

AGENDA MUSEUM COMMISSION
February 9th, 2021 6:00 PM
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CALL TO ORDER

- ROLL CALL: Elizabeth - Eric - Daliea - Donna - Mike -Loyal
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC & COMMENTS

Mike Middleton, Wasco County Finance

Matthew Klebes, Wasco County

Mary Davis and Denise Dietrich-Bokum, Foundation Ex-Officios

Cal McDermid, Director (currently on Leave)

TREASURER'S REPORT: (attach)

FINANCIAL REPORT AND SUMMARY: (attach)

MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FOUNDATION REPORT: (attach)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vote on January meeting minutes (**attach, vote**)
- Update on projects: (roundtable)
 - Storm damage recap from Eric (**Attach Building and Grounds report**)
 - Tree status and next steps. **Awaiting corrected report from Arborist**
- ~~2022 Gala—date selection~~ - tabled until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Julie Renyolds, potential Commissioner (Mike Wacker)
- Why do we need a representative on Historic Landmarks Commission? (Donna)
- Martin money potential projects and moving the remainder of the Anderson Homestead portion of the Martin donation into the new 21-22 fy budget (Daliea)

NEXT MEETING: Via Go-To Meeting March 9th, 2021

Fort Dalles Museum and Anderson Homestead Commission Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021
Via go to meeting
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The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm

ROLL CALL: Elizabeth Wallis, President- Eric Gleason, Vice President – Dalia Thompson, Treasurer/Secretary - Donna Lawrence- Mike Wacker (absent and excused) Loyal Quackenbush (absent and excused)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dalia Thompson made the motion to approve the agenda Donna Lawrence seconded it, motion carried.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC & COMMENTS Mike Middleton, Wasco County Finance Matthew Klebes, Wasco County, Mary Davis and Denise Dietrich-Bokum, Foundation Ex-Officios Cal McDermid, Director (currently on Leave)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dalia Thompson submitted a written report and deferred the remainder of the reporting to Mike Middleton fiscal report and financial notes attached.

Not a lot to report due to Covid. Our big loss is in admissions and memberships. Expenses the most movement is in personnel. Even if Museum is unable to generate funds, we will use a maximum of \$47,000.00

Invoice handling change was addressed in his report. The entire county has all the utilities to come for all the other departments. Dalia asked when it occurred. Mike was not sure when this occurred. The change Mike thinks was December 2020 or January 2021.

Elizabeth or the Commission President would like to be part of the process of the new software as it pertains to the Museum finances.

Mike explained how the Museum fund is set up to pay for the charges to the Museum. As far as Matthews involvement his understanding was that tree removal already coordinated with another county project. Mike explained that we could mediate the costs with another budget action.

Matthew Klebes originally had coordinated tree removal with an existing contract to remove trees with the county. The trees were not able to be removed in that coordination due to the wet grounds. He was able to still coordinate with the contractor. There is no knowledge of where those costs would be coded to. Mike Middleton is the person who approved the amount of cost for tree removal to the Museums budget. Mike is responsible to make sure that the costs are billed to the appropriate place.

Mike Middleton will send copies of invoices to both President and Treasurer as our Director is away. Elizabeth cautioned that this is a temporary fix. She looks forward to the new software.

Denise asked if the cost to remove the tree and costs of repairs covered by insurance. The structures are not insured.

Eric Gleason stated we had looked insurance. Dalia stated that it was cost prohibitive. Denise asked if there was a way to create a contingency for specific damages. Mike said yes we could continue to budget a contingency. The \$97,000.00 we have built up over the past is our contingency or emergency issues.

MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Cal McDermid currently on leave.

FOUNDATION REPORT: (attached)

Elizabeth mentioned the Shuttered Venue Grant. Matthew Klebes offered to assist on this grant. We will get more information in regards to how to apply for the grant. Elizabeth will let us know the best way to move forward. Matthew Klebes stated that time lines for application may come fast so we need to move quickly.

Eric is working with the company need to order the windows from. He will coordinate with the company on measuring the windows. Since we raised more money than we anticipated, Denise asked if we could get measurements on the upstairs of the SQ and the Anderson Homestead.

Mary Davis reported True West Magazine gave an award to the Museum. Cal McDermid and his sister picked it up from the Chamber of Commerce and brought it to the Museum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vote on January 2021 meeting minutes (attach, vote) Eric Gleason made the motion to accept the minutes as amended, Donna Lawrence seconded it, motion carried.

