



CLARK COUNTY
HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Small Museum, Big Impact

CCHM Ends 2021 Strong

Vancouver, WA. – Clark County Historical Museum (CCHM) wraps up another year of innovation, growth, and success in 2021. On November 3rd, the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission unanimously approved CCHM’s nominations of the Ryan-Elliot House in Vancouver’s Historic Hough Neighborhood to the Clark County Heritage Register. This nomination is the 7th site CCHM has helped preserve in the last two years through listings on our local register.

However, this is only one of the many highlights in 2021 for CCHM. Our museum also received the Award of Excellence in Exhibits from the Washington Museum Association (WaMA) for “Her(Story): Founders, Leaders, and Visionaries.” This is the second year in a row CCHM has won this state-wide award, having received the same accolade for “Music, Movement, and Sound: An Exploration of Clark County’s Musical Roots” in 2020. Additionally, Executive Director, Brad Richardson was appointed to the position of vice president for the WaMA and received the David Douglas Award from the Washington State Historical Society.

CCHM also worked with partners on exhibits throughout the community. In partnership with the Downtown Camas Association and Clark County three new interpretive panels were installed in Historic Downtown Camas earlier this year. CCHM also teamed up with C-TRAN to produce a 40th Anniversary exhibit for our public transportation system, which opened at the Vancouver Community Library in July. The Southwest Washington Contractors Association also brought the museum in to produce their 75th Anniversary exhibit for their December celebration at ilani. The City of Vancouver has also once again called on CCHM’s interpretive skills to produce three new history panels for sites in Vancouver that will be installed in 2022. These are just handful of CCHM’s accomplishments in 2021.

Though a medium-sized museum, CCHM’s work to gather, save, and share Clark County and Southwest Washington story is significant.

About Clark County Historical Museum

Opened in 1964 as an exhibit and event space for the Clark County Historical Society, Clark County Historical Museum (CCHM) is committed to gather, share, and save the community’s diverse stories through collaboration, facilitation, and engagement. The museum is a nonprofit, community-focused, humanities center located at 1511 Main Street, Vancouver, WA. To learn more about CCHM and how to support its work, visit it at cchmuseum.org.

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