



The Lamp Post

The Official Newsletter of the Old Town Battle Ground Assn.

Nola Cross, Editor

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The President's Message

The Next Chapter

I've told many of you the story about how the current generation of the Old Town Battle Ground Association began just three years ago. At one of those first meetings I met Nola Cross of Battle Ground Computers, who became our graphic artist, creative director, newsletter editor, booster, tireless volunteer and Executive Secretary. Nola will be stepping down from her official duties with OTBGA to spend more time with her family, and we wish her all the best. We will miss her in this role but look forward to seeing her around as the active community booster that she is and always will be. Thank you, Nola!

So now we must turn the page and move into a new chapter for OTBGA. It may look a little different but it's still the same book with the goal of improving our little corner of the world. We are actively seeking nominations for our Executive Secretary position and will be looking for ways to continue to produce this newsletter and other vital marketing pieces that support our efforts. If you have this skill set, or know someone who does, please reach out to us. Perhaps even more important than the skill set is a passion for making our community a better place to live, work and play. With that guiding principle in mind, we can accomplish much. Change can be difficult, but we look forward to what lies ahead. There is much to be done, and we welcome your unique participation in this new chapter of OTBGA.

~Dan

Help Wanted Immediately!

Desk top publishing person needed to write and produce this newsletter and other graphic pieces. Volunteer position. Please contact Dan Mueller.

Meeting Day and Time: The OTBGA meets on the second Wednesday of alternating months at 7:30 a.m. at Old Town Battle Grounds coffee house, 113 E. Main St.

Next Meeting: November 12th, 2008

Subsequent meeting January 14th

Your 2008 OTBGA Executive Committee

President	Dan Mueller <i>Paper Moon</i>	666-7273
Vice President	Diane Harris <i>Old Town Battle Grounds Coffee House</i>	666-2441
Secretary	Nola Cross <i>Battle Ground Computers</i>	666-7647
Treasurer	Judy Ost <i>Express Tax Service</i>	666-8002

From the September Meeting Minutes

Old Town Scrapbook Mural Coming to Life

If you haven't driven past Andersen Dairy in the past few weeks, you should make it a point to do so! Artist Kara McGhee has been hard at work on the large painting that covers the delivery door, and the first two picture panels have been mounted on the dairy building. In addition, the western-most tank now sports an artistic "welcome to Old Town" panel. We think it all looks wonderful, and is certainly a credit to our unique town. Donations in the amount of \$25,000 are still needed to complete and maintain the mural. If you'd like to help, check the OTBGA website or contact any of the officers listed at the bottom of this page. A complete list of sponsors-to-date appears on page two.

National Night Out Attendance Surpasses 2007

According to City officials, approximately 3,000 people crowded East Main Street on the very warm summer evening of August 12th. Barbeque, live music and lots of safety demos kept families fed and entertained. One of the highlights of the event for kids was OTBGA's "Passport to Safety" game, that had participants visiting Old Town businesses to earn small prizes; we plan to host the popular game again next year.

New Community Center Gets a Name

The beautiful new building at Fairgrounds Park, slated to open later this month, has been officially named Battle Ground Community Center. The selection of the generic name sparked controversy among citizens who had submitted historically significant names for consideration.

Election of OTBGA Officers at November Meeting

Officers for the 2009 year will be nominated and elected at the next meeting. Of particular note is a vacancy for the office of Secretary. This officer is in charge of taking notes at meetings and preparing minutes, as well as tracking association membership and other secretarial type duties. If you'd like to throw your hat in to the ring, we can sure use you!

Vancouver Voice Looking for Battle Ground News

Eric Johnson, co-founder of the Vancouver Voice monthly newspaper, visited with us at our September meeting. His vision is to eventually expand his publication to a weekly format, and is anxious to have it reflect anything of interest going on in our community, including business-related press releases. The October issue will be focused on Battle Ground. For more information, visit the publication's website: www.vanvoice.com.

Food Bank Planning Ahead for Progressive Dinner

Elaine Hertz of the North County Community Food Bank presented the idea of a progressive dinner fundraiser to be held in Old Town sometime in the autumn of 2009. The fun and interesting idea was approved by the OTBGA. Watch for more details!



Thank You Mural Sponsors!

As of September 25th, the following sponsors, **shown in red**, have donated funds or services at the level indicated. Be sure to show your appreciation next time you visit their businesses! And for information on becoming a sponsor yourself, visit our website or call Dan Mueller.

Cream of the Crop (\$2,500+)

- Andersen Dairy**
- Jill Kurtz, Jackson, Jackson and Kurtz, attorneys at law**
- Kara Krieger-McGhee, Muralist**
- Lewis River Rotary**
- United Rentals**

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- Permanent Recognition on the Mural Wall, with Logo
- Name mentioned where possible in Printed Advertising
- Name Listed on Printed Promotional Materials
- May select a photo for the mural

Dairyman (\$1,000-\$2,499)

- Judy Ost, Express Tax**
- Miller Paint**

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- Dave Miller, Miller Insurance Agency**
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- Battle Ground Healing Arts and Natural Products**
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- Curtis Miller, Darby Rural**
- Diane Harris, Old Town Battle Grounds coffee house**
- JL Christ Studios**
- Joan Pomeranke, Classy Lass**
- Louise Tucker, "Battle Ground In and Around" book donation**
- Mac McConnell**
- Nescena Bouwhuis, Classy Lass**
- Nick Nussbaumer, Value Giant**
- Nicole Wollam Photography**
- Tom and Nola Cross, Battle Ground Computers**

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Don't Forget Member Discounts!

Members, don't forget to show your 2008 membership card to receive discounts from participating OTBGA members. The following member businesses offer their goods or services:

Battle Ground Computers	10% off service
Cradle-n-All	5% off
Game Trader	10% off
Hopper's Martial Arts	20% off monthly dues
Kidz Cloz	10% off
Morton's Stove, Pool & Spa	10% off except spas
Old Town Battle Grounds	Double card punch
Paper Moon	10% off



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Non OTBGA Member rate	30.00
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Current OTBGA Member rate.....	Free
Non OTBGA Member rate.....	5.00

Rates include design and lay-up of one ad to run in one issue. For business-card sized ad, we can use your logo or artwork only if it is compatible with Microsoft Publisher, but we will be happy to work with you to create an attractive graphic design using clip art or other computer images. Email your questions or ad copy to: OTBGA@hotmail.com.

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