Update on projects: (roundtable)

Storm damage recap from Eric Gleason report attached. Eric Gleason put together a very extensive report. The roof has been repaired at this time. The bill was about \$3600.00 this finishes up the exterior damage. We still need to address the interior damage. Thank you to Eric for all his work on the repairs of the roof and interior.

Daniel Williams loaded the logs and now has milled a lot of lumber that could be used for siding. He donated all his time and effort to mill the lumber for us. Elizabeth will get Daniel a membership for a thank you. Loyal has purchased him a gift certificate.

Eric is still negotiating about the log donation to Warm Springs for a canoe. The goal is to get the log moved before the grounds restoration project begins.

Tree status and next steps is awaiting the corrected report from Josh Woolsey arborist, Elizabeth has sent this out. We have received a letter from a neighbor who is concerned about the trees that need to be removed. Elizabeth would like to have Loyal contact the arborist to get official bids to remove the remaining trees. It is likely that the bid will be over \$5000.00 and we will need to get several bids. Elizabeth will ask Loyal to start getting the bids for the removal of the trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Wacker-Julie Reynolds, potential new member

Donna Lawrence – Why do we need a representative on Historic Landmarks Commission?

Daliea Thompson- Martin money potential projects and moving the remainder of the Anderson Homestead portion of the Martin donation into the new 21-22 fiscal year budget.

Meeting adjourned at

NEXT MEETING: Via Go-To Meeting March 9th, 2021

Fort Dalles Museum and Anderson Homestead Commission
Treasurer's Report
For February 9th 2021
Submitted by, Dalia Thompson, Treasurer

Budget Meeting

Our initial budget meeting for the 21-22 fiscal year is set for Friday, February 2021 at 10:00 am.

We will likely use the same format for determining the budgetary amounts as what we used to adjust the last fiscal budget considering that the on-going Pandemic will continue to reduce our revenues from admissions and donations.

I have consulted with Loyal Quackenbush regarding the need to seal up the Anderson Barn. Loyal would like to set aside funds for this project. I would like to set up the budget for any potential Commission actions to do work on the Anderson Homestead if they are initiated and approved by:

Action Item

Budgeting the remainder of the funds (It is around \$18,000.00) from the Martin donation allocated for the Anderson Homestead in the 21-22 fiscal year budget. Adding new line item in the budget expenses for Anderson Homestead Repairs for \$18,000.00

I would like the Commission to approve this addition for our new 21-22 budget meeting.

Martin Donation research

I have contacted my uncle Bill Martin about the origin of the Martin donation. He asked to see a copy of the original document. I was able to obtain a copy of the document and forward it to Bill Martin this week. I am hoping to see Bill in March and arrange a time for Loyal and I to tour the Museum that Bill can see all the work that has been done to the buildings and grounds so far.

Past utility service shut off notices

It has been reported by Elizabeth Wallis, president, that in the past there were some utility services shut off notices that were sent to the Museum. This resulted in a change to the address where the billing is sent to now be sent directly to Wasco county. I have asked Mike to provide

the information about this change to us. I have not heard back from him at the time of this report submission.

Financial Notes for Museum – February 2021

- 8th month of the fiscal year = 66.7% complete for straight-line analysis

Revenues

- Due to COVID – revenues are down considerably
 - \$1,668 in admissions compared to \$24,544 last year at this time
 - No change from December
- Memberships are down significantly
 - Due to COVID and staffing issues this is executing at 28.7% instead of the 82.1% from last fiscal year
 - \$3,780 down compared to last fiscal year at this time
 - No change in February from January report
- Wasco County transfer-in has been completely transferred in
- The Dalles Support is right on the straight-line budget plan
- Interest for January has been allocated
 - Interest is down significantly – LGIP dropped to 0.60% in January; last year at this time it was 2.75%
- Reserved Martin Donation has been reviewed, decreased as some spent last fiscal year but interest factored in to result in a net annual decrease of \$1,670
 - Reported on originally for the October statements
- Total revenue (resources) down \$25,593 from last year at this time
 - Includes the beginning fund balances – if removed from consideration revenues are down \$37,401

