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HAPPY THANKSGIVING







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Annual Meeting – November 19, 2011

Election of Officers for 2012

1:00 PM: Special Presentation – Dr. Les White, retired teacher and principal will talk about the study of genealogy for historical research At Russellville Grange – 12105 NE Prescott Street

9 am to 3:30 pm (Business Meeting at 10)

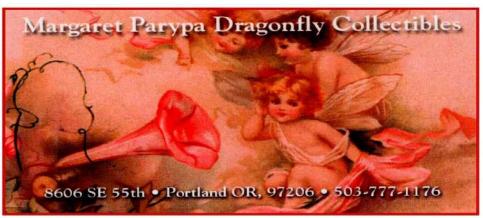


FARMHOUSE ANTIQUES

Mini Mall in Old Historic Sellwood with Seven Dealers

<u>Tuesday thru Sunday: 11 to 5</u> Glassware - Depression - Elegant Postcards - Paper - Sheet Music Jewelry - Furniture See Janice on Tuesdays 8028 SE 13th Avenue Portland OR 97202 503-232-6757

Also in Farmhouse Antiques in Sellwood 8028 SE 13th Avenue



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MEMBER NEWS

It is with sadness that we report the passing of former President Bill Bickle, Webfooter number 966, on October 10, 2011.

SALEM COIN - STAMP & POST CARD SHOW

OBEGON STATE FABGBOUNDS COLUMBIA HALL 2330 17th Street NE in Salem

NOV. 26 · 27, 2011

Hours: 10:00 am to 4:30 pm (both days) Free Admission and Free Parking

- Over 70 tables of Post Cards/Currency/Stamps/Ancients/Literature
- Type and Proof Coins/Gold and Silver/Mint and Proof Sets/Tokens
- Coin, Stamp and Post Card dealers from around the United States
- Hourly and End of Show Raffles/Free Grab Bag for Young Collectors

Appraisals made on Sunday Nov. 27th at 1:00 pm

Sponsored by: The Salem Numismatic Society

For information: Contact Danny B. at: 503-588-8162 Email: d.bisgaard@comcast.net

From I-5: take exit 256, the Market Street Exit Go west and turn right onto 17th Street Go about a mile and watch for the signs to the Fairgrounds on the right

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Thanksgiving is the time of year when we can stop and catch our breath before the Holiday rush begins, to reflect on the year that is quickly marching to an end. We can stop to assess our accomplishments and plot our progress. We can be thankful that we have roofs over our heads and food on our tables. We are thankful for the heat in our homes and the gas in our cars.

Our show in April this year was one to remember. We were so thankful to welcome Karolyn "Zuzu" Grimes as a special guest at our show to feature her "*It's a Wonderful Life*" movie photos, posters, paper and memorabilia. We found out there are lots of "*It's a Wonderful Life*" fans and fanatics out there. Many of you mentioned that you collect the Christmas ornaments. Attendance was up substantially at the show, especially on Sunday, and we were pleased with the popularity of the silent auction items at the show.

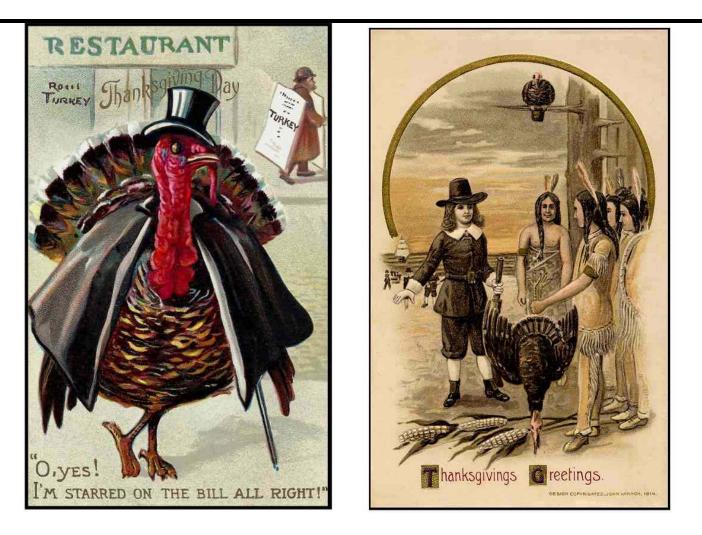
I am thankful for Glenn and Judith Mason who put in many hours to help make both of our auctions successful. Thanks also to auctioneer Dave Torretta who filled in at the last minute.

