

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION
of the
**CAPE BLANCO
 HERITAGE SOCIETY**



CBHS BOARD MEETINGS: Currently held at Point.B Studio at 10:00 AM on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.
PLEASE NOTE: Our meetings are open to everyone who would like to attend. We invite and encourage anyone interested in CBHS to participate!

Hughes House Events ~ Past, Present & Future

Photos: CBHS Archives



Just Jensens



Torsti Rovainen



Amy, Deb & Mark

"Peace On Earth" [celebrating the 155th Anniversary of the lighting of the lamp in the first order fresnel lens](#) at the Cape Blanco Lighthouse.

The Cape Blanco Heritage Society is pleased to announce a wonderful season of events at the historic Hughes House and Ranch in 2026. At the top of our list is to continue our quest to bring music concerts and art exhibits back to the home. Our Christmas Concert during ["Peace on Earth"](#) was a real treat (complete with a cheesecake finale) and we already have a theme for next year plus potential performers for "Artists at the Hughes House" this Summer. We fondly remember the days of youth concerts in the park, living history days and evening lighthouse tours. It is wonderful to see these types of events happening again at our beloved historic sites.

Another trend we are seeing is more educational groups making field trips to the historic sites. The Family Academy of the Port Orford/Langlois School District 2CJ as well as Riley Creek School (Gold Beach) made the trek in 2025; they were given a personal tour by knowledgeable docents and enjoyed a scavenger hunt.

Visiting these three treasures is an invaluable experience for young and old alike and what better place to begin learning about history and heritage than close to home.

We have a new tradition on the schedule for 2026 entitled "Museum OPEN" where our members and the public can learn about our projects

and many interest. Learn more about our new Hughes House Diorama Project, the Lighthouse Murals, the Diversity of Cape Blanco Project, the Cape Blanco Weather Station Project, "Save Our Lighthouse", Living History Movies as well as our digitization efforts. Come visit the historic Hughes House and meet the Citizen Historians to learn more!

There is also a keen interest in seeing the return of the ["Living History Days"](#), an annual tradition once held one day a week during the Summer months. The excellent and well-received plays authored by historian Shirley Nelson have been on hiatus since 2019. This project relies on the enthusiasm and skill of volunteers who want to make it a reality. This could be a perfect opportunity to

partner with a school drama club or youth theater group. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this fun and educational project, please contact the Cape Blanco Heritage Society at 541-332-0521. ✨



Port Orford Langlois School District students on a field trip to the Cape Blanco Lighthouse during Hughes House Christmas (Photo: Kate Hawthorne).

and news in person at the Hughes House. The event will take place on January 31st, 1PM to 3PM, and will be an Open House form best suited to the rooms of the home where visitors can peruse the projects of their pri-

Museum OPEN ~ Presented by CBHS on January 31st, 1PM to 3PM

An overview of our projects in progress as well as other initiatives as well as how you can get involved. History is for everyone ~ Join us!

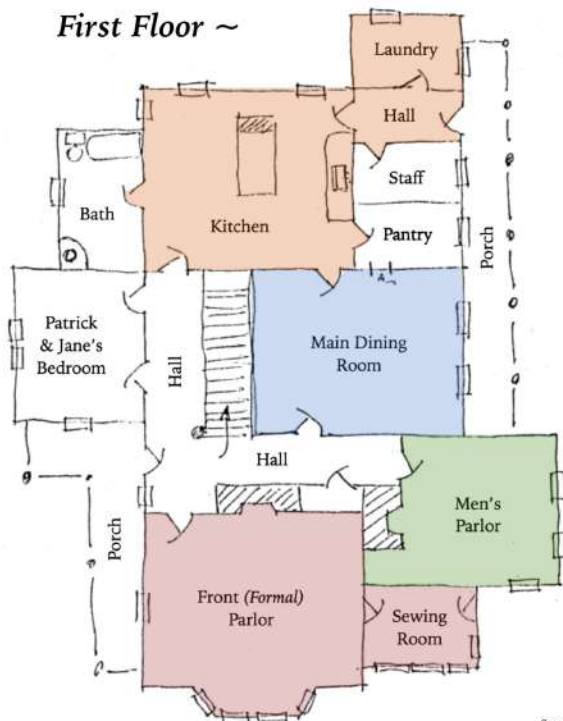
Guide to Rooms ~

DISCOVER MORE about the projects you are most interested in by visiting the indicated rooms. The Cape Blanco Heritage Society is fueled by creativity and is involved in projects supporting our historic sites year round. If you would like to get involved or support a project, let us know!

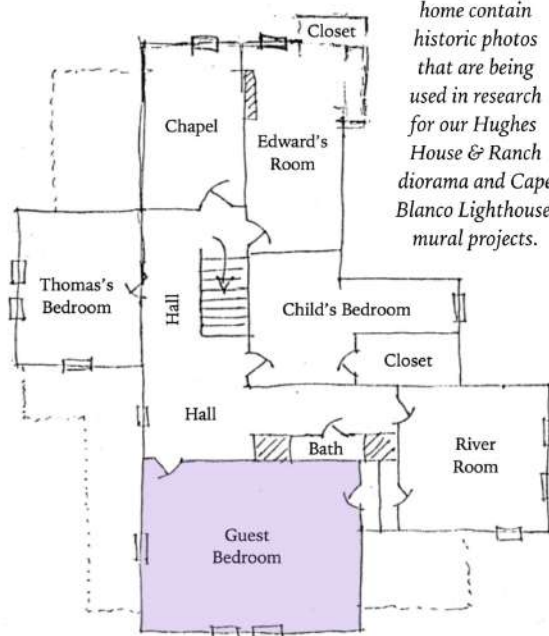
DONATIONS are a great way to support the general operations of our group and our projects. If you would like to support a particular project, indicate which one when you make your donation.

Checks can be mailed to:
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First Floor ~



Second Floor ~



ALL ROOMS throughout the home contain historic photos that are being used in research for our Hughes House & Ranch diorama and Cape Blanco Lighthouse mural projects.

Source: Map by Patrick Masterson, National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form, Oct. 28 1980

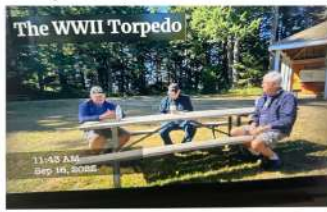
Interpretation : Cape Blanco Lighthouse



Visualization : Historic Hughes House & Ranch



Living History : The Lifeboat Station



The Weather Station : Cape Blanco



Become a MEMBER of the CAPE BLANCO HERITAGE SOCIETY



OUR MISSION: To provide interpretative and educational services for the Cape Blanco Light Station, Historic Hughes House and Ranch and the Port Orford Lifeboat Station. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax-deductible.

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CITY/STATE/ZIP:	BUSINESS or ASSOCIATE	\$ 50
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