

50 Years BYGONE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6
Barnyard Concert
6pm - 8pm

July 21
46th Annual SummerFest
Travel Thru Time, 10am - 4pm

July 31
Edgefield History Night
@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)
Topic: **Notable Women of Portland**
Tracy Prince & Zadia Schaffer

August 3
Barnyard Concert
6pm - 8pm

August 28
Edgefield History Night
@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)
Topic: **Medical Quackery**
Nate Pedersen, Librarian, Historian,
and Writer

September 7
Barnyard Concert
6pm - 8pm

September 15
Geology Tour - Silver Falls
Guide: Daina Hardisty, Instructor of
Geology at Mt. Hood Community College
9am - 4pm
\$48 per person
Call 503-661-2164 for reservations.

September 25
Edgefield History Night
@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)
Topic: **Eagle Creek Fire Retrospective**
Presented by Doug Decker, Forest Historian
& Retired Oregon State Forester

BARNYARD CONCERTS

July 6 • August 3 • September 7

6 - 8 p.m. @ The Barn Exhibit Hall Lawn
732 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR
Free - Fun for the entire family - Bring chairs, blankets, dinner, etc.



July 6 Swingali

Ace - Mandolin + occasional vocals
Bob - Upright Bass
Alaska - Lead Guitar + occasional vocals
Steve - Dobro and maybe banjo
Tim - Rhythm Guitar

August 3

Adam Smouse & David Vigil

Adam and David lead worship and play guitar
at Good Shepherd Community Church in
Boring, Oregon.



September 7 Brady Goss

Described at an early age as a piano phenom, Brady is now recognized as an electrifying entertainer. Influences such as Jerry Lee Lewis, Hank Williams, Eric Clapton, The Eagles, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and John Mayer might characterize him as Blues, 50's Rock 'n Roll, Classic Country or Classic Rock. But, Brady's own unique improvisational style makes him truly one of a kind with a style all his own.



Troutdale's 46th Annual SummerFest

Saturday, July 21, 2018, 10am - 4pm

Travel Thru Time

Chalk It Up - 10am

Parade - 11am

Glenn Otto Park Activities after parade.

See our float, a vintage buggy owned by a local doctor, and visit our booth at Glenn Otto Park.



2018 Troutdale Citizen of the Year
Sharon Nesbit

Sign Up 2018 Geology Tour - Silver Falls

When: Saturday, September 15

Where: Silver Falls, OR

Time: 9am - 4pm

Departs: Promptly at 9am, please arrive at Glenn Otto Park (1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR) no later than 8:45am.

Fee: \$48, reservations required. Call the THS office #503-661-2164 for reservations.

Bring: Lunch for picnic in a park, comfortable shoes, and dress for the weather.

This year's bus tour will take us to Silver Falls, Oregon to view the magnificent waterfalls and learn about the geology of the land formations creating the waterfalls. **Daina Hardisty**, a geology instructor at Mt. Hood Community College, will lead this tour.



Daina Hardisty,
Geology Instructor



Silver Falls State Park

2018 Cemetery Tour

Our 22nd annual cemetery tour returned us to local historic cemeteries on May 12. We found names out of our history, the graves of Civil War veterans, the monument that marks the Stotts of Stott's landing, the first riverboat landing at what is now Troutdale as well as other names to puzzle over. **Ken**, our bus driver, backed the bus all the way into the Mountain View Stark cemetery, a little-known site with many historic markers. While we were there, several cemetery tourers cleaned the area of beverage cans left by yahoos. Lunching at Main City Park in Gresham, we had the chance to tour the Japanese Garden, Tsuru Island. We found the grave of **Miyo Iwakoshi**, the first Japanese resident to come to Oregon, and followed up with a visit to the Gresham Historical Society where exhibits showed us the faces that went with the names on the grave stones.

Our cemetery tour is sponsored in part by **Gresham Memorial Chapel**. We are fortunate to have **Stan Clarke** to lead these trips. Next year, he is thinking to visit **Portland Memorial** and **Lone Fir Cemetery**, which features the graves of **Capt. John Harlow** and family.



