

# Soap Creek Schoolhouse Foundation

Annual Newsletter

May 2016

Hello to all the neighbors, friends, and former students of the Soap Creek Schoolhouse.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS ! July will be BUSY!**

## ***GARAGE SALE***

**Donations: Drop  
Off Stuff**  
at schoolhouse

Saturday  
July 9th,  
9am-4pm

**Garage  
Sale**  
at schoolhouse

Saturday  
July 16th,  
9am-4pm

Please no TVs or big appliances.  
If you'd like to help with the  
garage sale, please contact Nancy Hyde.

To donate large pieces of furniture, or for any  
donation on some other day of the year, con-  
tact Nancy Hyde for ID stickers benefiting the  
schoolhouse and then take your items to the  
ARC Thrift shop at 10th and Beca, Corvallis.

## ***NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC***

Sunday, July 24th  
2:00-5:00 pm

### LOCATION:

Adair County Park picnic shelter,  
front section "A".

Bring a salad, dessert, or side dish, and  
any beer or wine you desire.  
All else is provided!

Nice playground!  
Frisbee golf course is on site.

Everyone is welcome;  
foundation membership not required.



## **Tom Allen original watercolor painting for sale as a fundraiser!**

The schoolhouse has received the gift of this beautiful painting, valued at \$600 if sold in a gallery. We are offering it for sale for \$480, but only through the end of May. After that time, we will sell raffle tickets at \$15 each, and the raffle will be held at the neighborhood picnic on July 24th.



The painting is nicely framed with mat and glass. Its overall framed size is 31 x 25". If you are considering buying it, it could be brought to your home for examination. Just email Nancy Hyde, [nhyde@peak.org](mailto:nhyde@peak.org), to set up a time. Offer expires May 31st!

### **HISTORY BUFFS LOOK HERE!**

Historian Bob Zybach has provided us with links to his fascinating oral histories and research of the Soap Creek area, and to his very interesting tour book of the valley: [http://nwmapsc.com/ZybachB/Oral\\_Histories/Soap\\_Creek\\_Valley/index.html](http://nwmapsc.com/ZybachB/Oral_Histories/Soap_Creek_Valley/index.html)

Thanks so much, Bob! We are all indebted to you for recording the history of our area, and for making these books **free to read online in pdf format**.

Physical copies of Bob Zybach's Soap Creek histories are available to check out from the Soap Creek Schoolhouse with a \$50 security deposit to ensure return.

Also, the schoolhouses's website, [www.SoapCreekSchoolhouse.org](http://www.SoapCreekSchoolhouse.org), contains sections with lots of historical information and photographs.

### **GOT SCHOOLHOUSE STUFF?**

The Soap Creek Schoolhouse has a small collection of original report cards, photographs, student souvenirs, etc. donated by former students. If you have any such materials you'd like to donate, contact Nancy Hyde. Please, only materials from Soap Creek School students. Original documents are preferred, but photocopies are also welcome. Thank you!





Oh, the youngsters who used to attend the schoolhouse would have squirmed and grinned at all the romance in the air this spring.

First, a young man reserved the building as a charming place to propose to his girlfriend (successfully, too!).

Then in mid-April, another couple tied the knot during the first-ever wedding to be held at the schoolhouse.

Congratulations to the two happy couples!

## *Love is in the Air!*



## MT. VIEW STUDENTS VISIT THE SCHOOLHOUSE

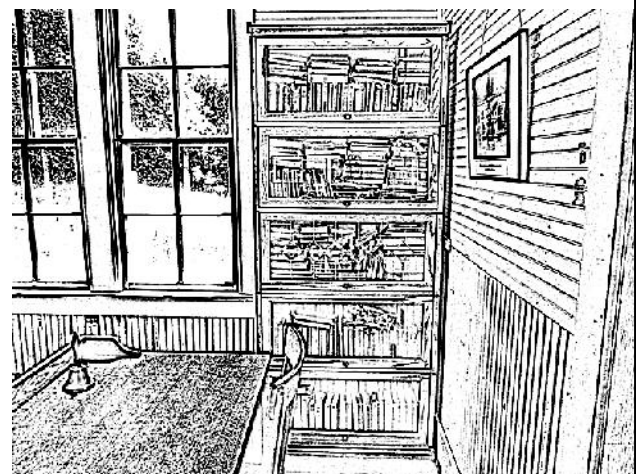
For the past several years, the 3rd grade students of Mt. View Elementary school have visited the Soap Creek Schoolhouse for a "Pioneer Day" in June. Around 50 students arrive on a school bus and take part in several activities. Before the visit, students learn about pioneer times in the classroom. The students are encouraged to dress in pioneer clothing and to bring lunches with items from the pioneer era.

