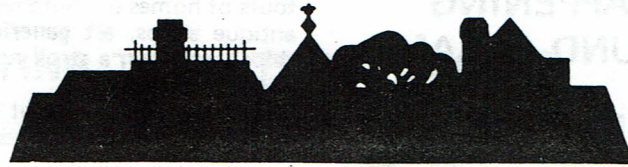


# HISTORIC ALBANY NEWS



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## ALBANY HISTORIC RESOURCES OFFICE OPENS

To respond to an ever-increasing need to coordinate and assist the many and varied historical groups in Albany, leaders of these organizations appealed to the Albany Convention and Visitors Commission to fund a half-time position for a director of historic resources. The Commission approved funding and hired Rosalind Clark Keeney as director in September, 1985. The position is funded by transient room tax revenues.

The principal tasks assigned to the director include: improving communications among the historical groups and their counterparts throughout the state, serving as public relations coordinator for the historic groups, assisting in the preparation and organization of their special events, recruiting and organizing volunteers, obtaining money through fundraising efforts and grants, and developing educational programs about Albany's history.

The Albany Historic Resources Office is located in the basement of the downtown public library in the Albany Regional Museum, 302 S.W. Ferry Street. For information about Albany's historic groups, museums, tours, events, historic preservation of historic research, call 967-6540.

## ALBANY HISTORIC ASSOCIATION STRENGTHENS ALBANY'S HISTORY GROUPS

The Albany Historic Association (AHA) is an umbrella organization made up of people and organizations interested in Albany's historic resources. It was established three years ago to better organize the historic community and to speak with a united voice to the powers that be instead of with many soft voices

with mixed messages. It was very successful in establishing the historic groups' importance in Albany's tourism and convinced the city council that a portion of the transient room tax needed to be used to improve and promote historic-related projects in Albany.

The association's board of directors is composed of the presidents and leaders of Albany's historic groups. They are: Joy Henkle from the Monteith Society; Lynda Cook from the Interior Tour Committee; Linda Tedisch from the Albany Fire Museum; Jan Shea from the Friends of Historic Albany; Lois Baker from Experience Albany; and Beth Powell from the Albany Regional Museum. The Director of Historic Resources serves as coordinator. Each month the board and the director meet to discuss events and problems.

One organization representing all the groups will make it easier to apply for grants, plan fundraisers and events, hire additional personnel, and coordinate volunteers.

For more information call 967-6540.

## JOHN BURKHART: ALBANY'S THIRD FOUNDING FATHER



You've heard of Burkhart Street, Burkhart Creek, Burkhart Square (the small park next to A.C.T. at 1st and Ellsworth), and the Burkhart House (the park's department "Maple Lawn"), but do you know who the Burkharts were?

Like the Monteiths and the Hacklemans, they were early Albany settlers. John and his wife Rebecca came to the Albany area in 1847, via the Oregon Trail, arriving in October on the same wagon train as Abraham Hackleman (son of Abner).

In 1849, when most able bodied men left Oregon to work in the California gold fields, John, who was by then 62 (born 1787) stayed in Oregon to tend the claims of the Monteiths and Abraham Hackleman. While they were gone he took a claim a few miles east of town, but continued to live in Albany for some time. Four of his sons later took donation land claims in Linn County also.

John and Rebecca had ten children, Raymond, Calvin P., Coriolanus "Crill," Leander, John, George, Charolette, Katherine, Louisa, and Rebecca, all of whom settled in Oregon. Many Burkhart descendants still live in Linn County and around Oregon (there are thirteen now listed in the Albany phone book).

John was the first postmaster in Albany and was an early school commissioner. He died in 1856, his wife in 1884, but their children continued to play significant roles in Albany history. Charolette, was the first woman school teacher in Albany; Calvin P. was one of the instigators of and helped finance the Albany Santiam Canal and assisted in building the first schoolhouse in Albany; Leander's son, Robert L., was a member of the school board and had a statewide reputation as a breeder and dealer in Jersey cattle, and his other son Will ran the drug firm of Burkhart and Lee for many years.

If you have any other information about the Burkhart family or have any corrections please call 967-6540.

