



The Bygone Times

Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

March 2003

UPCOMING

York

Sun, March 16 2pm
Troutdale City Hall
Portrayal of York, personal slave and member of the Lewis and Clark expedition by living historian Ron Craig. Refreshments served. Donations Welcome.

Oral History

NOTE CHANGE : LAST SUNDAY OF MONTH
Sun, April 27, 2pm
Troutdale City Hall
Beloved THS member, Scott Cunningham, will share stories of Troutdale's yesteryears. Refreshments served. Donations Welcome

2003 Tea & Tour

Sat, May 3
11am & 2pm Seatings
Hosted by the Sisters of the Eucharist at Bridal Veil. Music, tea, tour of gardens & falls. Cost \$40 each, with \$5 per ticket going to the Sisters.

Ice Cream Social

Sat & Sun
June 7 & 8
11am to 4pm
Glenn Otto Park
Community-wide event with ice cream, music, food, crafts, artwork, vendor booths & special fun for the children.

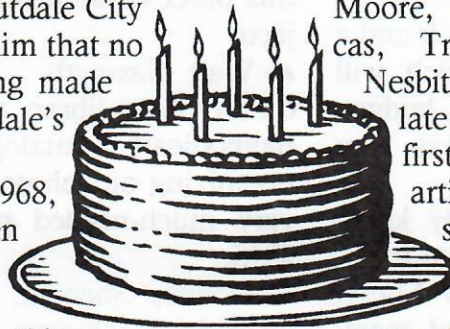
Mark Your Calendar!

2nd Annual Lewis & Clark Dinner Auction, to be held on Saturday, July 12, 2003 at Brickhaven B&B

Happy 35th Birthday to THS!

It might not have happened if Glenn Otto hadn't been in jail. In 1968, in his official capacity as Mayor of Troutdale, Otto found some old papers and ledgers stacked in the basement jail of Troutdale City Hall. It dawned on him that no local effort was being made to preserve Troutdale's History.

On February 28, 1968, more than a dozen local residents met in city hall and decided to do something about preserving the city's colorful history. They founded the Troutdale Historical Society. The Troutdale city council gave \$35 and the Troutdale Lions paid the postage for a citywide newsletter. By March, sixty-three



charter members had signed up.

Erick Enquist spoke at that first meeting about his Columbia River fishwheel business. The first officers were: Marilyn Oakes, President; Ray Moore, Vice President; Joe Lucas, Treasurer; and Sharon Nesbit, Secretary. In April, the late Vic Kyle became the first local resident to donate artifacts: an ox yoke and set of pioneer kettles said to have come over the Oregon Trail. That was the start of a mad scramble to locate places to store museum items.

Today the Troutdale Historical Society volunteers publish this monthly newsletter, operate and maintain

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Congratulations to our 2002 Member of the Year

Barbara Welsh has been named Troutdale Historical Society's 2002 Member of the Year!

Barbara has been a treasured member and volunteer for many years. She has served on the Board of Directors as Secretary and has been a regular Harlow House host, where she often passed the time working on her sewing projects. Today she is one of our much appreciated Tuesday Ladies.

Barbara and the other Tuesday Ladies take excellent care of the Harlow House, doing all sorts of chores from mopping and ironing to changing dis-

plays. Her creativity and hard work provides visitors with a wonderful look into the past and we all enjoy the variety of exhibits she and the Tuesday Ladies put together. The Tuesday Ladies also manage to tackle many other jobs and chores to keep our organization running smoothly. They are the heart of our society!

Barbara is described by her fellow Tuesday Ladies as dependable, smart, creative, fun to work with, and an all around *nice* person. Congratulations Barbara...and thank you so much for the many hours you give! ❖

Director's Corner...From Our New Director!

Friends and Members of the Troutdale Historical Society:

Well, there has been a big change this month in the office. We say goodbye to our former executive director, Marie Miller and thank her for hard work and some wonderful accomplishments. Marie's last day was February 14, and we wish her good fortune in her new pursuits.

The good news is we found a volunteer director, which will ease the strain on our budget. Who would be so crazy, you ask?

Many of you already know me, but please allow me to introduce myself. I am Sheryl Maydew. I have served many years as a volunteer for THS on various committees and projects, as well as on the Board.

I am honored to take this position. After six weeks in the office, I've learned that I have a lot to learn, but am happy to report that this is a fun job, full of surprises and opportunities to

work with great people.

As an "all volunteer" organization, our volunteers are our backbone. Let's use the rest of this corner to thank some of the very special people:

☞ Mary Bryson, THS Curator... for her countless hours working with the artifacts, cataloging, preserving and organizing, and for her services on various other committees and projects.

☞ Walt Nasmyth... for taking on the photo library task. He is methodically cataloging and organizing our photo library, a very much-needed project for THS.

☞ Doneva Shepard, THS Genealogist... Doneva not only tackles all our genealogical duties, but serves and helps on many other projects.

☞ Dawne Morse... Dawne diligently spends many hours every month laying out and polishing our newsletter, *The Bygone Times*. She is also responsible for creating some well-designed

databases used in the office for tracking critical information.

☞ Scott Cunningham... For heading up the Lewis & Clark Auction Committee again this year. Scott spends countless hours working to make this Auction is a terrific success to raise funds for the upcoming Lewis & Clark Exhibit.

