

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

Our mission is to support Lake Oswego's historic fabric through advocacy and education.

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The *Classic Houses and History Boat Tour on Oswego Lake*, our highly popular signature fundraising event, will be held on Saturday September 6th. This two-hour, non-stop guided cruise features over 50 classic homes and historic sites. Years of meticulous research, with the help of advisory board member Erin O'Rourke-Meadors, has gone into identifying the architects and original homeowners to create this informative and entertaining tour.

The number of available seats is naturally based on the capacity of the volunteer boats; typically 100 people can be accommodated. Two tours are held on the same day, one at 9:00 AM and another at 1:00 PM.

Following light refreshments and brief introductory remarks, the tour departs from the docks at Sundleaf Plaza. A guide on each boat, equipped with a microphone and the tour narrative, ensures that all of the information shared is consistent and audible.

Admission is \$75; \$25 is a tax-deductible charitable donation. Tickets will be available to the public on July 26th and demand is often brisk. Members of the Society may purchase them, at a slight discount, for one week prior to their general release. The Society is an all-volunteer organization so 100 percent of the proceeds from this event benefit our mission.

We are grateful to the sponsors that help make this event possible. Our premier sponsor is Steve Kaer of Kaer Property Group Coldwell Banker Seal. Please visit: kaerpropertygroup.com. Nicoletta's Table and Marketplace: nicolettastable.com is a distinguished sponsor for their in-kind donation of refreshments. Our supporting sponsor is House of Antique Hardware: houseofantiquehardware.com. Thanks also to The Bank of Oswego for their contribution. Please support these generous, local area businesses.

Classic Houses & History Boat Tour on Oswego Lake

A NON-PROFIT FUNDRAISING EVENT
Admission \$75; \$25 tax-deductible

100 percent of the proceeds benefit the:



Saturday September 6, 2014
9:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Call 503 481-2479 or email
4lohistory@lakeoswegopreservationsociety.org



We see a future in our past.

Quote of the Quarter: "Never believe a politician or a bureaucrat who says there's no money for preservation." Charles Payton

Join Our Historic Walking Tours

The Lake Oswego Preservation Society is proud of the community partnerships we have built. Most recently, we teamed up with the City of Lake Oswego's Parks and Recreation Department to offer a series of historic walking tours.

Blockbuster A Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Commercial Buildings

This tour features 14 buildings that span nearly 100 years from 1875 to 1962. Learn the stories these buildings have to tell. Marylou Colver tour leader.

Saturday July 12 2:00 - 3:30

Sunday July 20 2:00 - 3:30

Sunday September 21 2:00 - 3:30

Blockbuster Walking Tour Testimonials

"I highly recommend it. I will always look at the buildings we viewed with a new and better eye."

"Thank you so much for sharing your time and talent with us. We learned a lot of new things about places practically in our own backyard!"

"Live Where You Play" A Walking Tour of Historic Iron Mountain Boulevard

Learn about the historic homes that line Iron Mountain Boulevard and their important place in the history of our residential development. Marylou Colver tour leader.

Sunday July 13 2:00 - 3:30

Saturday July 19 2:00 - 3:30

Saturday September 20 2:00 - 3:30

Industrial Archaeology Walking Tour

Become a history detective and see what remnants of the iron industry you can spot in George Rogers Park, Old Town, and the Foothills area. Susanna Kuo tour leader.

Sunday July 27 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Tours are limited to 25 participants. You may register through the City's Parks and Recreation Summer catalog for the July tours and the Fall catalog for the September tours; \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.



President Marylou Colver leading a Blockbuster walking tour of Lake Oswego's historic downtown commercial buildings.

Awards & Appointments

Advisory board member, Erin O'Rourke-Meadors, received the well-deserved City of Lake Oswego Historic Preservation Merit Award at the City Council meeting on May 20. Erin has worked on behalf of Lake Oswego's historic resources for over 25 years. She advocated to save the Carman Farm in the 1990s and now, decades later, she has worked to save the Carman House. The community owes a debt of gratitude to Erin for her tireless efforts.

Society President Marylou Colver and Lake Oswego City Councilor Jon Gustafson have been appointed recently to the board of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition (WFHAC). Society advisory board member, Susanna Kuo, formerly served on the WFHAC board. The Coalition includes a wide range of organizations and jurisdictions who are working in partnership toward the shared vision of creating the Willamette Falls National and State Heritage Areas.

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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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And the Winners Are...

In honor of National Historic Preservation Month in May, the Lake Oswego Preservation Society held two contests:

Our annual Historic Preservation High School Essay Contest was held in partnership with the Lake Oswego Public Library.

