



# Old Brewhouse Foundation

*Preserving Our Regional Landmark  
Creating Tomorrow's Treasure*

## Brewhouse News

August, 2014

*Watch for us at*



*Celebrate the legacy of brewing in Tumwater*

When: *Saturday, August 23, 2014*

Hours: *1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

Location: *Tumwater Valley Municipal Golf Course*

Official event website:

[www.TumwaterArtesianBrewfest.com](http://www.TumwaterArtesianBrewfest.com)



*Rob Kirkwood with nearly-complete mobile exhibit*

### ***OBF Volunteers:***

#### ***Meet Rob Kirkwood***

A founding member of OBF, and a member of the Thurston County Historic Commission, Rob Kirkwood has been the mover behind OBF's mobile exhibit. Rob's story in Olympia begins in 1986, when he, his wife Valerie (also a member of OBF) and their two sons moved to Olympia from Seattle so Rob could attend engineering school at Saint Martin's. After graduation Rob went to work for State Parks as an engineer designing and managing construction projects for our State Park system.

Rob's work at State Parks has included the rehabilitation and preservation of many historic structures, including Fort Worden, Millersylvania and Fort Columbia. Rob has always been interested in restoring old cars, boats, houses and construction projects in general. Rob and Valerie have remodeled several homes together and live in a beautiful home they built out towards Johnson Point, using many historic elements in their design. Their dog Thurston and five chickens keep them company, along with frequent family visitors.

Attraction to the old abandoned brewery was natural draw for Rob. Its huge potential, the mystery of the boarded up windows, the collapsing roofs: how could he resist! Along with coworker Tom Oliva, Rob decided something must be done to

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*OBF volunteer Mike Foster helped build the trailer*



The mobile exhibit taking shape with addition of bricks and help from Japanese exchange student Ryotaro Matsya.

**Meet Rob Kirkwood, cont'd**

motivate the community in developing the Old Brewhouse for a public purpose. They gathered some friends of mutual persuasion and founded the Old Brewhouse Foundation in 2008. Rob hopes that our community can rally around the current redevelopment plans and build a public facility that we can all enjoy into the future.

**Old Brewhouse Foundation**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
 Open to the public; bring your friends  
*Saturday, September 6*  
*2:00 – 3:00 p.m.*  
 Tumwater Library  
 7023 New Market Street  
 Tumwater, WA  
 360-943-7790

- See the mobile exhibit
- Hear the status of the Brewing/Distilling Center proposal
- Sign up for a tour of the Old Brewhouse
- And more!

**Help Preserve Our Regional Landmark • Join the Foundation**  
**Become a Founding Member**

**General Membership \$25; Special Founders Membership \$100-\$25**  
**before December 31, 2015**



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*Receive newsletter, tour of Old Brewhouse, and acknowledgement on promotional materials*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 25 Membership

\$ \_\_\_\_ Contribution to OBF

\$ \_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Checks or Money Orders only, please.

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