

AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Aumsville Historical Society met on April 11th in the community center. President Ted Shepard presided. An array of items has been donated recently and these are now on display in the museum. One of them is a small metal mirror. Correspondence was read. Sometimes museum visitors from out of town send information or ask additional questions.

AHS is sorry to report the loss of three people. Martin Goebel was an antiques shop keeper in Salem since 1986. His helpfulness to AHS was greatly appreciated. Russ Snow's mother passed away in California and AHS member Don Reeser in Hawaii. Don was originally from Albany and earned a forestry degree from Oregon State. He worked at several national parks in the northwestern US before he transferred to Hawaii. He retired in 2008, after having served as supervisor of Haleakala NP (on Maui) for a number of years. He was very devoted to conservation and community service. Sympathy has been sent to these families.

On March 16th, an Aumsville Historical Society party of ten made a fieldtrip to the Sheridan Museum of History. This spacious museum is located in two former stores, which were remodeled to become a single unit. It is owned by the historical society. Partitions provide room-like spaces for special collections such as kitchen and living room displays. The walls accommodate large items such as quilts and a hand painted theater curtain. In addition to farming, logging was big business in the early years. Most of downtown Sheridan burned in 1913, so surviving artifacts are especially appreciated.

The first Sheridan post office opened in 1866. The town was incorporated in 1880. It is named for US Army General Philip Sheridan, who was posted in the Grande Ronde area early in his military career.

Aumsville's museum season began Saturday, April 6th. It will be open every Saturday from 11-2 PM through October. Visits by appointment can be arranged. For more information, please call Ted Shepard 03-749-2744 or Karlene Santibanez 503-749 2585.