



## SHARING STORIES OF LOCAL HISTORY

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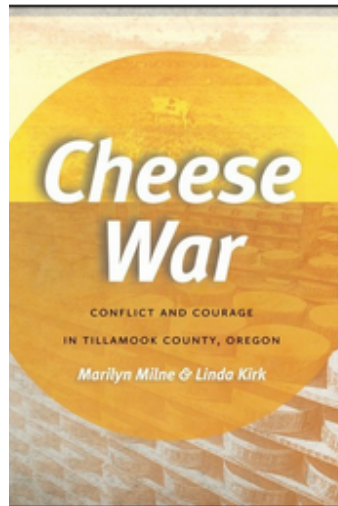
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**NVHS IS A 501C3  
NONPROFIT DEDICATED  
TO PRESERVING THE  
HISTORY OF  
THE NEHALEM VALLEY**

**MUSEUM HOURS ARE  
SATURDAYS 1PM - 4PM,  
YEAR-ROUND, OR BY  
APPOINTMENT**

**225 LANEDA AVE.  
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**DOCENTS WILL BE THERE  
TO GREET YOU**



Presented by Marilyn Milne,  
co-author of ***Cheese War***,  
*Conflict and Courage in Tillamook  
County, Oregon.*



**Saturday,  
April 26 2025  
3:30 pm  
North County  
Recreation District  
36155 9th Street,  
Nehalem**

**\$10 at the door  
Proceeds help fund  
NVHS programs.**

The Tillamook County Creamery Association has grown into a billion-dollar successful company, a co-op founded on the strength of dairy farmers, and great-tasting cheese and ice cream. But as with all strong companies, they weathered equally strong storms along the way.

Marilyn Milne and co-author sister, Linda Kirk, share the story of such challenges that took place in the 1960s when the regional dairy industry shifted from small local factories to larger consolidated ones.

Fueled by a complex web of family and business relationships, the Cheese War was fought for nearly 10 years. Marilyn and Linda witnessed how their parents and other farm families were affected; they saw how some relationships were never repaired.

This story was largely unknown outside of Tillamook County, inspiring the sisters to uncover the wild and true story with compassion and fairness.

Join NVHS in  
our annual  
Memorial Day  
event. This year,  
we'll share the  
story of the  
Tomb of the  
Unknown  
Soldier,



**HONOR OUR VETERANS  
ON MEMORIAL DAY  
MAY 26, 2025 11 AM**

**NEHALEM AMERICAN  
LEGION CEMETERY  
10755 NE CARNEY CITY RD, NEHALEM**

# THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING AND ARCHIVING HISTORY

*"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future."*

**Robert Penn Warren**

This year, 2025, an executive order was signed to shut down the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provides funding across the U.S. This is of immediate concern to the Nehalem Valley Historical Society and why we are striving to digitize and securely archive the historical records of our region.

In addition, limits have been placed on historical records available on government websites. Many federally funded departments and organizations - Arlington Cemetery, the Pentagon, National Security Agency and many more - have removed many written references and images that include women, Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, or LGBTQ communities.

Many articles of historic importance are no longer available to the public through federal websites: the image of the Marines hoisting the American flag at Iwo Jima in WWII was removed because one of the soldiers was Native American; information about the Tuskegee Airmen were removed; the Navajo Code Talkers; a Tonawanda Seneca officer who drafted the terms of the Confederacy's surrender at Appomattox toward the end of the Civil War. References to women's historical achievements, even in the military, were also removed.

As an all-volunteer organization that relies on member dues and donations, we need your help in funding our archiving efforts. We still have a lot to do to preserve our local history - see our note here about Steven Gibson, our archivist.

## 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 records. 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.

If you are interested in donating, please email us at [info@nehalemvalleyhistor](mailto:info@nehalemvalleyhistor) protecting and preserving Nehalem Valley history for generations to come.

## ONE OF OREGON'S OLDEST WINERIES: NEHALEM BAY WINERY

NEHALEM BAY WINERY was founded in 1974 in the historic Mohler Creamery building near Nehalem, where cheese, milk and butter were made from 1909 to 1959. Two-time Purple Heart recipient and philanthropist Raymond Shackelford quickly established the winery as a community-inclusive place to enjoy music, food and fun against the stunning backdrop of the Oregon Coast Range. It is one of the ten oldest wineries in Oregon and the first winery on the Oregon Coast.

Initially, production focused on a variety of fruit wines, with Oregon Blackberry being the first wine bottled and released on April 1, 1974. Within a few years, the winery began producing traditional white and red wines in local, handmade oak foeders (large barrels).

Melissa Stetzel, who has worked at and managed the winery for more than 30 years, has many stories to share about famous guests. One summer, famous Oregon author Ken Kesey came to do a reading at the winery, and discovered the mural of his famed Merry Prankster bus, "Further" rendered in black and white at the winery.

Stetzel said he made the winery workers gather all the colorful paint they could find. Then Kesey climbed a ladder and added day glow paint to mural, including a pink rack on top of the bus, just like the real bus.

The winery hosts Father's Day music, Memorial Day weekend Blues Fest, and a bluegrass event in August. A classic rock band plays every 4th of July. Shackelford's philosophy is for every one to have a good time when they visit the winery. And they do!



Oregon Blackberry  
was the first wine  
bottled and released by  
Nehalem Bay Winery on  
April 1, 1974.





# NEHALEM VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER

**IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE  
FROM  
TOM  
CAMPBELL,  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR  
OF NVHS**



## OUR TIME IS NOW

Our job is to collect, protect and preserve the history of our corner of the world. We take that job seriously. The recent changes in our national politics are telling us that much of the work that used to take place, or get funded, at a national level are becoming local concerns. Maybe, I'm being a little Pollyanna about this, but sources of funding that come from the state frequently are enabled by federal grants. We are seeking grants to fund our ongoing projects in our archive and at the local cemetery.

These projects are essential to carrying out our mission. This may sound like another request for money but it's not. I'm asking for volunteers. Come help us clean up at the cemetery, come help us sort through our artifacts so that we can make them more accessible. Come help us talk to folks all through the valley so that we can identify items of true historical significance and keep them for future generations to enjoy. When you do that, you will find out how much fun it is to know and tell the stories of our region.

*Contact us now and help us keep our history here.*

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