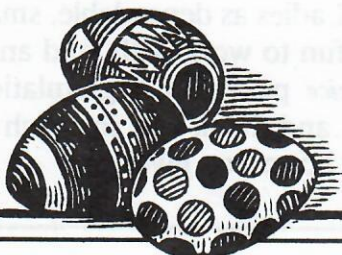
☞ Dan DeGraw... For his great mind, hard work and can do attitude on the Lewis & Clark Exhibit and for stepping up to the plate when needed to lead this tremendous project.

☞ Penny Balch... For setting up and maintaining our "checks and balances" system for book-keeping and working on various committees and projects. Penny devotes many days per month to THS, such a valuable volunteer.

☞ Museum Hosts... Another very important component of our volunteers, they keep our museums open, tidy and treasured. ❖

Please Note

**The third Sunday in April
is Easter Sunday.
We have moved our
regularly scheduled
monthly meeting to
April 27th, the
FOURTH SUNDAY.**



THS Turns 35 This Year...

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three museums with wonderful artifacts and exhibits, provide an active year-round calendar of events and programs, conduct educational tours and treks, provide curation services, and preserve and maintain precious artifacts (including the photo, print and video library). The Troutdale Historical Society is Troutdale's memory.

To become a member of the Troutdale Historical Society, or

to volunteer as a museum host, serve on a committee, or help plan events, please call the THS main office at 503-661-2164. ❖

Always wanted to see your name in print? *The Bygone Times* is looking for a few new writers! If you are interested in writing an historical article related to Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge, or other topic, contact the THS Office at 503-661-2164.

Annual Meeting: Constitution & Board

February's Annual Membership Meeting was held Sunday the 16th at Glenn Otto Park in Troutdale. Our thanks and appreciation to Ed and Phyllis Thiemann, who donated the food for a delicious Mardi Gras luncheon (we are especially thankful as they were also taking care of a full house at their Brickhaven Bed & Breakfast on this Valentine's Day weekend).

The membership adopted the new constitution and elected the board of directors and officers. Congratulations and thanks to this year's Board of Directors members: Scott Cunningham (member), Tom Graves (Treasurer), Jean Holman (Secretary), Mona Mitchoff (VP), David Ripma (member), Terry Smoke (member) and Ed Thiemann (President).

Ed Thiemann, our new President, has been a solid supporter of THS and has served on the board for the past several years. He has some fresh ideas and is enthusiastic about our upcoming Lewis & Clark Exhibit. He's also excited about the Auction this July to raise exhibit funds, which he and his wife, Phyllis are hosting at Brickhaven.

We are very happy to welcome Mona Mitchoff to the position of Vice President. Mona is one of our esteemed Tuesday Ladies, former Board Member & Officer, and longtime member and volunteer.

Special thanks also to Jean Holman for agreeing to one more year as Secretary, which

was supposed to be a temporary position for her that has lasted for about ten years! Thanks also go to Tom Graves for agreeing to be Treasurer this year.

We can't say enough about the many years David Ripma has served as President. He has given so much to this organization. We are very grateful he has agreed to continue as a board member.

Last, but not least, we'd like to thank Ray Davenport, who is leaving the board, for his years of service on the board and committees.

Upon conclusion of the business meeting, we had our feature presentation by Barb Kubik. Barb is a well-known researcher and authority on Lewis & Clark and serves on the board of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

Barb discussed the tales of Patrick Gass, one of the Corps of Discovery members who explored the Sandy River, known by the Lewis & Clark Expedition as the Quicksand River. There were approximately 60 in attendance for Barb's tales and quotes from Gass' journals (which contained over 76,000 words!). His was a fascinating experience and Barb did a wonderful job of bringing his writings to life for us. ❖

Thanks Marie!

Our thanks go out to Marie Miller for her nine months as Troutdale Historical Society's Executive Director. During her tenure with the historical society, Marie worked hard on various events and fundraising opportunities, such as the Teddy Bear Christmas, which helped raise money for the organization.

Marie managed the office, wrote grant proposals, met with potential donors, worked to raise recognition of THS in the community, and helped make important changes in the organization, including working on updates to the Constitution, which the membership adopted at our recent Annual Meeting.

Thanks for all your hard work, Marie! ❖

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Keep an Eye Open!



Be watching your mail for an invitation for the 2003 Tea & Tour! If you've never received one before, and would like to, call the THS office at 503-661-2164.

Our Thanks for the Support of Our Friends & Members...

*The Troutdale Historical Society
thanks our Friends and Members...
Without you, nothing we do
would be possible!*

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Gift Memberships

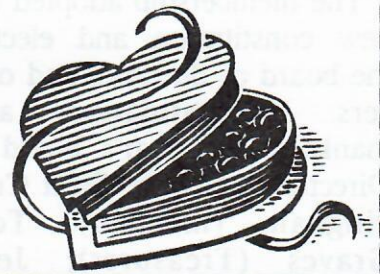
Luella Albin, for Stan Albin.

Time, Talent, & Special Gifts

- ☞ Donna Erwin, Columbia River Gallery in downtown Troutdale for making and donating the beautiful photo presentation for the Member of the Year Award.
- ☞ Terry & Jodi Smoke, of the Troutdale General Store, for practically on a daily basis helping, loaning items, and giving time and support to THS.
- ☞ Carnetta Boyd for creating at her own expense the wonderful auction tickets. ❖

A BIG THANK YOU

...from the
Tuesday Ladies
to their
Secret Admirers
for the lovely
Valentine
& Chocolates!



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