Expense

- Personnel is executing at 62.9%, which is within the straight-line budget expectation
 - All Personnel has been posted for February
- Building Repair & Maintenance is \$11,566 compared to \$3,010 last year at this time
 - \$3,620 was spend in February due to the wind/tree damage
- Contract Services has executed at 94.9% already - \$9,485
 - No change from December
- Advertising is 59.2% - \$2,958; based on last year's costs – this is in a much better position
- Grounds Maintenance – only \$2,845 to date compared to \$5,238 last fiscal year
 - \$350 per month, if this holds this will total to \$4,200 by June 2021; big improvement over last year
 - Of note – no payment entered into the system for February at this point – seem to be behind
 - Side note – the savings here could be considered to make up for the spending on Immense Imagery showing in the Contracted Services

- All other expenses are within the budget expectations
- Total M&S expense is \$32,209 – or 66.2% of appropriation

Summary

The fund has taken two major economic hits. The first is the COVID and the related required response. The second is the wind storm damage and the related tree issues still to be addressed. The impact of the wind storm damage is estimated to be roughly the same as the lost admissions revenue. That is the bad news. The good news is the Museum has funds in the budget and fund balance to cover the required expenses. This will not touch the portion of fund balance set aside for the Martin Donation. The unrestricted fund balance at the start of the fiscal year is \$96,623. (The Martin Donation is considered restricted fund balance and is an additional \$143,158.) The Museum is able to absorb the cost but it may result in the need to utilize a portion of the contingency funds.

Further, the Museum Commission Chair & Treasurer met with the Budget Team to review the proposed budget. This is moving forward along with a Budget Expansion request for \$12,500 from the County to assist in covering half of the admissions lost for the fiscal year. The expectation is to request a similar amount from The Dalles. This will work its way through the budget process and has the support of the Finance Director and County Administrator.

An additional report is provided this time directly from the Eden software. In it, the expenses paid in February can be seen separated from the Year-To-Date amount.

A copy of the Proposed budget and the Budget Expansion are attached.



From: Museum Commission
Mike Middleton; Finance Director, Wasco County
To: Wasco County Budget Committee
Re: Budget Expansion – Wind Damage Repair

Request:

Fund \$25,000 to the Museum Fund to recover from reductions to the fund balance due to wind damage repairs significantly reducing the available fund balance. It is suggested this be a one-time transfer from the Facility Capital Reserve fund to assist in the long term sustainability of the Museum fund.

Duration:

One-time funding.

Purpose:

The Fort Dalles Museum sustain damage in the wind storm. This toppled a large tree, damaged a roof on a historical building and left several other trees damaged and in need of removal. This was done but has resulted in the reduction of \$25,000 in the fund balance.

Justification:

The Museum has been working diligently to increase the revenue stream for the Museum and reduce the reliance on the funding from the General Fund and also from The Dalles. With the COVID restrictions, the revenue stream for FY21 has been severely reduced. While the Museum Commission was able to sustain this drastic reduction based on the use of the fund balance, this wind storm damage was additional financial pressure.

Funding Plan:

This would be a decrease to the fund balances for the Facility Capital Reserve fund. The Facility Capital Reserve fund has an available fund balance of \$2,791,831 as of March 3rd, 2021. There is an additional \$1,991,980 due to a receivable from Center For Living.

The transfer would not impact any current plans for the fund. It is also intended for improvements for Capital Facilities for the County. This request can be seen as meeting the purpose of the fund while contributing to the Museum fund maintaining long-term sustainability and growth.

Museum
Monthly Financial Report
Fiscal Year 2021 - February 2021

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Data

Account	Current Budget	Current Actual YTD	Prior Year Actual YTD	Current			Current Year - Prior Year
				Budget Executed	Prior Year Budget Executed	Year to Year % Change	
Revenue							
MUSEUM							
NON-DEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES-R							
MUSEUM NON OPERATING RESOURCES-R							
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE-R							
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	107,287	96,623	83,145	90.1%	96.1%	16.2%	13,478.06
RESERVED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - MARTIN DONATION	143,133	143,158	144,828	100.0%	100.0%	-1.2%	(1,670.45)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE-R Total	250,420	239,781	227,973	95.8%	98.6%	5.2%	11,807.61
INVESTMENT EARNINGS-R							
INTEREST EARNED	4,992	1,401	3,748	28.1%	104.1%	-62.6%	(2,346.72)
MARK TO MARKET - UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	-	-	273	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	-100.0%	(273.40)
INVESTMENT EARNINGS-R Total	4,992	1,401	4,021	28.1%	111.7%	-65.2%	(2,620.12)
TRANSFERS IN-R							
TRANSFER FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND - ONE TIME COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	5,000	5,000	5,000	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	-
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND - COUNTY CONTRBUTION	17,500	17,500	17,500	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	-
TRANSFERS IN-R Total	22,500	22,500	22,500	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	-
MUSEUM NON OPERATING RESOURCES-R Total	277,912	263,682	254,495	94.9%	98.9%	3.6%	9,187.49
NON-DEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES-R Total	277,912	263,682	254,495	94.9%	98.9%	3.6%	9,187.49
ADMINISTRATION-R							
MUSEUM OPERATING EXPENDITURES-R							
LICENSES FEES & PERMITS-R							
ADMISSIONS	13,000	1,668	24,544	12.8%	87.7%	-93.2%	(22,875.75)
MEMBERSHIPS	9,000	2,585	7,095	28.7%	88.7%	-63.6%	(4,509.50)
MERCHANDISE SALES	1,200	143	2,381	11.9%	79.4%	-94.0%	(2,237.85)

