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ANTICIPATION of the HUGHES HOUSE RENOVATION

The Hughes House will OPEN in September with a roof designed to last.



THE HISTORIC HUGHES HOUSE nestled in the Sixes River Valley,



Photos: R. Malamud-Evans

Thank you all who helped preserve this treasure!

THE QUESTION at the forefront of everyone's mind this season has been "When is the Hughes House going to open?". We have done our best to keep everyone informed of the anticipated date via email, our website and Facebook page. Construction delays throughout the summer accompanied by careful project management led to the extension. The first inspection of the home revealed that the shingles were not installed according to standards set forth by the State Historic Preservation Office. So, the shingles had to be removed and re-applied in order to be in compliance. This delay was certainly disheartening to our visitors and volunteers, but it is nice to know that a watchful eye is being kept over our historic treasures.

The next optimistic deadline on the horizon is early September for a Hughes House opening. Given the seasonal delay of access to the pioneer home, CBHS President

Priscilla Lang is recommending that our Annual Membership Meeting in November take place onsite at the Hughes House. This will give us the opportunity to have our "Artists at the Hughes House" event that was cancelled during the Port Orford Jubilee. There may also be opportunities for extended winter events during Hughes House Christmas. We will be working with Oregon State Parks to coordinate a schedule.

In the meantime, please remember the other two crown jewel historic sites in our area: The Cape Blanco Lighthouse and the Port Orford Lifeboat Station Museum. The former faces an uncertain future due to technological advances and

the latter is celebrating its 25th Anniversary as a public museum proving how important history is to the health of society and our community as a whole. Every one of our historic sites are unique and special to our area and our identity as a community. Without one of these three sites, a distinctive piece of our cultural identity will be lost forever. Let us learn from the past and not lose another part of our heritage. ✨



CBHS Archives

The Old Boathouse nestled in Nellies Cove, c1963.