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# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



An extraordinary St. Patrick's Day postcard created by Ellen Clapsaddle.



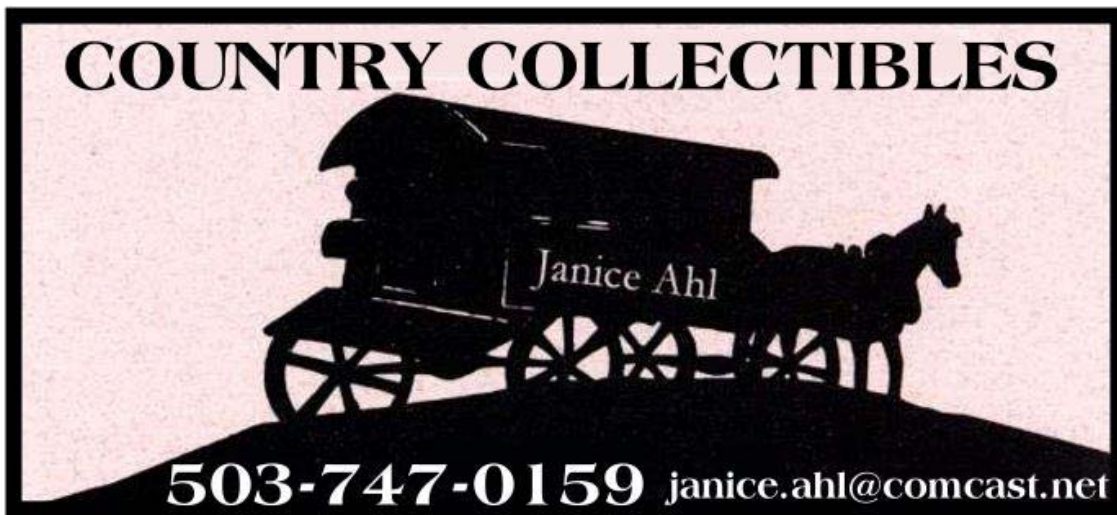
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## Next Meeting – March 19, 2011

At Russellville Grange – 12105 NE Prescott Street  
10 am to 3:30 pm



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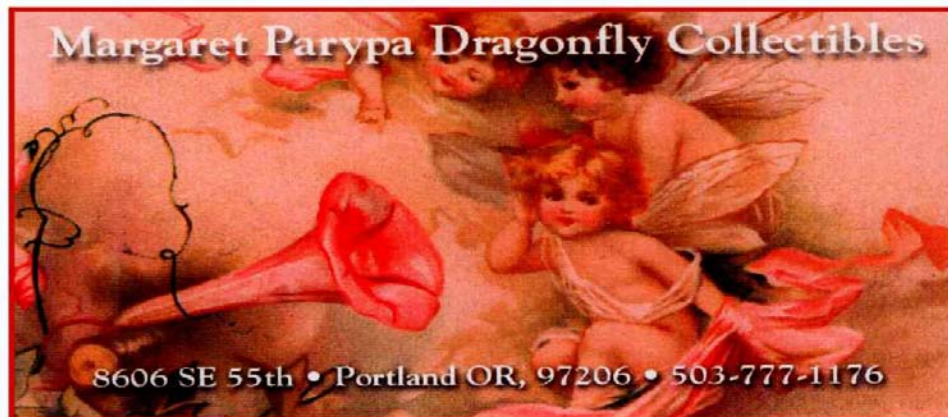
## **FARMHOUSE ANTIQUES**

*Mini Mall in Old Historic Sellwood with Seven Dealers*

Tuesday thru Sunday: 11 to 5  
Glassware - Depression - Elegant  
Postcards - Paper - Sheet Music  
Jewelry - Furniture