From the files of Dick Milligan.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND ALBANY

## FRIENDS OF HISTORIC ALBANY AWARDS

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The Friends, 1985 annual awards for historic preservation went to: John and Debra Reimer, 637 9th Street S.W., for the restoration of their c. 1890, Oregon Farmhouse; Pat and Jack Phillips, 829 Washington S.W., for the overall recovery of their c. 1892 Stick style house; Bill Ramsey, vice president and general manager of Morse Brothers, Inc., and Tim Merrill and Gary Day of Cornerstone Architects and Planners, for the reconstruction of the Two Rivers Market, 300 2nd Avenue S.W.; Gail and Jeff Lear, 821 6th Avenue S.W., for the notable paint job on their c. 1910 Transitional Box style house.

Other award winners include: Dorothy Hicken, 832 Washington S.W., for the notable paint job on her c. 1890 Oregon Farmhouse; the Interior Tour Committee, for the Victorian landscaping of the gazebo/information center at 8th and Ellsworth; Scott Keeney, for his efforts in beautifying the Monteith Historic District by planting over 75 trees; and Future Savings and Loan Association, the Albany Boys and Girls Club, and Jeff Smith, for rescuing the c. 1908 Brandeberry/Pontius Bungalow style house which was moved from behind the Future Savings and Loan building.

Congratulation to all of the winners and thank you for your efforts to improve Albany!



## EXPERIENCE ALBANY

302 Ferry Street S.W.

1985 was a very successful and eventful year for Experience Albany. Started in 1983, the group has expanded its touring abilities to include not only the historic districts, but Linn County bridges and industrial tours. They have given an average of two tours a month and have attracted groups from all over the state.

"Packaged" tours are available or a tour can be custom-designed to include lunch, refreshments, interior tours of homes or churches, stops at antique shops, art galleries or gift shops—or even a stroll next to the Willamette River.

Contact Lois Baker at 926-5562 for information or tour reservations.

## ALBANY REGIONAL MUSEUM

302 Ferry Street S.W., 967-6540

Traditional tools, weapons, stories and customs of the Kalapuya Indians (the native Americans who lived around Albany), plus an exhibit about archeology in the Willamette Valley, are on display at the museum through April 15, 1986. The exhibit comes from the University of Oregon Museum of Natural History and was coordinated locally by Mary Ann Traut and Marty Rosenson, LBCC anthropology teacher.

Special group tours may be arranged to see the exhibit and educational material for school children is available.

The next exhibit, "Images of Albany, An All American City," will open May 17, 1986. It will be a judged photography exhibit featuring photos of different aspects of Albany. For information, or to enter the competition, call 967-6540.

If you are interested in being a museum volunteer, please call.

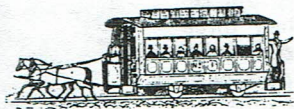
## ALBANY FIRE MUSEUM ENGINE COMPANY NO. 1

120 34th Street S.E., 928-2469

Albany Engine Company No. 1 will host a firemen's muster July 19 and 20, 1986. Events are scheduled to take place downtown on Fourth Street in front of the Linn County Court House. About 30-40 teams, involving up to 1,500 firefighters from Oregon and the west coast will compete.

For those who have never seen a firemen's muster, this will be a chance to see history in action, since teams compete as they did 100 years ago with fire fighting apparatus from the late 1800's to 1950. Demonstrations, concession stands, and a dance are also part of the muster events.

For more information contact Linda Tedish 928-2469.



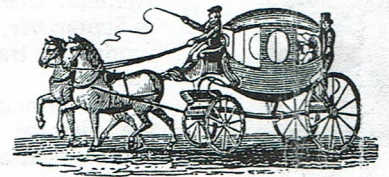
## HISTORIC ALBANY INTERIOR TOUR COMMITTEE

302 Ferry Street S.W., 967-6540

The 1985 Old-Fashioned Christmas Parlor Tour attracted more than 1,150 people. Carolers in Dickensian costume and a horse-drawn carriage were new and delightful additions.

The 1986 Summer Tour is scheduled for Saturday July 26, 11 to 5 pm. Five houses, historic churches, the Monteith house, the Fire Museum, and a special event will highlight the tour. Tour chairperson will be Alison Warmann, 926-9321.

