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TROLLEY TOUR

Join us for our annual Trolley Tour on May 11, 2024, lead by Albany historian and ARM docent Bill Maddy!

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EXHIBIT OPENS

Explore our new exhibit, "Picturing Women Inventors" from SITES, unveiled in the Community Room.

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2023 RECAP

Weren't able to come to our annual meeting in January? No worries, read all about it!

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EVENTS & EXHIBITS

April

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"Picturing Women Inventors" exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute (SITES) CLOSES to the public.

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1st Friday at ARM— FREE admission 10am—7pm stop by after 4:30 to learn how to preserve your family photos

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"Albany General Hospital 100th Anniversary" exhibit opens to the public.

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History Bites @ 12:00pm: "Historic Windows and Doors? Oh my!" presented by Chris Gustafson of Vintage Window

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Annual Streetcar Tour @ 10:00 am & 11:30 am provided by Bill Maddy, Historian and A.R.M. docent, pre-registration required by 5/07

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History Through Headstones - Historic Linn County Medicine: A Family Pursuit 6:30 to 8:30pm @ Riverside Cemetery 1305 7th Ave, Albany, OR 97321

JUNE

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"History Through the Headstones" exhibit opens to the public with recordings of this years presentation

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History Bites @ 12:00pm: "Peacock Family Car" presented by Michael Henich



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...

... What's Next

The question that has been on my mind from the moment we cut the ribbon on the new exhibits is what's next. It has been eight months since we completed the remodel, and we have accomplished so much else. We hired Katie Post to be the Museum Educator, we hosted "This is Kalapuyan Land" & "Oregon's Trail of Tears" exhibits in the community room, we upgraded our HVAC, and we had the most successful end-of-year appeal in the Museum's history raising over \$17,000! As we reach each milestone, the question of what's next always comes to mind.

When asking the Museum's board that question, we decided 2024 would be a year of refinement and planning. We would work to get our day-to-day back on track. We aim to schedule our programming months out instead of weeks, rebuild our volunteer base, and start a rotating exhibit schedule. We are even working on reviving our newsletter, and here it is! The newsletter is back and in a new format that we hope you enjoy. We want to make sure that our community is better informed of all we are doing and all that we are planning.

While the staff works on strengthening the day-to-day, I work with the board on our long-term vision. We decided it was time to complete an entirely new strategic plan after operating from the current plan for over 6 years. We know we have new strengths and weaknesses. We have new partnerships and needs, and for all that we have accomplished, we know we want to go further, be bigger, and be greater than we already are.

We are seeking a consultant to help guide the conversation, and we expect this person to help us gather community feedback. This Museum is here for you, our community. Without you, we would not have the objects to share or the stories to tell; without you, we would not have made it to where we are. We look forward to having you help us decide what's next.

With gratitude,

Keith Lohse

MEMBERSHIP

Benefits us All

Your membership keeps the Museum open which benefits us all, but membership to the Museum provides you benefits too.

FRIEND - \$30

- Includes Full Household in Membership
- Invitation to Annual Members Meeting
- Annual Members Appreciation Event
- 10% off museum store
- Free Admission to Museum
- Receive copy of quarterly newsletter
- Invitation to Members only events

TIMBER - \$75

All the benefits of Friend plus:

- Member Pricing for Special Events
- Listing of Membership in Newsletter

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- Increase to 15% off Museum Store
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All the benefits of Hub City plus:

- Increase to 20% off Museum Store
- General Research Fee is Waived
- Private Tour of Museum

TAKENA SOCIETY - \$500

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- One Free Community Room Rental
- Invitation to Annual Directors Dinner

TROLLEY TOUR: ALBANY STREET RAILWAY SYSTEM

By: Bill Maddy, ARM Docent and Albany Historian

When railroad service arrived in 1870 in Albany, Albany hotels would send carriages to meet passengers, but carriages were a liability, unclean, and a rough ride, especially during the rainy season.



The last horse-powered streetcar trip, Dec. 4, 1908

In 1888, the City of Albany decided that a streetcar and tracks were needed, and the *Albany Street Railway Company* was formed to build a streetcar system, which began operation on August 30, 1889, charging 5 cents.

Car No. 1 was manufactured locally by Anthony J. Anslyn, with wheels and other metal parts made by the Albany Iron Works. Jared "Judd" Ross was hired as *Albany Street Railway's* first streetcar driver, with a white horse named "Old Charlie" providing the horsepower.

