

KICKING-OFF ANOTHER YEAR...

We are bringing you a two-page newsletter this month to let you know of the good things in store this fall and all the great things that happened over the summer.

First, the opening meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 17, in the city park building. (Note time and location.) Bring a side dish, vegetable dish, bread or dessert. Meat and beverages will be provided. There are also paper plates and plastic flatware, but you may bring your own, if desired. We will take a donation to pay for the cost of the meat.

It's time to get reacquainted so come prepared to introduce yourself and add a few words about your personal history living in this area.

COMING ATTRACTIONS...

Look forward to a winter season of interesting programs. We plan to concentrate on live interviews this year, similar to the one we did last spring with Paul Overstad. Suggested interviewees are the Nasmyth brothers, Bill and Florence Baker, and Roy Meger. Please let us know of other good candidates.

Mark your calendars now for our Saturday, Dec. 17, Christmas open house at the Harlow House. Other than that special date, our meetings are always on the third Monday of the month. We meet in the city park building in October and May for our potlucks but all other meetings are in council chambers at Troutdale city hall.

NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW COMING...

A major accomplishment of the summer was completion of the nomination of the Harlow House to the National Register of Historic Places.

Curt Kaiser, the graduate student who did volunteer work for us last year, drafted most of the document and Sharon Nesbit completed it. Valerie Kay in Troutdale City Hall typed it and Glenn Otto took it to Salem for us.

It is a complicated form comprising more than a dozen pages of information, three maps and more than two dozen photos. The state advisory committee on historic preservation will consider it in mid-November. If they approve, the nomination goes to federal authorities for their approval. Acceptance to the National Register assures that careful review must be given to any major changes of a historic structure and also makes the building eligible for historic preservation grants.

ABOUT OUR MUSEUMS...

It was the best summer yet in the Harlow House and Depot museums. We had an average of 10 visitors each Sunday afternoon at the Harlow House and even more at the depot.

It wouldn't have been possible without the enthusiastic volunteers who hosted the depot museum. Special thanks to Rankin Davis who took the job three times and Bill and Florence Baker who did it twice. The hosts all enjoyed themselves.

The depot museum will be closed for the winter. The Harlow House will be open on the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m.

IN MEMORY...

We lost two faithful members this summer. Though she was unable to attend our meetings, Mary Knarr, who died in June, was a charter member. And Jim Hewlett died in September.

RECIPES SNATCHED UP...

Thanks to Friends of the Vista House which operates a gift shop in the basement of Vista House at Crown Point, we have an excellent market for our recipe packets and we sold nearly all the supply we printed last fall--several hundred dollars worth. We plan to reprint and possibly issue a new type, bread recipes, perhaps.

WHAT SUMMER VACATION?...

Ted Schulte will give us the exact figures at our October meeting, but the combined results of our ice cream social, city picnic booths and our September front porch pie sale earned more than enough to make the payment on the Harlow House. In fact the board voted this summer to pay \$1500 instead of \$1000 to reduce interest costs.

The ice cream social was very successful. The plant sale organized by Cathy Hamme, was a hit and Sam Cox said he had lots of willing volunteers to scoop icecream and make banana splits.

We sold barbecued beef sandwiches (the work of Bob and Dorothy Sturges and Jean Holman) and hamburgers with onions at the city picnic. There were too many fry cooks to thank here but Alex Jones cried slicing the onions. We sold out all our ice cream. And, with only a day's notice, put a cake walk together with the Lionesses. Many thanks to the ladies who scurried around at the last minute making cakes. We earned \$75.

Finally, Sam Cox organized a front porch pie sale at the Harlow House, Sept. 11 and the profits were \$300 counting \$100 Nathalie Wilson gave as an added boost. Pie bakers wore themselves to a frazzle and they deserve our thanks.

AND MORE SUMMER...

On Sept. 24 Sharon Nesbit led a walking history tour of Troutdale for "big people" though a few little people came along. This was a request from adults who had heard of our history tours for grade school kids and it was such a success we'll plan on doing it each fall. About 20 people took the walk including Troutdale old-timers like Helen Redden and Peggy Abbott who said they learned "a thing or two." We also signed up two new members.

OOOOPS.....

During fall housecleaning at the Harlow House, the front parlor curtains disintegrated in the wash. Do you have lace panels in ecru or white for three windows?

MISSING MAYORS...

Vera Strebin spent part of her summer tracking down pictures of mayors for our gallery of mayors in Troutdale city hall. She had pretty good luck and many thanks to you who loaned photos. Still needed are pictures of J.S. Hudson, H.E. Bloyd and Walter Norment. We also lack photos of some living former mayors, Jack Lloyd, Vern Rathman and Morrie McGinnis, but we will take their pictures.

Is there any chance some of our missing mayors pictures could be in the Masonic Hall? Could a Mason please help?

SMALL NOTES...

Ted Schulte gave us a chicken hook for our museum tool collection...The society won first prize in the city picnic parade...We have cataloged all the lovely books Dolly Graham gave us...The board approved \$50 for the purchase of an antique coffee and tea service for the Harlow House. Once it has been retinned it will be used for parties and receptions...Alex Jones turned 80 in September and a party was given for him at city hall...a family member is looking for information on a John Maeder who died Jan. 16, 1945 at Troutdale...Thanks to Clarence Mershon for the loan of a picture of the Sandy River bridge at Viking Park.

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