In September, one of my dreams came true. We hosted a once in a lifetime tour of the fantastic Curtis Transportation Collection before it is slowly dispersed after the death of the man who put the collection together. Our host, Cammie Pierson, daughter of Myron Curtis, the man who assembled the collection, was very knowledgeable about the vehicles and how they were used. There were about 26 Webfooters, family and friends who enjoyed seeing many horse drawn vehicles and early trucks. I discovered the many portable heaters in the wagons and trucks and found one for sale last month at the radio swap meet (doubtful it works). It will make a good prop in my dad's wagon. I am so thankful for Bill White and his willingness to make this happen.

I am thankful for Arne Soland and his willingness to give endless amounts of time to make sure that our money is tracked and spent wisely. He pays the bills, reports to the IRS and oversees the business affairs of the club as required by law.

I am especially thankful for Maggie Parypa and her willingness to document and record official activities as the secretary of our club for the past three years. We will miss her *Maggie's Minutes* in The Webfooter. Even though we had five board meetings this year, Maggie wrote an article each month of the year. She has promoted the club and kept us informed about the club's members as well as our functions and activities. Thank you Maggie!! I hope you will continue to make regular contributions to The Webfooter. When you are ready to become editor of The Webfooter, the job is yours. When you are ready to be our president, the job is also yours for the asking. You are capable of accomplishing what may seem impossible for others.

I am thankful to Krissy Durden, our membership chair, for the tremendous amount of work she goes through each month to track and organize our member database. Krissy is also responsible for publishing our roster and keeping it accurate and current. Thank you for performing this truly "*thankless task*".



I am thankful for Tony Roberts and Irene Adams who have given time out of their busy schedules to help guide The Webfooters for the past three years. I am thankful that Dave Elston and David Sell stepped forward to serve on the board again as directors after a three-year hiatus from serving as members of the board where they had served for the previous five years.

I am thankful for the help that I receive with articles and submissions for The Webfooter. I am thankful to Kenn Lantz and Carole Bess White who alternate helping to fold, label, stamp and seal The Webfooter each month.

We can all be thankful to Carole Bess White who stepped forward to be our secretary. As most of you know, she is very busy giving her time to other organizations including Portland's Rain of Glass where she is the recording secretary, show chair and property manager. She coordinates all aspects of publishing and advertising for the club as well. She also gives her time regularly to Albertina Kerr and the Architectural Heritage Center.

We are thankful that we can cherish the prized postcards and antique paper that we love to collect. I am thankful for the many dealers who we see month after month at our meetings and that they are able to find new material. I am thankful that we have members who are so eager to find treasures at our meetings that we have had to open our meetings an hour earlier at 9:00 am for early bird sales. We are thankful that the Webfooters have survived 46 years and that we can still bring home wonderful treasures at some of the most reasonable prices after attending the monthly meetings. Thanks to all of you and have a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope to see all of you at our Annual Meeting on Nov. 19, 2011. Join us November 19, 2011 for our annual meeting. We will elect officers for 2012 and at 1:00 pm, local school teacher and principal Dr. Les White, who recently retired from working full-time but still subs on a part-time basis, will explain how to use genealogy for historical research. In his spare time, he enjoys the study of genealogy. He is married to Carole Bess White.



