

# BYGONE TIMES

The Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

August 2001

## Thank You Renewing Members

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Terry & S.V. Davis

## Calendar of Events

### 12th Annual Harvest Faire

Sept 15-16, 11 to 4  
Glenn Otto Park  
Pies, chili and  
more....mmmmm!

### Cedar School (and Victory, Too!) Reunion

Saturday, Oct. 20  
2 pm; Cedar School  
Join us for a round of  
"Remember When..."

### Third Sunday Program

Sun, Nov. 18, 2 pm  
Troutdale City Hall  
Rick Rubin, author of  
"Naked Against the  
Rain", the story of the  
Chinookan-speaking  
people living on the  
Columbia River.

## Ashley Named Preservationist

Retired City of Troutdale electrical inspector Ed Ashley has been selected for the Troutdale Historical Society's Preservationist honor, the fourth person to receive the award in the organization's 34-year history.

Ashley and his wife, Vera, Troutdale residents for 20 years, rode in the city's SummerFest parade July 21. Also in the parade was June Nasmyth, the society's 2001 Member of the year.

"Ed Ashley has literally electrified our museums," said David Ripma, president of the historical society, in describing Ashley's contributions to the barn museum and to preservation of the 100-year-old Harlow House in Troutdale.

Ashley, who retired last year after 12 years as the city's electrical inspector, first came to the aid of the historical group during construction of the barn. When the project director Dick Jones became ill, Ashley worked after hours

to see that an underground line was pushed below the Historic Columbia River Highway, a difficult project that required coordination with a half dozen different agencies.

"Dick Jones said that while we were doing it, we just as well put two conduits under there so that some day we could underground the connection to the Harlow House," Ashley said. Shortly before his retirement in July 2000, Ashley suffered a stroke and Jones had died, but Ashley resolved to see that last underground connection made. Unable to do the task himself, he and his wife contracted with electrical firms and paid for the job. Unsatisfied with the wiring and panels he saw in the house, Ashley kept upgrading the electrical system until he was satisfied that it was safe, said Laura Newton, executive director.

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## Trek Bound for Bend

You wanted Bend, you got Bend—in the fall, a perfect time for crisp weather, a room with a view of the Deschutes, a journey to a volcano and a visit to the High Desert museum. The trip will be Friday-Sunday, Sept. 28-30, and is only \$300, based on double occupancy, for members (\$325 for non-members). The price includes a dinner, a box lunch, a river-front motel room with two queen beds, at the Riverside in Bend, all transportation, tips, and admissions to a variety of museums and attractions.

We leave from the Harlow House at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 traveling over Mount Hood and stopping for coffee and a spot of history at Government Camp. Bring a sack lunch because we'll make a noon stop at the Museum at Warm Springs to eat and to see what's new there. From there we go to Bend for a two-night stay. Our

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## *Third Sunday: New Experiences & Old Favorites*

**Lewis & Clark:** The THS Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Exhibit Committee has been hard at work sifting through historic journals and forging ahead with the initial planning stages of our 2003 exhibit. Over the next year, the Lewis and Clark "theme" will be tied into our Third Sunday program, as well. In addition to favorite annual activities, our school reunion, cemetery tour and interview with our own living historians, four upcoming Third Sunday programs will focus on members of the Corps of Discovery.

The Lewis and Clark line-up includes Rick Rubin, who wrote a book about the Chinookan Indians who lived along the Columbia River long before explorers were on the scene. We will discuss what the explorers found in their prolonged stay on the

Sandy River (one was a big item: the Willamette River) Also in the line-up is one of the unsung heroes of the expedition, Sgt. Pryor.

White Salmon, Wash., historian Keith McCoy, back by popular request after his appearance last year as a crew member of a Columbia River sternwheeler, will be adding to our Lewis and Clark theme. This time, he comes to Third Sunday in explorer garb to present living history.

**Troutdale Grade Schools (and Victory, too!) Reunion:** The kick-off of our Third Sunday season in October is a return to Cedar School for our annual school reunion. Our focus will be Victory School, which ultimately became a part of Cedar. We expect to bring some Victory alumni to the scene.

**Internment:** In April, we will be marking the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the internment of more than 110,000 Japanese-Americans. Just ahead of Asian Heritage Month (May), we have asked Scott Cunningham to moderate a discussion with Troutdale Japanese-Americans about their experiences before and after internment.

**Cemetery Tour:** In May, we are off again in the tracks of cemetery historian Stan Clarke, who finds a story under nearly every stone.

**The Program Committee would love your input!**

**We are seeking new members to assist in the planning and presentation of upcoming programs.**

**Call Laura Newton,  
THS Director,  
at 503-661-2164.**

## *Trek Bound For Bend*

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schedule is still tentative, but we plan to visit the newly remodeled Deschutes County Museum, the High Desert Museum and Newberry Crater with Paulina and East lakes.

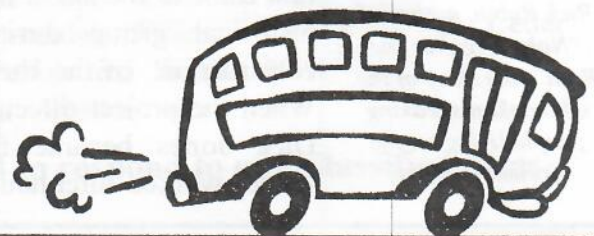
We are having dinner at the Pine Tavern Friday evening and, on the Sunday trip home, we provide a box lunch for a picnic on our ride up the east side of the Cascades, Madras,

Maupin, Tygh Valley and Dufur -- then home through the Columbia River Gorge.

