



BYGONE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THIS EVENTS

February 19

**Fun Facts About Artifacts
& The Great Roundup**

Presented by Julia Warner,
Twila Mysinger, and Julie Stewart
Sam Cox Building, 1102 E Hist. Col. Riv. Hwy
2pm

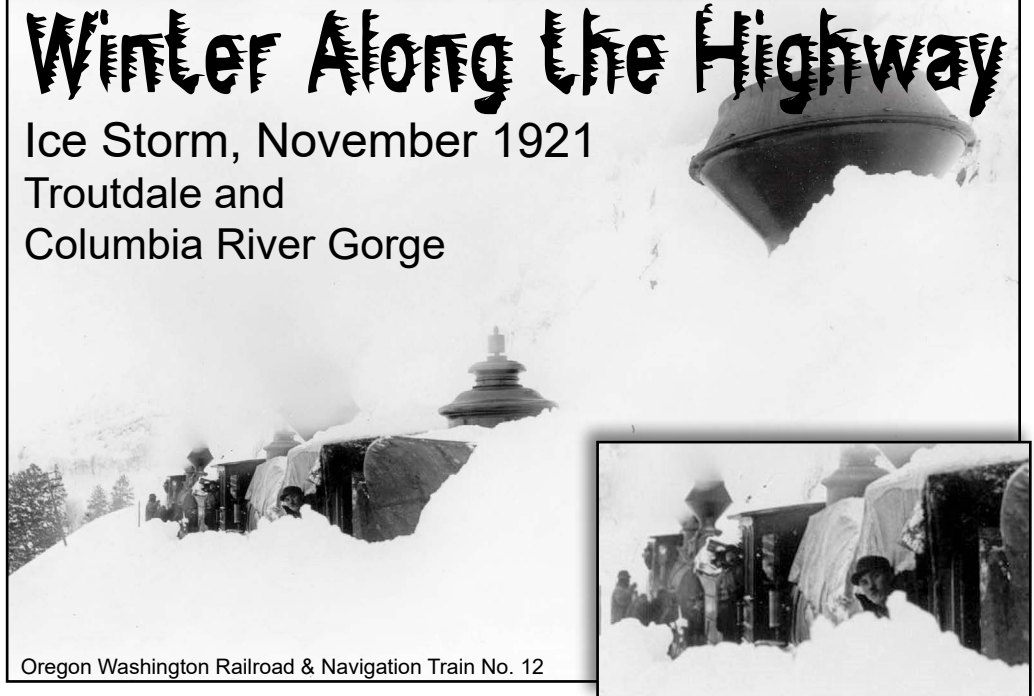
February 28

Edgefield History Pub

Time & Topic: TBD

Winter Along the Highway

Ice Storm, November 1921
Troutdale and
Columbia River Gorge



Oregon Washington Railroad & Navigation Train No. 12

A snow and ice storm raged through the Columbia River Gorge in November 1921. It dropped 54" of snow in The Dalles, 37.5" in Hood River and 27.5" in Cascade Locks. It stranded 63 passengers on an Oregon Washington Railroad & Navigation train for three days near Bridal Veil. To keep the passengers warm, the steam engine needed to keep running. A pipeline to feed water to the engine was laid to the Bridal Veil Lumber Company three-quarters of a mile away. The passengers were fed with cheese, crackers, bologna, bread, canned meat, and coffee. A phonograph appeared and a party atmosphere ensued with music and dancing. After three days they were rescued and brought to Portland.

The storm hit Troutdale in the form of ice. The storm blanketed buildings and streets with a thick sheet of ice, dragging down power lines and trees.



A view of Columbia Street (now Historic Columbia River Hwy) looking west. Buildings on the left are the Fox Bros. Store (Aaron, Milt, Manny), meat market, Tiller Hotel, Helming Saloon.

Jess Coons stands in the doorway of his home on Harlow Avenue (built in 1901). It is a currently a private residence.



Jess Coons



Troutdale State Bank Building (now Troutdale Law Firm, Richard A. Weill). Built in 1920 on the corner of Willamette (now Buxton Road) and Columbia Street.

