

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



Preservation Society

The officers and board members of the Lake Oswego Preservation Society (The Society) are pleased to report the tremendous progress we have made in our first six months.

Highlights of our accomplishments include:

● The forthcoming publication of the book *Lake Oswego Vignette: Illiterate Cows to College-Educated Cabbage*. This title, published by The History Press of Charleston, South Carolina, will be released in the second quarter of 2012 and proceeds will benefit The Society.

● In collaboration with the Lake Oswego Public Library and the Friends of the Library, The Society researched, wrote, and led a walking tour of the Old Town neighborhood and presented a talk entitled: *Turning Oswego's Iron into Gold: Paul C. Murphy as Alchemist*.

● Membership has grown steadily since our founding in May 2011.

● The Society is proud to be a member of the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce and the Clackamas County Heritage Council.

The Society Officers and Board Members are:

Marylou Colver,
President & Founder

Jane Turville,
Secretary

Erin O'Rourke-Meadors,
Treasurer

Celine Mattersdorf, Board
Member

Emogene Waggoner, Board
Member

Please visit the website to check our latest news and see the "About Us" page for information on our board members:
www.lakeoswegopreservationsociety.org

"We see a future in our past."

Quote of the Quarter: "It's not good because its old, it's old because it's good."
Anonymous

New Additions to the Collection



Upper Item:

A copy of the Oswego Iron Worker, Oswego's first newspaper. This is the final issued dated August 28, 1897. Gift of Corinne Gill Steiger of Salem, Oregon.

Lower Item:

An advertising postcard for the Oswego Lumber Company

Oswego Iron Worker

On October 12, 1891, "The Oregonian" reported, "H. L. Gill, late of the Olympia daily 'Tribune,' a newspaper man of large experience, has recently taken up his residence at Oswego, and on the 17th will issue the first number of a weekly newspaper, to be called the *Oswego Iron Worker*."

In addition to printing the newspaper, Herbert Lincoln Gill served as an agent for the Phoenix Assurance Company, he was a representative for Borthwick & Batty real estate as well as an agent for Oregon Iron & Steel land in Oswego. An 1894 advertisement for the latter reads: "Buy now! Property in Oswego is as low as it will ever get." Gill was more prophetic than he could have ever realized.

Oswego Lumber Company

The iron operation shut down in 1894, but the *Oswego Iron Worker* continued to be published until August 28, 1897. Herbert Gill moved to Canby and the building that housed the newspaper became the home of Fergus Lafayette Mintie, proprietor of the Oswego Lumber Company.

Bookmarks now Available



The Society has printed bookmarks designed by Corinna Campbell-Sack and based on a photograph from the Lake Oswego Public Library's historic photograph database. The bookmark features the flag display of the Lake Oswego Water Ski Club in the 1950's. Pictured left to right are: Karen Kisky; Lita Schiel; Marian Bleu; Janet Wilson; Freddie Ellington; Sondra Shaw.

Postcard Greetings



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed. It is the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the "group of thoughtful, committed people" who have joined The Lake Oswego Preservation Society.

Forthcoming Book Publication

Lake Oswego Vignettes: Illiterate Cows to College-Educated Cabbage

by Marylou Colver

will be published by The History Press of Charleston South Carolina in early 2012



Left: Cora Bullock with her bashful, and probably illiterate, cow. Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library.

Below: C. W. Kruse taking cauliflower, i.e., college-educated cabbage, to market. Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library.



Lake Oswego Vignettes: Illiterate Cows to College-Educated Cabbage

by Marylou Colver

As part of the celebration for the centennial of incorporation in 2010, I volunteered to write about local history for the City of Lake Oswego newsletter, *Hello LO*. I had no preconceived notions regarding format or subject matter, but I was intrigued by the offbeat tidbits I discovered in my research so I let those be my

guide. As I began to write the format took shape and I realized that my goal was to make history engaging for those not typically interested in the subject. With the help of Erin O'Rourke-Meadors, we began in depth research to make these pieces or "snippets" as factually accurate as possible. By design they were brief enough to pick up and put down when convenient for the reader and they were crowned (hopefully) with a catchy or

intriguing title. The Lake Oswego Public Library's extensive collection of historic photographs was the major sources of illustrations. The result will be the book published by The History Press in the spring of 2012. Proceeds from book sales will benefit The Society.

Author readings and signings will be posted, plus the book will be available for purchase on The Society's website.