Mt. View teachers Cece DeMeo and Lori Tubbs lead sessions inside the schoolhouse, showing the students the furnishings from the era and leading a spelling bee. Volunteers may lead the students on a nature hike identifying plants and birds, show them how to split wood for roofing shingles, or do nature sketching. The day is usually clear and warm, perfect for eating lunch outside, playing games in the tall grass and searching for insects, snakes and other living things. They'll be back again this June, and so will a 3rd-grade class from the Ashbrook Independent School!



## ANTIQUe SCHOOLBOOKS

Our large barrister's bookcase is chock-full of the over 400 books owned by the Soap Creek Schoolhouse Foundation. Many of these books are original textbooks and readers used at the schoolhouse. Others were donated by collectors, or by students at nearby schools of the same timeframe. The books are available to be used under the supervision of a Foundation Board member, for research or entertainment. Copies of the modern Bob Zybach oral history books may be checked out, with a \$50 security deposit.





## **BUILDING USE**

The Soap Creek Schoolhouse is available for use throughout the year for small meetings of local interest. Please obtain permission and a key by contacting Nancy Hyde.

A \$20 key deposit is required. Rental fees: schools and community groups, no charge. Small private groups, \$20. Profit-making groups, \$20-100, to be negotiated in advance. Ongoing classes: \$5 per day. All groups must leave the premises tidy.

No running water is available. A permanent modern outhouse facility is on-site. Lights, electricity (2 outlets) and heat are available.

Please note: the Schoolhouse Foundation does not endorse any political or religious group but does allow its facilities to be used by such groups.

## **SIGN UP FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL NEWSLETTER !**

The Soap Creek neighborhood newsletter via email has been up and running for five years now. It comes out a few times each month and contains information submitted by the neighbors themselves. There are notices of lost dogs (very successful!), advertisements of local produce and services, items for immediate attention, and details of meetings that people might like to attend.

If you'd like to make sure you receive the "weekly" email neighborhood newsletter, send your own email address(es) to Nancy Hyde. She'll put you on the list!

## **SAVE PAPER and POSTAGE**

If you're receiving this annual Schoolhouse Newsletter on paper, that means we don't have an email address for you. To receive future Schoolhouse Newsletters via email contact Nancy Hyde.

## **CONTACTS / FOUNDATION OFFICERS**

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WEBSITE: [www.SoapCreekSchoolhouse.ORG](http://www.SoapCreekSchoolhouse.ORG)

# FINANCES

**Your Dues and Donations received in 2015 = \$990, plus  
Garage Sale Income = \$1294 more. THANK YOU!**

This year we're expecting an enthusiastic turnout for the July 16th garage sale (drop off items on July 9th). We'd also like to ask everyone who simply enjoys the presence of the Schoolhouse to send in **\$10 for membership dues**. Anyone can be a member, no matter your location! See the donation form below. THANKS!

What did we spend your money on, last year?

\$568 Insurance

251 Electricity

110 State Corporation fees

66 Forest Fire Protection fees

\$289 Neighborhood Picnic

121 Newsletter Printing/ mailing

100 Website Hosting

**\$1,505 Total**

Please provide your email address to reduce printing and mailing costs,  
and to receive the neighborhood newsletter. Thanks!



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES and DONATIONS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Annual Membership Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any Additional Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks to "Soap Creek Schoolhouse" and mail to:  
Nancy Hyde, Treasurer, 37845 Soap Creek Road, Corvallis, OR 97330  
All contributions are tax-deductible, and a receipt will be sent to you.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**