Jeff Syrop joins NLCHM as director

Jeff Syrop joined NLCHM as director this January, taking over from long-time former Executive Director Anne Hall.

Syrop was born in and raised mostly in Hawaii. After graduating with a degree in anthropology, he worked in several museums in Hawaii. Back on the mainland, he worked as an archaeologist for six years before becoming curator at the Lincoln County Historical Society. He and his wife, Emy, have been living on the Oregon coast for several years. They enjoy being active, making art, and hanging out with friends and their two cats.

“I plan on finding creative and inclusive ways of reaching people through new technology, social media and educational outreach.

“Anne Hall did an amazing job at NLCHM, and I’m excited to continue her great work. See you all at the museum and thanks for the support,” Syrop said.
Retiring NLCHM Executive Director Anne Hall (right) was honored and presented with a bonus at the board of directors’ Christmas dinner. President Mick McLean (middle) and board member Patsy McLean (left) confer as Hall reads a card of appreciation.

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NLCHM increases use of social media

NLCHM Director Jeff Syrop has increased use of social media to educate and advertise museum programs and events. About 25% of the visitors to the Japanese Glass Fishing Float exhibit opening heard of us online.

“One of our Facebook posts went ‘viral’ and reached 16,000 people! This is a wonderful way to reach people, especially during the slow winter season,” Syrop said.

Check the museum Facebook page (listed on masthead) for historical photos and the latest on museum programs and events.

Memorial donations

MILDRED & MARIE EDUCATION ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL Jackie Hurl Mr. & Mrs. Staley FOR THOMAS EDWARDS John Tuttle and Family

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New and renewing members

INDIVIDUAL ($20)
Bill Boyce
Thomas Chandler
John Craig
Douglas Force
Hope Harbour
Linda Jackson
Betty Jones
Greg O’Keefe
Kyle Kennedy
John W. Landia P.S.
Russell & Kathleen Messmer
Diane Miho
Eleanor Morris
Chester & JL Erlanger Noreikis
Johanna Quade
Kathleen Rolf
Melinda Spencer
Kate Saunders
Sheryl Smith
MG Trapper Wyatt
FAMILY ($35)
Ann Colon
Frank & Margo Heater
Chet & Susan Hasselbrink
Richard Hawkins
Phil & Cecelia Jensen
Daniel Martin

Tom Martin
Jack Martin
Carla & John McCoy
Sener & Julie Ortrugman
Jim & Jen Pentheny
Sandra Petty
Russell & Melissa Smith
Jack & Judy Wilson
Otis & Dorothy Winchester
SUSTAINING ($50 to $99)
Genevieve Atwood
Jack & Gerry Brosy
Tom Edwards
Sandy Gruber
Charles & Emma Heater
Brice E. Niemi
Patty & Rich Emery Siberz
SUPPORTING ($100 to $199)
Sharon & Robert Borgford
Eugene Coles
Director, Tillamook County Pioneer Museum
ORGANIZATIONS/ BUSINESSES ($100)
Jim Fraser, Public Accounting
Lincoln City Visitor Bureau
RQ Mills Hardware

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