

Bygone Times

Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



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TOUR OF TROUTDALE COUNTRY HOMES...

Attached to this month's newsletter is a brochure for our Sunday, May 17, TOUR OF TROUTDALE COUNTRY HOMES. Do not keep it for a souvenir. Your job is to give it to someone who would like to attend.

Now that you have given your brochure away, here is what you will need to know to join us on our home tour. Be at the Harlow House, 726 E. Columbia St., at any time between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on May 17 to buy your ticket for a drive-yourself, self-guided tour. As a member of the society, your ticket costs only \$5 instead of \$7.

You may visit the homes anytime from noon to 5 p.m. They are on a nine-mile loop drive along the Sandy River, down Stark Street and back to Troutdale on Cherry Park Road. (A map will be provided.) The houses are: the Dan and Florence Santry home, once the Portland Automobile Club and Viking Park; the Bill and Roslie Elmer home, now owned by Faith United Methodist Church; the Hope Gardens house, formerly Rod Anderson's, now owned by Jim and Karen Kimber; the Richard and Linda Paz house, formerly the Eaton home; Troutdale City Hall where special exhibits will be shown on the history of the building; and Harlow House where tea will be served throughout the afternoon.

Peter and Rita Giancone will be hosts in the depot museum that afternoon and you will also want to stop there for a visit.

We have made arrangements for a 15-passenger bus for our members who do not wish to drive. The cost of the bus ride, including the tickets to the home tour, will be \$10. If you would like to ride the bus, please call Vera Strebin, 665-2756, to make reservations. The bus leaves Troutdale City Hall at 1 p.m. Seats are limited.

GRESHAM TOUR OF HOMES AND GARDENS...

Our friends in the Gresham Historical Society will have their historic tour, six homes and gardens, on the day before, Saturday, May 16, noon to 4 p.m. You can buy tickets with a map ahead of time at Christina's Country Garden, 1304 E. Powell, or Toy Bear, 121 N. Main, or McBain's Drug Store, 201 N. Main. Or you can buy tickets on the day of the tour at 907 SE 9th, the home where refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5 and the tour includes many fine old homes.

THE POTLUCK, YOU SAY, WHAT ABOUT THE POTLUCK?...

And we haven't forgotten Monday night, May 18, when we will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Park Building (NOTE DIFFERENT TIME AND LOCATION) for our spring potluck, our last regular meeting until October.

The historical society will provide a meat dish and beverages. You may bring salads, breads, potato dishes, vegetables or a dessert. (We will probably have some cookies left over from the home tour the day before.) We have paper plates and plastic ware, or you may bring your own place settings.

We will name our member of the year, as well as a couple of other surprise announcements. And after dinner, we will all be speakers when we go around the room asking each of you to tell us briefly what is ONE thing you like about Troutdale.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL STUFF...CATHY HAMME, 667-7760, is still looking for plants for our plant sale at our June 7 ice cream social...You will be receiving a notice about our ice cream social in a newsletter that should be out in late May...DON ALLEN says the fiddlers who played last year are willing to come back...JEAN HOLMAN, 665-7678, is signing up people for craft tables in the annex during the social.

SHORT SHOTS...Members of a new historical society for the Fairview, Wilkes and Rockwood areas, meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairview...Our depot museum conductor's uniform, given by GAIL MEYERS, has been loaned for the GI Joes Grand Opening May 3 to benefit restoration of Linnemann Junction Station...DAN RATHMAN, a former Troutdale kid who graduated from grade school here in 1960, got in touch recently. Now a resident of Lexington Park, Maryland, he wants to join us for our October 17 Troutdale school reunion, our first meeting of the fall...New members are: LORI CALLISTER, the OREGON TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BERNARD WINKLER, WANDA CAMPBELL SPEAKMAN, GARY and BARBARA STONEWALL, JIM VAN ORSOW, ALICE BLAIR and JANINE L. PIPHER...HAROLD and ELEANOR BANGS renewed their membership and reminisced about the days when the Troutdale city park was called Camp Brockway...PHYLLIS and DOMINICK BALESTERI, daughter and son-in-law of the late JOSEPHINE JACKSON HELMING, have joined the society and given a collection of historic pictures as well as a Victorian buffalo hide chair that belonged to LOUIE HELMING, one of Troutdale's early saloon keepers...LISA ONTIVEROS is in charge of renting out the Harlow House for weddings and other special events. Her telephone number is 287-7529...And dreams do come true, DICK JONES answered our ad in last week's newsletter and signed on to be Harlow House Putterer...The depot and Harlow House museums open May 3 for the summer. Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m., at the depot. And each Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m., at the Harlow House.

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