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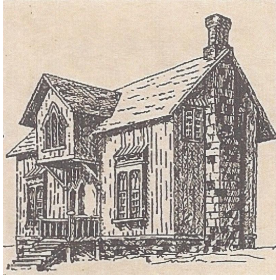
Account	Current Budget	Current Actual YTD	Prior Year Actual YTD	Current			Current Year - Prior Year
				Year Executed	Prior Year Budget Executed	Year to Year % Change	
LICENSES FEES & PERMITS-R Total	23,200	4,396	34,019	18.9%	87.2%	-87.1%	(29,623.10)
INTERGOV'T REV - NON SINGLE AUDIT-R							
DALLES CITY-MUSEUMS	22,500	15,000	15,000	66.7%	66.7%	0.0%	-
STATE GRANT/REIMBURSEMENT	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	-
INTERGOV'T REV - NON SINGLE AUDIT-R Total	22,500	15,000	15,000	66.7%	66.7%	0.0%	-
MISCELLANEOUS-R	-	-	1,007	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	-100.0%	(1,007.25)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES-R	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	0.0%	#DIV/0!	-
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS-R	6,500	715	4,865	11.0%	74.9%	-85.3%	(4,150.47)
MUSEUM OPERATING EXPENDITURES-R Total	52,200	20,111	54,892	38.5%	63.4%	-63.4%	(34,780.82)
MARTIN DONATION-R ADDITIONAL DONATION	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	-
ADMINISTRATION-R Total	52,200	20,111	54,892	38.5%	63.4%	-63.4%	(34,780.82)
MUSEUM Total	330,112	283,793	309,386	86.0%	89.9%	-8.3%	(25,593.33)
Revenue Total	330,112	283,793	309,386	86.0%	89.9%	-8.3%	(25,593.33)

Expense

MUSEUM							
ADMINISTRATION-E							
MUSEUM OPERATING EXPENDITURES-E							
PERSONAL SERVICES-E	42,392	26,645	25,155	62.9%	58.8%	5.9%	1,489.69
MATERIALS & SERVICES-E							
ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS	5,000	2,958	5,061	59.2%	101.2%	-41.6%	(2,103.75)
BLDG REPAIR & MAINT	8,000	11,566	3,010	144.6%	50.2%	284.3%	8,555.99
BOOKS	-	-	659	#DIV/0!	50.7%	-100.0%	(658.55)
CONTRACTED SERVICES	10,000	9,585	-	95.8%	0.0%	#DIV/0!	9,584.99
COPIER - LEASE & MAINTENANCE	1,032	653	627	63.3%	125.4%	4.2%	26.13
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	0.0%	#DIV/0!	-
EQUIPMENT - REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	500	206	-	41.2%	0.0%	#DIV/0!	205.97
MAINTENANCE - GROUNDS	7,500	2,845	5,238	37.9%	69.8%	-45.7%	(2,392.67)
MUSEUM EXPENSES	1,500	(5)	1,671	-0.3%	111.4%	-100.3%	(1,676.07)
POSTAGE	500	110	275	22.0%	55.0%	-60.0%	(165.00)
SUPPLIES - FOREST SERVICE	2,000	300	996	15.0%	49.8%	-69.9%	(696.41)
TELEPHONE	1,250	695	780	55.6%	62.4%	-10.9%	(84.81)
TRAINING & EDUCATION	500	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	#DIV/0!	-
UTILITIES	10,000	3,297	4,398	33.0%	44.0%	-25.0%	(1,101.30)
OUTSIDE PLANT MAINTENANCE	250	-	(40)	0.0%	-8.0%	-100.0%	40.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	500	-	919	0.0%	183.8%	-100.0%	(919.07)