The Lake Oswego Architectural Treasure Hunt was funded by a 2013-2014 Clackamas County Community Partnership Program grant.

Both of these contests engaged community members and challenged them to gain a better understanding and appreciation of our built heritage.



ABOVE: Margaux Delaney and Anthony Ma, historic preservation essay contest winners, pictured with Lakeridge High School principal, Jennifer Schiele, (l) and Lake Oswego High School principal, Cindy Shubert.



LEFT: Linda Christeson (r), the first place winner in a random drawing of correct entries for the Architectural Treasure Hunt photographed in front of the contest display at City Hall.

Grant News

Grants and donations, along with membership dues and sales of our unique Lake Oswego gift items, constitute the three balanced revenue streams that support the work of the Society. We have been honored to receive two new grants.

Lake Oswego Rotary Club Grant

On May 19, the Lake Oswego Rotary Club presented the Society with a \$850 check to purchase a computer projector and a screen. This equipment will enable the Society to increase the scope of our community outreach. The new projector was immediately put to good use. On May 29, our president, Marylou Colver, presented a program on the residential development of Lake Oswego at the annual meeting of the Country Club/North Shore Neighborhood Association.

If your Lake Oswego neighborhood or organizations is looking for a speaker, please contact us!

Clackamas County Community Partnership Program Grant

The Society received a \$5,000 grant for Lake Oswego’s participation in this year’s Willamette Falls Festival, which will be held September 13. This event is being hosted by the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition of which Lake Oswego is an official member. The celebration will be held in conjunction with Lock Fest hosted by the Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation. The current plan is to have a jet boat excursion accompanied by a historical narrative. As the Lake Oswego dock cannot be reserved, boats will be launched from Oregon City for a non-stop journey to Lake Oswego and back. Plans are underway and more details will be forthcoming.

Advocacy Corner

Advocacy is the most challenging aspect of the Lake Oswego Preservation Society's mission of supporting Lake Oswego's historic fabric through advocacy and education. We firmly believe that if we don't advocate on behalf of threatened landmark properties we are not fulfilling our role as a non-profit dedicated to preservation.

Since our founding in 2011, we have testified at every public hearing regarding proposed major alterations or delisting of properties on the City of Lake Oswego's Landmark Designation List. In this timeframe, we have submitted both written and oral testimony on behalf of five historic houses and there are only 43 landmark homes in Lake Oswego.

We have also appealed the Lake Oswego City Council's decision to remove the historic designation from Lake Oswego's oldest house, the Carman House, to clear the way for demolition. Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals will hear *Lake Oswego Preservation Society v. City of Lake Oswego* on July 10 at 9:00 AM in Salem.

The next land use issue we face, the sixth since 2011, is a request by Youth Villages, the owner of the Christie School, to remove the historic designation that protects this building. The school, which is the oldest building on the Marylhurst campus, was originally opened, with much fanfare, as a Catholic orphanage for girls on July 4, 1908. Governor Chamberlain and Archbishop Christie made speeches, steamboat excursions from Portland brought picnickers, and the orphans sang musical selections.

The hearing regarding LU14-0033 before the City's Historic Resources Advisory Board will be held on July 9th at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Almost to the day, this hearing is being held 106 years after the celebration of its opening. The delisting criteria is based on ORS197.772, the same Oregon statute on which the Carman House delisting application is based. The LUBA ruling re: the Carman House not only affects it and the Christie School, but it has statewide implications for removal of historic designations. The fate of many of Oregon's historic resources may depend on this outcome which is one of the reasons why the Society has fought long and hard to establish case law favorable to the retention of historic designations.



The orphanage and a few of its residents. Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library.

Our New Website and Motto

ADVOCATE.
EDUCATE.
CELEBRATE!

We are proud to announce our new website created by LisZt Designs. It is even richer in content and easier to navigate. It is now a "responsive" site meaning that the pages adapt to the device so it is as easy to view on a mobile device or tablet as it is on a laptop or personal computer.

The new masthead features our logo, which was inspired by artwork from 1926 Ladd Estate Company brochure. The background is a portion of a map of Lakewood which was platted in 1926. Lakewood was the first residential district created by the Ladd Estate Company after they took over marketing of the Oregon Iron & Steel Company's property from Atchison & Allen, Co. in 1923.

Our new motto: Advocate. Educate. Celebrate! complements the Society's mission: To support Lake Oswego's historic fabric through advocacy and education. It is displayed on our home page and the Society's Facebook page.