

# [ Lake Oswego Hunt ]



## Historic Preservation Committee

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**The Lake Oswego Hunt (LOH)** was legally formed as a non-profit corporation in 1936, and built a wooden barn, stables, inside riding arena and polo field on donated land. Since its early years, LOH has always been an important part of the social life of Lake Oswego, Oregon, with regularly scheduled polo matches and equestrian events drawing large attendance of both members and the general public.

The importance of the Lake Oswego Hunt to the surrounding community has only increased over the decades. During the last 70 years, the Lake Oswego Hunt has evolved into a nationally recognized historic property. In 1987, LOH was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This national recognition established the importance of Lake Oswego Hunt's historic and social role in its surrounding community, the unique architectural structure of its buildings, and LOH members' desire to preserve this living history for future generations.

In 2003, the Heritage House of Lake Oswego (also a nationally recognized historic property) installed a plaque at LOH recognizing its historic place in the community. Among the many characteristics making LOH unique locally is that it is the only non-residential facility in Lake Oswego, with designated historic status, still in its original use.

It was becoming increasingly apparent to members that a historic property with the national significance of the Lake Oswego Hunt required professional guidance to restore, preserve and maintain it. Recognizing this fact, in January of this year LOH Board President, Mark Theetge, formed the **Lake Oswego Hunt Historic Preservation Committee**.

All members appointed to the LOH Historic Preservation Committee have pledged to make the preservation of the Lake Oswego Hunt their unrelenting commitment. Among our membership we count a professional fund-raiser, attorney, engineer, financial analyst, marketing specialist, photographer, insurance executive, grant writer, and events coordinator. Each one of our professional members contributes (pro bono) the benefit of his/her education and professional expertise. Members have logged thousands of hours since the beginning of the year, putting together a plan of action to restore and preserve the Lake Oswego Hunt.

**The Lake Oswego Hunt Historic Preservation Committee** meets monthly and, very importantly, acts as an advisory resource for **Sheriffa Wright**, University of Oregon graduate student. Sheriffa holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art and Design from Iowa State University. Now taking a full graduate course load at the University of Oregon, Sheriffa is the John Yeon Graduate Research Fellow (GRF) for the School of Architecture and Allied Arts. The Yeon GRF is one of the most prestigious graduate positions at the University of Oregon.

Through a truly providential turn of events, Sheriffa Wright has chosen LOH as her Master's thesis. The final product of Sheriffa's graduate work will be a stabilization and preservation plan designed specifically for the Lake Oswego Hunt. This plan will identify key historical elements of LOH structure and grounds, and include directives for preserving those elements. Sheriffa's report will be finished by Spring of 2006, and will give LOH a formalized plan to go forward with fund raising and preservation efforts. Watch for future progress reports in upcoming monthly newsletters!

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