

BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September, 1997

Sharon Nesbit, Editor, 665-0423

Sept. 27 & 28:

Harvest Faire

Our annual festival of fall, Saturday and Sunday, **Sept. 27 and 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, is our last major fundraiser of the year. In light of the failure of the U.S. mails in June giving us a disappointing attendance at our Ice Cream Social, it is critical to our budget to have a successful Harvest Faire.

Beyond that, this is a lovely time with much to offer

area residents so we ask your attendance, as well as your help in promoting it and contributing to the fun.

Harvest Theme

"Harvest at the Harlow" is the theme. Visit the Harlow House to see all sorts of readying-for-winter crafts - June Jones at the spinning wheel, Mary Hughes teaching children to make homemade noodles, Steve Lehl and Chuck

Rollins splitting shakes and much more.

End of the Line Shopping

At the Rail Depot and its End of the Line Museum Store, do a little early Christmas shopping and admire our new door.

Music

At Glenn Otto Community Park: Music each afternoon, 1-4 p.m., sponsored by Walsh and Sons Trucking and Reynolds Metals. Frank Grande and the Sly Possums on Saturday. A new band, Shanghaied on the Willamette, on Sunday.

Good Eatin'

Good food, including pie and Sadie's chili is the standard. Tad's Chicken n' Dumplins' has retired from our festival with our deep thanks for their long effort, but our good cooks led by Janet Vandiver and Cindy Hammond will serve a Harvest Ham Dinner.

Cider, crafts, games

We have craft booths and fun things for kids, including Sandy River Orchards and their cider press and the Fort Vancouver blacksmiths. Handy Brothers Service, Inc., and Historic Columbia River Jewelers are sponsors.

What can you do? Here are some needs

1. Bake two homemade pies for our sale.
2. Offer to host the Harlow House or work in the kitchen, or greet visitors at the barn or cleanup afterward. Call **Florence Baker, 665-9656** or **Dorothy Sturges, 666-9601**.

3. Put up posters. We need folks traveling to Hood River, Boring, Sandy and other points. Call **Kim Cook, 252-1953**.

4. Post the flyer inside this newsletter in a prominent spot, or give it to a friend.

5. Got a good corner or yard spot for one of our Harvest Faire street signs? Call **Bob Strebin, 665-2756**, and let him know.

6. **Freida Ryland** needs decorating materials: pumpkins, gourds, ornamental grasses, herbs, vegetable foliage, comstalks, cat tails, watering cans (just to borrow), and material to make scarecrows -- old overalls, ragged shirts, ragged straw hats. Leave a message on her phone at **661-553**, or bring your fresh leaves and offerings to the park by 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26.

7. Did you grow a weird-shaped vegetable or fruit, or a monster sunflower? We'll have a table to display such items on the Harlow House porch. Best of Show gets a free membership in the Troutdale Historical Society.

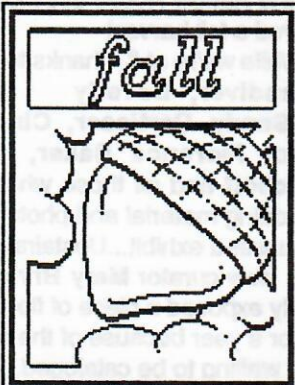
8. Got a nifty old banged-up pickup truck you'd like to display in pickup row at the Harlow House? Bring it by and we'll park it on the lawn in front of the barn for others to admire. Questions? Call **Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423**.

9. We are still looking for folks with pioneer skills to demonstrate at the Harlow House. A woodcarver would be nice, or a woodworker. We need four pie bakers to show us how it's done in an old-fashioned kitchen. Call **Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423**.

10. And we still need antique dealers to sell good old goods in Sam K. Cox Hall as well as more craft vendors for the park. We'll offer especially good sites to fruit and vegetable dealers, or flower sellers. Got some fall harvest to part with? Call **Jean Holman, 665-7678**.

And what about the attached envelope with the raffle tickets?

See Page Two on how to win.



**GIFTS
TO THE
ENDOWMENT FUND**
Scott & Eileen Cunningham

In Memory of:
Edna Nearhoff
*Ginger Harlow Allen
Donna Hawkins*

Vera Strebin
*Ginger Harlow Allen
Jack Malcom*

Audrey Barnett
Edna L. Ellis

Bill Stone
*Donna Hawkins
Sharon & Bill Nesbit*

Lucile Howell
Jack Malcom

Faye Harlow
Jack Malcom
*notes Jack of Lucile Howell, Vera
Strebin and Faye Harlow, "Three great
ladies."*

In honor of the 80th birthday of
Elsie Simnitt
Sharon & Bill Nesbit

**Welcome to
new members**

Welcome new members Sheree and Mark Lee of Troutdale, Joyce Stubbs Henke and Gary Henke of Kingston, Wash., and Joan Sauer, whose membership was a gift of the Troutdale Vision Clinic.

Also welcome Terri Allen Campbell, a gift membership from her mother, Ginger Harlow Allen.

