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**The Oswego
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significant buildings,
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WILLIAM HAWKINS FEATURED SPEAKER AT ANNUAL MEETING



On Saturday February 9 the Oswego Heritage Council will hold its annual meeting in the Oswego Heritage House at 398 Tenth Street. The highlight of the meeting will be an illustrated lecture by William J. Hawkins, III, FAIA one of the foremost preservation architects of Oregon.

Hawkins will speak about his book *Classic Houses of Portland, Oregon: 1850-1950*, a lavishly illustrated study of the architectural heritage embodied in Portland's private residences. Twenty-two of the 300 houses

featured in the book are in Lake Oswego and Dunthorpe. Hawkins' earlier book, *The Grand Era of Cast-Iron Architecture in Portland*, received the Rounce & Coffin Award. This book also holds special interest for Lake Oswego residents because of the role the Oswego Iron Furnace played in providing iron for those cast iron building fronts.

William Hawkins is a native of Portland where he has been a practicing architect for over thirty years. He graduated from Reed College and the Yale University School of Architecture. He was the founder of the Portland Friends of Cast-Iron Architecture and the moving force in saving many of the iconic buildings in Portland's Old Town. Hawkins has received numerous awards for his preservation work, among them the AIA Award of Merit for the Oliphant Residence and nine awards of merit from the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission. In 1990 he was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

His civic activities include serving on the boards of the Pittock Mansion Society, the Old Church Society, the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission, the Preservation League of Oregon, the Bosco Milligan Foundation, and the Portland Parks Board to name a few.

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In the Preface to *Classic Houses* Hawkins writes, "During its first one hundred years, the city of Portland left an extraordinary collection of highly refined, architecturally designed homes ." But he notes that the tradition of architect-designed homes has all but disappeared. He ends his Preface with an appeal to cherish the most ancient and visible measure of civilization -- our architecture. "If greater appreciation of our best can be nurtured, perhaps the best of our past will survive and inspire a future sense of quality in design, giving dimension and depth to our experience." Susanna Kuo

MEETING AGENDA
 9:30 - 10:30 Light Brunch/Social Hour
 10:30 - 11:00 Business Meeting
 11:00 - Featured Speaker, William J. Hawkins III
 (Book signing following talk)
 11:45 -12:00 - Year end review

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Thinking over all that has happened with the Oswego Heritage Council in 2007, there were many highlights I want to make note of beginning with our Annual Meeting in February. Gerry Frank, a fourth generation Oregonian with deep roots in Oregon's civic, political and mercantile history was our featured speaker. His presentation was lively and entertaining as he shared stories about the beginning of the Meier and Frank department stores along with other fascinating stories of the past.

Another highlight had to be the First Annual Historic Home Tour held in May. Six local historic homes were on the tour. Our board member and committee chair, Marylou Colver, along with the whole Historic Home Tour Committee, did an outstanding job, giving their attention to every detail. Both homeowners and attendees had only good things to say about how that event was carried out. We hope to continue the Historic Home Tour in 2008 and keep the public aware of the need to preserve historic homes for the many generations to come.

Our 8th Annual Collector Car Show in August added a Wooden Boat component and that too proved to be a huge success. More people than ever attended the Collector Car Show at George Rogers Park and then walked or took the free shuttle to the Lake Corporation boat docks behind the U.S. Bank. There they could view the 30 some wooden boats moored in the water or on trailers in the parking lot.

We couldn't hold these events without the generous support of our

sponsors. The many businesses and individuals that contributed money, goods, and time to make our events such huge successes are to be commended. Please look for their names on the sponsor page in this issue.

I am lucky to have the dedication and talents of a strong board of directors. It would be hard to keep up with the variety of tasks and events without their help. But most of all I want to thank our members. We are fortunate to have a membership that believes in our mission by renewing each year so we can continue to do our work in preserving, promoting and educating others on the history of this town. THANK YOU. We have also acquired a good number of new members this year so our organization is growing.

