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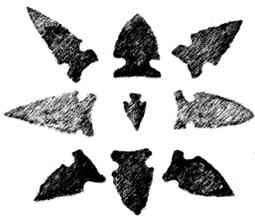
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The Palus
 Artifact Museum

Fridays 1 pm to 4 pm
Saturdays 1 pm to 4 pm
March – December

Or Year Round By Appointment Call:
 Elizabeth Thorn

(509)382-4820



426 East Main Street
 Dayton, Washington

Blue Mountain Heritage Society

- Meets Monthly (except August)
- 2nd Thursday – 9:00 am
- Delany Building, Dayton

Everyone is Welcome!

Restoration Has Begun



The Smith Hollow School, transformed from “box” back to building, has just received its restored cupola.

Dayton, WA — On a sunny day in November 2010, the Smith Hollow School

was moved from the country to its new home on the corner of Front and Commercial streets in Dayton. In December, the stripped-down classroom “box” was placed on a new foundation. Next, the roof rafters and sheeting were installed and a drainage system completed.



The “box” is moved onto its new foundation.

On August 3, 2011, the restored cupola was remounted on the roof by Tanner Steinhoff of Wilbur Fletcher, Inc. and Jim McCary who had done its restoration. We’re now ready to rebuild the rear addition and shingle the entire building.

As this slow process unfolds, it takes time to walk through all the necessary steps and coordinate with each entity for permits, documentation, and cash flow.

With news that the Washington State Heritage Capital Project Funds grant will become available later in August, utility hookups and rear addition construction are being mapped out. Documents are being prepared and a bid opening is currently projected for Au-



Old school with rear addition hosted community activities long after the school closed.

gust 23, 2011. Remaining work will also be phased. With volunteer help, and as funds become available, extensive interior and exterior restoration is planned. In the mean time, furnishings—such as a school clock, a map case, and slate blackboards—are on our wish list. Anyone have a good lead?

Class Challenge an Ongoing Success:

40 Classes Now Taking Part... Class of 1941 Tops Goal...and Keeps Going!

The Dayton High School Class Challenge continues to be a success. Other fundraisers boost our restoration budget, too: the annual Ground Hog Dinner, Spring Bingo and patio sales. By the way, we welcome

items in good condition: household goods, clothes, craft supplies, books.

To everyone, a huge “Thank You!” for all you do and all you contribute!



Note original back porch roof line where addition attached to rear wall

Two New Ways To Help

- 1) **Pick your Prize** when entering the October Benefit Drawing and, 2) **Shop ‘til you Drop** in-store or online during Macy’s “Shop for A Cause” August 27. (For details, see the flyers enclosed with this newsletter.)

Palus Museum News

Volunteers Foster Discovery

Visitors to the Palus Museum in Dayton on a Friday or Saturday afternoon receive a friendly welcome and smile from a valued volunteer—a museum docent.

For families with children, there is lots of hands-on fun. The museum has set up discovery areas where young explorers can dig for archaeological treasure, identify native animal footprints, compare samples of different animal furs, try out a quill pen, grind seeds, or see how rocks and other natural resources were turned into tools used in everyday life by the Palus Indians. It's no surprise that adults enjoy these activities, too!



Kids love the Palus! On a cold spring day, these girls enjoyed sifting through the archaeology box for "artifacts." They found beads, stone points, and even a small bone.

Antique Chest Received

What treasures do you think this box held over the last 200 years?

Handmade of wood, this well-worn relic is covered with rawhide and secured with a hand-forged lock and key—complete with a swing plate keyhole cover! A newspaper dated



1812 lines the inside. This unique container probably began its journey in Missouri and then traveled to the California Gold Fields before making its way

to Dayton, Washington. Thank you, Al Young, for donating your family heirloom for all to enjoy!

— 2011 Palus Museum Docents — THANK YOU!

Owen Agenbroad	Susan Little
Mary Alice Beatty	Nathan Riley
Karla Boggs	Jacque Sonderman
Maybelle Culbertson	Elizabeth Thorn
Rose Engelbrite	Karen Thronson
Juanita Hoffman	Al Young

BMHS welcomes volunteers!

The Palus is a great place to spend an afternoon. Museum docents serve one afternoon a month or as needed. We also appreciate help with many other activities. Join our volunteer ranks, call: 509-382-4820.

On the Horizon for BMHS

- **Check out** Blue Mountain Heritage Society's exhibit at the upcoming Columbia County Fair in Dayton September 9, 10, and 11, 2011.
- **Stay tuned** for special activities October 2, during the *2011 Dayton on Tour* event to be held in Dayton.
- **Opening soon**, a new exhibit at the Palus Museum: *Early Farms and Orchards of Columbia County*.

Local Heritage on Display

BMHS entered floats in the Dayton, Waitsburg, and DHS Alumni parades this year. Donna Talbott Kime ("teacher") and Katie Kammers ("student") are dressed for school in the early 1900s. The desk, donated by Dallas Dickinson, is from the Marengo school. Thank you Juanita Hoffman, Will Larsen, Donna Talbott, Katie Kammers, Mandy,



Faith and Saraya Butler, Craig Moisio and Rose Engelbrite for making our floats happen. The inserted photo is of Donna's mother and Katie's great grandmother: Aleta Balch Talbott. She taught at McKay, Menoken, Turner,

and Whetstone country schools in Columbia County. Her first year of teaching, Aleta remembers that Ed Lawrence came from California for 8th grade and left his seat to stare in excited fascination at the first snowfall of the season. Ed remembers that Miss Balch let his dog sleep under his desk during class and play with the kids at recess.

Welcome! 37 New Members

Bryce Abraham	Irene Randolph Gagnon	Martha Stoops Pelletier
James Adair	Roger Harting	Debra Seney
Kathleen Bauska	June Jones	Dean Smith
Mindy Betzler	Don & Susie Keen	Terry Steinhoff
Randy Bitler	Sarah Literat	Maura Trainor
Kay Tunell	Michael & Mary Luce	Bruce Turner
Don Brown	Dennis McNair	Sharon Van Houdt
LaVerne & Tom Bruce	Kevin Nelson	Van Seney
Jann & Kevin Carson	Ivadell Nordheim	Kathleen & Kelly Wamble
Dwyla Donohue	Monica Stobie	Jacci Wooten
Liz Floyd	Ted Patterson	