

Heritage center to rekindle scholarly journal

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The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill is seeking scholarly-but-understandable articles for its new, twice-yearly publication, Willamette Valley Voices: Connecting Generations.

The first edition is planned for May. About 100 copies will be printed; the publication also will be available to download for free.

The project got its start about a year and a half ago, when the former Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society were planning their merger, said Keni Sturgeon, curator at the heritage center.

"Marion County Historical Society used to publish a journal, but it stopped in the late '90s," Sturgeon said. "Board members and staff felt it was important for the Willamette Heritage Center, as a service to the general public, to provide some scholarly vehicle."

The first issue's theme will be "public spaces." These could be built, such as public buildings, bridges, cemeteries and museums; or natural spaces such as publicly accessible rivers, mountains and forests.

"We thought that would appeal to everyone, everywhere," Sturgeon said.

She's getting help from three Western Oregon University history graduate students: Duke Morton, Hannah Marshall and Jeffrey Sawyer.

Potential authors have until Feb. 24 to submit 200-word summaries of their ideas. The committee will ask some writers to follow through with full articles. The two-step process will prevent duplication, Sturgeon said.

Writers won't be paid. "If you are an up-and-coming history student, it does count as a publication," she said.

The heritage center is doing the project on a shoestring; the budget is \$500, and that was covered by an anonymous donor.

"We're excited to see what (articles) we're going to get," Sturgeon said.

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