THS Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The THS volunteers were in for a treat when **Trisha** and **Jeff Neiger** hosted a volunteer luncheon at the beautiful home of Trish's father, **Albert Cook**. Trisha, a professional chef, served up an Italian fare of lasagna, Caesar salad, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and pumpkin cheesecake. It was enjoyed out on their deck on an unusually warm day in September. Thank you Trisha and Jeff for hosting this party to honor the volunteers and the many hours they devote to THS.



THS Volunteers



Dwayne & Sharon Munyan, Docents; Julie Stewart, Curator



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Helen Wand, THS President & Al Cook, THS Member



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Kelly Broomall, Board Member & Maintenance; Twila Mysinger, Curator; Marilee Thompson, Treasurer; Julia Warner, Curator



Hazel Webb, Docent; Melba Klinker, Docent; Angie Ballard; Bev Law, Docent; Sharon Strickland, Docent; Gloria Quipotla, Docent

President's Message

Well here we are in a brand new year with a clean slate. THS had a good year in 2022 with several long awaited accomplishments - reopening all three museums, especially the Depot Rail Museum, and the beginning of window repairs at the Harlow House.

It is with regret we bid good-bye to our part-time administrative assistant, Tracy Gibbons, whose presence was invaluable. She brought a great deal of administrative knowledge as well as her bubbling exuberance and pleasant smile.

We have our programs planned for 2023 starting with our first one Sunday, February 19, "Facts About Artifacts," with **Julia Warner**, **Twila Mysinger**, and **Julie Stewart** discussing the inner workings of how a museum inventories and curates their antique treasures. There will be artifacts and photos on display as well as a short program. All programs will be in the Sam Cox building at Glenn Otto Community Park. The second program is our Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 16, "The Flood of '48" commemorating its 75th Anniversary presented by **Len Otto**. The third program will be Sunday, October 22, "Tad Talks". For this event we encourage everyone to bring their stories regarding this iconic restaurant, *Tad's Chicken 'n Dumplings*; aka *Tad's Chic Dump*. I suspect there will be some interesting tales.



Helen Wand, President

We will have shortened museum hours during the winter, but will still need to staff the museums with docents. If you are interested in donating a few hours to the museum as a docent, as well as helping with some administrative tasks, please contact LeAnn at troutdalehistory@gmail.com. We are also looking for a person with grant writing experience to spearhead a committee for that purpose.

Another way to support

TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pick up **BottleDrop** blue bags at the Barn Exhibit Hall. Look for the box of bags outside on the bench - Fill with redeemable empty bottles and cans and drop off at any **BottleDrop** location. Funds will automatically be deposited and donated to THS.

Donations for 2022 **\$1090**

Thank you for continued support in our **BottleDrop** fundraiser.

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Happy New Year!

Helen Wand

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WINTER MUSEUM HOURS October - April

Barn Exhibit Hall

Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 3pm
Sunday 1 - 3pm
Closed: Monday & Tuesday

Harlow House

Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 3pm
Sunday 1 - 3pm
Closed: Monday & Tuesday

Depot Rail Museum

Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm
Friday - Sunday 9am - 5pm

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next generation,
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Santa Claus, Cookies, Wassail, and a Historic House



This adorable family of four needed two laps to sit upon. Surprisingly no one is crying.

Mr. & Mrs. Claus literally had their hands and laps full on December 3 for Christmas at the Harlow House event.

After a two-year absence, the Troutdale Historical Society brought back their annual event complete with a gnome themed decor, hot wassail, cookies, and Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus (Tom & Barbara Slyter).

There were many volunteers on hand to serve up the treats and help hand out the mini gnomes and candy canes to the kids.



A new documentary film on building the Historic Columbia River Highway, first scenic highway in the nation, produced by **Daniel Hill**, is now available. Daniel generously allowed us to post the video on our King of Roads website and it can be viewed at the Barn Exhibit Hall.

