



SCAPPOOSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August 2023

Hello my lovely **AUGUST** *let's have some fun!*

Movies in the Park! Friday nights in August

The city is again hosting **Movies in the Park** *every Friday night in August* at **Heritage Park** and our **Historical Society** volunteers will be selling ice cream *during each movie!*

Be sure to come by and get your cold ice cream on those hot summer movie nights and enjoy the show! [THERE'S ONE FRIDAY LEFT TO EAT ICE CREAM!](#)



Deana

Joanne

Members **Deana Hernandez**, **Joanne Haley**, **Dixie Partee**, and **Polly Holbrook** have graciously volunteered to sell ice cream each Friday night at the Watts House, next door to the park and movies!



HISTORY CONNECTION - It all begins in September!

Mark your calendars for this one...it looks really interesting!

On **September 5, Tuesday, at 7:00 pm**, the Scappoose Historical Watts House Society will be hosting a free monthly series of guest speakers to be held **at the Scappoose Library**. Look for our "History Connection" programs coming soon and if needed, a larger space will be used in the future.



Melissa Darby

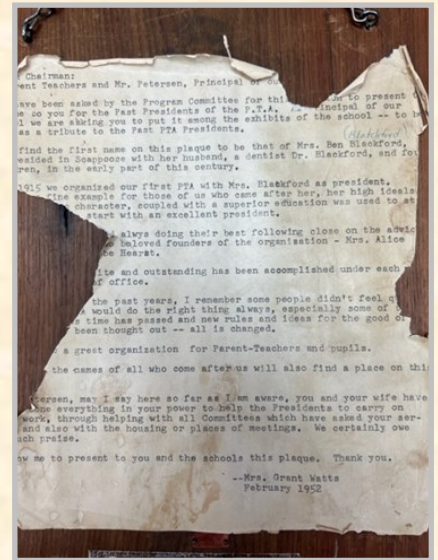
At the September kick off, our guest speaker will be **Melissa Darby, a Portland Archaeologist**, and she will lecture about "Wapato", the local Chinook Indian's major food and trade source that once grew by the hundreds of acres in Columbia County! Having worked in our area and volunteered to protect our vast archaeology sites many times, she will give a fascinating and informative talk about the people's that lived here for 4,000-plus years and how they survived on such an abundant, nutritional, and delicious food source.

Melissa Darby is affiliated research faculty in the Anthropology Department at Portland State University. She is principal investigator and sole proprietor of Lower Columbia Research & Archaeology. Darby has worked for over forty years as an archaeologist and historian in the Northwest and is a noted authority on the ethnohistory of the Native people of the lower Columbia River region. Her research on Native American cultures of the area includes important works on settlement patterns, vernacular architecture, and plant foods used by the indigenous people of the region. She has contributed substantially to our understanding of the Native peoples and the world they inhabited prior to European colonization.

* Watch for more information about this coming series on our website at ScappooseHistoricalSociety.org



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This plaque was presented to Mr. Petersen, Principal, by Mrs. Grant Watts, February, 1952. It was requested that the plaque be put among the exhibits of the school to be kept as a tribute to the past PTA presidents. Through use and miss care, the written presentation which was glued to the back of the plaque, has been partly destroyed.

FEEDING THOSE WHO SERVE US!

In June, the Historical Society hosted lunch for city employees as a THANK YOU for their partnership and support in helping us maintain the Watts House and the history of our town.



Thank You Volunteers

SOME OF OUR AWESOME VOLUNTEERS AT WORK AT THE WATTS HOUSE!



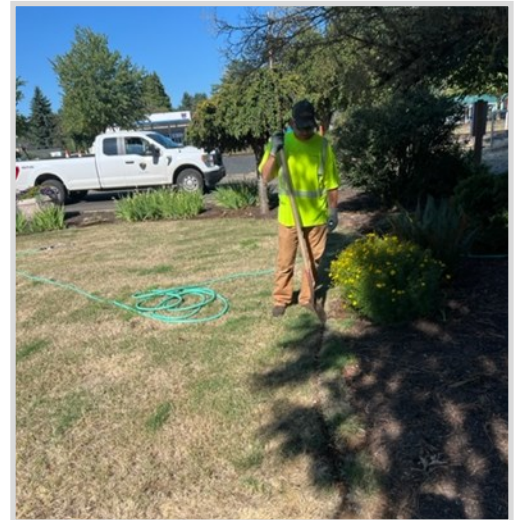
Rene Pizzo (Historical Society Treasurer) and **Tricia Oberndorf** sorting and filing in our new research room.



Member and volunteer, **Mike Ragan**, helped us out by power washing the front steps and ramp. He also raked up the leaves in the sitting garden next to the ramp. It looks great Mike, Thank you!