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Account	Current Budget	Current Actual YTD	Prior Year Actual YTD	Current	Prior Year	Year to	Current Year - Prior Year
				Year Budget Executed	Budget Executed	Year % Change	
SUPPLIES - MERCHANDISE	100	-	103	0.0%	102.9%	-100.0%	(102.92)
MATERIALS & SERVICES-E Total	48,632	32,209	23,697	66.2%	40.8%	35.9%	8,512.53
CAPITAL OUTLAY-E	-	-	95	#DIV/0!	1.5%	-100.0%	(95.00)
MUSEUM OPERATING EXPENDITURES-E Total	91,024	58,854	48,947	64.7%	45.6%	20.2%	9,907.22
MARTIN DONATION-E	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	-
ADMINISTRATION-E Total	91,024	58,854	48,947	64.7%	45.6%	20.2%	9,907.22
MUSEUM Total	91,024	58,854	48,947	64.7%	45.6%	20.2%	9,907.22
Expense Total	91,024	58,854	48,947	64.7%	45.6%	20.2%	9,907.22



**Fort Dalles Museum and Anderson
Homestead Foundation**
PO Box 591
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FDMAH Monthly Report
January 2021

Fundraising

\$115 for 115 years received a few more donations. Total funds raised by this campaign are \$ 11,387.50. Foundation members are very pleased with the public response. We received \$425 from a F/B birthday campaign. Grounds Remediation—received \$45, and thru F/B pledges \$685. A tax receipt was issued for \$1,000 for materials donated to the Gardener's Cottage. Total Expenditures: none noted.

Financial/Grants

About 10.50 Foundation hours were spent reviewing, preparing, and submitting a grant through the Wasco County Cultural Trust Coalition (WCCT). Grant application was submitted on February 1, 2021 for selection, procurement, and installation of 2 bronze historical marker plaques and 4 outdoor interpretative signs to be installed on the Guardhouse Gates. Total grant request was \$1,330.00 and awards are typically between \$200 and \$2,000. Grant requests are not always totally funded. Thanks to Mary Davis & Eric Gleason for their valuable assistance.

Loyal Quackenbush advised about another grant that has not yet been finalized, that we may be able to apply for, so we will be looking out for that when it is released.

Volunteer

Volunteer Hours (Museum support) for January were 46, est value (46 x \$20) \$ 920.

PR/Marketing/Promotion

Denise Bokum and Eric Gleason appeared on the Coffeebreak in January 2021, just before the windstorm damaged the Museum. They will appear again in February.

Denise Bokum submitted an article to Columbia Community Connections about the extent of the damage the Museum suffered during the windstorm. CCC has agreed to "publish" more articles regarding roof repairs, more tree removal, and other repairs and remediation that are required. Elizabeth Wallis shared the story to the Museum Facebook page and started a "Grounds Remediation" fundraiser. To date, over \$600 has been donated.

Design Charrette

Design Charrette members from commission are Eric Gleason, Mike Wacker, and Loyal Quackenbush. The Design Charrette meeting has not yet been scheduled but is anticipated for late Feb/March.

Other

Mary & Dennis Davis & Denise Bokum identified some issues with PayPal donations. It is difficult to identify just where the donation is going (Museum or Foundation) and what account/project the donor would like to support. Also, difficult to identify Friendship renewals (Museum) vs donations. They met with Robbie Denning Feb 2 and it looks like this was resolved, or at least improved. The Foundation agreed to continue funding the PayPal processing fee, as to have the donor add it to the donation was a little complicated.

