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CCHM Membership Drive

Join and keep our museum strong

Vancouver, WA – The Clark County Historical Museum, the memory keepers of our community's story, is proud to announce the launch of its membership drive on August 1st, 2021. For over 100 years, the Clark County Historical Society and Museum has worked to gather, save, and share the history of Clark County. For the entire month of August, you'll have an opportunity to make a lasting impact and invest in this important work. Membership in the organization will be used to create community-driven exhibits, engaging programs, such as historical walking tours and locally-focused talks, and save the stories and pieces of our community's history.

Founded in 1917, the Clark County Historical Society opened our county's center for local history, the Clark County Historical Museum, in 1964. Over the last 50 plus years, they have gathered and saved over 60,000 items of local historical significance. These irreplaceable treasures help inform people about the region's history and its importance in their daily lives. Their purpose is to share an understanding of the past that will help to build a better future for generations to come.

In 2020 alone, CCHM produced nearly 100 hours of digital content in the form of presentations, virtual walking tours, and special programming, such as the Old Apple Tree Remembrance.

In addition to digital content creation, our museum continued their interpretive and preservation work including opening a new women's history exhibit "(Her)Story: Leaders, Visionaries, and Founders"; the successful nomination and approval by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission of four new sites to the Clark County Heritage Registry; won a state-wide award for their exhibit *Music, Movement, and Sound*; collaborated with Clark County and the Downtown Camas Association to create interpretive panels for downtown Camas; and so much more.

"Support from our members was at the heart of our accomplishments in 2020." said CCHM Executive Director, Brad Richardson. "I'm excited for this outreach effort and an opportunity to grow our engagement with the community."

The CCHM will also be asking community members to serve as History Ambassadors and help grow our membership. Weekly social media posts will update the public on this fun competition. To find out more about membership with CCHM, become a member, and learn more about being a History Ambassador please visit - <https://cchmuseum.org/membership/>

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