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**Also in Farmhouse Antiques in Sellwood**  
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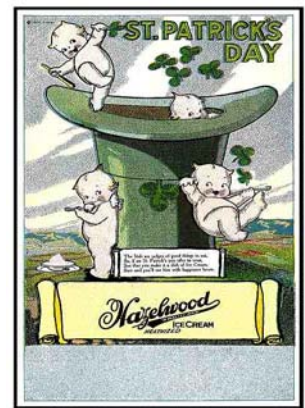
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**Auction News:** The Webfooters 5th Annual Antique Paper Auction is coming up on April 15th at The Grotto Conference Center. We had such a great time there last year and the food was outstanding so we are going there again. The Club has decided to help lower the cost for members who may not be able to afford the entire \$20. The cost as agreed by a vote of Club members was \$15 per person. Our auctioneer this year will be Al Carder, who along with his wife Carol, owns Carder Country Antiques and they sell at several mall locations and shows including Palmer Wirfs at The Expo. We have over 100 lots for the auction and we can accept a few more until March 19th. Dinner choices include **salmon or chicken**. **Make your reservations for dinner by calling Maggie at 503-777-1176 no later than April 10th.**



**FIFTH ANNUAL  
WEBFOOTERS  
POST CARD CLUB**

**Postcard, Photograph  
& Antique Paper**



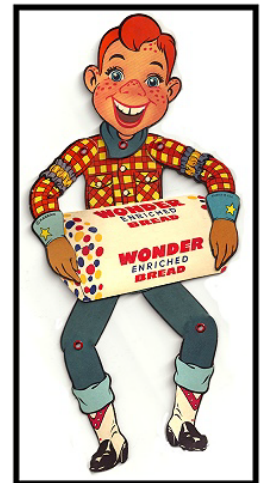
**\* AUCTION \***

**Friday, April 15, 2011 \* 6:30 pm**

**Preview begins at 3:30 pm \* Banquet Dinner at 5**

**The Grotto Conference Center**

**8840 NE SKIDMORE ST.  
NEAR 85TH & SANDY BLVD.**



**AUCTION LOTS INCLUDE:**

- Post Cards: real photo, holiday, artist signed, lithos, linens & chromes.
- Vintage Photographs: tintypes, stereo views, CDVs, cabinet cards, snapshots & mounted photos of all sizes.
- Antique Paper Ephemera: advertising, trade cards, travel brochures, maps, menus & other early paper items!

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**We need your high quality postcards, photos and ephemera  
Bringing them to the next meeting for donation or consignment**

**No-host banquet dinner at The Grotto Conference Center begins at 5:00 pm**

**Make your reservations for dinner by calling Maggie at 503-777-1176 no later than April 10th**



**31st Annual Antique Paper Show and Sale**

**Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 17 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Early Admission: \$5/Regular Admission \$2**

**Oregon National Guard Armory**

**6255 NE Cornfoot Road – Portland, Oregon**

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*(Items pictured were found at our last show)*