Stan Clarke, cemetery historian, explains the importance of a comma in the text on this stone in Gresham's historic cemetery. Cemetery historians, missing the comma at the end of a series of dates, misinterpreted the deceased's age for years. Clarke has spent years straightening out such problems at Oregon burial sites.



Eighteen people joined THS for the 22nd Annual Cemetery Tour, this one a repeat, after more than two decades, of our very first tour of historical cemeteries in Gresham and Troutdale.



Gresham Historical Society

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Historic Log Home Offered for Party

John Urquhart gave us the loan of his Steiner log house (built in 1940 on the Sandy River by the famous Steiner Family log cabin builders on Mount Hood) for an event on June 12 honoring our volunteers and outgoing president **Bettianne Goetz**.

Urquhart has lived and cared for the home for 30 years, one of a cluster of Steiner structures. This one is located just south of Tippy Canoe.



John Urquhart



Student artist depicts Troutdale School and smelt run at the time of the Mt. St. Helens eruption. (Artist unknown)

Art Night, A Final Touch at Troutdale School

Kindergarteners put bright blue squares in the hall of Troutdale Elementary School for art night on June 7. They posed in hard hats and safety vests with their "blue prints."

Other students drew the old school, to be demolished this year, adding a black background and fireworks, celebrating Troutdale Elementary School at Y2K. One class positioned their historic town on the Sandy River between Mount Hood and Mount St. Helens in eruption and spitting cotton balls.

It was no accident that Troutdale students cited history for the last Art Night at the old school. **Len Otto** and **Julie Stewart** have worked with the school since January supplying historical material to inspire students for art night. Also helping out were **Dee Parsons, Katharine McKenzie, Sharon Nesbit, and Dee Dee Hansen.**

It was a festival and a goodbye. And Troutdale Historical Society had a part in the school reunions last fall, and at Art Night this month.

Troutdale School Art History Celebration
Len Otto at the THS Booth



Sharon Nesbit Awarded Oregon Heritage Excellence Award

Just possibly our favorite local historian has made history herself recently. She's 3 for 3 on earning awards and accolades each of the past 3 months for her 50 years of outstanding contributions to research, preserve, and share East Multnomah County's past, and including recognition for over 30 years of work on the State of Oregon Geographic Names Board.

In April Sharon was recipient of the prestigious Oregon Heritage Excellence Award from the State of Oregon Heritage Commission. She received this award at the April 12, Oregon Heritage Commission banquet in Sun River.

Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis proclaimed May 1st as Sharon Nesbit Day.

In June Sharon was declared 2018 Troutdale Citizen of the Year and will be honored in the town's July 21 Summerfest Parade. That makes her Troutdale moment stretch into a fourth month of fame.



Oregon Heritage Excellence Award

l to r: Bettianne Goetz, THS President; Sharon Nesbit; Margaret Rice, THS VP; Barb Sheeley, cousin to Sharon.

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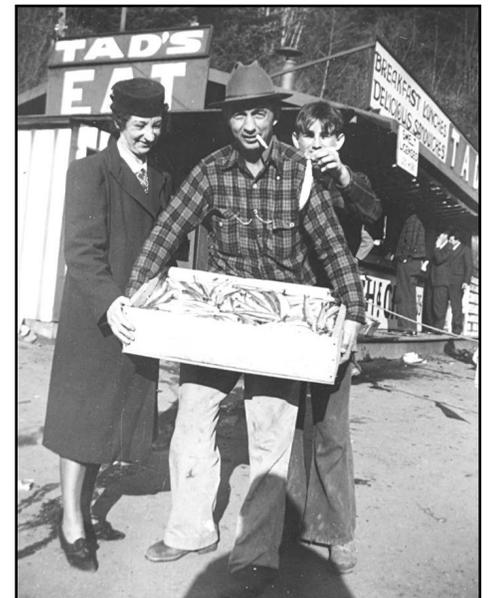
Tad's Chicken 'n Dumplins

Tad's Chicken 'n Dumplins began as a food stand at the east end of the Sandy River Bridge in the 1920s. It got its name from **Tad Johnson** but the **Splawn family**, famous for hamburgers and good eats, were also owners for a time. You could get a meatloaf sandwich there, or smoked smelt.

