

The Lake Oswego Preservation Society is a non-profit corporation founded in 2011. Our mission is to support Lake Oswego's historic fabric through advocacy and education.

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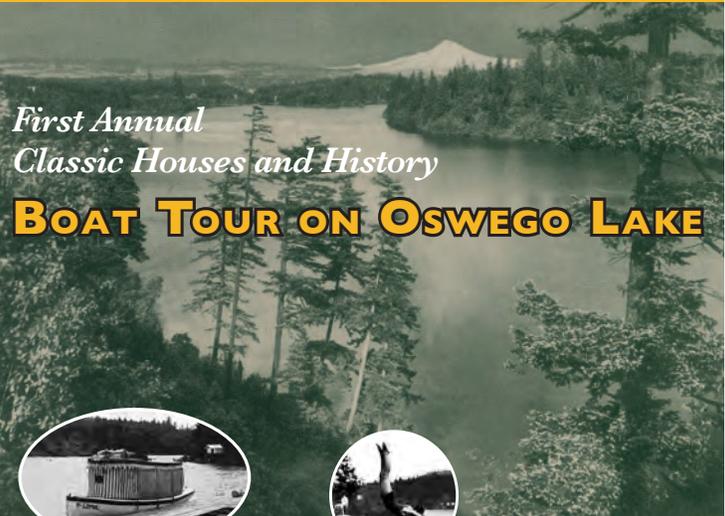
Preservation Society

The Lake Oswego Preservation Society is pleased to announce a new, annual event in support of our mission of education. In partnership with the Lake Oswego Corporation, the Society will present the "Classic Houses and History Boat Tour on Oswego Lake."

This inaugural event will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 9:30 to noon. The guided two-hour boat tour will follow a 30 minute introduction. The cost is \$75 per person.

Tickets are limited and will go on sale on July 28th at the Society's Lake Oswego Farmer's Market booth. They will also be available on our website. When it comes to Oswego Lake history, don't miss the boat!

Sponsored by the Lake Oswego Corporation
and Presented by the Lake Oswego Preservation Society



First Annual Classic Houses and History BOAT TOUR ON OSWEGO LAKE



Saturday September 8, 2012
9:30 Introduction
10:00 to 12:00 Guided Boat Tour

Lake Oswego Corporation Docks
Sunleaf Plaza
120 South State Street
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Lotus - Courtesy of the
Lake Oswego Public Library
Jantzen Boat House - Courtesy of
Hilary Mackenzie
Diver - Courtesy of
Roberta Pierce Kent

\$75.00 per person
Rain or Shine!
To purchase tickets please visit:
<http://www.lakeoswegopreservationsociety.org>
Tickets are limited and non-refundable
Proceeds benefit the Lake Oswego Preservation Society

Please visit the website to check the latest news:
www.lakeoswegopreservationsociety.org

"We see a future in our past."

Quote of the Quarter: "Old ideas can sometimes use new buildings. New ideas must use old buildings." Jane Jacobs

New Additions to the Collection



Two new Oswego train-related items have been added to the Society's collection.

Upper Item:

A rare interior photo of the Oswego Depot taken in 1913.

Lower Item:

A 1925 ticket to ride the Red Electric from Oswego to Portland.



Red Electric Trains*

Just after Christmas, on January 17, 1914, interurban electric trains were set to run from Portland to Oswego and beyond. The shiny fire-engine-red steel cars were nicknamed the “Red Electric,” a name that stuck in spite of the fact that the “Webfoot Route” was selected as the winner in the Southern Pacific’s naming contest. As Nellie Kyle recalled in a 1982 Lake Oswego Review interview, “The Red Electrics were a beautiful sight when they first arrived that January [1914]. Before the electrics, noisy steam trains spewed soot and cinders

onto the ladies’ white starched lace bodices.” The Pullman-built cars had plush green upholstery and the interior was finished with mahogany trim. This transportation option brought a new mobility to Oregon’s population and facilitated development of previously remote areas such as Lake Grove.

The fare for the thirty-minute trip between Portland and Lake Grove was ten cents. In fact the earliest use of the name “Lake Grove” appears to be a 1914 reference to the Red Electric station by that name.

On the inaugural run through the Willamette Valley, Mary Goodall in Oregon’s Iron Dream

relates: “At one valley town onion growers gave each passenger a sample of their crop, the generosity brought tears to the eyes of the grateful passengers!”

The Red Electric’s heyday lasted only fifteen years before the automobile supplanted it. The Oswego line was one of the last to be abandoned and all service was discontinued in 1929. This extensive mass-transit system has yet to be rivaled.

* This article is excerpted from *Lake Oswego Vignettes* by Marylou Colver published by the History Press in 2012.

