

The Lake Oswego Preservation Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation founded in 2011.

Our mission:

To support Lake Oswego's historic fabric through advocacy and education.

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November 10, 2015 was a landmark day for historic preservation in Oregon. It was the first time in the state's history that the Oregon Supreme Court heard oral arguments regarding a preservation issue. *Lake Oswego Preservation Society v. City of Lake Oswego* had, because of the lower Court of Appeals ruling, transitioned from the single focus issue of saving the 1855 Carman House, the oldest house in Lake Oswego, to an effort to save over 3,200 landmark properties statewide. The Oregon chapter of the American Planning Association identified this case as one of the three most significant of 2015.



Left to right: Society board members, Jack Walsdorf and Bonnie Kroft, along with attorneys Carrie Richter and Daniel Kearns, and board members Marylou Colver, Rhonda Allen, Pat Snider, and Larry Snyder in the Oregon Supreme Court chambers. Photo courtesy of Susanna Kuo.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Society attended the hearing along with a court full of interested parties, including representatives of Restore Oregon.

The Society is very grateful to our preservation partner, Restore Oregon, for helping the Society connect with Daniel Kearns of Reeves & Kearns, who provided invaluable legal counsel. We also wish to thank their legal representative, Carrie Richter, for spearheading the Friends of the Court efforts. The Oregon Supreme Court is not under any time constraint to issue an opinion, but we are hoping for a decision by mid-2016.

*We see a future in our past.*

Quote of the Quarter: "Traveling makes you realize what an immeasurably nice place much of America could be if only people possessed the same instinct for preservation as they do in Europe." — Bill Bryson

# 2015 Noteworthy Accomplishments

- We took our more than four year effort to save Lake Oswego's oldest house, the 1855 Carman House, to the Oregon Supreme Court — the first time in Oregon's history that this high Court has heard a preservation issue. The Society is not only preserving history, we're making history!
- We created the *Reel Lake Oswego*, a film legacy for the community, from vintage home movies and footage in the Oregon Historical Society's collection. This 27 minute documentary includes images of Lake Grove and Oswego from the 1920s to the 1960s.
- The Society was selected, through a public bidding process, as the tenant of the historic Iron Company Cottage at 40 Wilbur Street. In 2016, his building will become our home. We are planning exhibits, public open hours, a gift shop, lectures, and other history-related events.



- With the help of John McCulloch of McCulloch Construction, the Emma Austin House, a remarkable circa 1910 bungalow, was saved. [See *Advocacy Update* for more information.]
- We are honored to have the support of our members and proud that the number of \$1,500 lifetime members has reached 15.
- We continued to build partnerships and support like-minded organizations through donations and memberships as well as working together toward shared goals and projects.
- The Lake Oswego-Tualatin chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awarded our president, Marylou Colver, the Excellence in Community Service Award for her historic preservation advocacy.
- Our premiere non-profit fundraiser, the fourth annual *Classic Houses & History Boat Tour on Oswego Lake*, proved, again, to be a very popular event. Guests ranged from those who live on Oswego Lake to people who came from out-of-state!
- The Western Water Ski Museum donated their entire collection of vintage skis and photographs to the Society prior to dissolving their non-profit corporation.
- Four different historic walking tours were offered through the City of Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation summer catalog. We're the only organization offering Lake Oswego walking tours.
- Almost 1,000 people have liked our Facebook page.
- As we've done many times in previous years, we contributed a four-page insert for the City's newsletter, *Hello LO*, in celebration of National Historic Preservation Month in May.
- We have made local history presentations to over 30 community organizations and groups [See the *Speakers* page of our website for a complete list] and we welcome more!

