

Current Activities & News

Happy New Year one and all. I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are quickly approaching the end of the grant year (February 29th). In the next grant year, we will focus on publicity for WCHO, working with our partnering institutions, and conducting outreach for WCHO into schools and our local communities.

But more on that when the time comes. In this newsletter, you will find a couple Q and As concerning scanning and copyright, a report on a few updates to the wiki, and news about WCHO being represented at two conferences in the near future. Also, please note that the Project Manager, Lindsay Prescott Zaborowski, will be on vacation January 18-30, so please excuse her if she does not get back to you during that time. For now enjoy the New Year and we will be back in February.

Q and A

Q: What do I do if I have an item that is bigger than my scanner?

A: For the time being, we have no way to scan items that are larger than 8.5"x14". In time, we may be able to scan larger items, or use a digital camera to capture the image. But, for now, it would be best to set aside oversized photos and focus on items you can scan now. This is what we have done at Pacific University and the Washington County Museum. We hope to have the capacity to scan oversized objects in the future, either through the use of an overhead scanner or by outsourcing the photos to a photo company or another institution.

Q: What should I do if someone contacts my organization about getting commercial rights to a photo?

A: The copyright training you received during WCHO training should help guide you in determining the status of items in your collection. It is up to your institution to make the final decision on how photos can be used, but we hope that the information on the wiki can help answer some questions and make you feel more confident about assisting patrons with using your collection. Many of you already have organizational guidelines for reproductions set down, but if you would like more information you can find it on the wiki at <http://washingtoncountyheritageproject.pbworks.com>.



Pacific University Basketball, circa 1920.
Pacific University Archives



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WCHO at Conferences

WCHO is going to be part of presentations at a few conferences this summer, which should result in some nice publicity for our project. The first is a short presentation in a Lighting Round session at the Northwest Archivists/Oregon Heritage Commission conference in Salem in April. Each presenter in the session is going to discuss digitization projects and their experiences with them. The second presentation will be a poster presentation at the Society of American Archivists meeting in San Diego in August, where WCHO will be used as a case study to look at how historical theory, archival methods, and technology intersect when working on digital projects.

Hopefully we will see some of you at these conferences!

WCHO Updates

This newsletter will periodically cover updates to the WCHO procedures, in addition to the changes being made on the Wiki. This month we have a newly updated LCSH list, and the Partner Agreement for the project has been officially accepted and distributed out to those who attended the training sessions in the fall.

February is the time when we can start actively handing out CONTENTdm Project Clients and allowing everyone to start submitting the items from their collections. Encouraging and facilitating participation from our partners will be a major focus for the second grant year.

WCHO Now on Social Media

WCHO is now on several social media sites:

- On Facebook, search for Washington County Heritage Online
- On Twitter, find us under #WCHO_news

NEXT MONTH: Q and A: Grant Year One in review



Casual luxury at its finest. Washington County Museum.

WCHO Wiki – Join Now!

Washington County Heritage Online has a Wiki through PBworks. The Wiki includes information about our LSTA Grant, as well as information about the standards we are using for digitization and cataloging. We have also recently added some copyright guidelines and historical background information. Any additions or changes to the information on the Wiki are welcome. **Everything given out at the training sessions is posted on the Wiki, for ease of reference.** If you are not already part of the Wiki and would like to be, please e-mail the Project Manager, Lindsay Prescott Zaborowski, at lindsay.prescott@pacificu.edu.

About Us

Washington County Heritage Online (WCHO) is a cooperative project of Washington County libraries, museums, and cultural institutions that will bring the visual history of our county to the public. This project is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Oregon State Library.