# HOMETOWN HISTORY



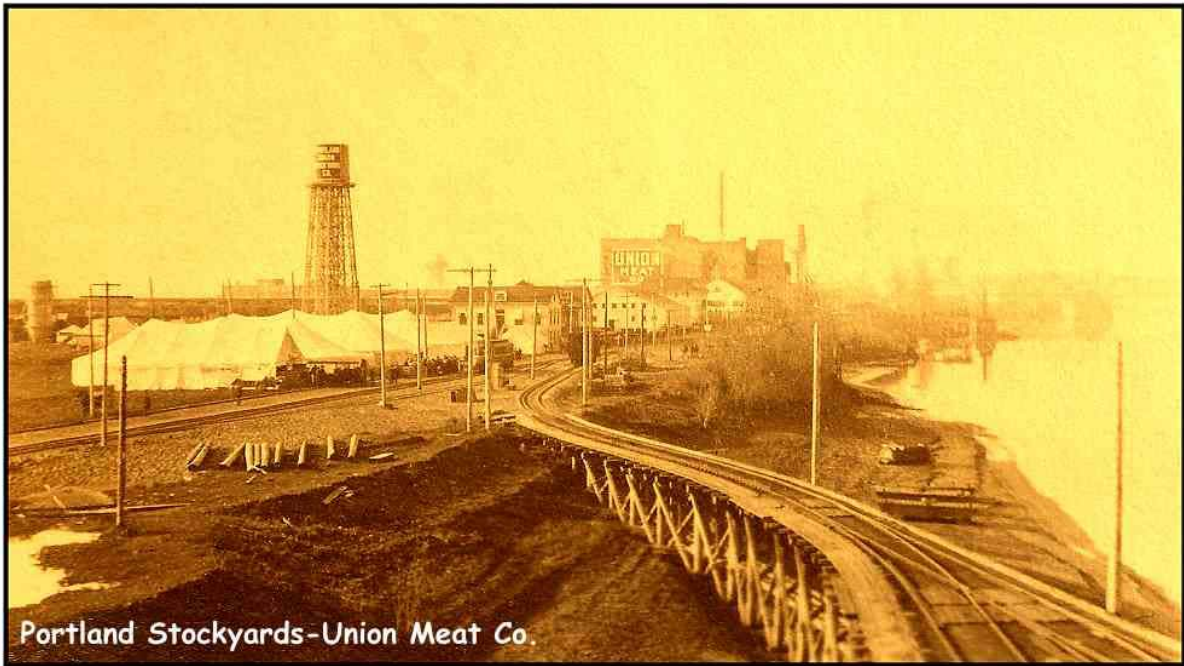
## Historic Kenton COWTOWN, USA

The town of Kenton, Oregon was built near the confluence of several rail lines, by the Columbia River, so shipping via rail or water was very convenient for the businesses that settled here. Kenton's rail yards helped to make the town an industrial area.



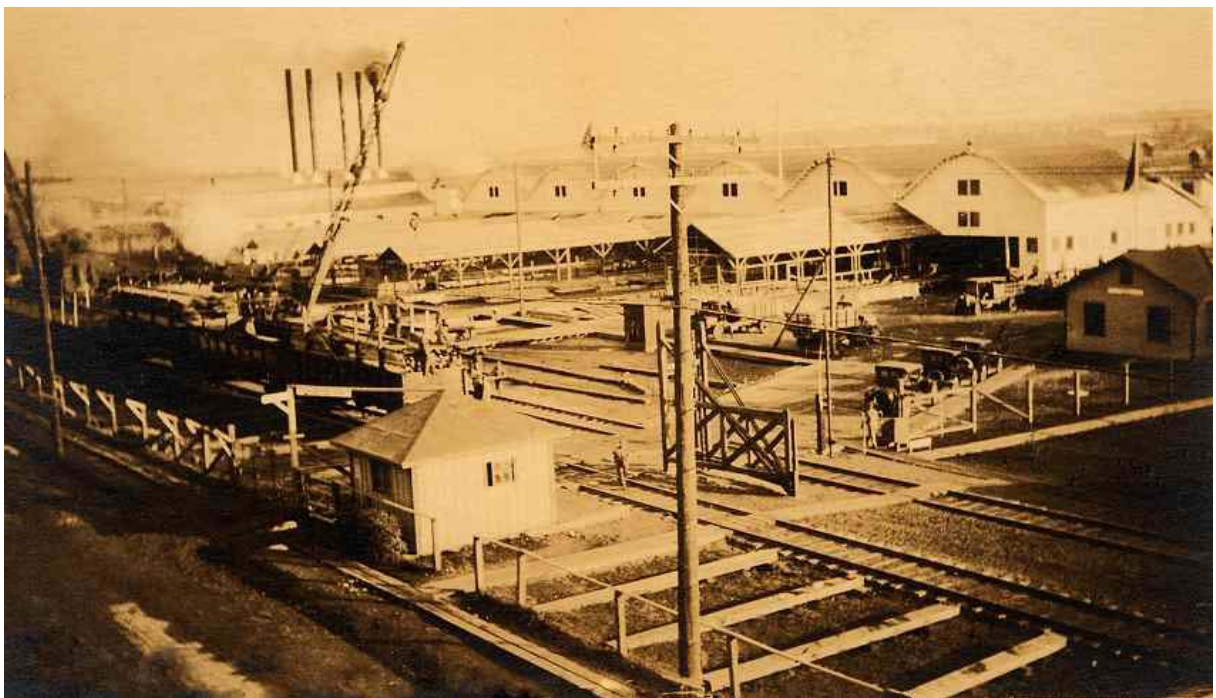
The Associated Banking & Trust Company, which had been organized in 1892 for the purpose of investing in and developing real estate, purchased the land that is now Kenton. In the coming months, the corporation became indebted to the Ainsworth Bank. Subsequently, J.C. Ainsworth bought the tract for \$15,000 on October 28, 1897, when the Multnomah County Sheriff sold it to cover debts.