[The King of Roads \(Series 2W\)](#)

WORKING LIKE THEY OWN THE PLACE (which they do)

Meet Our New Volunteers

Gloria Quipotla heard how much fun it is to volunteer at THS from her line dance group. She is a docent every Saturday morning at the Barn Exhibit Hall and currently began working on the newspaper article clipping project. Last summer she split her volunteer time at the THS & Friends of the Columbia River Highway booths for the Edgefield Summer Concerts.

Jeff & Trisha Neiger recently moved back to Troutdale. Trisha returned to her hometown after many years away. In an effort to reconnect with the community they came to THS and offered to volunteer. They are docents at the Barn Exhibit Hall most Fridays. In September they offered to host a volunteer luncheon at their home. Trisha, a professional chef, provided a yummy meal that volunteers are still raving about.

Sharon Strickland, also a line dancer, is a docent at the Barn Exhibit Hall every other Wednesday morning. She recruited her friend **Jean Jensen** to clean the Barn Exhibit Hall and Harlow House Museum (including the bathrooms) in preparation for the events in December.

John Grubb is another "Sharon Nesbit find." Many volunteers can trace their origins to a Sharon recruitment. John volunteers at the Barn Exhibit Hall every other Sunday. He even braved the weather to host the Barn during a snow storm.

Jodi Cox submitted a volunteer form to Tracy and offered to be a docent at the Barn Exhibit Hall. She has dedicated one Sunday per month out of her busy schedule to be a THS docent.

We appreciate and enjoy all of our volunteers and are grateful that many of them returned after the pandemic.



Gloria Quipotla, Volunteer

We always have room for more volunteers. If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, visit our [Becoming a Volunteer](#) web page, fill out the volunteer form and mail it in, or email troutdalehistory@gmail.com, or call 503-661-2164

We Want You Back by Erin Janssens, Chair of Membership Committee

While we are still getting our feet beneath us post COVID (fingers crossed), we are looking forward to seeing you again as we return to our normal schedule of programs, including **McMenamins Edgefield HISTORY PUB** returning in February. We've missed not only you, but two years of opportunities for new memberships and renewals. So, if you are up for renewal and haven't yet, we hope you'll do so. And, maybe consider giving an early charitable contribution to start the year off, or a late holiday gift of membership to someone you think would enjoy all that THS offers. We love to see our membership grow. Membership is a symbol of support, interest, engagement, generosity, community, belonging, and pride; and critical to carry history into the future.

Most of all, we hope people are safe and healthy. Many of us are still uneasy from the pandemic with such a long period of social distancing, or feel a bit like an awkward bear coming out of hibernation, hungry, and with social skills not as sharp as when it all began. So let's make a date for the History Pub at Edgefield, Tuesday, February 28 and shake off the hibernation blues!

Please take a minute to renew your membership or become a member. You can send a check to 219 E Historic Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, OR 97060 or renew online by clicking [HERE](#).

Date Estimation for Postcard

A response from the last issue "A Picture Says A Thousand Words:"

On Facebook, Ben Carscallen, a photo/postcard collector of the Columbia River Gorge posted:

"The photo postcard in the article dates to 1920-1928. Ralph Gifford, the photographer who made that image, took over his father's photo business in 1920, and by 1928 Ralph had left for California for motion picture. It doesn't date the car, but certainly narrows it down."

Thank you Ben for narrowing down the date of this postcard.



Friends in History Remembered

Yolanda Gloria Cereghino Nusser - b. July 16, 1930, d. July 7, 2022

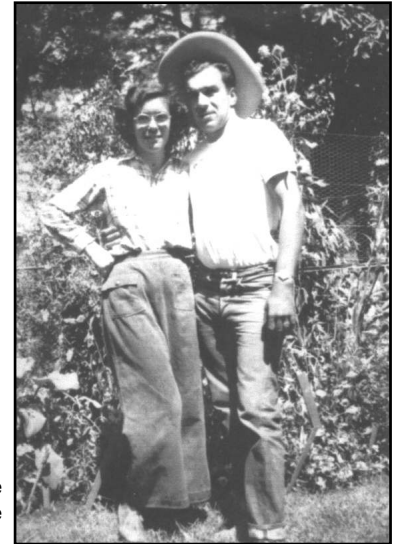
Yolanda was born on July 16, 1930 to Ernest "Stephen" & Elizabeth "Lizzie" Cereghino. The Cereghino family, who immigrated from Italy, grew vegetables on a farm east of Troutdale Road from 1930 to 1970s. Yolanda married Gerald "Linn" Nusser on May 11, 1958. They had three children - Dan, Julie, and Dori.