In 1892, a steam dummy engine was purchased. The engine, *Goltra Park*, pulled Car No. 1 over a new extension that was built over a 4-mile route to the Corvallis and Eastern Railroad Depot. However, the railway company found it too expensive to operate, so when the engine broke down c.1900, it and the *Goltra Park* extension were abandoned.

In 1895, a secondhand 2-4-2T locomotive was purchased from the *Rogue River Valley Railway* and rebuilt to a 0-4-2T. This small engine, called a "Dinkie", carried its own water supply. When the Dinkie broke down or needed repair, the Albany streetcars reverted to horsepower and Judd Ross substituted the locomotive with Old Charlie.

Electrification of the Albany Street Railway came after its acquisition by the *Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway* on December 31, 1908. The streetcar system now consisted of trolleys. The first trolley motormen were Elba Burnett and Judd Ross.

As it happened, trolleys would reign in Albany for less than a decade. In 1918, the city that had started the first motorized street railway in the state outside of Portland became the first to abandon streetcars.



TROLLEY TOUR

The *Albany Streetcar History Tour* takes place on Saturday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The tour will feature humorous, unique, and wild stories related to the history of Albany's railroads and street railway system, narrated by Bill Maddy, ARM docent and Albany historian.

Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Currently we are only accepting a waitlist. Tickets are \$5 for adults and youth. Trolley boarding will take place at the Albany Regional Museum, 136 Lyon St SW. To reserve your ticket contact the Museum at 541-967-7122 by May 7, 2024.

“PICTURING WOMEN INVENTORS”: AN OPHELIA’S PLACE PARTNERSHIP

By: Katie Post, Museum Educator

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HOW CAN I HELP THE ENVIRONMENT?

Inventions in clean energy are just one way to help the planet.

Non-Toxic Batteries
Colorado-born inventor **Amy Prieto** is creating safe, inexpensive, fast-charging, and environmentally friendly rechargeable batteries, with potential applications in everything from smart phones to electric vehicles. She joined the Colorado State University's inventors department in 2005 and started her company, Prieto Battery, in 2009 to take the battery from research to prototype to commercialization. Still in development, Prieto's solid-state batteries contain none of the toxic components found in other batteries.

Solar Energy
Born in Hungary, **Maria Telkes** (1907-1992) immigrated to the United States in 1932 after completing her PhD in physical chemistry. She was nicknamed the "Sun Queen" for her work on solar energy, inventing solar stoves and a solar-powered distiller to desalinate sea water. In the 1940s, she worked with architect Eleanor Raymond on a solar-heated house. Photocells panels were still experimental, so the house was built with large windows backed with black metal sheets. Sunlight heated the sheets and fans circulated the warm air around bins filled with a chemical salt. The salt melted and stored heat until the temperature around the bins cooled. Then the salt recrystallized, slowly releasing the absorbed heat.



EXPLORE OUR FLIGHT LAB!

Is a scarf heavier than a ping pong ball?

Does a foam ball float?

Come find out at our brand new Flight Lab!

As part of our "Picturing Women Inventors" exhibit we've added a flight lab for kids of all ages to explore! Come test different materials to see what flies and what falls.

ARM would like to thank our amazing volunteers, Larry Allen and Darrel Tedisch for making this wind tunnel possible.

Here at the Albany Regional Museum, we have decided that 2024 will mark the year of community involvement at our museum. To honor this, the Collections & Exhibits Department and Education Department have collaborated to provide our visitors new exhibits with community based partnerships in our Community Room quarterly.

This quarter, we are kicking off with the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit, "Picturing Women Inventors," to celebrate Women's History Month in March. Women throughout history have often been overlooked compared to their male counterparts. This exhibit highlights the stories and diverse backgrounds of women inventors in American history.

The Albany Regional Museum has partnered with Ophelia's Place to add to the Smithsonian's exhibit. The girls at Ophelia's Place were provided Inventor's Kits in late January to create tomorrow's inventions for tomorrow's women. These inventions were added to the display case in the Community Room to showcase the brilliant minds of our community's young girls.

Ophelia's Place

Empowerment | Education | Support

Ophelia's Place is an organization that provides programs and support to young girls in our community to improve their futures through healthy choices, empowerment, and education.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By: Katie Post, Museum Educator

On January 18, 2024, the Albany Regional Museum hosted our Annual Membership meeting to recap all the events and happenings throughout the 2023 year. For those who couldn't attend, here's what you missed!

Our most significant accomplishment in 2023 was completing and unveiling our extensive ten-month exhibit remodel. The efforts of our Collections & Exhibits Manager, Amy Bozorth, and her Exhibits Assistant, Clara Scillian Kennedy, made this all possible.

