

5th Annual Rainier Revisited

The students of the Rainier Junior/Senior High School History Club led the public back in time once again as they presented the *5th Annual Rainier Revisited* on Saturday, April 12, 2014! Held on the grounds of the Beaver Homes Grange, the club organized and prepared their perspective of 1853 life in Rainier, Oregon and Northwest histories.

Returning this year was David Placido who guided visitors through his agriculture demonstration along with Lilia Demko who presented period arts and crafts, planting of seeding which might have been grown on the grounds in the time period, and sachet making. Ms. Virginia Rose returned and brought her character alive again as she portrayed the owner of a yarn and fabric store within the town. Mr. Mel Brady returned as Mr. Charles E. Fox while Gary and Jody Lewis set up their hands-on period blacksmith display, taking on an apprentice and entertaining visitors. Finally, Pat and Karen Haas were also in attendance, leading visitors through their lively storytelling and demonstrations.

Throughout the course of the day, guests watched the blacksmith demonstration, History Club students participating in reveille, a preliminary hearing, and a retreat. Meanwhile, the townspeople provided refreshments in the store, while a spinning demonstration was given and period games were played. As the day progressed, students stayed in period character and addressed guests as “sir” or “ma’am”.

Throughout the year, the Rainier History Club worked on fundraising opportunities to buy new props, costumes and needed supplies. In lieu of an admission fee, the club stayed with the tradition of asking for monetary or food donations which were given to H.O.P.E. ~ Help Our People Eat, the local food bank. The History Club would like to thank all of their sponsors including Clatskanie PUD, Mrs. Tobie Finzel – Vernonia Hands-on Art Board, Randy Skeans - Just-A-Mere Farm, Columbia River PUD, WorldStrides, Country Financial, Bob’s Towing, Educational Maps and Globes – Kirk Fullmer, The Placido Family, Mt. St. Helens Chapter DAR, Cash Advantage Carpet Cleaning, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Teevin Brothers and the Demko Family. This year, the club would also like to thank

the Rainier Education Association for the donation made in the name of Mr. David Hourigan, a long-time Social Studies Teacher for the Rainier School District.

Planning for the 6th Annual Rainier Revisited has already begun with the event scheduled for Saturday, April 11th, 2015 from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The club plans to continue fundraising and gaining sponsors so they can continue to add to the reenactment. If you would like more information, contact Mr. Demko, History Club Advisor at Rainier Junior/Senior High School, [andrew demko@rsd.k12.or.us](mailto:andrew_demko@rsd.k12.or.us)