Yolanda graduated from Troutdale Grade School in 1944. She was a faithful member of the Troutdale Historical Society since 2011.

An oral history DVD of the Cereghino Family with their memories of farming in Troutdale and their Italian ancestry is available for purchase through our website. Click [here](#) to order online or visit our gift shop at the Barn Exhibit Hall.

Omission in Carol Winkler's obituary in the last newsletter - Bill has another sister who has been a longtime THS member, Trish Winkler Bilesimo.

1946, Yolanda and brother Richard pose for a photo at the farm on Troutdale Road.



Ella Louise Dix - b. August 1, 1924; d. November 1, 2022



Louise Dix

One of the few remaining Troutdale berry farmers, Louise Dix, died this past November. She was born in Gresham on August 1, 1924 to Ezra and Alice Wall. She met her future husband, Bob Dix, at Gresham High School, both graduating in 1942. They were married on October 2, 1943 in Pocatello, Idaho.

While Bob served in the Navy, Louise worked at a bank in LaJolla, California. When Bob was shipped out to sea, Louise returned to Gresham and continued to work in banking. The skills she learned during this time served her well in later years. Upon Bob's release from the Navy, they tried farming in Pleasant Home, Oregon, but after a few years they moved to Troutdale and purchased 40 acres on the ridge above the Sandy River that overlooked the Columbia River. It was a parcel of land that was once grazing land for cattle of nearby homesteaders. It would become a prosperous berry farm for over 40 years.

Louise and Bob had three children - Kathy Louise Green, Julie Ann Bybee, and Robin Jeffry. Raising three children did not stop Louise from helping out. With kids in tow, she would work alongside Bob in the fields. She kept records of every expenditure and income leaning on her skills from her banking years. During the 1950s and 60s, they employed many local teenagers during berry picking season.

In 1968 Louise, Bob, and her mother-in-law Louella, became charter members of the Troutdale Historical Society. Louise remained a faithful supporter of THS all her life. Ever the watchful bookkeeper, she was known to pay her membership dues in advance to make sure they were paid.

As a mother of three, grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of twenty-five, she was greatly loved and admired. They say she was known to always have three things in her purse - Wrigley's Doublemint gum, pink lipstick, and tissues.

Louise loved to travel, play golf, bird watch, crossword puzzles, ice cream and strawberries, and was a season ticket holder to Trail Blazer games, and a Mariner fan.

After the tragic loss of Robin (1984) and Julie (1995) a memorial trail was commemorated. "Robin's Way" trail leads from the Harlow House through Harlow Canyon up to what was their berry farm. It is now Strawberry Meadows subdivision, built 1996-1999.

DVD Oral History - *Berry Growers* in Troutdale, includes interview with Bob & Louise Dix. Available for purchase [HERE](#).



THS celebrates 50 years with a float in the 2018 Summerfest parade. Louise Dix, charter member of THS, rides the float with her daughter, Kathy Green at her side.

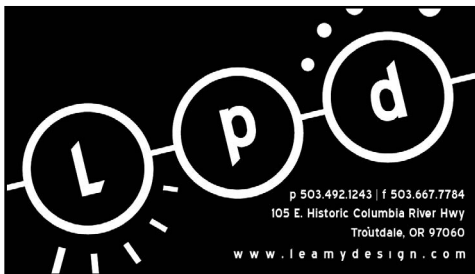
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Edgefield History Pub

The last Tuesday of every month (except December) the Troutdale Historical Society co-sponsors a speaker at McMenamins Edgefield Blackberry Hall, 6:30pm (doors at 5:00 p.m.) Free for all ages. Food and drink are available for purchase.



Mission Statement
To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area; to stimulate interest in the knowledge of the locality's past.

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