Now on to 2008. I see lots of exciting times ahead as the Oswego Heritage Council enters the New Year with optimism and a renewed sense of purpose. I hope you will continue to join us in promoting the importance of preserving our heritage. One of our goals this year will be to concentrate on helping the City of Lake Oswego raise funds to restore the historic iron furnace in George Rogers Park. Stay tuned for more information in future issues of our newsletter to find out how you can help us spearhead this important phase of this project.

Nancy Headlee, Executive Director

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The Story of One Road

By Marylou Colver

"To know the road ahead, ask those coming back."

Chinese proverb

Traffic moves in and out of Lake Oswego every day on the road that has had many names over its almost 150 year history. The story of Macadam Avenue dates back to the formation of the Portland Macadamized Road Company in 1862 with A. B. Richardson as president, Henry Failing secretary, and W. S. Ladd treasurer of the Board of Directors. In 1864 the new toll road replaced a former wagon trail. The route connected Portland to the Taylors Ferry, which crossed the Willamette to Milwaukie. It was not a successful financial venture, but it continued to run at a deficit.

The interest of additional investors was sparked when an extension of the road to a wealthy residential neighborhood, later known as Riverwood, was proposed. Several of the new investors owned property in the area that would be served by the extended road. Mary Goodall in her history of Lake Oswego entitled *Oregon's Iron Dream* relates that a stage operated between Portland and Lake Oswego in the late 1860s. The author notes "...it was a three-seated affair with storage space for hand baggage, and it made a daily trip. With the advent of the iron furnace, the stage stopped at the company store and post office on Ladd Street. By 1882 the stage stopped also at the Portland House, that imposing hotel on Furnace Street."

In 1870 the Company finally made a profit from the road to Oswego. In the book *All Over Oregon and Washington* by

Frances Fuller Victor published in 1872, she notes, "There is a beautiful, short drive of macadamized road extending about six miles south of town [Portland], along the bank of the river, and terminating at the Milwaukie Ferry, or the 'White House.' In life histories compiled and transcribed by the staff of the Folklore Project of the Federal Writers' Project for the

U.S. Works Progress Administration (later Work Projects Administration (WPA) from 1936-1940 J. J. Kadderly recalls, "The first macadam road in this part of the country was the stretch along the river, of what is now called the Riverside Drive. It was always called the Macadam



A photo of the White House including part of the race track. Lake Oswego Public Library.

Road in early days, and everybody with any kind of a harness horse went out there to speed it. Pretty speedy folks some of them were too, and maybe they'd finish up at a tavern or roadhouse known as the "White House," at the end of the speedway, where there was a little track -- I think it was a quarter-mile. I wasn't much interested in that sort of drivin'."

Mary Goodall relates that "The stretch of macadam road leading from Fulton Park and the Riverview Cemetery was known to residents in the [18]80s and [18]90s as the 'White House Road' because it led to a glamorous restaurant and saloon by that name. The dashing gentlemen of Portland who owned fast horses would drive them out to the race track, which covered part of the White House property at Riverwood. A wooden marker at each mile post gave the horsemen a measure when they were racing home." A Multnomah County historical plaque marks where the White House once stood at the bottom end of Military Road. H.C. Leonard, for whom



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Leonard Street in Old Town Lake Oswego was named, built the establishment in 1886. It was a popular spot for horse racing, trap shooting, gambling, drinking and other pursuits. The plaque reads, “The notorious structure burned to the ground in 1904, but onlookers first rescued the wine and liquor stores.”

Macadam was the first road of it’s kind in Oregon. John Loudon McAdam (1756-1836), a Scottish engineer, pioneered this type of road construction circa 1820. Three layers of angular hand-broken aggregate are laid on a crowned subgrade with side ditches for drainage. Each layer would be compacted with a heavy roller, causing the angular stones to lock together. The original construction was water-

bound macadam and roads constructed in this manner were described as “macadamized”. With the advent of motor vehicles, dust became a serious problem on macadam roads. The vacuum created under fast-moving vehicles would suck dust from the road surface, creating unpleasant dust clouds and a gradual disintegration of the road material. Spraying tar on the surface to create “tar-bound macadam” or “tarmac” later rectified the problem. Modern road construction’s use of granite or limestone chippings still recalls McAdam’s innovation.

