


TILLAMOOK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Tillamook County Historical Society became a 501(c)3 in 1984 to bring together those persons interested in preserving the history of Tillamook County. TCHS is exploring new ways to reach out to people for 2023. We are tentatively planning three main special meetings to be held on Saturdays, with business meetings every other month. Keep checking on our Facebook page for updates.

We are a separate organization from the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum and Tillamook Pioneer Association, concentrating on doing a number of projects such as placing historic plaques, conducting historical tours, printing books about local history and producing a semi-annual newsletter with local history topics and upcoming events. Annual dues are \$20.00 for Family Membership.

If you would like to keep receiving this newsletter, please make sure your dues are paid for the current year. We will be dropping those who are more than a year behind from the mailing list. Thank you.

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JANUARY 2024



TCHS ANNUAL MEETING AT BAY CITY ARTS CENTER

JANUARY 21 • 1 pm
COST: \$20.00

SPEAKER MICHELE BRADLEY

Have you ever wondered about what the Port of Tillamook Bay does? What kind of businesses are there? Why the air space above it matters? Join us and find out!
IT IS IMPRESSIVE.

BOOKS GALORE

Tillamook County Historical Society (TCHS) attended the book fair held at the Garibaldi Maritime Museum on November 18th. Several vendors were present with a wide variety of books from gardening to history to fiction. Neal Lemery and Sally Rissel were representing our impressive collection of publications. Neal had a good visit with Nan Devlin, Executive Director of Tillamook Coast Visitor Association. They discussed our Marker book and good things will be coming. Come to the annual meeting to learn what those will be.



GRANT RECEIVED

TCHS received this message from Nan Devlin:

"Our tourism board of directors rated your application today. You've been approved for \$1,630, the eligible amount for a website and marketing in Oregon Coast Today."

The website will not only share our goals and achievements, but also allow us to sell our books, accept dues, take donations online and more.

Visit our facebook page to check the progress or come to our meetings the second Tuesday of the month, held at the Main Branch of the Tillamook Library at 1 pm.

**CEMETERY
PRESERVATION PROJECT
OF THE
TILLAMOOK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



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A WALK THROUGH BAY CITY'S PAST

In September, Lisa Sears led a couple dozen folks through a fascinating tour of the Bay City Cemetery. She pointed out several specific markers and gave a brief history of their lives and background. There were some entertaining stories there.

She also gave a demonstration of the process she is using in cleaning the stones. The solution is very specific and safe to use on these old markers. You see an immediate improvement and the best part is, the solution keeps working for several years. Lisa and Jan Burt and Barb Aufdermauer are the three doing so much work in local cemeteries. Wherever you see the sign shown, know they are lovingly restoring grave sites, cleaning away brambles and weeds, researching families, placing graves on the Find A Grave app and adding photos of the person if possible.



Interested in learning about the folks who are buried here? The Cemetery Group (*part of the Tillamook County Historical Society*) could use your help in researching names, adding markers to Find A Grave and finding photos of the person to add to the Find A Grave entry. It's a lively bunch. Be ready to laugh a lot. It is possible to be respectful and still laugh among the dearly departed.

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MORE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2023



In March, Katie Brown presented a program to over 25 guests about the rich history of Wheeler, how it was formed and leading up to the building of the Old Wheeler Hotel and what is happening there now. This hotel began as Hotel Rector, was later Rinehart Clinic and then back to an hotel. She has a passion for this small town that shines through. Let us know if you would be interested in attending a repeat of this in the future.

In June, we had a great turnout for the TCHS book signing event, with Diana Sears signing her book about Tales of Tierra Del Mar. Dave Sears gave an entertaining history of the Sears homestead, now 100 years old, with much of the family still living on parts of it. He also spoke of how important it is that we record our history and was so very appreciative of what Diana had accomplished in her book.

Diana Sears and Jim Spring in the photo.



In August, the TCHS unveiled their latest book "The Whitney Company Along the Kilchis River." An entertaining and thorough first hand telling of logging in the early 1920s by

Daniel Dewees Strite, this story was originally published in the *Oregon Historical Society Quarterlies* in the 1970s. The event was open to the public with over 60 people in attendance.

A model of the Whitney Logging Camp made by Gary Brooks in the photo.