Profits from this year's tours will continue to go to the Victorian landscaping project at the gazebo/information center, at 8th and Ellsworth. Volunteers are needed to plant and care for the area in the spring and summer. If you are interested call 967-6540.



## MONTEITH HOUSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

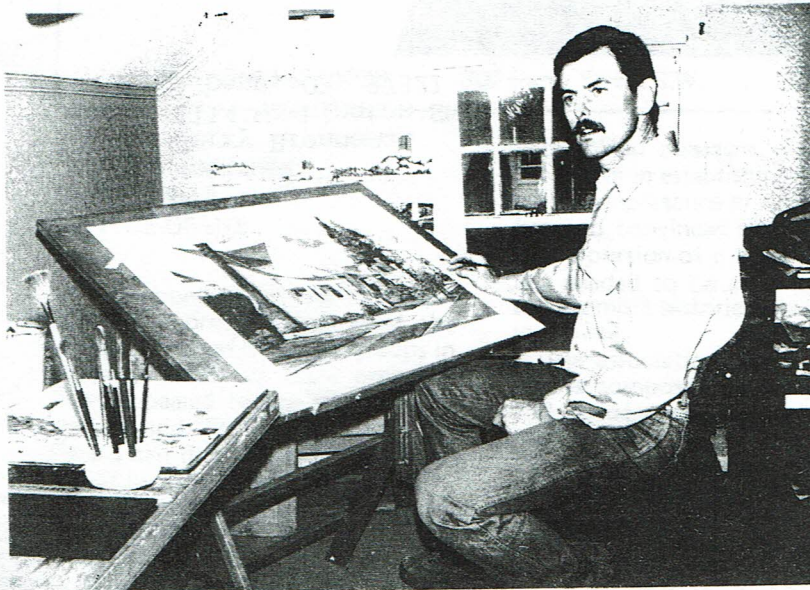
518 2nd Avenue S.E., 967-8699

February 15, 1986 the Monteith Society will celebrate the anniversary of Oregon's admittance to the union by sponsoring Monteith Appreciation Day. The event will feature the dedication of a new flag pole, donated by the American Legion, and a ceremony to honor Mrs. Maude Ross Dirrett. Mrs. Dirrett gave the society a 19th century trunk full of clothes and memorabilia owned by Margaret Monteith, wife of Walter, and Alice Ross Monteith, wife of Malcolm Monteith. Mrs. Dirrett grew up across the street from the Monteith family house that was located on 5th Street. Dresses, baby clothes, the original deed to the Walter Monteith donation land claim, and historic photos will be displayed at the house on the 15th.

Volunteers are needed to keep the house open and maintain the interior and exterior of the 1849 pioneer building. Call 967-6540 if you are interested in volunteering or visiting the house.



## BILL MARSHALL OFFERS PAINTING TO HISTORIC GROUPS



A water color painting of a subject of your choice will be awarded to the winner of the Albany Historical Association's 1986 historic community fundraiser. Local artist Bill Marshall, who began his art career in San Francisco working as a sculptor and architectural and landscape painter, will contribute an original water color painting to AHA to help raise money for the historic groups.

Contestants may enter by purchasing \$5.00 (6 for \$25.00) tax

deductible tickets by sending in the coupon below or by stopping by the Albany Historic Resources Office, 302 Ferry Street S.W., (967-6540) or at the Creative Arts Guild Gallery, 436 W. 1st. They will be sold until May 15, 1986. The drawing will be held Saturday May 17th at the opening of the Albany Regional Museum's "Images of Albany, An All-American City," photographic exhibit. Make checks payable to the Albany Regional Museum.

### BILL MARSHALL WATERCOLOR DRAWING

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Donation \$5.00 per ticket or 6 for \$25.00

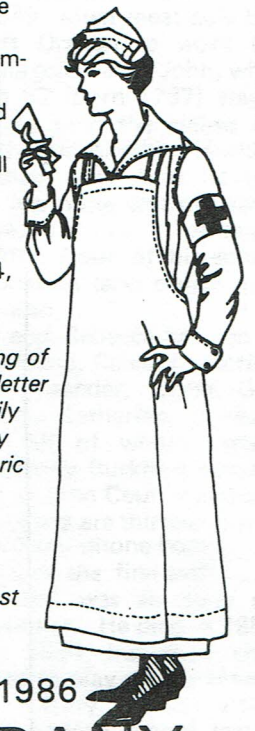
The beginnings of Albany General Hospital go right to the roots of Albany itself.