NEW MEMBERS / ROSTER UPDATES

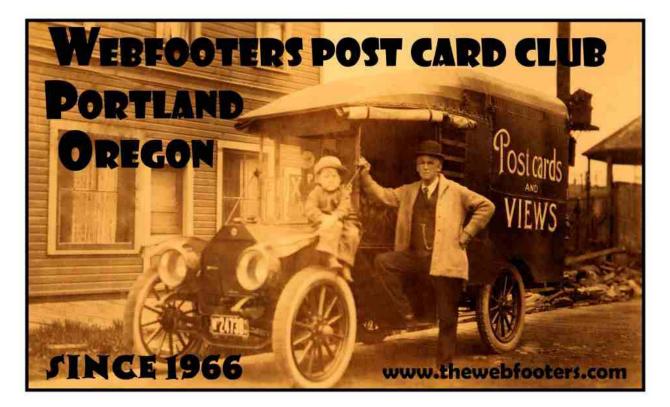
Webster Webfoot welcome to Russ and Dorian Hess!!

Hess	Russell	1793	Portland, OR
Hess	Dorian	1794	

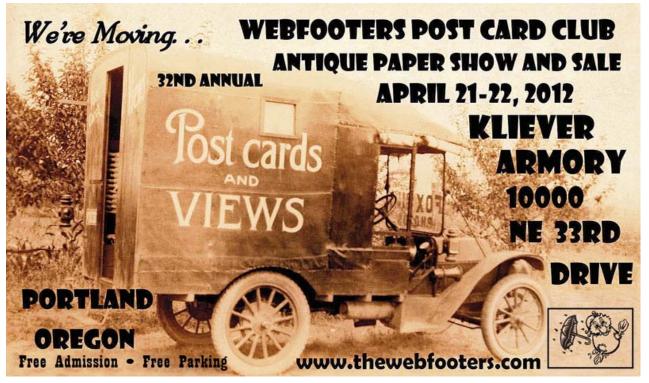
Collect: Rural scenes; construction views; agricultural scenes

MEMBER NEEDS AND WANTS

Webfooter Joe Macdonald reports that he is working on a new book about stagecoaches in Washington from the 1850s to the 1920s. If you have photos or information that you would like to share, contact Joe at 360-694-5296. You can also email him at joe.macdonald@comcast.net.



Last month we received shipment of our order of the 45th Anniversary Edition of the Webfooters Club card, which is pictured above. We also received our order of show cards, shown on page 7, for our 32nd Annual Show and Sale, which will be held in April 2012. This card features a different view of the same truck. I have to assume it was a portable darkroom and studio as well as a portable postcard stand where they sold postcards out of the truck.

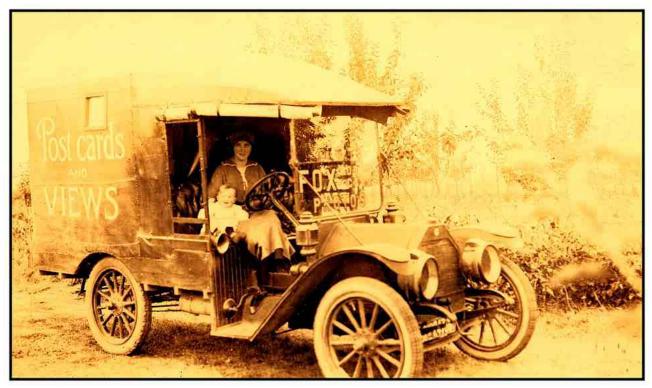


Painted on the windshield of the truck is "Fox Photos and Post Cards".

Origin of Post Cards and Views Truck: the man who operated this truck was Robert "Bob" Fox aka "Fox the Hatter" along with his wife Jane. The man in the photo on page 6 was Bob's father Joe with his grandson, Robert Joe Fox Jr. Following are two other views of the truck.

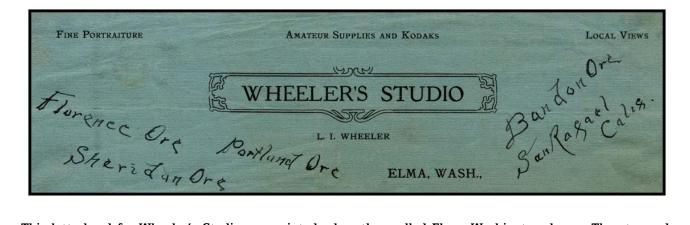


This card shows Bob on the far right next to his wife Jane and their son Robert Joe Jr., as well as whom I believe is Elizabeth on the far left and four other children.



