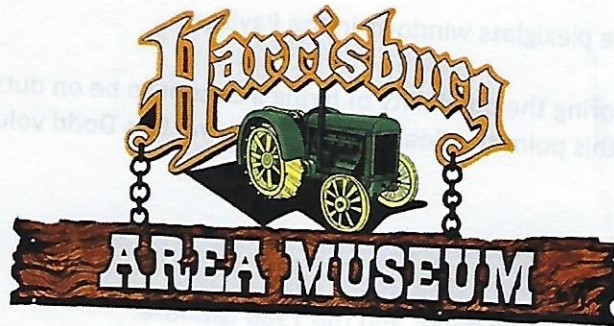


December 2021



Holiday Greetings from the Harrisburg Area Museum.

We would like to share with you what has taken place in the museum this past year.

Recent Donations

Some of the larger acquisitions were items from Dean Bowers' estate that are now on display. We have a glacier erratic rock from the Missoula Floods. There were many floods during the ice age that came out of the area that is now Montana. The rock "floated" down on an iceberg at the end of the last ice age some 12,000 years ago to the southern Willamette Valley and was deposited on what is now Dean's land.



He also had a large collection of arrowheads. Some came from the land he farmed and others from the Bowers' ranch in Eastern Oregon. They are on display in the Depot at this time.

Another item his estate donated was a 1947 Oliver 77 Standard tractor.

Landscape

Ann Heckart is our volunteer who has been tending the flowers, scrubs, and trees. In the spring/summer come see the wonderful work she has been doing while you view the erratic rock.

Charlie Kizer

Charlie has retired from his volunteer positions with the museum. He joined the board in 2000 and was elected treasurer. Charlie loves to work with numbers and so this was a good fit. He organized the financials and set up the museum to use Quick Books. He is also a wordsmith. He has written at least 19 articles about the exhibits and the item's history through time. He was the main guy to get our year-end newsletter written, printed, and mailed. He also is great at designing timelines and did one for the sesquicentennial. Due to health issues, he retired this year after 21 years of much appreciated volunteer services on our board.

Generous Money Donations

We have had some very generous donations in the past. Here is what we've done this last year with some of the money:

- Ken Birky and sons have finished renovating the McCartney House so it looks more like it did in 1867.
- A heating system was installed in the Pavilion and the Morse Building.
- Thermopane windows were installed in the Pavilion

- Restoration of the Overland car

Future plans are to replace the plexiglass windows in the Pavilion.

The Board of Directors is exploring the possibility of hiring a docent to be on duty the three days a week that the museum is open. At this point the Board of Directors and Ellis Dodd volunteer their time as docents.

Needs of the Museum

- A docent
- Railroad items to display in the depot and the 1980 caboose.
- Younger board members to carry on the mission and tradition of the museum.

TV Ad

Have you seen the TV ad that we have on KLSR ch34? Many of our visitors have shared that that is how they learned about the museum.

The Board of Directors are continuing to work on improving the museum and its content. Come join the volunteers!

Happy Holidays.

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