Construction of what is now Interstate 84 caused the restaurant to move upriver in 1946. It was about then that chicken and dumplings were added to the menu. In 1950, **Olga Holmberg**, the mother of present owner **Judy Jones**, bought the restaurant. She and her husband, **Roy**, would operate it until retirement, handing it over to Judy who still runs the landmark on the Historic Columbia River Highway.



Tad's has partnered with Troutdale Historical Society in many ways, serving chicken and dumplings at our Harvest Festivals, and even seeing that the onions were sliced for our famous hamburgers at the city picnic.



Splawn family with a box full of smelt



Volunteer Sally King Lives Good Life in the Gorge

Don't be misled by our glamorous and personable volunteer **Sally Kruger King**. She's a lifetime and resourceful East County resident, withstanding some tough winters from Pleasant Valley where she attended grade school, to her Columbia River Gorge home of almost 50 years near Latourell Falls. Her father, Carl, was a warehouse manager; mother, Evelyn, caught the school bus with her children every morning to volunteer as teacher's aide and cafeteria helper. Sally graduated Gresham High when it was the only high school in East County. After graduation she worked at the Portland Del Monte meat packing plant and for Ma Bell Telephone, later San Francisco Bell as night shift long-distance operator. She still recalls fondly having a nice long chat about home with a customer connecting to a Gresham number.

Sally and her husband, Ivan, met at church and married in a Reno double wedding with her brother and his wife. She and Ivan didn't have children but the King home was always full with nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Ivan owned Wear Prevention Alloys, a rock crushing equipment company, and later King Ford Tractors, both in north Portland. He was an avid rockhound, fisherman, and hunter. With her own rifle, Sally hunted deer and elk in Eastern Oregon with Ivan, and after 15 years he finally realized she would never shoot one. At home they raised chickens, sheep, goats, rabbits, and horses. They smoked and canned their own poultry, local-caught fish and game meat, and always had a big garden to share produce with neighbors.

Ivan and Sally built a home near Latourell Falls in the 1970s where she still lives and appreciates the beauty of the dell, and her wonderful and helpful neighbors. While their house was under construction, they lived in a barn apartment of the nearby Cobb family, whose daughter Leslie Radke is now a Gresham Historical Society volunteer and board member.

In the 1970s and 1980s Ivan and Sally wintered on a beach near Loreto Baja, traveling and living in their fifth wheel RV. They took a conversational Spanish class and made many close friends with local residents and other U.S. snowbirds. Having their truck made them "car people" able to give rides to and from town, for which they traded fishing trips and water transportation with "boat people." While on their winter travels, they ate their Northwest canned fish, meats, and vegetables, then used the jars to bring back RV-canned Baja yellow tail.

In 1983 Sally started as a Vista House docent, was volunteer coordinator for 31 years which she dearly loved, and is still a regular volunteer. Ivan also served there as errand-runner and handyman, known for being able to fix anything, and sharing armloads of his garden vegetables. She has been vice president and chaplain of the Portland Women's Forum.

Nudged for Gorge winter survival stories, Sally shared her tale about The Winter of 1996. In a long cold spell, power out for days, they needed sun to thaw frozen livestock hoses. At that time of year, only 30 minutes of direct sun hit their yard, not enough time or warmth to melt. So Sally carried buckets of water from house to troughs, with every step sorely missing their Baja snowbird days. Another winter the wind and ice were so strong, to this day a pin oak bends to the west, forever reshaped by the Columbia Gorge east wind.

True to her resilience and optimistic spirit, Sally was the smiling cover girl of the Red Cross 2017 Winter newsletter, as an evacuee of the Eagle Creek fire. She spent a week in the Mt Hood Community College shelter. Though worried about her home and neighbors, and thankful to be safe, she appreciated the wonderful care by responders.

Ivan passed away 22 years ago and is missed greatly by Sally. As she has for 48 years, she remains active in her beloved Bridal Veil Community Church (now in Springdale). She is tending five rescue chickens, which are laying eggs galore. You can find Sally at the THS Barn Exhibit Hall on second Saturday afternoons, co-hosting with Bev Law, Hazel Webb, or her granddaughter, Dallas Wilkie, who we are excited to welcome as a new THS volunteer. Thank you, Sally!