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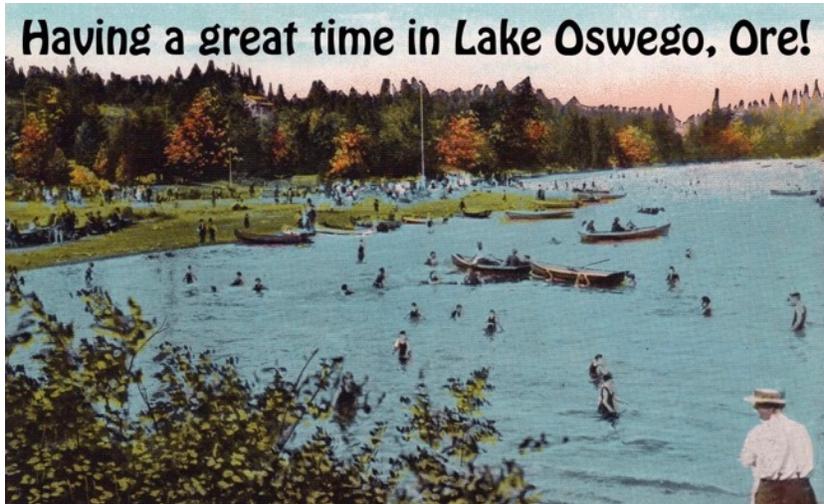
If you use social media, we invite you to like the Lake Oswego Preservation Society's Facebook page.

It's a great way to show your support and to see up-to-the-minute announcements of our preservation updates and events.



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# Local History for Sale!



Our newest retro postcard features a vintage view of Lake Grove. This 3" x 5" postcard, printed on linen finish paper, retails for \$1.

The Society has created a number of unique local history related gift items, which are available online on the *Shop* page of our website as well as on eBay. Selected items are also available locally. The most complete range of merchandise may be found at the following locations:

**Nicoletta's Table and Marketplace** — A glass-fronted display case in the original restaurant space is dedicated to the Society. Our Paul A. Lanquist posters and the retro Lake Oswego map are displayed on a nearby wall. 333 South State Street, Suite M. Open Monday through Saturday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

**Lake Oswego City Hall** — Items are available at the City Hall store located on the ground floor lobby. 380 A Avenue Open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Our notecards and postcards are available at:

**Accessories from the Heart** — 220 A Avenue, Suite 100. Open Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**New Seasons Mountain Park** — 3 Monroe Parkway. Open 8:00 am to 10:00 pm daily.

All sales benefit our non-profit mission: *To support Lake Oswego's historic fabric through advocacy and education.* Earned income from product sales also contributes to our financial stability because funding is derived from multiple revenue streams — events, memberships, donations, grants, and products.

# Advocacy Updates

## *Saving the Emma Austin House*



The Emma Austin House, a circa 1910 bungalow. Architect unidentified.

The Lake Oswego Preservation Society is extremely grateful to John McCulloch of McCulloch Construction for saving the Emma Austin House at 49 Briarwood Road in Lake Oswego. Society board member Emogene Waggoner, an agent with Windermere Cronin & Caplan Realty Group, advised us that it was destined for demolition and redevelopment because it sits on two lots. The developer/owner gave the Society only one week to find a buyer and we, fortunately, connected with John McCulloch. John has saved many noteworthy Portland homes, including the 1911 Markham House in Laurelhurst.

Although it is featured in William Hawkins' *Classic Houses of Portland, Oregon*, the house is not a designated landmark. Hawkins writes: "One of the finest Bungalow style houses was designed as a summer house near the Willamette River. The remarkable Emma Austin House has all the characteristics to make it so appealing and timeless. Its rustic materials — shingles and river rock — keep the house in touch with its once-rural surroundings."

Once the remodel is complete, it will be put on the market. We will keep you apprised of the progress.

## *Taking a Stand*

The Society has testified on behalf of every threatened landmark, a total of six, since our founding in 2011. We're proud that we've made a difference and that our efforts saved the 1908 Christie School, designed by architect C. Alfred Breitung, at Marylhurst from demolition. More often than not, we are the only organization testifying at these public hearings. All of our testimony may be found on the *Advocacy* page of our website.

Another form of advocacy we practice is writing letters to the editor to bring awareness of preservation issues to the community. Again, these letters are available on our website.

These efforts represent some financial investment for legal consultation and a great number of hours of research and preparation. We believe that if we're not advocating, we're not doing our job as an organization dedicated to historic preservation.