
YAKIMA VALLEY MUSEUM

*Built by the people of the
Yakima Valley to the
memory of those in the past,
the education of those in
the present, and the
enlightenment of those in
the future . . .*

OPEN:
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
AND FRIDAY, 10 A. M.
UNTIL 4 P. M.
SUNDAY, 1 TO 5 P. M.

(No Admission Charge)



TIETON DRIVE AT SOUTH 21ST IN FRANKLIN PARK
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON



Front View of Yakima Valley Museum

The Yakima Valley Museum building cost \$160,000. But it would be impossible to estimate the value of the relics of the past the building preserves or their greater value to the future.

Displays and exhibits are arranged on two floor levels. Upstairs are the lobby, office and reception desk, the west wing display room, memorial hall, auditorium and kitchen. Downstairs is the Cowin Mineral Collection and large exhibition, storage and receiving rooms.

The museum is operated by volunteers, members of the non-profit Yakima Valley Museum and Historical Association. Memberships are available in several categories.

The diverse, extensive collections include large vehicles, Indian artifacts, period costumes, weapons, household furniture and cultural effects, minerals of the region and prize specimens from a wider area. An early-day post office, blacksmith shop, pioneer kitchen and living room are reproduced completely. Choice glass ware has won the museum a reputation in a separate cultural field.

School classes find the displays of educational value. Visitors are able to pursue specialized fields of study. Pioneer residents of the Valley and their descendants find many things linking them to the past and identifying them to the present.

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Main Upstairs Display Room



Changing displays provide variety and interest for all age groups. Choice and prized collections, received on loan add variety. Weeks of time would be required to tabulate and itemize each separate item available at the museum, so extensive is the number.

The museum was built as result of a community-wide effort and matching money from the Alexander Miller estate.

John Jacob Miller, patron, who has long recognized the value of a museum to the area, turned the first shovel of dirt at ground breaking ceremonies June 21, 1956. The structure was completed and dedicated a year later. L. J. Shadbolt was chairman of the building committee and Walter J. Purdin was president of the association.

Artifacts and relics, which had been stored and displayed in the basement of the Yakima City Hall after accumulation by the Daughters of Pioneers were transferred to the new building. Additional items have been constantly added from the prolific repositories of pioneer and other families.

Fireproof and with locked display cases, the museum is a safe place for preserving items which otherwise would become scattered and unrecoverable.

The museum is always glad to inspect possible accessions to determine their acceptability.

Efforts are also being made to accumulate photographs of historical value, rare books of historical significance, manuscripts and letters relating to the Northwest scene and especially to the Yakima Valley. The museum is normally open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. It is open at other times, by appointment, to school classes or convention groups.

The auditorium in the Pioneer Memorial Hall is equipped with seating and table facilities. A small kitchen is available for meal preparation.

The Yakima Valley Museum is reached by driving south on 16th Avenue to Tieton Drive and then west on Tieton Drive to South 21st Avenue at Franklin Park.

The Museum was built by and for the people of the Yakima Valley to help serve educational and cultural needs and to help preserve the American heritage for the future.

For rental inquiries or arrangements for class, convention or organization tours telephone GLencourt 3-2232 or GLencourt 3-9257, or write Yakima Valley Museum, 2105 Tieton Drive, Yakima, Washington.

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