Hollow School House. Thank you Columbia REA!

Finishing Touches – Thanks to Project Manager Ginny Butler and her continued work, the Smith Hollow School House once again has its #24 sign! On the concrete base of the school

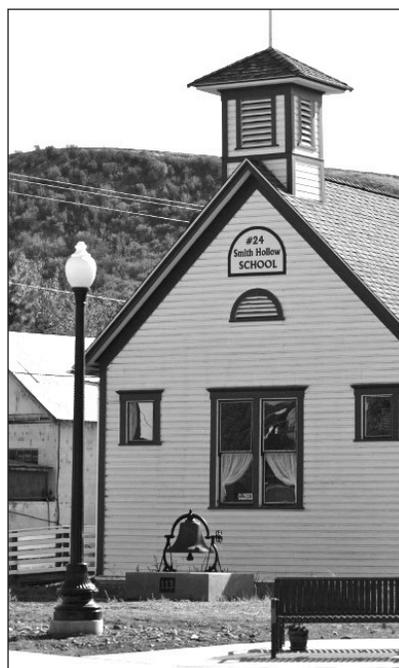
bell, Rose Engelbrite added the school's address. And the locust tree, planted in its historically-accurate position near the school by Anne Strode and Terry Steinhoff last spring, is growing well.

Care and Maintenance –



Sacajawea was given a power wash, blown dry, and a good waxing—just in time for the *Dayton on Tour* event! On-going maintenance and upkeep of our “properties” is a vital part of our mission.

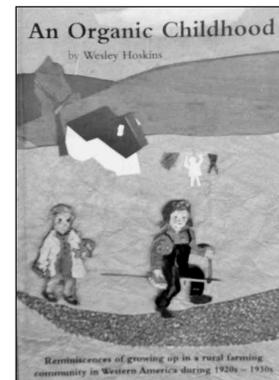
Facilities Committee – The Sherwood Trust Endowment requires an on-going, 30-year maintenance plan for the Smith Hollow School House. Like any building, it is important to not only do the normal upkeep but to also plan for the long term. Therefore, we are seeking members who are interested in taking part



in the creation and implementation of a comprehensive maintenance plan. So, if aiding in the preservation of this building's future interests you, please let us know. We would welcome you on the Facilities Committee.

An Organic Childhood by Wesley Hoskins –

We recently received a generously donated shipment of a wonderful book by BMHS



member and long-time supporter, Wesley Hoskins. *An Organic Childhood* is a delightful depiction of our area and features reminiscences of growing up in this rural farming

community. For anyone interested in Columbia County history, this book is a “must read.” Copies of *An Organic Childhood* are available for \$10.00 at the Palus Museum, the Smith Hollow School House, and at the Village Shoppes. All proceeds are used to support BMHS projects.

Wanted: Electronic Media Person – We are looking for a volunteer to create and maintain a website and/or help maintain our Facebook page. Interested? Please let us know. While our focus is on preserving history, it really is time for us to modernize. We need to help get the word out about our museums and our organization by using electronic media.

Coming BMHS Events

Dec 10, 2015 - Thursday, 6:00 pm
BMHS Soup Supper Annual Meeting
 Delany Building, 111 S 3rd St, Dayton, WA

Feb - Ground Hog Dinner • Mar - Spring Bingo!

