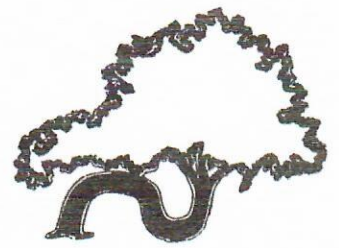


Bygone Times



Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.

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CHRISTMAS IN TROUTDALE, 1910...

This rare photo of the Helming family and their 1910 Christmas celebration gives us an idea of what the holiday was like in Troutdale 80 years ago--no chubby Santas, no fat plantation Douglas firs and no twinkling lights.

Still the spirit of Christmas lives in this picture of Gussie Helming with her grandfather as Santa Claus.

CHRISTMAS IN TROUTDALE, 1991...

Christmas comes again to Troutdale this year at our Harlow House Museum when we hold our annual Christmas open house, Saturday, Dec. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Join us for a fat Christmas tree all trimmed in Letty Fowell's handmade calico cats and circled at the bottom by a toy train. Come to see George Perry's antique train collection and the newest exhibit by Donna Kluehe, a 1950s-1960s Christmas, complete with aluminum Christmas tree.

Santa will sit by the fireplace, of course, and the house will smell of our famous hot wassail and fresh-baked cookies.

Our members are asked to bring a plate of cookies and to take a sample of other cookies with them when they go. Christmas greens for decorating should be left at the house by Dec. 10.

To accommodate others who want to see our Christmas decorations, the Harlow House will be open every afternoon, 1 to 4 p.m. from Dec. 14 to Dec. 22. Even if you can't make it on Santa Claus Saturday, or if the house is too full to appreciate the decorations, take the opportunity to come back...



WORK DAY CREW CLEANS UP...

Cobwebs and mouse droppings were chased out of the Harlow House basement Saturday, Nov. 23, at our second Saturday work day. A crew consisting of EVELYN JACOBSON, DICK JONES, BOB STREBIN, BILL STONE, FRANK DRIVER, SAM COX, FLORENCE BAKER, JEAN HOLMAN and SHARON NESBIT moved and dusted all the artifacts stored in the basement, tagged them properly and stowed them neatly so that we can get on with the process of building shelves in the basement storage area. Weather permitted a few more batts to go up the barn and Bob Strebin even cleaned the moss off the north side of our flag pole.

It was a dusty crew that dragged home at 2 p.m., but the results are wonderful. Each of our work day volunteers is credited at the rate of \$10 an hour toward their names on the barn beam. And isn't it amazing what sort of stuff manages to accumulate in a basement?

A NOTE HERE: In the findings is a perfectly good sink with faucets and a working smoke alarm. Make us an offer.

The basement clean-up is part of our plan to improve and update storage at the Harlow House. Upstairs, Cathy Hamme has inventoried all available storage spaces, ordered the archival boxes from a museum supply house and is in the process of reorganizing and storing all our artifacts.

SOME WISHES DO COME TRUE...

Member Beverly Welker, a retired librarian who has a computer that is the same as the one currently used by our society, has volunteered to take on the job of photo librarian and put all our photo records on a computer file. She is working now to devise a system.

Further, in accordance with last month's wishes, Dick Jones will set up his toy train around the Harlow House Christmas tree.

Wishes still unfulfilled include a need for a once-a-month landscaping service to spruce up around the Harlow House and the donation of a used computer for the Harlow House office.

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER...

Our treasury held these amounts on the last day of October:

Endowment fund.....	\$ 3,926.34
Operating fund.....	13,650.06
Dedicated barn funds.....	583.69
Barn building fund.....	5,897.94

TOTAL.....	24,058.03

The increase in the barn fund reflects Harvest Faire profit, which was \$3,181.20.

FINANCIAL POLICY CREATED...

At our August Board of Trustees meeting, some members expressed concern that we had surplus dollars in our operating fund.

They further suggested that any surplus be divided in the following way: one-third to a cumulative fund to provide a salary for future paid staff of the society and two-thirds to our barn building fund.