The hospital is built on the site of Walter Monteith's second house, on a plot of land bounded by Sixth and Seventh Avenues and Elm Street. Walter and Thomas Monteith, along with the Hackleman family and Hiram Smead, were the original land owners of Albany.

Since 1924, this hospital has been at the center of our community's health care and has evolved to meet the ever changing needs of the people of Albany. We hope Walter Monteith would approve.

If you would like a free 30-page copy of the hospital's history, complete with photos and short stories, call the public relations office at 926-2244, extension 127.

*The printing of this newsletter was happily paid for by your historic neighbor, Albany General Hospital, 1046 West Sixth.*



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# ALBANY GENERAL HOSPITAL





## ALBANY HISTORIC RESOURCE GUIDE

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Albany Convention and Visitors Commission  
435 First Avenue W.  
Director: 926-1517

The Albany Convention and Visitors Commission promotes tourism in Albany and oversees expenditure of funds obtained from the 6% Transient Tax. The commission grants money to Albany groups that attract tourists, improve Albany's image and are concerned with Albany history. The Convention and Visitors Commission Director's Office provides information to visitors and produces collateral material for tourism and convention promotion.

Albany Downtown Association  
250 Broadalbin S.W., Suite 205,  
Director: Henry "Hank" Turner Jr., 928-2469

The Albany Downtown Association is made up of business and professional people in the downtown commercial district. Its goals are to improve downtown, attract new businesses, beautify downtown, and work together on promotions. Questions about commercial development and preservation of commercial buildings should be directed to Hank Turner, 928-2469.

Albany Fire Museum  
120 34th Street S.E.,  
President: Linda Tedisch, 928-2469

The Albany Fire Museum is one of only two museums in the state of Oregon dedicated to the history of fire prevention in Oregon. It has an exhibit hall with fire memorabilia. Its prize possession is a 1907 steam-driven, horse-pulled fire engine. To visit the museum, contact Linda Tedisch, 928-2469, or the Albany Fire Department at 967-4302.

Albany Historic Interior Tours  
302 Ferry St. S.W.,  
President: Alison Warmann, 926-9321

The Albany Interior Tours Committee organizes two interior tours of historic homes each year. The summer tour, held on the last Saturday of July, showcases five historic houses and features events such as historic fashion shows, historic landscapes, and historic exhibits. The Old-Fashioned Christmas Parlor Tour, held the 2nd Sunday of December, features the parlors of historic houses decorated for the holiday season, homemade refreshments, a Victorian Saint Nicholas, and horse drawn carriage rides.

Albany Historic Resources Office  
302 Ferry Street S.W.  
Director: Rosalind Clark Keeney, 967-6540

The clearing house for the Albany historic community. Located in the basement of the Downtown Public Library. The office provides information about Albany's museums, historic tours (both exterior tours and interior tours), historic events, historic architecture, and historic research and educational programs.

Albany Public Library  
Main Library, 1390 Waverly Dr. S.E., 967-4306  
Downtown Branch, 302 Ferry Street S.W., 967-4308

The main library has a section called the "Oregon Collection," for individuals doing historical research about local people and places.

The downtown branch has a special collection called the "Historic Preservation Resource Center," which contains books, pamphlets, magazines, and vertical files about historic architecture and local history (e.g. old city directories, and Sanborn fire maps), and video tapes about how to fix up an old house.

**Albany Regional Museum**

302 Ferry Street S.W.

Co-presidents: Kristen Schuttpelz, 926-8485, and Beth Powell, 926-1781

Located in the basement of the Albany downtown library. The museum organizes, displays, and preserves artifacts and special exhibits throughout the year. Museum hours are 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, and by appointment. Groups are welcome and educational material is available.