1950s Retro Lake Oswego Apron



The latest fundraiser for the Society was introduced at our Lake Oswego Farmer's Market debut on June 16th. It is a reproduction of an apron that sold in the 1950s at a local church bazaar.

The apron was copied from one that belonged to Clara M. Hargreaves, the grandmother of Bill Baars, the current Lake Oswego Public Library Director. Bill kindly loaned the original to us for this fundraising project.

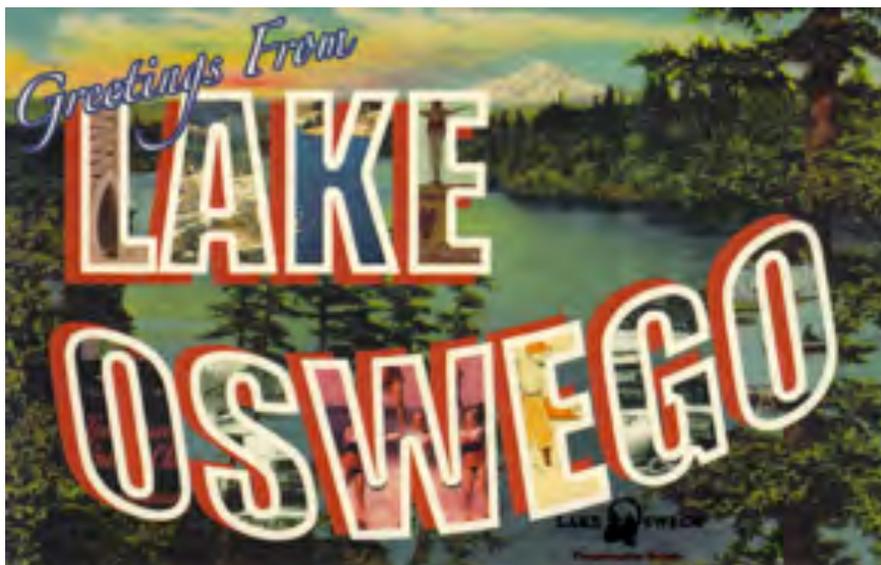
The aprons are 100% cotton, the image is silk screened, and they are washable. Each one is packaged with the story of the apron and a recipe for zucchini bread that was handwritten by Clara.

The aprons are \$30 each and they will be available at the Farmer's Market on July 28th and August 11th from 8:30 to 1:30. The Society will also have them for sale at the Second Annual Oswego Antique Fair on August 12th from 9:00 to 4:00. The fair will be located on Third Street between B and C Avenues. The aprons may also be ordered on the "Shop" page of our website.

Greetings from Lake Oswego

This retro looking postcard is also available on our website's "Shop" page. This card is not a reproduction; rather it was designed exclusively for the Society. Just like vintage postcards, it is printed on linen-finish paper.

Postcards are available for \$1.00 each in the traditional 3" x 5" format. The image is also available in an oversize 10" x 16" format that has been mounted for table or wall display for \$25 each. Please note that the example pictured includes a watermark of the Society's logo that does not appear on the actual card.



Preservation Advocacy Corner

The Society has been actively advocating for preservation of Lake Oswego’s cultural resources. In April we submitted an application to the Historic Preservation League of Oregon (HPLO) nominating the oldest house in Lake Oswego, the Carman House, to the HPLO’s state-wide Most Endangered List. This house pre-dates Oregon’s statehood in 1859 and has been occupied by the Carman family continuously since it was constructed. There were many worthy candidates and the Carman House was not selected.

The Society also testified in opposition to major alterations proposed for the Dr. Walter Black House at 1125 Maple Street. This house, built in 1933, is the only Richard Sundleaf designed residence in Lake Oswego to merit inclusion on both the National Register of Historic Places and the City of Lake Oswego’s Landmark Designation List. The six to one land use decision by the Development Review Commission was in favor of the proposed alterations, despite the added voice in opposition of Sundleaf’s granddaughter and local architect, Hilary Mackenzie. The east facade of the house and an original terrace will be removed to allow for an over 1,300 square foot addition. At the request of the Society, before demolition begins, the original east facade will be thoroughly documented for the benefit of future historians and researchers.

Bank of Oswego Advertisement

April 12, 2012

Full page Bank of Oswego advertisement in the *Lake Oswego Review*



On April 12, 2012 the Lake Oswego Preservation Society was featured in a full page advertisement placed by The Bank of Oswego in the *Lake Oswego Review*

It is an honor to have The Bank of Oswego’s recognition and support of the Society’s mission and the organization.

Many thanks to Dan Heine, President & CEO;

Bridget Smith, Director of Marketing & Public Relations; and the rest of the staff at The Bank of Oswego for their generous support.