Independently operating local butchers Adolph Burckhardt, Thomas Papworth, Morton M. Spaulding, James and John O'Shea and Emanuel Masy joined together in 1893 to form the Union Meat Company. In 1906, Swift & Company purchased their assets, though their operations continued to be known locally as the Union Meat Company.



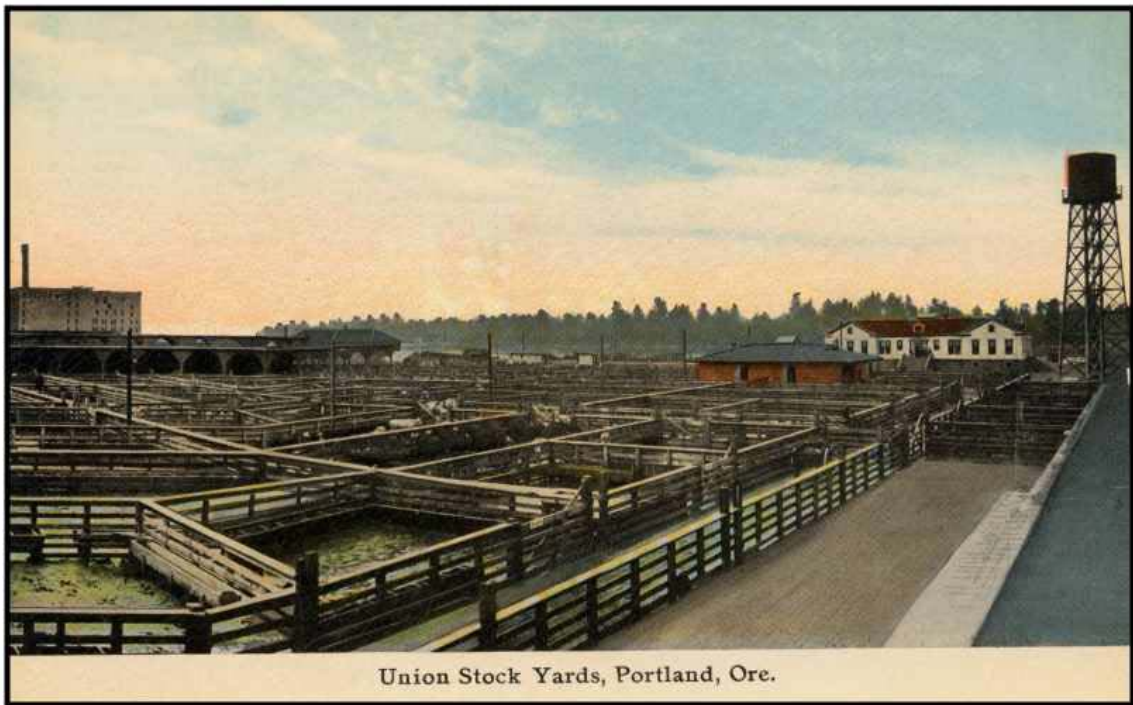
**Union Meat Company opened a modern meat processing facility opposite Hayden Island on the south channel of the Columbia River in 1909.**

In 1907, Swift sent C. C. Colt to Portland to be president of their operations and soon thereafter Colt formed Kenwood Land Company in order to purchase land along the Columbia River for a new meat packing plant, along with adjacent land for a company town. Planners had hoped to name the company town "Kenwood," but this name was in use elsewhere in Oregon, so they settled for "Kenton."