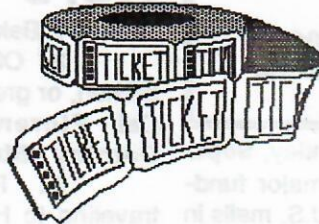
Seats left on Sept. 20 Trek

A few seats are left on our Sept. 20 Trek to The Dalles. If you want to go -- price is \$50 -- call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423, about availability.

**About the tickets
in the newsletter**

So, what to do with the envelope?

The five raffle tickets enclosed in your newsletter are \$1 a ticket. If you want to take part in a Harvest Faire drawing for a \$50 gift certificate from Ali Peret of Historic



Columbia River Jeweler (two will be given away), just write your name and phone number on the side of the ticket with the little lines and send with \$1 each in the attached envelope. Keep the other part.

Don't want to enter? Offer it to a friend or just throw it out.

The drawing is 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28, at Harvest Faire. You don't have to be there, but why miss the fun?

Thanks to Historic Columbia River Jeweler Ali Peret for this gift.

**Do we have your
E-mail address?**

You may contact the Troutdale Historical Society by E-mail:

SNesbit@aol.com

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Words of Praise...

Work proceeds on installing a new furnace at the Harlow House...many thanks to **Bob & Mona Mitchoff, Bob Strebin and Mike Alderson** who took the old furnace out and are seeing to other chores before the new one can be installed...And how about **James Cook** and his friend, **Ambor**, who stamped, stuffed and mailed a pile of letters for us...A group of volunteers, **Frieda Ryland, Jean Hybskmann, Sharon Nesbit, Jean Holman, Mona Mitchoff** and others put away the trousseau exhibit at the Harlow House this month and prepared a fall harvest display...While we're at it, thanks to **Janet Vandiver, Beverly Welker, Sandy Cartisser, Cindy Hammond, Florence Baker, Mona Mitchoff** and all those who loaned wedding material and photos for our trousseau exhibit...Upstairs in the office, new curator **Mary Bryson** has actually exposed a piece of floor not seen for a year because of the pile of artifacts waiting to be cataloged...In the barn, **Bob Strebin** is getting shelving sand-blasted and painted...We need carpenter work done in order to get our storage facility finished. **Is there a woodworker in the house?**...The lovely flowers in the Harlow House most of the summer were the work of **Jean Hybskmann**, who also arranges our Harlow House volunteer hosts...Several members are observing landmark birthdays...**Bonnie Irwin and Mary Allen** share a 75th birthday and **Elsie Simnitt** is at the 80 mark...**Ruth and Allan Baker** recently celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary...**Kim Cook and Erik Vaughn** are creators of our Harvest Faire poster...**Mike Dubesa and Michael Yost** created the HUGE screen door on the depot store.

**GIFTS
TO THE GENERAL
FUND**

*Bruce & Marilee Thompson
Elice Skirvin*

In memory of her mother,
Lurline Neilson
Elaine Dawson

Mitchoffs & crew pull off banner burger booth

Our July Summerfest (the city picnic and parade) hamburger booth, scented by the aroma of 100 pounds of sizzling Walla Walla Sweet onions, was a success -- profiting our society by \$800.

To simplify and economize on supplies for summer fund-raisers, Mona Mitchoff, vice president and chairwoman of the steering committee, consolidated the burger booth with other summer events, Ice Cream Social and Harvest Faire.

Thanks for superior volunteer services to: **Mona and Rich Kerlake, Mario Ayala, Mike Dubesa, Jean Holman, Ed & Marge Schmunk, Kris & John Fappas, Florence & Ed Happold, Carolyn & Harley Taylor, Penny Balch, Deb Cook, Heather Mitchoff & Dan DeGraw, Bob Mitchoff, Florence Baker, Helen Tamura and Tad's Chicken n' Dumplins.**

Bob Mitchoff also drove member of the year, **Alice Wand**, in the parade.

Jones, Brentano ill

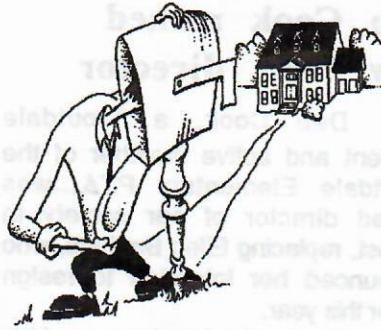
Dick Jones, whose gimpy knee forced his resignation as our barn chairman, has received bad news -- his disability, which now keeps him in a wheelchair, is Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Dick's increasing physical problems in recent months concerned us all -- especially those who prefer to picture him as he was when building our museum barn -- old blue work clothes and a red bandana, wrapped headband style around his brow.

This is a good time to thank Dick for his work on our behalf. Without him, our barn would not be where it is. His address is:

8235 S.E. Morrison St.
Portland, OR 97216

Though not technically a member, our society owes a great deal to a friend in history, **Ron Brentano**, whom we called when we needed help and advice from the Oregon Historical Society. Ron is terminally ill with cancer and in hospice.