Another postcard of the truck shows Jane and her young son Robert Joe Jr., as a baby, sitting in the truck.

Bob's wife, who I believe was Jane, had a sister named Margie who became famous as a Northwest photographer. She was married to Lou Wheeler, another famous Northwest photographer, who was pictured on the 1910 Indian Motorcycle selling "Wheeler Fotos" off of his motorcycle. We used the card to advertise our 2010 Show. A small view of this photo can be seen on page 10.



This letterhead for Wheeler's Studio was printed when they called Elma, Washington, home. They teamed with Bob Fox at times and traveled south to Portland, Sheridan, Florence and Bandon in Oregon. They also made it to San Rafael, California for a while. All of these towns are handwritten on the letterhead because he had operated or co-operated studios for a time in each of these towns.

After a few days of taking photos of the developing towns they visited, they would produce a number of post cards and views and offer them for sale. If they were well received, they also set up studios to sell their local views and to photograph families and individuals. If business got slow, they moved to another town. While they were in Portland, Bob Fox opened "Fox the Hatter" on Williams Avenue.

Only two of the cards showing family members have names written on the back. The writing is a bit hard to read, I'm guessing that Margie or Jane had kept the family cards for many years and wrote the names on the cards late in life.



I hope everyone has been enjoying our last two meetings as much as I have. I've found some really nice new stock in the past two months, thanks to new collections acquired by Terry Weis, Mike Fairley and Jocelyn Howells. Please note that our meetings will now start at 9:00 am thanks to many dealers and members arriving early because they are eager to search for postcards.

Financial Report – Arne Soland reported at the October 15, 2011 meeting that the club had a total of \$7,509.62 total in our treasury. Checking 1 has \$2,723.31. The Show Account has \$2,539.75. CD #1 has \$1,193.27 and CD # 2 has \$1,053.29.

Membership – Krissy Durden, our Membership Chair, reported via email that there are 218 active members (97 individual members, 76 family members, 26 patron members, 7 honor members and 1 charter).

Refreshments – Reimbursement of up to \$40 is available for those contributing this service. If you are providing refreshments, don't forget to save your receipts for Arne. With a new year just around the corner, we will have a new sign-up sheet at the November meeting. Don't be shy about volunteering to help with refreshments. Thanks to Irene Adams for providing a nice spread with a variety of warm food. Thanks also to Janice Ahl for bringing vegetable soup and Terry Weis for bringing cake. David Sell has volunteered to bring food to our November meeting. We will have our annual Christmas potluck in December.

Our new show advertising cards have arrived. They show an early truck with a portable darkroom advertising postcards and views on the side of the truck. Thank you Mark for designing these wonderful cards. Please take them around to your favorite shops to help promote our April show. Show contracts are now available and if you sign up before January 1, 2012 you will receive a discount on each table. Table Rent will be \$60 if paid by December 31, 2011 and \$70 after that date.

At our Nov. 19th meeting we will elect officers for 2012. Tony Roberts will not be able to run for Vice President due to lack of time off from work. I have volunteered to run for Vice President. Carole Bess White has offered to fill the position of Secretary. She will be able to attend to the bi-monthly board meetings at Elmer's, but cannot commit to attending Saturday meetings at the Russellville Grange. Also, David Sell and Dave Elston have agreed to become our directors at large. Thank you so much! I look forward to sharing a chocolate milkshake with you. Mark is still looking for help with articles for The Webfooter.

I will be in Hawaii during the middle of November and will miss the meetings. So ALOHA!!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Parypa, Secretary



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Secretary	
Treasurer	Arne Soland
Membership Chairman	Krissy Durden
Director	
Historian	Joe Macdonald
Librarian	Steve Kuryk



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

November 19 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange 12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

December 17 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange 12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

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