



Willamette Heritage Center Announces *WHC Summer History Pub* Five Thursdays Running from *June 13 - July 25*

For Immediate Release

What: *WHC History Pub*
When: 5:30 pm on five Thursdays from June 13 - July 25
Where: 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301, 503-585-7012, www.willametteheritage.org
Cost: \$3 members, 5\$ non-members. Beer and food will be available.
Beer only for those 21 and over with valid ID.

Come raise a pint and listen to stories of Abraham Lincoln and/or the Civil War era.

June 13 - Gus Frederick, "Recollection of an Indian Agent: Timothy W. Davenport"

Come listen to this special talk on Oregon pioneer physician, state legislator and Indian Agent, Dr. T. Davenport (1826-1911). This highly visual presentation focuses on Davenport (father of famous Silverton cartoonist, Homer Davenport) and his experiences serving as an Indian Agent at the Umatilla Agency during the Civil War. Taken from his extensive four-part series, first published in the Oregon Historical Quarterly in 1907, Dr. Davenport's recollections are an incredible glimpse into an often unknown and under-reported era.

June 27 - Kenneth Coleman, "Dangerous Subjects: Black Exclusion and the Anxiety of Conquest in the Willamette Valley"

Coleman brings a look at Oregon's first black exclusion law of 1844, and places it in the regional shift that was happening from British colonialism to American settlers. While white immigrants claimed the law was necessary to prevent slavery from taking root in the region, historical evidence suggests that the real reason for the law was their fear that Oregon's few black residents would join with local Indian tribes to attack their newly founded settlements.

July 11 - Dr. David Sumner, "Brother Against Brother: Pragmatism, Civility and the Civil War"

April 2011 marked the sesquicentennial of the first shots fired in the American Civil War. This war changed the way Americans approached disagreement and fostered the birth of the one major American contribution to philosophy: pragmatism. One hundred and fifty years later, how can the lessons of this national crisis inform the ways we conduct our current debates? More often than not, conversations on the radio or cable news surrounding the difficult issues faced by our communities and nation are about hardened positions and talking past one another, rather than real engagement with each other's ideas. Join Sumner for a discussion about how we can look to pragmatism to help us move past entrenched positions and engage in productive discussions about important issues.

July 18 - Dr. Richard Wayne Etulain, "Lincoln and the Oregon Country"

This illustrated talk discloses important links between Abraham Lincoln and the Oregon Country in the 1850s and 1860s. The presentation will show that residents of the Pacific Northwest, though distant from major battles, were emotionally involved in Civil War controversies, particularly in the areas of politics, civil rights, Indian relations, and North-South ideological conflicts. Dr. Etulain do a book signing for his new work, "Lincoln and Oregon Country," after the talk.

July 25 - Dr. Jennifer Jopp, "John Beeson and His Contemporaries: A Call to Conscience"

Men and women arriving in Oregon, fixated on acquiring land, were loath to see it as belonging to others. John Beeson refused to tolerate this view, and he called on others to "by every principal of...justice" see the humanity in Native Peoples. Beeson succeeded only in making his fellow Oregonians angry and they drove him from the territory. He saw this, however, as the opportunity to gain a greater audience for his ideas and he joined with others engaged in similar struggles throughout the country. Corresponding, meeting and working with Wendell Phillips, Lydia Maria Child, Peter Cooper and Abraham Lincoln, Beeson sought to draw attention to issues in Oregon. This talk examines Beeson's participation in a larger conversation on civil rights throughout the Civil War era and sheds light on Oregon's place in the wider national discourse.

The WHC is also offering the following exhibition and event in conjunction with the **History Pub**:

Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War, a traveling national exhibition opening on Friday, June 21 and running through Friday, July 26. This exhibition examines how President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil War—the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties. Free with museum admission.

The National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office organized the traveling exhibition, which was made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): great ideas brought to life. The traveling exhibition is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center. This exhibition is also made possible in part with support from a grant of Transient Occupancy Tax from the City of Salem, and Salam Noor, Ph.D.

The Civil War Reenactment on Saturday June 22, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. This special one-day event, with the Pacific Northwest Civil War Council, features a Union Army encampment on the WHC site with living history, demonstrations and a fascinating glimpse at life for military and civilians. Free with museum admission.

For more information, visit www.willametteheritage.org or call 503-585-7012.

The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.missionmill.org>.

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