

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** Wilmer Gardner has been the “Father Protector” of the McLoughlin House; and
- Whereas,** Wilmer joined the McLoughlin Memorial Association as a junior member when he was in Grammar School, about 1922, when the dues were 10 cents; and
- Whereas,** When Wilmer got out of the military in 1949 and went to work for the family jewelry store on Main Street in Oregon City, he was approached by a couple of members of the McLoughlin Memorial Association who wanted someone younger on the board (he was 35 at the time); and
- Whereas,** Wilmer has served as President twice (once in 1959), parliamentarian, historian, and overseer of the house and its contents; and
- Whereas,** One of his greatest accomplishments, according to him, was the cataloging of the collections; and
- Whereas,** Wilmer has been a bridge between the generations and a fountain of historical knowledge; and
- Whereas,** The McLoughlin Memorial Association is hosting a reception on June 17, 2006 in honor of Wilmer’s 95th birthday;

Now, Therefore, I, ALICE NORRIS, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim

JUNE 17, 2006

as

WILMER GARDNER DAY

and urge all citizens of Oregon City to send him their respects and appreciation for his contributions to history in our community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oregon City to be affixed this 7th day of June 2006.



Alice Norris, Mayor