Over 3831 visitors from 24 U.S. States/Territories and 4 foreign countries came to the Albany Regional Museum. This was a 50% increase in visitors over 2022 and our best year since 2019!



Nolan Streitberger, Volunteer of the Year

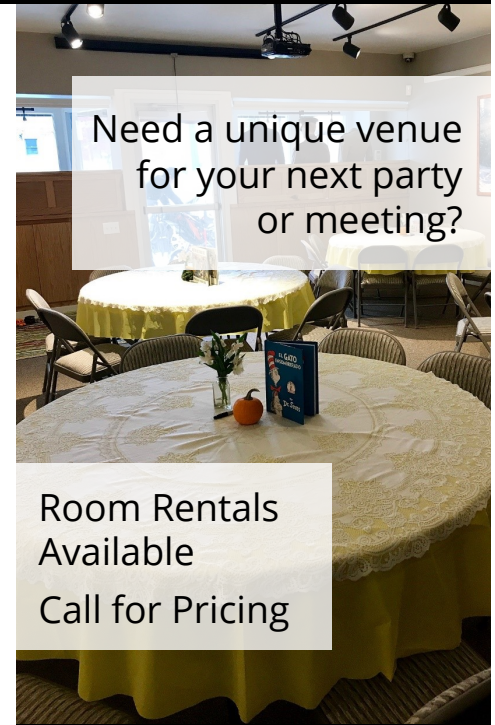
History Bites resumed in July and new programs are coming this year, including a 3rd Grade Field Trip Program and plenty of exciting partnerships with local organizations to increase our community engagement.

Lastly, we were proud to present two awards for volunteer accomplishments. Our 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Nolan Streitberger for his help throughout our remodel. Our 2023 Above and Beyond Award was given to a wonderful docent and researcher, Bill Maddy!

Don't miss next year's Annual Membership meeting, join us today!



Bill Maddy, Above & Beyond Award



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Calling all history buffs: Albany Regional Museum needs your help!

Join the Albany Regional Museum volunteer crew to be a part of preserving our local and regional history! No experience required, we can train you as needed.

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- Lead group or school tours
- Assist with special events
- Work with artifacts and archives
- Update and inventory our IT equipment

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COLLECTIONS HIGHLIGHT

By: Dan Murphy, ARM Volunteer

This issue's collection highlight is a clothes washer.

Modern laundry machines only require the tossing of clothes and detergent and the press of a button before your clothes are clean. This rustic laundry machine required a little more work for clean clothes. To use this rustic clothes washer, one needed to fill the vessel with water, cleaning agents, and clothes that needed cleaning, then, one would turn the hand crank to agitate the clothes.

Did you know that the washing machine has a controversial past? Women of lower socio-economic standing relied on income from handwashing clothes and fabrics from wealthier families. The innovation of modern washing machines boasted that they could complete the work of 6-8 washerwomen, threatening jobs for many washerwomen.

You can find this artifact in our agriculture exhibit.



BOB POTTS PHOTO COLLECTION



The photo featured on this issue's cover comes from the ARM's Bob Potts Photo Collection. An avid collector of historic photographs, Bob Potts collected thousands of photographs during his lifetime, over 10,000 of which were donated to the Museum after his death.

The Museum recently received two grants to update our photo database. We will be scanning more photos and rescanning some old images currently available online with new data. We aim to have several thousand complete by the end of 2024. If we hit that mark, we will be able to offer a new keyword searchable database in 2025.

The Museum would like to thank the Oregon Heritage Commission and the Doris & Bill Scharpf Foundation for awarding us the grants to complete this project. If you would like to see some images digitized during a past grant visit: armuseum.com/potts-photo-collection



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History Through Headstones - Historic Linn County Medicine: A Family Pursuit

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the hospital's founding, and to honor this anniversary the 14th annual History through Headstones' theme is "Historic Linn County Medicine: A Family Pursuit."



This free event, sponsored by the Albany Regional Museum and the Riverside Cemetery, will be held on May 22nd from 6:30 pm to dusk, with light refreshments provided by the Riverside Cemetery Association. Visitors can park on either side of 7th Avenue west of Albany General Hospital, and can begin their tour at either cemetery entrance.

Ten individuals associated with the medical field in Albany will be featured during this event, including six individuals from three different families, highlighting the importance of family when choosing a career in the medical field.

The docents for History through the Headstones will also highlight two women in medicine to discuss the challenges faced by women in their field during their lifetimes and sacrifices made to have successful careers.