

# Soap Creek Schoolhouse Foundation

Annual Newsletter

June 2022

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

### ***GARAGE SALE***

**Donations: Drop  
Off Stuff**  
at schoolhouse

Saturday  
July 23rd,  
9am-4pm

**Garage  
Sale**  
at schoolhouse

Saturday  
July 30th,  
9am-4pm

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

### ***NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC***

Sunday, August 7th  
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.

Sponsored by the Soap Creek Schoolhouse Foundation.

The shady and pleasant Adair County Park picnic shelter and playground



## **THE RETURN TO NORMALCY**

It's been a strange and subdued 2 years, with very few activities taking place at the schoolhouse: no big garage sale, no amateur music nights, no "Pioneer Day" for the local 3rd-graders, no neighborhood picnic.

*We did hold an outdoor Blues Guitar concert one lovely evening in 2021 ! We are looking forward to getting back into the normal swing of things, and the garage sale and the picnic are returning this summer! (See info on page 1.)*

Your generous financial donations did not flag at all during the pandemic, and together with results from a continuous "Virtual Garage Sale" which sells by means of emails and photos, we have been able to maintain a strong financial footing.

Thank you so very much!

## **SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING RENTAL**

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.

## **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 or to sign up for more frequent "Neighborhood News" emails, contact [NHyde@peak.org](mailto:NHyde@peak.org)

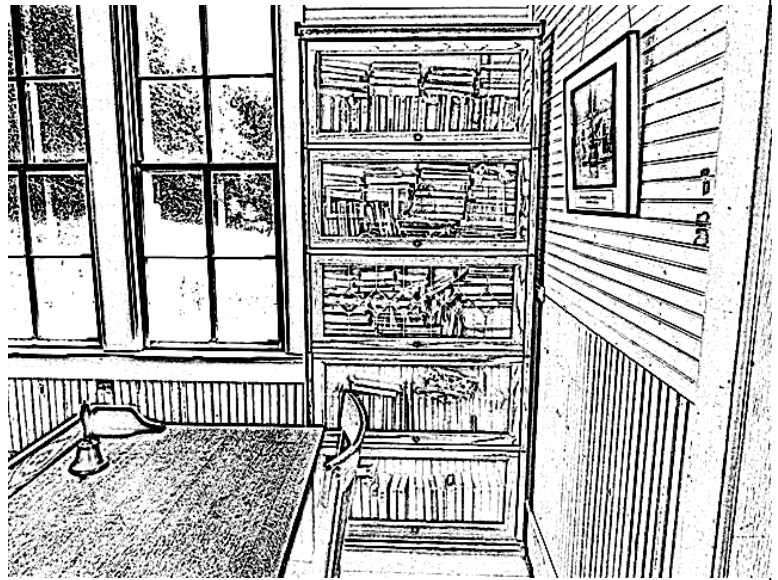
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## ANTIQUe SCHOOLBOOKS

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.



## 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://nwmapsco.com/ZybachB/Oral\\_Histories/Soap\\_Creek\\_Valley/index.html](http://nwmapsco.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!

## FINANCES

**Your Dues and Cash Donations received in 2021 = \$3,542 plus  
Bottledrop Donations = \$507 plus  
Virtual Garage Sale Income = \$1,948 more, totaling \$5,997.**

### THANK YOU!

We'd 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?

843 Insurance	1,162 New Porch Rails, some
490 Electricity	Exterior Painting
70 State Corporation fees	43 Newsletter Printing/ mailing
66 Forest Fire Protection	
0 Neighborhood Picnic	
	<b>\$2,674 Total</b>

Please provide your email address to reduce printing and mailing costs, and to receive the frequent 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!**

**Other ways to give:** online through the PayPal Giving Fund, the Network for Good, while shopping on Amazon Smile, through using the Oregon BottleDrop blue bags and stickers available at the schoolhouse parking lot, or through Oregon BottleDrop personal account transfers.