In our mailbox.....

From members **Gloria Ladum and Bill Ferguson** in June: *"After a Sunday drive to Larch Mt., we stopped at the ice cream social at Glenn Otto Park. The strawberry shortcake was delicious; the park setting was beautiful (all the flowers and the play area); and the toe-tapping music of Jon Bennett and his talented group -- all provided us with a delightful Sunday afternoon!"*

From **Alice Fuller** of Klamath Falls, a notice that her brother, **Don Petero**, is citizen of the year in Saratoga, Calif.

Helen Althaus, former Troutdale city council member, was raised on Sweet Brier Farm and now lives in Ashland where she was recipient of the 1997 Jackson County ACLU annual Civil Liberties Award.

A lawyer, she was recognized for her efforts to prevent discrimination in every arena of life, from restrictions against women in professional legal fraternity, to being the sole female on the Troutdale council, to trying to prevent U.S. intervention in Central America. In 1994 she was the second recipient of the Betty Roberts Award for promoting women in the legal profession. She is a founding member of the Southern Oregon Chapter of the United Nations Association.

And of course, she is a member of the Troutdale Historical Society.



Helen Althaus

In Memory

Bill Stone

Bill Stone, 77, whom we often teased about being the first member of our society injured in the line of duty in the barn, died July 3 in his Fairview home of cancer.

Member of a pioneer Fairview family and son of **William Stone**, who wrote that city's first history, **Bill** continued in his father's footsteps as a hands-on historian. He retired from his job as custodian at Fairview school, and devoted most of his free time to working on our barn, the Harlow House and Fairview's Heslin House. It was a fall from a ladder, giving him a temporary limp, that earned him honors for on-the-job injuries.

He is survived by his wife, **Marie**, one of our veteran pie bakers, and his sister and brother-in-law, **Nancy and Roy Hoover**, leaders in the Fairview Rockwood Wilkes Historical Society.

Gina Held

Gina Held, a retired school teacher and longtime member of our society, died in August at the age of 97. She and her sister, **Ethel Peterson**, who died in 1993, were frequent volunteers for our society. her niece, THS member **Alice Fuller** of Klamath Falls, suggested memorial donations to our society.

John Noel

Also deceased this summer is **John Noel**, retired from Reynolds Metals. His wife, **Ruth**, former cook at the Troutdale Elementary School cafeteria, died several years ago.

Kay Powers

Kay Powers, for many years the wood Village City Recorder, and a resident of that community for most of its life, died this summer.

Walking tours slated

Sharon Nesbit and a few trainees will conduct four grade-school walking tours in September. Guests are always welcome to join all or part of these walks, which begin at 9 a.m. at Troutdale Elementary School and conclude about noon at the Harlow House. If you want to join us, mark these dates: **Wed., Sept. 10; Wed., Sept. 17; Thurs., Sept. 18, and Wed. Sept. 24.**

Numbers You Need

HARLOW HOUSE-BARN...661-2164 (Leave a message.)

DEPOT-MUSEUM STORE...667-8268 (If no answer, transfers to Harlow House.)

Volunteer Opportunities:

Remember your Scouting wood burning skills? We need someone to finish wood burning donor boards for our barn beams. A nice winter job...

Both the Harlow House and the Rail Depot could use additional winter hosts. Please call Deb Cook, 661-2164.

Deb Cook named new THS director

Deb Cook, a Troutdale resident and active member of the Troutdale Elementary PTA, was named director of our society in August, replacing Ellen Brothers, who announced her intention to resign earlier this year.

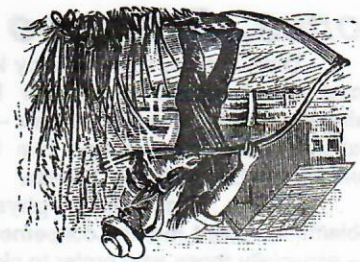
Cook, who has been working as our interim director, is training with Ellen Brothers to learn the rest of our duties, and working two days a week at the depot store. Formerly with Waste Management of Troutdale, she has a degree in anthropology and is thrilled to be working for the first time in her life, in her field. Her son, James, a middle school student often joins her at her duties.

Stop by the depot on Wednesday and Thursday through October and meet her.

News-News-News-News

Alice Wand has a top speaker for January, a descendant of survivors of the Whitman Massacre. This year marks the 150th anniversary of that event...**Marge Schmunk** accumulated jewelry which she sold at 25 cents apiece at the ice cream social. The total was 322 pieces, earning \$85, which will buy Marge a card rack for the depot store...The **Troutdale Parks Advisory Committee** suggested names for the creek running behind the Harlow House. The preference of the board of directors is for Harlow Creek...The matter goes to the state names board... **Kim Cook** has a writing business, "Warrior Tales" specializing in writing veteran's stories and on military issues. She will teach on the subject at Mt. Hood Community College this fall. Phone, 252-1953.

Harvest at the Harlow



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