Harlow House Summer Offers Aprons



Hazel Webb and **Bev Law** will dress up the Harlow House this summer with an apron collection. Already in place in the dining room is a set of strawberry plates and

dishware, from Hazel, as well as a display of Blue Willow ware.

The house has been closed for about a month while the porch was under repair but opens again every Sunday beginning June 23. It has been sorely missed by our visitors while it was closed. However, now, there is no risk of falling through the front porch.

MUSEUM HOURS

Barn Exhibit Hall

9am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
1 - 4pm Sunday

Harlow House

1 - 4pm Sunday Only

Rail Depot Museum

10am - 2pm Friday Only

Archiving of Dick Jones Photo Collection Completed

Photo from Dick Jones collection

During his decade of volunteering for the Troutdale Historical Society, the late **Dick Jones** photographed nearly every activity, including, of course, construction of the barn, a project he led.

A fastidious filer, he stored images and negatives according to a coded system of his own devising.

When he died in the 1980s, sooner than he planned, of Lou Gehrig's disease, his collection of photos came to us and sat for some time. Finally, it was up to **Kelly Broomall** to crack the code and establish dates, times and places. And then the job of scanning the photos and putting them in our Past Perfect photo system went to photo curator **Julie Stewart**.

That job was completed this month when Julie filed the last of the images in our system, pictures of our members, of Troutdale Treks, of workers on the barn and at the Harlow House. A chapter of our own history is completed.



Barn paint donor Alex Jones paints the last square on the barn.

Q &A with THS Treasurer, Marilee Thompson

What does membership cost and what does it fund? An individual membership is just \$20. This gives you a quarterly newsletter, 10% off items in our gift store, invitations to THS co-sponsored free monthly History Nights at Edgefield, our Summer Barnyard Concerts, our Annual meeting, and interesting lectures and tours throughout the year. Most importantly, your support helps to continue to preserve Troutdale's history, and also keep our doors open by helping with all the expenses of maintaining three museums.

\$20 isn't much- How long have they been that and have you considered raising them? A long time...I'm not sure, but we'd prefer not to raise dues for as long as possible, and instead increase membership.

Do members have to volunteer? That seems to be the biggest myth we face. To be clear, NO! We don't bother you to join committees or require you to attend any meetings... we just invite you to join us for fun things.

Is the Board paid or do we have any paid employees? People serving on the THS board and committees are all volunteers. Given we now have three museums and, really a world-class exhibit at the barn, we currently have one paid employee.

How many members do we have? Currently we have 356 members. At one time, THS had 500 members. We'd like to get back to that number not just to more solidly support all the upcoming needs THS has, but to spread the fun, proud (and sometimes colorful) history of Troutdale. Because in the long run, yes, we have buildings and things, but really, it's about people. The folks back then made history, and the people today who support history, someday will be a part of Troutdale history too.

How can members help? Encourage others to join - spread the word and share your positive experiences of THS, or give the gift of membership- that gets other people exposed to all the wonderful things THS does to preserve history through exhibits, lectures and events.

What's your favorite thing about THS? All the interesting history and fun legends, but mostly I love the people. As a board member I feel richly rewarded through my work as treasurer and working with the others on the board.

356 MEMBERS OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Help us reach our goal of **500** members for our **50th birthday!**

Are you a member?

Give a gift of membership to the next generation,
friends, family or become a member by clicking [here](#).