Another milestone in the history of Macadam Avenue occurred in 1879 when Multnomah County paid the investors \$5,000 for a portion of the road. Such an investment of public funds in an outlying road was unusual for its day. In 1910 Macadam became Highway 99, also called Pacific Highway. In the 1930s, Highway 99 was moved across the river to McLoughlin Boulevard and Macadam became Highway 43, as it remains today. The uncoursed stonewall that still lines a section on the east side of Macadam most likely dates from the original road construction. Macadam Avenue and the wall are listed in the Cultural Resources Inventory conducted by the City of Lake Oswego in 1989.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

On Saturday, February 9, 2008, we will be holding our Annual Meeting at the Oswego Heritage House. You are invited to join us at 9:30AM for a light brunch before the meeting starts.

The Board of Directors, through their leadership this year, have emphasized our OHC mission in many ways. First by, “preserving our community’s legacy of historically significant buildings” the board added to our special event programs in May the First Annual Historic Home Tour. Led by board member Marylou Colver, and Trista Nelson, it was made possible, in part, by The Lake Oswego Windermere Real Estate Company, who came on board as a major sponsor. Participants

enjoyed seeing firsthand the heritage architecture and the unique qualities of our older historic homes in Lake Oswego.

The inaugural event, the 2007 Wooden Boat Show, chaired by Kristen Winn, was launched in cooperation with our Annual Collector Car Show, with board leadership provided by Steve Dietz and Richard Santee. Many thanks go out to Jim Tower, of the Dan Rasmussen Company, who increased his support for our event in order to combine the two.

The board also took on the part of our mission that speaks to “promoting recorded materials”. This year the first two oral history recordings and transcription of those recordings were completed. Chuck Schaefer,

retired Lake Corporation Warden, was interviewed by board member, George Benson. C. Herald Campbell, former mayor and his wife, Virginia, were interviewed by board member Henry and his wife Norma Jean Germond. A contributing donation from the Lake Oswego Rotary enabled board members, Karen Blaha, and Pete Stidd to purchase the technology necessary to make this project move forward.

The Oswego Heritage Council wants to thank all the volunteers and community sponsors for their support this year. Our relationship with City Hall, the Library, and Chamber of Commerce, together with local businesses, has enabled us to fulfill our mission.

Alice Schlenker, President

CALENDAR FOR 2008

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7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Oswego Heritage House
398 Tenth St, Lake Oswego

Thursday, February 7, 2008: Our Role and Impact in History Through Promoting Education Globally

Presenters: Barry Childs, Sharon Starr, Lynne Wintermute and Dr. Mohammad Kharoti

Annual Meeting, Saturday, February 9, 2008

Oswego Heritage House 9:30 am - noon
Featured Speaker: William J. Hawkins III

March 5, 2008: Tryon Creek Through the Ages Presenter: Stephanie Wagner

April 2, 2008: What Style is My House?

Presenters: Jane A. Morrison and Peggy Moretti

May 7, 2008: The Lake Oswego Hunt Club; A Piece of Lake Oswego History

Presenter: Adrienne Brockman

With the lecture, “Our Role and Impact in History Through Promoting Education Globally,” the Oswego Heritage Council is partnering with the Oswego Library’s Oswego Reads Program, featuring the book, “Three Cups of Tea.” Our lecture will build on the theme of helping children through providing educational opportunities.



Our presenters will consist of Barry Childs from Africa Bridge in Tanzania, Sharon Starr and Lynne Wintermute for Children of the Golden Triangle and Dr. Mohammad Kharoti, with the Green

Village Schools, who is building a future in Afghanistan. These presenters are deeply committed to helping children get an education that will enable them to provide for themselves and their families. Doors open at 6:30pm.



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