# Bygone Times

## A Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL TIME IS HERE...



Our 24th annual ice cream social, Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, offers so many treats you will want to come twice.

Come Saturday for the opening of our famous plant sale at 11 a.m., as well as 25 craft booths and the Portland Mandophonic Orchestra, a 25-piece mandolin group, playing from 1 to 4 p.m., thanks to a sponsorship from Edwin O. Ege, Inc.

Come back Sunday for the half-price plant sale, another round through the craft booths and the Swipsey Cakewalk Ragtime Band, sponsored by

Walsh and Sons Trucking of Troutdale.

New this year, under the leadership of chairwoman Nancy Collins, will be a children's event room in the annex featuring puppet shows three times a day, at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., by Cheryl Hagedorn, Vancouver, Wash. The room also offers children's craft activities, all for a child-sized price of 25 cents.

Other things you won't want to miss: Portland quilt collector Edith Danley will display her collection at the Harlow House both days. Upstairs, don't miss Kim Schilling's new exhibit, Fred Harlow's

bedroom.

Sharon Nesbit and Val Lantz lead a nature/history walk through downtown Troutdale leaving the park each day at 11:30 a.m.

And, the best part of all--ice cream and strawberries, ice cream sundaes, banana splits and Sadie Riley's strawberry shortcake.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? HERE'S A LIST ...

1. Call Florence Baker, 665-9656, if you can work a shift. We need servers, strawberry cleaners (at 5 p.m. Friday and again at 5 p.m. Saturday), strong-arms to scoop ice cream.

2. Cut off the poster on Page 3 of this newsletter and post it in

some prominent place.

3. Gather summer flowers and bring them to the park at 5 p.m. on

Friday, June 12, so Cindy Hammond can do the decorations.

4. Bring plants for the plant sale on Friday, if possible, as that will help Cathy Hamme (667-7760 after 10 a.m.) get pricing done ahead of time. We want annuals, old-fashioned perennials, herbs, everlastings, vegetables. House plants, sadly, do not sell well.

5. Once you've brought your flowers and plants, stick around to

help us set up.

6. Ellen Brothers, 695-2382, needs to borrow quilt racks or

old-fashioned drying racks to display quilts.

7. Say thanks to our steering committee: Nancy Collins, Sharon
Nesbit, Cathy Hamme, Marge Schmunk, Barbara Welsh, Cindy Hammond, Jack
& Betty Knight, Mike Dubesa, Ellen Brothers, Heidi Wilson, Florence
Baker, Sadie Riley, Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges.

NOTE: Because of vacations, this newsletter will serve for both June and July. Expect another in August.

BAD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS ...

Sadly, Deborah Kennedy has decided not to take the job as director of our society. The search continues for a part-time director.

The good news: Jack Burns, chairman emeritus of the board of directors of Burns Bros. Truck Stops, gave us a check sufficient to cover the costs of insulating our barn building. Burns Bros. has been a great supporter of the barn museum. When you buy gas or dine there, remember to say thanks.

And more good news: Thanks to Columbia Gorge Factory Stores, their manager Mary Graves, the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council and our chairwoman, Lynda Harvey, the factory stores have agreed to pay for three interpretive panels explaining Troutdale's role in the Oregon Trail. The gift of almost \$4,000 will cover costs of two panels at the factory stores and one at the Harlow House. The 150th anniversary of the trail is next year.

#### GOOD WORDS ABOUT GOOD PEOPLE ...

SHARON NESBIT was named member of the year at the May 17 potluck dinner. Also honored were retiring board members TED SCHULTE AND BOB STURGES. The Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes society recognized HELEN REES.

DICK JONES set off flashing lights and sirens to signify the electrification of our barn. Because of a hitch in the underground connection, though, we had to borrow electricity.

RUSS AKIN came to the barn lighting and signed up as a lifetime member. Also new members are EDWIN & MARIE ARNOLD, Troutdale.

And how about these folks who worked May 23 to spiff up the Harlow House and barn: DICK JONES, CATHY HAMME, BILL STONE, EVELYN JACOBSON, LAEL LARGER, SHARON NESBIT, BOB STREBIN, and LAUREN, AL & JOYCE STOECKEL. They were fueled by cookies baked by ELSIE STOECKEL.

Now that LAEL LARGER has earned her way on to the barn beam, she is helping her friend EVELYN JACOBSON get there. Lael contributed her Saturday work hours as well as a check toward Evelyn's barn account. It takes a gift of \$500 to get you name on the beam.

CATHY HAMME has agreed to supervise our Green-Thumb volunteers who do such a nice job on our Harlow House flower beds.

Friends of WEBB RATHMAN gave gifts in his memory to our society. They are: DOROTHY LINDEN, MR. & MRS. DARYL MIREHOUSE & FAMILY, JOE LUCAS & FAMILY, HARVEY MIREHOUSE, FRANK & IRENE SIMONS, CARL KNUDSEN, BRUCE SMITH, MR. & MRS. G. WRIGLEY, MR. & MRS. KENNETH KOGLE, MR. & MRS. DARYL DICKSON, MR. & MRS. WES MIREHOUSE, MR. & MRS. MARVIN STONE, WAYNE ESPENEL, HERB & CLOVER NASMYTH, VERA STREBIN and CRYSTAL BAYLEY.

#### OUR MUSEUM HOURS...

Harlow House begins summer hours June 17 through September, Wednesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. Our depot museum is open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Volunteers there are: CLARK & BESSIE CARNEY, PETER & RITA GIANCONE, EVELYN JACOBSON, MARTHA BOOHEISTER, STEVE & JUDY LEHL, BUS & DONNA GIBSON, HAROLD & ELEANOR BANGS, LILY DICKINSON & JON GRIMM and BONITA JENKINS.

### THINGS WE COULD USE ...

Dick Jones could use the services of a skilled carpenter to build the cupola for the barn. His phone number is 252-4306.

Anyone who wants the small pile of cedar stacked between the barn and the Harlow House (near the big kettle) may have it for the taking.

The Harlow House needs a functional ironing board to press fabric for exhibits.

As to artifacts, we are very interested in ash trays, especially those with local business names on them.