Submitted,
Denise Dietrich-Bokum
Mary Davis

02/05/2021

Ft. Dalles Museum Buildings and Grounds Report February 2021

It has been an unusually eventful month at the Museum, mostly triggered by a wind storm that came through town a few hours after our last board meeting. The storm split one of the large pine trees at the SW corner of the fort property. The tree fell to the north, taking out the big chestnut tree on its way down. The far end of the tree struck the Surgeon's Quarters doing a fair amount of damage, but it sure wasn't as bad as it could have been. It knocked off most of the eave on the SW corner of the house, poked holes in the roof, and split a couple of the roof rafters. By the time you read this most of the damage will have been repaired. I worked on fixing the broken pieces of the eave that had fallen to the ground. We were lucky in that mostly parts just came apart and fell, rather than breaking and shattering. Then Chip Wood and I rented a lift and reattached all the parts. The main divergence from the original is that we used screws to hold things back in place, vs. the square machine-cut nails that had been used originally. This made the job easier, because we often had to test fit and adjust as we went along, and it sometimes took several tries to get things just right. In all, it took two days of work to get the eave back in place, the joints caulked, and the old flicker holes patched. I took one of the eave fragments in to get a color match for touch-up paint. There is still a considerable amount of original paint on these protected areas of the house. The match was just OK, the paint is really faded in some places, and missing in others, so a fair approximate match is probably the best that we can do. From the ground it looks OK. On the 4th of February Brown roofing came to start the repairs to the roof. They had to strip and reshingle almost of the SW side of the roof, and will have to repair some of the dormer as well. Sam Woolsey made a donation to cover the cost of these repairs. This work will finish the exterior repairs to the building. On the inside Loyal and I pushed the cracked rafters back into place and sistered them with lengths of new 2x6 that he had. This went pretty well, although attic work is rather unpleasant and messy! The impact also dislodged plaster in the upstairs storage closet, branches poked a couple of holes through the ceiling, and some of the drywall joints have cracked. Last Saturday I did a quick repair of the most visible holes in the ceiling of the south bedroom, doing the work prior to our visit by the Destination Oregon film crew the next day. The repair looks OK from 10 feet away; I hope to make it look better before the end of the month, and will then tackle the fallen ceiling plaster in the closet.

Josh Woolsey, the arborist, had a crew come and cut up the fallen trees, and Loyal and a county work crew did most of the cleanup. Then the rest of the tree and the ones that it sheltered from the wind had to come down as well. A few days later those trees were removed. At my request the crew put aside a few saw logs and one 38 foot long section of trunk. A hobby saw miller, Daniel Williams, had contacted us through Facebook saying that he would saw parts of the tree into lumber for us. The tree trunk seemed to be perfect for carving a canoe, so I reached out to Susan Buse at the Discovery Center for details on the dugout that used to be displayed on the museum grounds before being put on display at the Discovery Center. That canoe is 34 ft long and made of cedar. It was collected from the Columbia River, found adrift during the 1894 flood by Benjamin Gifford, the photographer. Susan said that she had a connection with the Warm

Springs who might be interested in carving a canoe, Jefferson Greene. I contacted Jefferson, and he is indeed interested in carving a canoe from the log. He is in Warm Springs, so he has not had the chance to come up and take a look at the log yet. We still have to figure out how to move it as well! One more tree in that cluster must be removed as well. It hangs out over the vehicle storage shed, so it will be more expensive and complicated to remove than the other trees. Loyal has offered to cover the cost of its removal, but there is still some hope that the County will pick up the tab!

All of this emergency repair and tree work has put other projects on the back burner. Hopefully we can get the Gardener's Cottage a little more sealed up before spring comes and all the birds want to nest in it. The Guardhouse bars are up, and the Foundation wrote a grant for interpretive signs. If the funding comes through we hope to have the signs in place for the reopening in the spring, or summer at the latest. I have included a couple of pictures of a mockup for the sign mounts on the big set of bars.

I talked with Loyal and he has been researching the cost of restoring the lawn at the grounds. There has been considerable damage from the tree removal. He estimates the cost, which includes adding more topsoil, seed, and plugging would be in the neighborhood of \$1200-1500.

Now for the pictures!



Figure 1: Branches poking through the south bedroom ceiling.



Figure 2: Damaged eave.



Figure 3: Damaged rafters.



Figure 4: View from the lift of the damaged eave.



Figure 5: Partially repaired eave.



Figure 6: Completed eave repairs.



Figure 7: Completed eave repairs.



Figure 8: 38 foot long canoe log!



Figure 9: Canoe logs and saw logs stacked by Josh.



Figure 10: Daniel Williams loading saw logs.



Figure 11: Starting the drywall repairs in the south bedroom.



Figure 12: Drywall repairs nearly complete.



Figure 13: The crew from Brown Roofing repairing the roof.



Figure 14: The saw logs at Daniel's mill, and the stack of 1x4s that he milled from the first two!.



Figure 15: Mock up of the mounting boards for the interpretive signage on the Guardhouse bars.