**Swift and Company's Union Stock Yards.**

By 1911, there were no less than twelve major manufacturing firms located in the Kenton area, making this area second only to St. Johns as a manufacturing center. Swift was at the center of this development, with a plant that included the Portland Union Stockyards, Portland Cattle Load Company, Columbia Wool Basin Warehouse, Kenton Traction Company and others. Swift employed over 1500 workers, and more beef was butchered in Kenton than in any other town in the Northwest. Cattle drives down Derby Street ended in 1928.



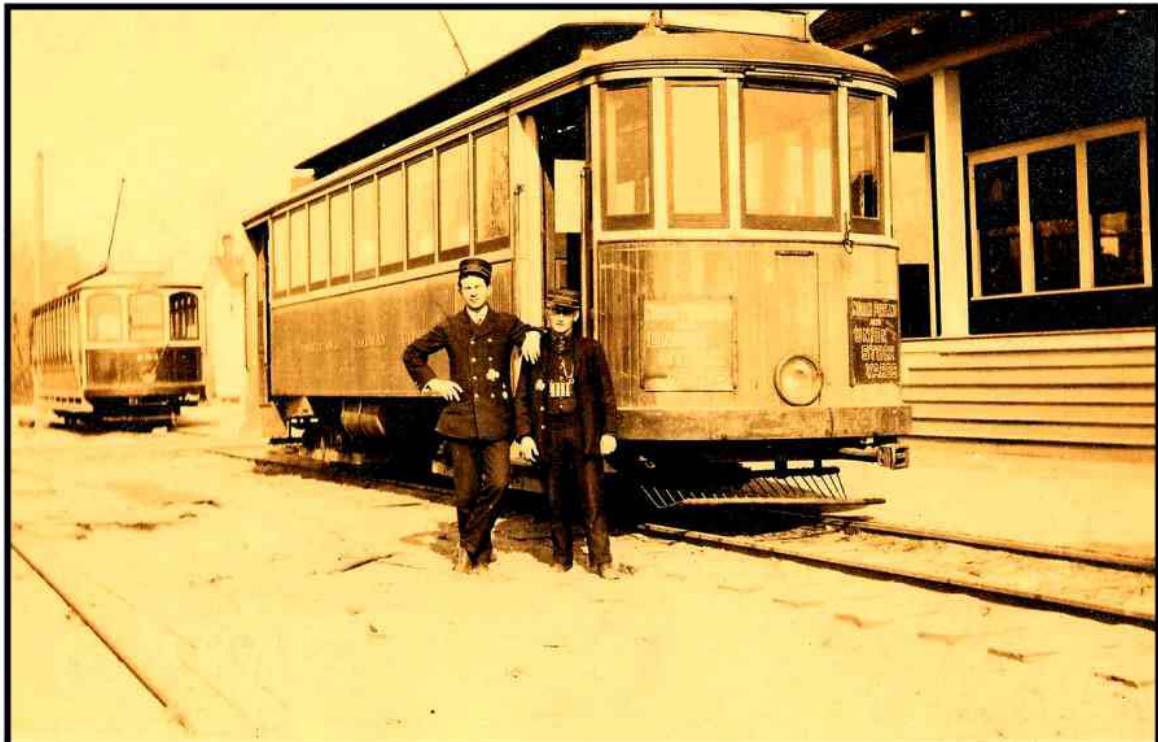
The Bank of Kenton was established for the cattlemen at Derby (now Denver) and Kilpatrick St.

