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**DOCENTS WILL BE THERE
TO GREET YOU**

During the fall, winter and spring, we offer presentations on topics of interest to the history of the Nehalem Valley. Attendees often share engaging stories and family experiences with us at these events. This summer, we want to hear more! Please join us for our new “Swapping Stories” gatherings. Join us for the next two events - we want to hear your remembrances of the entire Nehalem Valley! (The first Swapping Stories took place June 17 at the Manzanita Library.)

July 17 at 3:30 at NCRD

“Cow Talk”...but Fish, Timber and Crops, too

Recently, we have been hearing about how dairy farming progressed in the Nehalem Valley with creameries and cheesemakers of real significance. If you have stories of homesteading, dairy farming, logging in the valley, or of raising crops on the land, please share.

August 21 at 3:30 at the Old Wheeler Hotel

“True Stories from the Edge of the Bay in Wheeler”

Wheeler has unique stories that are all its own. Logging and mills, homesteading and land promotions are all a part of its special history. Wheeler is the home to our world-known local healthcare provider, Dr. Rinehart. Let's hear what you remember.

Thank you to the 224 people who attended our annual Memorial Day event at Nehalem American Legion Cemetery, and for honoring those who gave their lives to protect our freedoms. It was a very moving ceremony.



NEHALEM VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

From Daddy Trains to Tourist Boats

By the early 1900s, people living in the Portland area took advantage of a “new” transportation system - the train - to travel over the Coast Range and to the north Oregon coast. What might have taken 2-3 days to get here by horse-drawn carriage, now took a few short hours. Often people would day-trip: take an early morning train from Portland, have a day on the beach or bay with a picnic brought from home, then head back to the city. This was the beginning of the tourist industry in Tillamook County.

Spending a summer in Rockaway Beach became a tradition for many Oregonians, one still very much alive today. Many families would take advantage of what was then called the “Daddy Train,” where men would take the train to and from Portland on weekends to join their families on the sandy beach.



Getting to the Nehalem Valley took a bit more of a connection. Visitors would take the train to Wheeler or Mohler, then hop aboard the **Juneta**, a passenger ferry boat to Nehalem, where a horse-drawn wagon or bus would take them to the Neah-Kah-Nie Tavern and Inn, built by Mr. Sam G. Reed, a business man and developer from Portland.

Today, visitors arrive from all over the country to enjoy our area. But it all started more than 100 years ago.

TO PRESERVE HISTORY, WE NEED YOUR HELP

A major goal of NVHS is to preserve the history of the Nehalem Valley by digitizing our archives and historical photos. Why do this? We want future historians, researchers, writers, teachers and students to have access to our local story. While we've accomplished quite a bit of that work, we still have a lot to do - about \$20,000 worth.



Our archivist, Steven Gibson, volunteers his time to organize the digital process, and other volunteers are helping with cataloging. Grant funding is becoming scarce; we need your help in this important project.

Please consider donating to this project. For more info, email us at info@nehalemvalleyhistory.org

Thank you for your support.

OUR CONNECTION TO A.E. DOYLE, FAMOUS ARCHITECT

Albert Ernest Doyle was a prolific architect both in Oregon and Washington. One of Doyle's first assignments as a new architect at a Portland architecture firm was to design the Exposition's Forestry Building, a huge rustic log-cabin-style structure that was sometimes referred to as the "Log Parthenon." It was one of the few Exposition buildings intended to be a permanent structure, and it brought Doyle enough acclaim that he could start his own firm, which he did in 1907.*

Many Oregonians are familiar with Portland's Meier & Frank Building, Pittock Block, Benson Hotel, Multnomah County Public Library, several buildings at Reed College, Multnomah Stadium (now Providence Park), and the Oregon Electric Railway station in Eugene. One of the early designs he worked on was the magnificent Portland Hotel, which sadly no longer exists.

However, he also was a significant contributor to many projects here in the Nehalem Valley, particularly in Manzanita. He designed his own summer home in Manzanita, as well as his friend Mary Frances Isom's cottage. He designed artist Harry F. Wentz's Studio and Bungalow, and the Studio Neah-Kah-Nie, a historic house in the Neahkahnie neighborhood. The Nehalem Elementary School, now known as North County Recreation District, was designed by Doyle, as well as the Mohler Grade School, now known as the White Clover Grange. There are more Doyle-designed homes privately owned in Manzanita.

Doyle's characteristic style was classic, but influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement. It included materials and colors of the Pacific Northwest, especially with his unique use of timber. His style was later more fully developed by John Yeon and Doyle's colleague, Pietro Belluschi. Nearly all of the homes Doyle designed are on the National Registry of Historic Homes. One, the Reed House, has had multiple upgrades and design changes, so is not on the Registry.



Albert E. Doyle
July 27, 1877 - January 23, 1928



Nehalem Elementary School, now NCRD



A.E. Doyle
Cottage (built
ca. 1915),
located on
2nd St. in
Manzanita.**
Private home.
Please, no
trespassing!

*Oregon Encyclopedia; Val Ballestrem

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MESSAGE
FROM
TOM
CAMPBELL,
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
OF NVHS



Goonies: It's really about Neahkahnie

This year is the 40th anniversary of *Goonies*. For families, this is a great opportunity to acquaint your kids with the movie. Astoria has lots of *Goonies* activities scheduled to celebrate. It's about a legend, of Native origin, of ships in battle in the ocean. Later, crew members came ashore to bury a chest of treasure. That chest, as legend has it, is buried on Neahkahnie. When you watch the movie, you will recognize that *Goonies* isn't about Astoria — it's about Neahkahnie.

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We suggest you visit the museum to see the fabled “treasure rocks.” Take the family on a hike on Neahkahnie and think about where that treasure might be. Wander through town and see streets named “Treasure,” “Treasure Lane” or “Treasure Hunter,” and know why that's of significance to our community.

Summer is the time to enjoy yourselves. Stop by Nehalem Valley Historical Society for fun, fascinating stories.



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