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- Laureen Lucero & Len Otto** for guiding the six tours for the Corbett Grade School classes
- Greg & Sue Handy and Kelly Broomall** for reconstructing the Harlow House porch. This is the 2nd time for Greg.
- Laureen Lucero** for photography at the THS Annual Meeting.
- EVERYONE** who attended the Friends & Family Night at McMenamins Edgefield.
- Hazel Webb, Sharon Nesbit, Andrea Heim, and Margaret Rice** for helping with the Kaiser Retiree tour.
- Sue Handy, Sharon Lucky, Bettianne Goetz, and Margaret Rice** for the many hours of weeding the Harlow House flower beds.
- Sharon Nesbit & Julie Stewart** for their presentation on Indian Artifacts to Nicole Walker's 3rd/4th grade class at Troutdale Elementary School.
- Norm Thomas and Kelly Broomall** for installing the last security camera at the Barn Exhibit Hall.
- Brad Lorang, Rip Caswell, and Kelly Broomall** for installing the new THS sign.
- Q Madp** for his photographic record of the THS sign installation.
- Rip Caswell, Brent Montry, and Baily Barry** for installing the re-creation of Lovers Oak in Harlow Park.
- Martha Denham and the THS Arts Council** for their work on the CEP Grants for the Clara Larsson Bronze, the Art Walk Map, the Murals at the base of the Visionary Park monument, and the Lovers Oak Recreation in Harlow Park.
- Sharon Nesbit, Jon & Audrey Lowell and Tim Seery** for guiding a tour of the Rail Depot and Depot Park for 50 kids.
- Dorothy Douglas, Sharon Lucky, Dallas Wilkie** our new volunteers
- Erin Janssens, Margaret Rice, and Sharon Nesbit** for organizing and executing the party for past President **Bettianne Goetz** at the historic Steiner cabin, home of **John Urquhart**.
- Jason Cawood** for hosting a double shift at the Barn Exhibit Hall.
- Gerald Stephan** for painting the background of the OPEN signs white to improve visibility.
- Norm Thomas and Margaret Rice** for covering the office while LeAnn Stephan was on vacation.

Troutdale Historical Society Board Members

- President: Margaret Rice
- Vice President: Erin Janssens
- Treasurer: Marilee Thompson
- Secretary: Norm Thomas
- Executive Director: LeAnn Stephan

Board Members

- Rich Allen, Kelly Broomall, Diane Castillo White, Rip Caswell, Jon Lowell

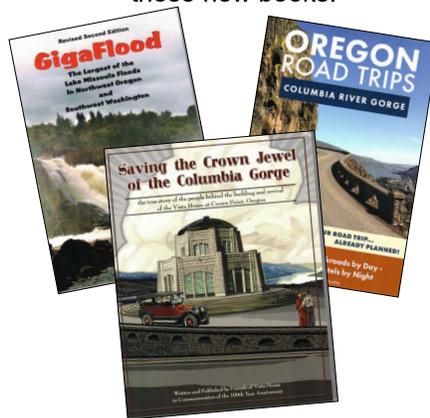
Past Presidents

- Bettianne Goetz, Sharon Nesbit, Len Otto, Dave Ripma

AT THE BARN STORE GIFT SHOP..

New books at the Barn Store

Stop by the Barn Exhibit Hall or visit our online store to purchase a copy of these new books.



2018 THS Annual Meeting

Awards and prizes, elections and rounds of applause were part of our 50th annual meeting, April 15 in Glenn Otto Community Park. We recognized our charter members from 1968, with the entire **Al Stoeckel** family present for photos as well as **Kay Struckman** and her family members and **Sharon Nesbit**. **Louise Dix** could not attend because she broke her arm, and **Barbara Lampert** and **Irene Simons** did not attend.

Officers elected were: **Margaret Rice**, President; **Erin Janssens**, Vice President; **Marilee Thompson**, Treasurer; **Norm Thomas**, Secretary; and board members: **Rich Allen**, **Kelly Broomall**, **Diane Castillo-White**, **Rip Caswell**, and **Jon Lowell**. The meeting concluded with an ice cream social reminiscent of past THS events; ice cream donated by **Cherry Park Safeway** and **Sharon Petri**, and strawberries by **Townsend Farms**.

Sharon Nesbit was honored for her recently-received State of Oregon Heritage Excellence Award which was displayed, and she was presented with a fresh flower bouquet. (See additional story in this edition.)

Art Isaacson was recognized and thanked for his work with the Sandy River Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders who sell carved cedar fish name plaques as a fundraiser for Sam Cox Building maintenance and improvements.

DVDs of the entire annual meeting program are available through the THS office for \$15.

Preservationist of the Year - Len Otto

Len Otto received the THS Preservationist Award for his enduring work on several long-term projects. He was presented with a hand-turned bowl of wood from the old Harlow House walnut tree, made by **Dale Larson**, a mentor to Len in his own wood turning hobby.

