

# The Historical Oldtimer

The Electronic Newsletter

of

Josephine County Historical Society

512 S.W. 5th Street

## MAKE AN OFFER

The quilt was left to the Society as fund raiser. The owner, Judy Krohn, purchased it at one of the religious colonies in Iowa about 2005. Maybe Judy taught you to type at GPHS or some other business course. She was a business teacher from the late 1960's to 1998. She also taught some nighttime business courses at Rogue Community College. She never used the quilt on her beds because the cats were fascinated by it, so it was folded up and put away. When she passed away, the quilt was given to the Josephine County Historical Society to be used as a fund raiser. It should probably be washed or dry cleaned but we will leave that to the winner. She paid \$200 for it. You may stop by the Historical Society Research Library to see it in person. The quilt is almost square, about 100 by 106 inches. We are accepting sealed bids until February 2025.



*The Historian* was mailed up until the pandemic hit. The *Oldtimer* was electronic, We now have just one newsletter and this is it. Five issues are sent by e-mail and the October issue is mailed with the ballot for officers.

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February(1), April,(2)  
June,(3) August(4), October(5) and December(6).

**We Have A Date at the  
Schmidt House Museum.**

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Christmas Past

Dec. 14. 2024

Tour of the Schmidt House.

Free 10am until 2pm

As a member, you can stop by the Research Library (office) and use our research facilities when we are open just to look up something in the past you have wondered about.



The Josephine County Historical Society had a group of teenagers from Project Youth come and rake leaves and help clean up the property on November 22, 2024. We thank them very much and this page shows the group and some of the work they accomplished. We always seem to have something that a volunteer can help with, so if you have a few spare hours and would like to spend it in the garden, library, just or in the call as





## Ghosts?

We're making great progress on the haunted downtown Grants Pass book. We are about 75% done writing the histories of the buildings in the area and then we get to start adding in the spice! So far, we have confirmed ghosts in eight buildings but there are stories of activity occurring in many businesses. It has been an enjoyable experience meeting so many downtown business owners and hearing the stories of how they came to Grants Pass and what it is like working in a historic building.

If you have had an experience in a downtown building and would like to tell us about it, please reach out to Taylor Roberts at [jchstaylor@gmail.com](mailto:jchstaylor@gmail.com) or call the research library and ask for Taylor. We are not currently looking for information on houses or buildings outside the downtown area.

Taylor Roberts

Research Librarian

Josephine County Historical Society

541-479-7827

Just a reminder, in small print, that we are a non-profit and survive on the good graces of the membership and people who donate to the Society or come into the Library and buy a book or two. Christmas is coming so getting someone a book is a great idea. After they read it, they can put it on the bookcase shelf or re-gift to another. If you are lucky, you may get your gift back in the future after it has made the rounds of family and friends. Enjoy.

Most of the quilt is shown below. It must have a special place awaiting it somewhere in Josephine County and we would love to let someone take it home. Send us your best offer and when we get them all in by next February, we will call the highest bidder and if that person has decided they really do not want it, we will call the next highest bidder. Someone will own this quilt by Valentine's Day.



# Board for 2024

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Jodi Wainwright

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vacant

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vacant

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## Changes for 2025

**Curt Hall is the new VP.**

**Would you like to volunteer to fill a vacant space? Phone us.**

The Josephine County Historical Society a 501 (c ) 3 organization is the fiscal agent for the Brady Project. We collect the donations and pass them on to the artists. We do not keep any of the funds received. If you wish to donate, send checks to:

Josephine County Historical Society  
512 SW 5th St., Grants Pass, OR.  
97526

You may donate on the JCHS website

[www.jcohistorical.org](http://www.jcohistorical.org)

**Oregon Books** will give members a discount if you show your JCHS membership card, and will donate 5% of the sale back to the Historical Society.

## Amazon can help us

If you shop at Amazon, please sign up asap. It only takes a few moments and we get a bit of money from your purchase. It costs you nothing. Sign up:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/936015456>

## OUR WEBSITE!

Find us at-

[Www.josephinehistory.org](http://www.josephinehistory.org)

Checkout what we have to offer! Visit our site to read Sundays Make History (New articles will be posted each month.)

Check out our bookstore and keep up to date on JCHS happenings.



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### JCHS' electronic newsletter

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The Josephine County Historical Society is a non-profit with no governmental connection. **We are not part of county government.**

We are self-supporting thanks to our membership and benefactors.

We invite you to join the Society. You do not have to attend meetings, but we can use your volunteer services in many ways. Phone us and ask.

Membership Dues per year are:

Single \$20

Family \$30

Business \$55

Donations accepted.

### Do you like to Sit?

**We are not a lending library. We are not part of the county government. We charge non-members to use our research library. But as a member, you can come in and just sit and read all sorts of interesting papers and books. We would be glad to have your company for an hour or so. We are open 10 to 4 on Tuesday through Friday and the library is air conditioned.**

Do you have any old photos of Josephine County that you would like to donate to the Josephine County Historical Society? If they do not mean anything to you, they may fill in the gaps of our photo collection. Think about it. If you have photos but do not want to give them to us, bring them in and we will scan them and you can keep the originals. And how about your personal history? Write it down, bring us a copy and we will file in our "family files" for future reference years from now. If you do not tell your story, no one else will. People come into the Research Library all the time looking about someone from the past who lived in Grants Pass, but most common folks do not have a written history on file. Do it today. You can even email to us, we will make a file, print your email and you will be put in our family file.

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We have many wonderful board members, but they seem to be reluctant to give us a short biography so this is a blank space that needs to be filled with something. As I type this box full of letters, I am wondering just what I need to say. If you read the newsletters on a regular basis, you have probably noticed that some article are repetitive. Hey, one needs to fill space and sometimes a newsletter gets by a person and does not get read. Notice the junk-mail that you find in your mailbox. You get the same things, over and over and over. But then they disappear into history and someone has had the foresight to save the information for future use. That is History. History is the written word of what has happened in the past. If you pass information on by speaking, it is oral history and it gets a new version each time a different person repeats it. So when you read history, remember that someone first told the tale by word-of-mouth and some of the information may be slightly incorrect.