Last year we had to remove our chestnut tree which stood tall in the corner memorial garden. **Mike Sykes** nurtured a seed from that tree and has donated the new growth (between them in the photo) back to the Watts House. **Cliff Bauer** planted the new growth last year and it has now more than doubled in size!



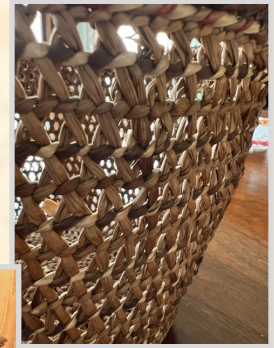
Tim Holmason from City Public Works stopped by and helped out by edging the lawn for us. It really makes the landscaping look nice! Thank you, Tim!

Not Pictured but also a shout out to:

Craig Melton from Complete Carpet Services cleaned the ducts at the Watts House to get rid of the dead alder bark beetles. We're hoping we've seen the last of those pesty bugs!!

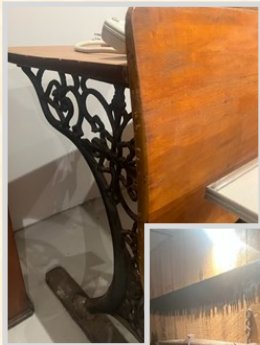
CHILDRENS MUSEUM UPDATE!

We purchased a Chinook basket for the museum. This will be displayed along with the other artifacts. The display will only show Chinook Indian artifacts which are from our area. ➡



↩ The counter has been installed in the research room and walls have been painted thanks to Historical Society President, **Janet Williams**, along with **Deana Hernandez**.

↩ With the help of **Scappoose Mayor Joe Backus**, and volunteer **Mike Ragan**, the chicken incubator is now in place in the farm display area. ➡



↩ School room, timber display, fish/wildlife, and general store are being completed and will have their own displays areas in the museum as well.



Huge shout out to Scappoose **Historical Society President, Janet Williams** who has done a wonderful job organizing this entire project.

Once the work is all done, the city will put in the new lighting.

WHO-VILLE UPDATES AND SNEAK PEAKS...

-**Lindsay (Janet's daughter)** is working on converting pics of characters to Dxf files. Oct 1 deadline so we can start painting. **Sherwin Williams** donating paint!

-**Clark Signs** is putting up new house lights mid Sept. We are asking them to order commercial spotlights too. Labor donated.

-**Nunley Welding** will construct a large arch for sidewalk entry. We will embellish with welcome and lights.

-Mailbox is finished. It's awesome!

-Storage space rented at **Columbia Storage** on hwy 30 to store our creations!

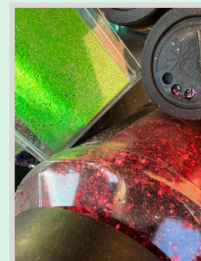
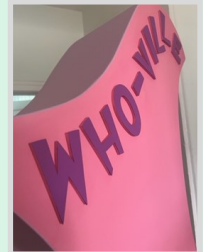
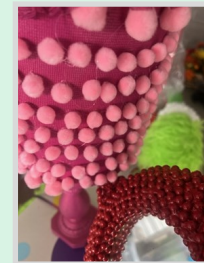
-Our president met with **Cindy George** for interior design. She had some great ideas!

-**Damon Waters** is finishing up flyer design.

-**Julie Smith** is painting Whoville portraits for stairwell.

-**Wanda Bauer** has been working all year and has made some cool stuff to add in!

HUGE project but coming together!



WE GOT MARRIED AT THE WATTS HOUSE!

Kathy Gabriel and **Gregg Morris** were married at the Watts House in 2003. They were the first to be married there in many years! They recently returned to the house in their 20th anniversary year and took this selfie and sent it to us.

Happy Anniversary Kathy and Gregg!



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INFORMATION

Visit and Like our

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***Scappoose Historical
Society Watts House***

You can find information, ask questions, and send messages from our page

Visit our Website!

scappoosehistoricalsociety.org

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Wednesday following each
month's meeting.
Photos are especially
Appreciated! Include your
contact info.



Les Waters, curator of the Columbia County Historical Society, held a meeting at the Watts House to discuss the sign to be erected at Crown Z Rd and West Lane Road.

Those attending **Henry Heimuller**, **LaVelle and Roger Means**, **Joanne Pellham**, and **Wanda Bauer**.

Are you ready for me?



**August sunrise over the
Watts House**



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SAVE THE DATES!

- ♦ **Fridays in August:** Movies in the Park! Ice cream sales at Watts House
- ♦ **Tuesday, August 29th, 6pm:** Christmas meeting at the Watts House
- ♦ **Tuesday, September 5th, 7pm:** History Connection series begins at the Library with Portland Archaeologist, Melissa Darby