Kenton was unique because it became one of the few examples of a company town in Oregon. Denver Avenue, originally Derby Street, became the main street of the new community. Fashionable “Executive Row” homes for the Swift officers were built either on or east of Denver Avenue. Rows of smaller, nearly identical houses were constructed on the side streets west of Denver Avenue for the workers’ families.

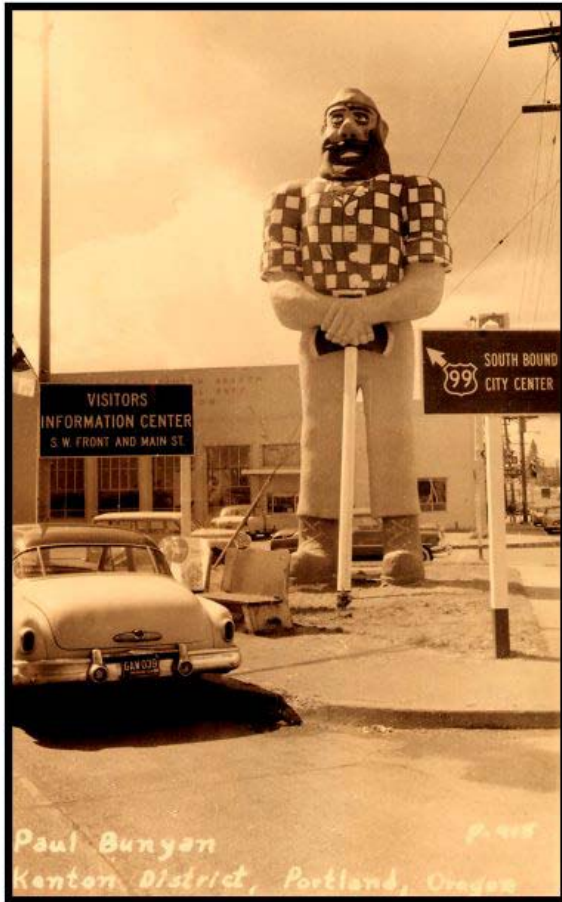


On June 27, 1909, the 40-room Kenton Hotel was opened at Derby and McClellan St. Cattlemen coming to Kenton from out of town could stay in first-class accommodations at the Hotel Kenton.

In 1909, the Swift's Kenton Traction Company began operating a streetcar line to carry workers to and from the meat packing plant. A construction worker is laying rails in the photo above, in the lower right. The cars ran all day; the fare was a nickel and there were no transfers. The Kenton cars connected with the City cars on the Mississippi Line which terminated at Kenton.



A Kenton Traction Car is stopped at the Red Steer Café at the Livestock Pavilion.



Kenton Traction Company cars stopped running in December 1928 and the tracks were paved over. Within what is now the Kenton area was the second largest city in Oregon – Vanport. Since Vanport was booming, traffic patterns changed and the flow of traffic moved from Interstate Avenue which goes through Kenton to Union Avenue, and the business went with it. Kenton was in a state of decline. In 1948, a flood washed out the town of Vanport and residents left the area. It never recovered, but Kenton has gone through a revival in recent years.

At the left is Kenton’s 31-foot tall statue of Paul Bunyan which was recently added to the National Register of Historical Places as Oregon’s only roadside architecture in the register. The statue was commissioned by the Kenton Businessmen’s Club to greet millions of visitors to the Centennial Exposition in 1959.

Victor R. Nelson and his son Victor A. Nelson designed and crafted Paul Bunyan in the nearby Kenton Machine Works at a cost of \$25,000.

**Editor’s Note:** I have lived just north of the town of Kenton, in the Vanport area, for over 10 years, so I call it home. Thanks to the Kenton Neighborhood Association for help with historic information.

## Mark's Memo

**Attention Dealers!!** We have just a few tables left for our **31st Annual Antique Paper Show & Sale which is coming up April 16-17, 2011**. If you haven't gotten a table, now is the time. Each front table comes with a back table. If you aren't a dealer and you want to thin out your collection, the cost of our tables is very reasonable for a post card and ephemera show.



