Evening of wining, dining was a real whining

It was a big party and a fun party June 7 when Jean Hybbsmann and Mary Bryson organized Vintage Evening at the Poor Farm to launch Poor Farm Pinot Gris, a wine bottled by McMenamins Edgefield to toast the preservation efforts of the Troutdale Historical Society and the McMenamin brothers in saving and bringing back to life the old Multnomah County Farm.

Even better, an auction made $6,000 for our society and McMenamins will give us a $1 for the sale of each bottle of Poor Farm Pinot Gris. The idea came from Susan Tissot, a member of our Ways and Means Committee. Pat Gregory, Pat Brothers and Gregory's son John, sparked the auction and many, many friends gave gifts and services for the auction and many, many more friends wrote checks for dinner and bid generously.

Just three days before, our good crew of ice cream social volunteers completed work on one of our best-attended socials in many years. And our barnstorm committee unveiled our Troutdale time line and dedicated the Dick Jones Workshop.

Time line shows Troutdale's place in context of history

The unveiling of our Troutdale time line in the barn June 4 was another step in a series of goals set years ago by members who dreamed of a museum barn.

People like Rankin Davis, Sam Cox, Bob Sturges, Alex Jones and Dick Jones were there only in spirit when we celebrated completion of an illustrated Troutdale time line, spanning 18 feet of the south wall of the barn. Our time line allows you to put your finger on Troutdale's place in history.

It was created by our barnstorm committee and Presentation Design of Eugene with grants from Trust Management Services, The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust and PGE-Enron Foundation. Those grants were written by our former director Deb Cook, and much of the truly hard work of chasing down images and facts was done by Bob Strebin, Cook and Curator Mary Bryson. It represents the considerable effort of our barnstorm committee: Bob Strebin, David Ripma, Sharon Nesbit, Mike Dubesa, Len Otto, Alice Wand and the late Dick Jones.

Jean Hybbsmann and Mary Bryson keep an eye on events at Vintage Evening at the Poor Farm. More on the evening inside this newsletter.

Summer Calendar

Board of Directors Meeting
Wed., July 5, 7 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 2, 7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 6, 7 p.m.
In the barn

Troutdale Summerfest, Picnic, Parade
Sat., July 15
Member of the year Mary Bryson in the parade

Historic Highway Celebration
Sat., July 22, 8 a.m.
Vintage autos begin parade up historic highway

What's Coming this Summer and Fall?

Watch for our October 14 School Reunion, this year in the old Cedar School as guests of Mark and Colleen Kelsey, new owners. They want your memories, so begin the search for photos and other mementos.

By the time you get this newsletter, Ed Ashley, just retired from his job as electrical inspector with the City of Troutdale, will have completed the undergrounding of an electric line to the Harlow House. Something he wanted to get done, he said, it is a gift worth many thousands of dollars.

Need birthday presents for little kids? Don't forget to shop at our End of the Line Museum Store, hours are the same as the Harlow House above.
Ice cream, sunshine
draw crowds to social

About 900 people were served at our annual ice cream social June 3 and 4, chaired by Connie Van Cleave, with able assistance from her husband, Jeff, and the steering committee.

Whom to thank? Townsend Farms for frozen berries and Fuji Farms for fresh berries. Our sponsors, Waste Management of Troutdale, Handy Investment Group, Reynolds Metals and Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce.


Sadie Riley made her famous shortcakes.
Adrienne Clausen rounded up volunteers.

And a million thanks
to the ones that supplied us with plants this year for sale.
This is a favorite and the plants go like hot cakes. They are: Kathe & Bruce Krohn at Twilflower Nursery, Sandy, Kaz & Helen Tamura, Lorena Hanson, Helen Wand and Nancy Cox.
And to those who work the sale, gather the plants and clean up: Kris Fappas, Bob Mitchoff and his big truck, Bob Strebin & Mona Mitchoff.

Vintage Evening crew thanked
The committee of our Vintage Evening at the Poor Farm was headed by Mary Bryson. It included Pat Brothers, Susan Tissot, Page Gregory, Mona Mitchoff, Marie Miller, Jean Hybbsk and Frieda Ryland. Other helpers in the process were Larry Taraba, Printer, Lyndie Brown, artist, Pat Gregory, auctioneer, Jan Ewalt and Sharon Nesbit.