As a result, the board of directors recently studied the operating fund and declared \$4,500 surplus at the end of this fiscal year. That will result in a transfer of \$3,000 to our barn fund and \$1,500 to our salary fund. It was agreed that the operating fund would be reviewed annually to determine if a surplus exists.



HERE IT IS...

After our November meeting, we had several requests for Jean Holman's sugar cookie recipe. It's an easy one because it doesn't need to be rolled out.

GOOD SUGAR COOKIES

1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup margarine
1 cup oil
2 eggs
5 cups flour
1 tsp. cream of tartar
1 tsp. soda
1/4 tsp. salt



Mix sugars, vanilla, margarine, oil and eggs, beat well. Blend flour and remaining ingredients, add to oil mixture. Drop by the teaspoon on an ungreased cookie sheet, flatten with a small glass dipped in sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until slightly brown at edges.

AN ELECTION COMING UP...

December is the time when our officer election process begins with the appointment of a nominating committee. Elections are at our annual meeting in February. If you are interested in serving as an officer or on the board of directors, please let Sam Cox, 665-9086, Sharon Nesbit or any board member or officer know. At this time, our board meetings are on the first Wednesday evening of the month.

IN MEMORY...

Bob Hawkins and Warren Bryan, two of our members, died recently. Arnold and Loretta Peterson of Great Falls, Mont., sent a gift in memory of Bryan to be used for a living memorial at the Harlow House. It has been suggested that we buy one of the trees required in our barn landscaping plan.

DONATIONS RECEIVED...

It is a tribute to the memories of Alex Jones, Bill Baker and Rankin Davis that this society has received almost \$1,800 in donations to either our barn or endowments funds as memorials to those three men.

Gifts in memory of Bill Baker have come from LAWRENCE & SHIRLEY YOST, BILL & SHARON NESBIT, KAZ & HELEN TAMURA, VERA & ROBERT STREBIN, ALBERT & MARGARET MAYBEE, ED ARNOLD, BOB DUNKEN, LOUELLA & OLE WAISANEN, ETHEL PETERSON, ROBT. & DOLORES STURM AND GLENDALE FARMS.

We received a donation to the barn fund in memory of Alex Jones from ETHEL PETERSON.

Regular contributors to the endowment fund are HAROLD & MYRTA WEATHERHOOD who memorialize her mother, MYRTA SYMES.

WE GET MAIL...

A letter from Meg Campbell, Corvallis, daughter of the late Bill and Mary Wright, is a reminder that Bill and Mary were longtime residents of the area, living in Troutdale when they first married and later in Springdale. Bill was a mail carrier and we have his carrier's hat in our museum collections.

"Both he and my mother would be delighted with the work that the Society is doing," writes Meg.

IN SUPPORT OF BRIDAL VEIL...

Members of this society voted Nov. 18 to send a letter to congressional representatives in support of preserving the history of lumbering in the gorge at Bridal Veil.

Chuck Rollins and Steve Lehl brought us an excellent slide and history presentation on the community's past.

STEERING OUR WAY TO TWO FESTIVALS...

Our steering committee, the group that oversees our June ice cream social and September Harvest Faire will meet for a brainstorming session at Harlow House on Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in taking a part, this will be a good time to join us.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

KENN LANTZ of Clackamas; NANCY CALLISTER BULEY of Solvang, Calif; JOANNA MOYER of Troutdale; and NANCY COLLINS of Troutdale.

Longtime member STEVE YOST is now a resident of Troutdale. His address is 2148 SW Spence Court.

And faithful member EDITH WIGGS, Ocean Park, Wash., sends in a membership renewal as well as a renewal for her son, JACK DEMPSTER of Albany, Calif.

ABOUT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING...

And that is certainly a reminder that a gift membership to the Troutdale Historical Society is a nice idea. Also, our recipes and note cards make good small gifts, as do our T-shirts. And our gorgeous Columbia Gorge poster would be a great present. Why not stop by the house any Saturday or Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. and do a bit of shopping?

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