Geri Cansler, Postmaster at the Bridal Veil Post Office, designed a special postmark for items mailed at our show on April 16th. Stock up on stamps at the show. Rumors are flying that a postal increase may be in the works.

We have gotten over 100 lots for our next **Auction which is coming up April 15th, 2011**. We have begun cataloging and preparing them for the Auction. If you have some items that aren't as important to your collection anymore and you would like to sell them on consignment, our Auction is the place to sell them and help the Club in the process. Contact Glenn Mason or myself. We can pick up your items or you can bring them to our next meeting on March 19th.





# Maggie's Minutes



St. Patrick's Day Greetings Webfooters,

I hope everyone is staying warm during this last cold spell. I am off to California for a few days, and I'm taking my sunglasses in hopes to catch some sun and warm weather.

At the February 19th meeting Arne Soland reported that the Club treasury has a total of \$8,434.66. Checking 1 has \$2,579.80, Checking 2 has \$3,611.8. CD#1 has \$1,191.88 and CD #2 has \$1,051.90. We discussed spending money for and creating a new Club Postcard with information about our shows and meetings.

They would be similar to a rack card that is taken to coffee shops, restaurants, hotels, music stores and antique stores. Should we have a contest to see who comes up with the best idea? I have been thinking of putting up a "postcard of the day" on the Webfooters Facebook page with info on our upcoming events. Maybe if seven of us chose a day of the week it would be more interesting.

Krissy Durden, our Membership Chair, reported that we have 220 members: 1 Charter, 91 Families, 6 Individuals, 26 Patrons and 6 Honor Members. Thanks again to Krissy for her good ideas in promoting our club through the internet. This is so important to get young people interested in our hobby. We could say "If you love history, photography, geography, travel, art, advertising or anthropology, or if you are just feeling nostalgic for your hometown, this might be an interesting hobby for you."

We'd like to remind everyone that our annual show on April 16th and 17th is coming up, so please help distribute our wonderful club advertising cards to places in your neighborhood. Our next meeting is the deadline to bring in your items to be auctioned off.

There is a sign-up sheet to bring refreshments to meetings. Mike Marmarelli signed up to bring refreshments in March. Arne will reimburse you for up to \$40.00, so save your receipts. Thanks to Mark Moore for supplying deli meats, cheese, juice and bread in February. What would we do without you!! Thank you also to Irene and Dean Adams who brought chili.

Bridal Veil Post Office will have a booth at the show on Saturday April 16th to sell stamps and collect mail; and they will have a special pictorial cancellation as well. Mark showed a preview of the postmark with Webster holding an umbrella, so appropriate for a Portland club.

Judith Nelson suggested that we collect a reduced amount from people selling only a few items at the meetings. Currently, the tables are sold in whole or if someone can't use a whole table, we will sell them in halves.

Our thoughts and best wishes are sent to Adolphe Colson who is still recovering in a care center. Call Donna Miller at 503-232-4222 if you can assist her in any way to help clean up Adolphe's home.

**The next board meeting will be held on March 16th, 2011 at Elmer's Restaurant at 10001 NE Sandy Boulevard.**

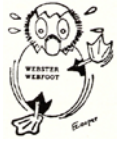
Respectfully submitted,

*Maggie Parypa, Secretary*

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Librarian.....	Steve Kuryk



## Calendar

March 16 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmer’s Restaurant (no host)  
10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

March 19 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange  
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

April 15 – Webfooters Auction & Banquet at The Grotto Conference Center  
8840 NE Skidmore near 85th & Sandy – Banquet at 5, Auction at 6:30 pm

April 16-17 – Webfooters Post Card Club Show & Sale at Jackson Armory  
6255 NE Cornfoot Rd – Sat: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun: 10 am to 4:00 pm

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