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## Hugo Historic Buildings Committee

The *Hugo Historic Buildings Committee (Committee)* is a committee of the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*) with the opportunity for membership in the group wide open.

Hugo is blessed with a rich heritage of historic buildings. The *Committee* is being formed to bring together all those who appreciate old buildings in our area and who want to learn more about them, from the casual admirer to the dedicated researcher. The aim is to collect and record information about Hugo's historic buildings, and to share this information (e.g., through *Hugo History Day*, talks, group visits, training exercises, workshops, publications, web sites, etc.).

Do you own an interesting old building? Would you like to know more about its history? The idea is to preserve our cultural assets through documentation. The *Committee* might initiate its inventory with the *Hugo Neighborhood's* 2002



*Sexton House: ca 1930s*

“*Inventory of Hugo's Cultural Assets*” and Kay Atwood's 1984 “*Josephine County Historical Resources Inventory*”.

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## Hugo Historic Buildings Inventory

The *Hugo Historic Buildings Inventory (Inventory)* will be conducted by neighbors on the *Committee* who drive every road in our community and record each building or building site that meets certain historic requirements. For example, historic buildings are usually at least 50 years old. Buildings less than 50 years of age must be exceptionally important to be considered eligible for inventory as a cultural asset. *Committee* members will never enter private property without permission. In addition to this fieldwork, members will research the history of the area in order to better understand their subject.

The purpose of the *Inventory* is to help local preservation advocates, land-use planners, economic development coordinators, and tourism promoters understand the wealth of historic properties in the Hugo community. Properties included in the inventory will have no restrictions placed on them, nor does the inventory require any level of maintenance by property owners. Rather, the inventory provides a foundation for identifying properties that may be worthy of preservation, promotion, recognition, and protection.

The *Inventory* could provide a basis for preservation and planning at all levels of government and for individual groups, or neighbors. Generally, the inventory includes properties that convey a sense of local historical significance. It is important to note that the inventory is not an end in itself, but a beginning for neighbors who value their community's history.

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## More Information

The preservation through documentation format will be decided upon by the *Committee*. An initial format for consideration will be the one used by Atwood.



*Hugo School: 1926*

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in preserving our history through documentation, and especially on how to become a member of the *Committee*.



*Sexton Mt. Auto Camp: ca 1920s*

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## Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the *Hugo Neighborhood*. It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of promoting neighbors' involvement in their rich history, in their geographic place, in their community.

The *Hugo Neighborhood* is a nonprofit association composed of a voluntary group of citizens interested in both the land use and history of the Hugo area, which is located in Josephine County, Oregon.

### Land Use & History

Its land use mission is to promote the social welfare of the citizens of the area by working to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors.

Its history mission is to identify, document, interpret, and preserve the cultural resources of our community, especially our local history, and for building public cultural interest and participation in the history of the Hugo area.

On January 1, 2003 the *Hugo Neighborhood* is initiating the concept of volunteer membership dues. The dues are \$10.00 annually and will be used strictly for paper, ink, envelopes, and stamps to publish and sometimes mail documents.

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