

## **PHILIP FOSTER FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

In the fall of 2009 Phi Chapter visited the Philip Foster Farm for the annual Cider Squeeze and Harvest Festival. A visit to the farm would be particularly valuable for teachers of Oregon History. A great deal of information may be found online at <http://www.philipfosterfarm.com/>

Philip Foster, one of Oregon's earliest pioneers, was a leader in the establishment of Oregon. His farm and home in Eagle Creek played an important part in the history of the Barlow Road, which followed the south side of Mt. Hood as an alternative to the Columbia River route. Both options were dangerous. Foster helped fund, build and operate the Barlow Road at various times between 1848 and 1865. Foster took a 640 acre donation land claim at Eagle Creek in the late 1840's. The Philip Foster place was a welcome sight for pioneers coming down from the Barlow Trail. The pioneers could find a store, cabins to rent and meals offered by the farm. The Philip Foster Farm is located at 29912 Southeast Hwy. 211, Eagle Creek, Oregon 97022-9637. The phone is 503-637-6324. The farm offers living history demonstrations and interpretation to school groups and to the public.

Annual events held at the farm.

Mother's Day Brunch

Father's Day at the Farm

Mary Charlotte's Garden Party

Pioneer Dinner and Barn Dance

Dutch oven Cook-Off and Blackberry Jam Acoustic Music Festival

Cider Squeeze and Harvest Festival

Home School Day

Christmas in the Country

Purpose:

3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.