



THE DEPOT TELEGRAPH

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Dear Friends of the Kingsburg Depot,

As I ride my bike around Kingsburg the past few days, I'm struck by the wonderful fragrance of plants in bloom, and I think of this quote: "The air [was] so fragrant that it was delicious to breathe it" (Christopher Columbus). This is a great time to take a walk, ride a bike, or drive around with the windows down. It's April! Remember to take a walk down Draper Street on Saturday, April 16th and enjoy the Kingsburg Car Show. The Depot will also be open that day.

GRAND OPENING SEPTEMBER 24TH

Planning for the Depot Grand Opening celebration is underway. If you can help, please call or text Jolene Polyack at (559) 284-2421 or email jolene@polyack.com.

LEON S. PETERS GRANT

In March the Leon S. Peters Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to Friends of the Historic Kingsburg Depot. Jolene Polyack was the driving force behind the successful application. This follows a \$75,000 Peters grant received in 2011. The first funded completion of the Depot Freight House, home of the Leon S. Peters Learning Center, and the second equips the Learning Center with a multimedia system and other material needed for operation. The Leon S. Peters Learning Center is the heart of the educational field-trip program for students visiting the Depot.

RE-ENACTORS NEEDED

Re-enactors are needed to serve during school field trips to the Depot. This is a fun opportunity to dress up and be living history participants in 1920's clothing. Re-enactors play the parts of a station agent, telegraph operator, clerk, train passenger, freight house worker, engineer, conductor, and hobo. All roles are open to both men and women. Tamara Norris is helping find and make costumes. If you would like to purchase your own costume, you are more than welcome to do that. If you would like to borrow a costume, that will also be possible. Tamara will help each person get a costume that fits them. If you have 1920's clothes, hats, ties, shoes, etc., or know someone who does that might be interested in donating them or letting us borrow them for patterns, please call or text Shirley Esau (559) 859-4441 or email sjesau@gmail.com.

ARTIFACTS NEEDED

We are still looking for 1920's artifacts including a wooden literature rack, suitcases, staplers, adding machine, cash register, wooden in-boxes, shoe boxes of various sizes, wood crates, artificial fruit, and any other items that would have been shipped through the Depot in the 1920's period.

Our construction volunteers are currently restoring several original artifacts including the Office safe and the Freight House scale. The safe stored money collected during business operations, and the ornate scale was used to weigh freight to determine the cost of shipping.

LIZZIE



Lizzie is a 1917 Ford Model T Depot Hack. She was donated by Bruce and Aimy Wilbur and the Taniguchi Family Farm of Fowler California, in memory of Kay and Alyce Taniguchi. Lizzie is 99 years old, she starts with a crank, and it took lots of effort to wake her from a long nap in a barn. Hacks like Lizzie became known as station wagons because they served passengers at train stations. Lizzie serves as a rolling representative of the Historic Kingsburg Depot and the Leon S. Peters Learning Center educational programs. She will be at the Depot during the Car Show, and will participate in the 2016 Swedish Festival Parade.

CALENDAR

April 11, Monday	Board meeting 5:30pm, Freight House
April 16, Saturday	Depot open during the Car Show
May 9, Monday	Board meeting 5:30pm, Freight House
May 21, Saturday	Depot open during the Swedish Festival

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