**Experience Albany**

302 Ferry Street S.W.

President: Lois Baker, 926-5652

Experience Albany offers several package tours for groups throughout the year. Available tours include: Historic District Tours, Covered Bridge Tours, and Industrial Tours (Teledyne Wah Chang and the U.S. Bureau of Mines). For more information, or to make reservations, call 926-5652, 967-6540, or 926-1517.

**Friends of Historic Albany**

302 Ferry Street S.W.,

President: Jan Shea, 928-5650

The Friends of Historic Albany are a citizen action group dedicated to preserving the historic buildings in Albany. Many of the members live in old houses and have worked to restore their houses and have hands-on knowledge about how to restore or rehabilitate historic buildings. Group members can answer questions about fixing up historic houses, where to find historic house parts, and how to do historic research.

**Historic Advisory and Museum Commission**

250 Broadalbin Street S.W.

President: Richard Olsen, 926-7348; City Staff, Carl Mawson, 967-4300

The Historic Advisory and Museum Commission was created by the city council in March, 1979. Although the HAMC has a range of authority including historic district recordkeeping, historic structure designation, educational programs, ordinance development, and museum review, most of their time is spent reviewing demolitions, reviewing new development within historic districts, reviewing alterations on historic buildings, advising the city council, and monitoring historic properties.

**Linn County Historical Society**

32865 Lake Creek Drive, Halsey, OR 97348

President: Margaret Carey, 369-2439

The Linn County Historical Society is dedicated to preserving Linn County historic resources. They meet the 4th Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. usually at the Albany Senior Citizens Center (watch the Democrat Herald calendar for the location each month). The meetings include programs about Oregon or Linn County history and are open to the public.

**Linn Genealogical Society and Linn Benton Genealogical Services**

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President: Ruth Wainwright, 928-2582

The Linn Genealogical Society promotes interest in history and genealogy. They meet the 1st Saturday of each month at the Albany Public Library, 1390 Waverly Street S.W., at 10:00 a.m.

The Linn-Benton Genealogical Services office publishes and sells books about Linn County, Albany, and the Willamette Valley. They also have a research library with more than 1,500 publications and will assist individuals in historic research.

**Monteith House Historical Society**

518 Second Avenue S.W.,

President: Marv Saxton, 967-8699

The 1849 Monteith House is Albany's oldest frame building. It was built by Albany's founders, Walter and Thomas Monteith. It served as a home, a church, and a store, and was Albany's "community center" in its early years. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, it is one of the most authentic restoration efforts of a pioneer building in the state of Oregon. Open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays and by appointment.



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## 1986 Calendar of Events Albany Historic Resources

### January

Albany Regional Museum, "The Kalapuya: Native People of the Willamette Valley," exhibit. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.

### February

15th: Monteith Appreciation Day, Monteith House. Albany Regional Museum, the Kalapuya Indian exhibit. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.

### March

Albany Regional Museum, the Kalapuya Indian exhibit. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.

### April

Albany Regional Museum, the Kalapuya Indian exhibit. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free. Closing April 19th.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.

### May

Albany Regional Museum, "Images of Albany, An All-American City," photographic exhibit. Grand Opening, May 17. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.

### June

Albany Regional Museum, "Images of Albany." Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.

### July

17, 18, 19, 20: Willamette Mid-Summer Jazz Fest. 19, 20: Men's Muster. 24, 25, 26: Albany Summer Arts Festival. Interior Tour of Historic Homes.  
Albany Regional Museum, "Images of Albany." Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.  
Horse-drawn carriage guided tours by Albany Gibson Girls, 6, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 1-5 p.m. Free.

### August

Albany Regional Museum, "Images of Albany." Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.  
Horse-drawn carriage guided tours by Albany Gibson Girls, Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 1-5 p.m. Free.

### September

20th: "Oregon and the Pacific Rim," exhibit opening, Albany Regional Museum. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.

### October

Albany Regional Museum, "Oregon and the Pacific Rim." Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.

### November

Albany Regional Museum, "Oregon and the Pacific Rim." Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.

### December

14th: Old-Fashioned Christmas Parlor Tour. Albany Regional Museum, "Oregon and the Pacific Rim." Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11-4. Free.  
Monteith House. Open Wednesdays 10-2, Saturdays 1-4. Free.