Len's accomplishments include:

- Led four-year project to create, design, build, and install the Historic Columbia River Highway exhibit in the Barn Exhibit Hall
- Past president and board member of THS
- Editor of the Sharon Nesbit "It Could Have Been Carpdale" book of Troutdale history
- Career teacher in Reynolds School District, diligently connecting students to local history
- Spent hundreds of hours gathering, editing, and adjusting the photos in the King of Roads (KOR) exhibit
- Led fundraising effort for KOR exhibit

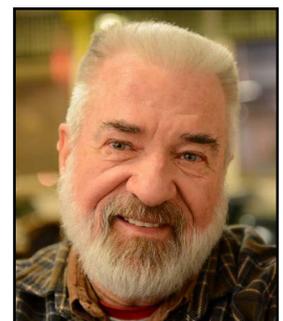


Len Otto
2018 Preservationist Award

Member of the Year - Kelly Broomall

Kelly Broomall, board member and maintenance volunteer, was chosen as Member of the Year for his many contributions to success of THS. Among his accomplishments the past year:

- Wood burned donor names onto Barn Exhibit Hall ceiling beam plaques
- Devised elder/stink bug traps for Harlow House and the Railroad Depot
- Sealed window frame cracks of Harlow House to prevent bug entry
- Shoveled out snow-filled outdoor stairwell of Harlow House in brutal weather conditions
- Packed and transported archive photos and storage items from Depot to Barn
- Dug trench through gravel parking lot for electrical conduit to new THS sign
- Participated in Reynolds High School Veterans Day program with Sharon Nesbit
- Decorated Depot, Caboose, and Harlow House with holiday lighting
- Installed surveillance system at Barn Exhibit Hall with Norm Thomas
- Assisted with summer barnyard concerts and Harlow House Christmas
- Conducts tours of Railroad Depot on Fridays
- Almost daily takes care of repairs, improvements, and maintenance of the three THS museums



Kelly Broomall



Kay Struckman family



Al & Joyce Stoeckel family



Sisters - Hazel Webb & Melba Klinker



Greg & Sue Handy

President's Message...

In April, I became President of Troutdale Historical Society. It is a great honor to represent THS in our 50th anniversary year. I have been a resident of East County 44 years and a member of THS over 30 years. **Sharon Nesbit**, in her inimitable way, asked me to work on the 2016 Reynolds-Alcoa employee reunion, a few months later I was secretary on the Board of Directors, the past year vice president, and now here I am. This was not what I envisioned doing when I retired in 2015. But, how do you say 'no' to Sharon? And, to my surprise what I experienced in all these roles, and continue to do so, was sheer enjoyment and delight in the people I was meeting and working with. Our Board of Directors, volunteers, docents, and Executive Director are stellar. Everyone is committed to the mission to preserve and share our interesting and lively local history through tours, programs, and our three museums. Our members and visitors are inquisitive, fun, and supportive. All of these elements are vital to the success and future of THS. Please enjoy this newsletter, take note of the many activities we offer, and I hope to see you at an event soon.



Margaret Rice, President Troutdale Historical Society

Lovers Oak Tree Re-created



Original Lovers Oak Tree c1950



Re-created Lovers Oak March 2018

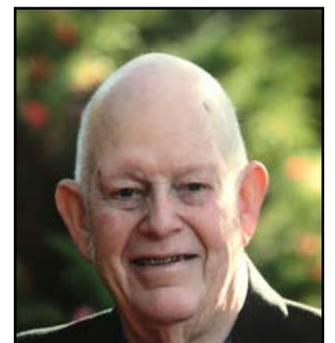
The tree which became Lovers Oak grew by the Sandy River north of the now I-84 freeway, east of the Troutdale Airport, on the Sun Dial Ranch owned by **Capt. James Menzies**. It was created in an 1876 flood when the oak sapling was bent over one log and another log landed on top. When the Menzies discovered the tree while harvesting timber, the logs were disintegrating, leaving the arch formation. For many years it was a popular meeting point for friends and lovers. In the 1930s Lovers Oak was a subject of *Ripley's Believe It or Not*. In the 1940s when the Reynolds Aluminum Plant was built, the company erected a protective fence around the tree. Sadly, the tree was destroyed in the 1962 Columbus Day Storm. It is the logo of Troutdale Historical Society and now has been re-created in lifelike reality with the live Harlow House oak tree. **Mike Vernelson** and **Brent Montry**, artists with Crete Inc., designed, created, and installed the log bench and arch in May. This stunning artwork was made possible by the City of Troutdale Community Enhancement Project program. It has already created a stir with passersby, museum guests and neighbors, and wedding parties. Stop by and take a close-up look.