There are several vacancies in our historical society board: Beverly Welker retired as photo librarian. And Connie Van Cleave stepped down from the steering committee. If you have an interest or a suggestion, telephone 661-2164 or an officer.

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to Troutdale Historical Society

For our on-going work
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Dennis & Mary Bryson, Jeann & Frank Driver

In memory of Sid Britton
Nancy Cox, Bob Strebin
Dennis & Mary Bryson, Bill & Sharon Nesbit

In memory of Don McGinnis
Sharon Nesbit, Ruby Mathieson
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In memory of Bill & Nora Lewis
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Helen & Robert Salathe -- 1938 photo
Ginger Harlow Allen -- stamps, Laura
Bullock Harlow autograph book

Remembering
Don McGinnis & Arline Silberg

Two members, Don McGinnis and Arline Silberg have died in recent weeks.

Don was a retired teacher and a member of a pioneer Troutdale family. One of his recent stories to his sister, Mary McGinnis Bryson, was about the celery feed local men used to prepare for younger Troutdale residents going off to war. The celery feed comprised a stew, made of local celery, and a considerable amount of whiskey as a beverage.

Arline Silberg was the friend of Lola Fellman and joined us on several of our Troutdale Treks.
Thanks to donors for our Vintage Evening

Shilo Inn at The Dalles
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Christina Balsiger
Dodi Davis
Gwen Burns
Gresham Golf Links
Larry Taraba Printing

Family search

From LaCenter, Wash., a letter from Pat Holling doing history of her grandparents, William Henry Thomas and his wife, Rosarah, who lived in Dee from 1908 to 1909 before moving to Aims where Rosarah Thomas was a cook in the lumber mill. They came to Trousdale about 1910 where she worked in a restaurant. Anyone with any help, please call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423.
Profile: Terry Smoke
by Arlene Wands

Terry Smoke can hold time in the palm of his hand. So to speak. One could say he has a real grip on history. Trinkets and treasures weave long-ago lives into his. Terry and his wife Jodi are the owners of "Nostalgia Antiques & Collectibles" in downtown Troutdale. And he has a hundred stories to tell of the antiques that find their way into his store. And of the people who buy them.

"Everybody who comes in sees something that brings back memories," Terry noted. "It's fun! People get really excited.

"We actually had a lady come into our Gresham store who found a photo of her dad, in a military picture. She didn't have a single picture of him. She just started crying, there in the store. It was quite a moment."

Those who remember the old Penny's building in Gresham that once held Nostalgia Antiques may wonder why Terry moved his treasure trove to Troutdale.

To use an old cliché, location is everything. Terry explains.

"Our Gresham customers kept saying that the store was hard to find. So we looked for a spot that was more of a tourist destination. Our location here in Troutdale is perfect. We're close to the freeway and the Factory Outlet stores. There are about eight of us down here involved in antiques, making us kind of an 'antique destination.'"

Would he have moved his business to Troutdale, say, five years ago?

"No, I don't think so," he said, laughing. "But with the changes on the north side, and all the new businesses that have opened up here, it's just a whole new place, a great place."

Terry tries to stock his store with a variety of things — but he likes to specialize in "fun antiques."

"Gas pumps," he noted. "Historic Coke machines. Original old billboards, never used. Old wind-up toys." As to what people are most requesting on their antique-hunts, he observed that "Depression Glass is probably the most popular collectible. And Carnival Glass, souvenir spoons, that kind of thing."

"Our bakery cabinet probably gets the most attention, tho," he noted. "It is huge, at least 7' tall and 7' wide. And it has all these carved glass pieces that roll back, and are angled to 'magnify' the pies and cakes. It's from around 1890. We found it in New Orleans."

Terry and Jodi hope to bring even more "history" to Troutdale with their planned "Troutdale General Store."

"As you walk in the door, it will be all-period, all 1900," said Terry, excitedly. "There will be an old-fashioned soda fountain, with a back bar, where we'll serve ice cream drinks. We'll have baked goods, and a full candy store, with little dime candies all the way to gourmet chocolates. It will be a fun place, where people can come in and spend time with their friends."

Maybe it's the domain of the older crowd, to embrace the past and realize the preciousness of time. Terry hopes to change that. "We need to get our kids interested in history," he emphasizes. "It is so very important that we preserve our past."