

## **Hugo Storytelling Program**

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society

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Our community has a Hugo Storytelling Program and Committee. The purpose of the program and committee is to share information about ourselves, about our community. Part of the program allows Hugo neighbors to publish for free their stories of Hugo on the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's web site.

The purpose of the program is to promote the social welfare of our community by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and researching its rich local history, including story telling, and encouraging neighbor's interest in the history of the Hugo area, in their geographic place, in their community.

We know the quality of rural life in Hugo is enhanced through citizen knowledge of its history and the sense of community that a historical perspective facilitates and we want to work with neighbors to communicate the role it plays in their lives.

## **Hugo Storytelling Committee**

Culture is the distillation of those things that identify us as people, including our shared and individual sense of heritage, history, place, creativity and art, traditions and customs, stories, and it is an integral part of Oregon and Hugo.

The Hugo Storytelling Committee believes culture, as one basis for a healthy community, can be an alternative to destructive behavior and a healing force, and that children educated in their history and culture will contribute to the creative workforce of our evolving technological world.

Some *Hugo Neighborhood* history projects include our annual *Hugo History Day*, inventory of Applegate Trail and Pacific Highway, transcription of Hugo Community Church journals, developing oral histories, encouraging story telling, educational workshops, deed research, cultural assets inventory, wildflower catalog, exploring our community's Indian legacy, orcharding research, writing articles for "Mondays Make History" and the *Oldtimer*, and interpreting and preserving our local heritage through public interest activities.

## **BECOME A MEMBER**

**Storytelling Committee.** Contact our Chair if you want more information about becoming a member of the Hugo Storytelling Committee.

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The Hugo Storytelling Committee is authorized to review and publish your Hugo story on our web site as it deems appropriate. It will develop its own rules for accomplishing this objective.

### **Want more information?**

Contact a member of the Hugo Storytelling Committee

Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community's history, and/or land use projects.