In order to guarantee your river-front room, register by August 28. We can likely provide accommodations after that, but not one of the choice river rooms we now have reserved. Please join us for this lovely fall trip. You will see spectacular scenery, fall leaves, otters,

porcupines, a wonderful Native American exhibit and you will smell the scent of junipers in the air.

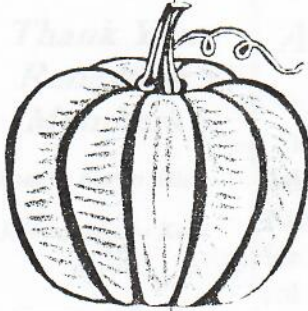
For more information about the Trek, call Laura at 503-661-2164.



## Harvest Faire: Pies & More

### Pies! Are you thinking about pies?

We are about to send our annual plea for pie for our Sept. 15 & 16 Harvest Faire. This is one of the most popular parts of Harvest Faire. If you can bake a cherry pie, or any other kind that does not require refrigeration, call up and volunteer and we'll tell you when to bring it and save a 34 cent stamp. The phone number for pies: 503-661-2164.



### Colors of Fall Harvest:

The loveliest part of Harvest Faire may be the fruits of the Harvest. If you have pumpkins, squash, fall flowers, bales of straw, scarecrows or other items that will help with our decorating, plan now to bring them to the park on Friday evening, Sept. 14.

### Volunteers Needed:

Come on down and help us raise money for the Historical Society by volunteering at the Harvest Faire.

Volunteers are needed to cut pie, serve ice cream, and help with set up and clean up.

## Harlow Creek

The Oregon Geographic Names Board at its June meeting in Tillamook approved the name of Harlow Creek for the stream running down the canyon behind the Harlow House. Though it must still be approved at the federal level, the name is as good as done. The board found Capt. Harlow's story fascinating and was particularly intrigued with his decision, first to raise trout, and later, to bring the pesky carp to his ponds.

### Thank You July Volunteers

Dale and Betty Baldwin

Adrienne Clausen

Florence Baker

Sharon Nesbit

Ray and Karen Davenport for SummerFest ice cream serving and allowing us to borrow their hot rod for the parade.

Ed and Marge Schmunk for driving their hot rod and June Nasmyth in the parade.

Scott Cunningham for use of his "packer" for ice cream.

## Ed Ashley Named Preservationist

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Finally, Ashley and Bob Strebin, also a recipient of the society's Preservationist award, saw that new exhibit lights were installed in the Harlow House in the spring. "For the first time in 20 years, our exhibits are properly lighted," said Mary Bryson, curator.

"I promised myself that I'd do it. When I couldn't do it myself, it was just the thing to do," Ashley said of his contribution. "It's nice to get it functional. They are pretty nice people down there at the Harlow House."

Currently, he is restoring

an antique light fixture for use in the museum. Ashley worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Bonneville Dam during most of his career. He and his wife have three children and five grandchildren. He is currently helping two grandchildren build a fort in his backyard.

The other recipients of the Preservationist award, given to exceptional volunteers who have helped preserve the society's buildings and museums, are: the late Ted Schulte, who did the first restoration work on the Harlow House; the late Dick

Jones who directed construction of the barn museum; and Robert Strebin, who completed the barn museum and oversaw creation of the first exhibit in the barn.

### Thank you for supporting THS!

**DEPOT**  
Norman & Louella Webb

**LEWIS & CLARK EXHIBIT FUND**  
Lael Larger  
(in memory of Sam Cox)

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**Harlow House & Barn**

726 E. Historic Columbia River Highway

Phone: (503) 661-2164

HOURS: 10 to 4, Thur-Sat & Mon; 1-4 Sun

**Rail Depot Museum**

473 E. Historic Columbia River Highway

Phone: (503) 667-8268

HOURS: 10 to 4, Closed Tuesdays

*Just  
Released  
(and not  
from jail):  
Nasmyth  
Bros.*

The video of our interview with the Brothers Nasmyth is currently available for sale for \$15 at the Depot Rail Museum.

Visit the Depot (except on Tuesdays) and take a peek at our new merchandise and local history books.

*“Classified” pleas for HELP!*

**Help Wanted:**

Who will do a good deed and finish painting & organizing the back porch kitchen at the Harlow House? The project is not big, but we want to get rid of a stove there, and restore order to better serve our volunteer hosts.

**Needed:**

Do you have a music cabinet for an old Victrola? The stand would

be placed in one of the main rooms of the Harlow House along with our vintage Victor Talking Machine from the Poor Farm.

**Family History Search:**

From Debbie Hansen, Centerfield, Utah: I have ancestors buried in the Douglass Pioneer Cemetery in Troutdale. William Perry Pelton and Sarah Amanda Brown were

married in 1864 and then bought what was known as the Fitzgerald farm in Troutdale. I understand that it is where a college (MHCC) now stands. Do you have any information on this?

**Needed:**

Do you know what happened to the bell that hung at Cedar School?

**Call Laura at 503-661-2164 to respond to our Classified pleas.**