

AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Aumsville Museum and History Center observed its tenth anniversary on August 10th. Aumsville Historical Society began in 1978, but activities ceased after a few years. In 1995, it was reorganized. Some members expressed the desire to have a museum. Many people donated items for that purpose. The dream became a reality in 2009 when Aumsville City Hall and Police Department moved into its new building and the old brick building was leased to AHS.

An open house was held to celebrate the anniversary. Lorene Mathews, who now lives in Albany, MO, sent good wishes. She is well remembered for her many contributions to AHS and the city of Aumsville. She was one of the originators of the Corn Festival Parade. Museum visitors included old friends, first timers and members of the historical societies in Sheridan, Turner, Mt. Angel and Silverton. There were mutually beneficial conversations about the management of small museums. Sharon Gross stopped by, enroute to her birthday party. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Sharon and she was presented with a bouquet of freshly-cut dahlias.

Two of the first time visitors were retired teachers, who had taught at Aumsville Elementary. School annuals were opened and much to their surprise, pictures were located! Among the refreshments served, were pineapple cookies made from a recipe in Grace Richards's collection. One visitor said Miss Richards had been her third grade teacher. One topic that many visitors mention is the 2010 tornado. It was one of those never-to-be forgotten days.

The next AHS meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 pm in the community center. The museum will be open from 11 am until 2 pm on Saturdays until the end of October. Visits by appointment can be arranged. For information, please call Ted Shepard 503-749-2744 or Karlene Santibanez 503-749-2585.