Friends in History Remembered

Robert "Bob" Boring (January 27, 1940 - April 28, 2018)

Bob died at the age of 78 on April 28, 2018 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was raised on the family farm in the town of Boring, Oregon. The town was named after his great-grandfather William H. Boring. Bob and his wife, Glenda, raised two sons while living in Gresham and then Boring.

Bob served his community as member and past President of the Kiwanis Club, Board of Directors of the Sandy High School, board member of the Boring Water District, and most recently the President of the Sandy Historical Society. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, two sons, three grandchildren, and one great-grandson.



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Kaiser Retirees Tour

On a sunny May morning, about two dozen Kaiser Permanente retirees toured the three Troutdale Historical Society museums. **Sharon Nesbit** started the full group at the Barn Exhibit Hall and provided some background on the Historic Columbia River Highway exhibit. Also on hand in the Barn office was KP retiree and THS volunteer **Carla Robertson** who explained the archive digitization project she is working on. At Harlow House docents **Andrea Heim** and **Hazel Webb**, dressed in vintage clothing, greeted the KP visitors. The group then split in two, one group to see Caswell Garden, the Visionary Park statue of highway builders Sam Lancaster and Sam Hill, Art Center, and studio of **Rip and Alison Caswell**; the other to tour the Train Depot with guide **Kelly Broomall**. The two tour groups swapped positions, then everyone scattered for lunch at various Troutdale restaurants. Thank you to guides **Sharon Nesbit, Andrea Heim, Hazel Webb, Executive Director LeAnn Stephan, Carla Robertson, Kelly Broomall, and Rip Caswell.**



Kaiser Retiree Tour Group

April 7, 2018 at Corbett

Laureen Lucero and **Margaret Rice** attend the ground breaking ceremony for the new Crown Point Country Historical Society museum in Corbett, OR. They are holding the Capt. Meriweather Lewis branding iron artifact.



Harlow House Gets A New Porch

Our lovely old girl Harlow House truly got a little nip and tuck by aesthetic surgeons and THS volunteers **Kelly Broomall** and **Greg Handy** in May. As suggested



Kelly Broomall and Greg Handy hard at work on the porch.

by **Sue Handy**, original porch boards were nipped on their end edges to trim off old age damage and tucked back in against new wood borders framing the porch perimeter. It saved costly expense of replacement lumber, maintained the home's historic integrity, and is good as new, ready for summer guests.

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Troutdale Historical Society

Preserving The Past, Embracing The Future

With membership in the society, you receive quarterly newsletters to keep up with all of our activities. Membership privileges include a reduction in membership cost for the Oregon Historical Society and free entry to all our museums.

- \$20 Individual Membership
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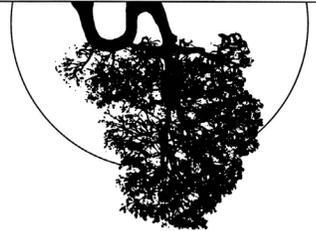
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Mission Statement
To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area; to stimulate interest in the knowledge of the locality's past.

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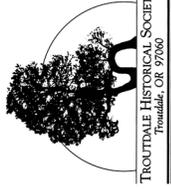
Thank you for your support!

Troutdale Historical Society sponsors free programs throughout the year.

Edgefield History Night

The last Tuesday of every month (except December) the Troutdale Historical Society co-sponsors a speaker at McMenamins Edgefield Blackberry Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the free program begins at 6:30 p.m.
Food and drink are available.

Troutdale Historical Society's logo, the "Lovers Oak," stood on the floodplain of the Columbia River until the Columbus Day Storm of 1962. It was a popular gathering place for locals and was an instantly recognizable landmark.



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