



BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Ice Cream Social time:

Love's Old Sweet Song plays for the 29th time

Plan happy Father's Day weekend around our 29th annual Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social, Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Glenn Otto Community Park, Harlow House Museum, the Troutdale Rail Depot and End of the Line Museum Store.

The social also launches a wonderful new exhibit in Harlow House museum.



Cindy Hammond and Sandy Cartisser are creating a display of vintage trousseau and wedding items, including a table set for a wedding breakfast. This special exhibit will remain in the Harlow House throughout the summer, thus:

Love's Old Sweet Song.

And, more song at the park, the Portland Mandophonic Orchestra on Saturday, the ragtime band, Dill Pickles, on Sunday, thanks to sponsors Waste Management of Troutdale and Tom Miller.

And strawberries, of course, served with shortcake, served with shortcake with ice cream, served up as sundaes and served up in banana splits. Townsend Farms and Fujii Farms are the usual donors.

We'll have crafts and hand-cranked ice cream for kids (they both crank and eat, it's only fair.) Beanarinos will be there with espresso and yogurt. And we have a dozen or so arts and crafts booths.

Sharon Nesbit leads a walking history tour at 2 p.m. on Sunday, starting at the Harlow House.



Finally, no one forgets the GREATEST PLANT SALES of summer, our own Troutdale Historical Society plant sale with wonderful plants from Kaz & Helen Tamura of Tamura Farms and the Friends of Beaver Creek native plant sale.

How to help? Count the ways on Page 2.

CALENDAR For Summer



Events

June 14 & 15, Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.:

Glenn Otto Community Park, Harlow House and Rail Depot, 29th annual old-fashioned Ice Cream Social

July 19, Sat., 11 a.m.:

Annual Troutdale Parade & Picnic at Glenn Otto Community Park

Sept. 27 & 28, Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Glenn Otto Community Park, Harlow House and Rail Depot, Harvest Faire

Barnstorming

Normally, first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.:
In the barn. Call Bob Strebin, 665-2756

Board of Directors

Normally, first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.
In the barn. Call Ellen Brothers, 661-2164

Steering Committee

Normally, second Monday of the month, 7 p.m.
In the barn. Call Mona Mitchoff, 666-5455

Harlow House

Thru Oct. 31, Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Depot Museum & Store

Thru Oct. 31, Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

City budget group approves money

Pending final approval, the Troutdale budget committee agreed to give our society \$23,500 for capital improvements including needed repairs and improvements to the Harlow House, paint, a new roof and heating and cooling system.

The money from motel and hotel taxes relates to tourism and our role in greeting visitors and local history. Our proposal developed from long range planning sessions guided by Pat Brothers who helped the board set goals and a budgets for our projects for the next 5 years.

Ways to help for Ice Cream Social

Sponsors

Say thanks to Waste Management of Troutdale, and Tom Miller, Massage Therapist

Volunteers

Florence Baker, 665-9656, is awaiting your call.

Plants & Flowers

Bring flowers for decorating by 5 p.m. Friday night, June 13. Call Marge Schmunk, 666-7706, to donate items for the plant sale.

Signs

Got a good spot for a sign? Call Bop Strebin, 665-2756 and leave your name and address. We will regard that as permission to place a sign.

What would we do without you dept.

Steve Kasseman of Gresham once again cleaned the Harlow House gutters so our flower beds were not flooded in spring rains.

Bob Strebin fetched and carried all the leftover sheetrock out of the barn and put it in a dumpster donated by Waste Management of Troutdale. Thanks to both...Strebin also sprayed all the blackberries at the Harlow House and has the evil villains at bay.

Jack and Roberta Burns, faithful Harlow House hosts, took their camera to the house on a Sunday in early 1997 and took a whole series of photos of the rooms. Such photo surveys are valuable both for the sake of history and for security reasons.

Jean Hybskmann and Sharon Nesbit shared a carrot cake donated by Main Street Grocery with Harlow House host trainees. Present for cake and coaching were Donna Hawkins, Adrienne Clausen, Vivian Boelke, Bob Strebin, Florence Baker, Tom and Pam Fenton, Georgene Penketh, Alice Wand, Sheryl Maydew.

Marge Schmunk had the depot gleaming and all the museum store stock out and ready to go when the building opened in May. The place looks better than ever.

Breakfast, then some ice cream

Make a day of it on Saturday, June 14 by starting with an old-fashioned firehouse breakfast at the Corbett Fire Hall from 8 a.m. to noon.

Once you're done there, an event that helps fund the fire department's scholarship for local high school seniors who want to study fire science, then come on down to Troutdale and join the ice cream social.

The Corbett department's scholarship fund, incidentally, honors Ferd Riehl, pioneer member of the department, who served as a volunteer from 1949 until his retirement in 1995.

NUMBERS FOR HISTORY



IN CYBERSPACE:

Oregon Historical Society Web Site
<http://www.ohs.org>

Troutdale Historical Society Web Site
www.pdxi.com/th

Troutdale Historical Society E-mail
SNesbit@aol.com



BY PLAIN OLD PHONE:

Harlow House -- (503) 661-2164
Rail Depot -- (503) 667-8268

Gifts

Endowment fund

In memory of:
Vera Strebin

from
Helen & Kaz Tamura

Lenore Thomas

from
Donald Thomas

Edna Landreth Nearhoff

from
Frank & Jean Driver
Elsie Sinnitt

Audrey Barnett

from
Frank & Jean Driver

For Mother's Day--

for our Mothers, living and remembered.
"It was my Mother, after all, who got me involved with the historical society."

from
Penny Balch

Barn fund

from
Penny Balch

In memory of:

Edna Landreth Nearhoff

from
Doris Woolley

Robert Hughes

from
Mary Hughes

General fund

from
Alice Hartje

In memory of Lorraine Tetz Vera Strebin

"Please apply both checks toward the new furnace. I know Lorraine and Vera both would want the Harlow House to stay warm. They were both outstanding ladies and a real credit to our community."

from
Bob & Louise Dix

Alice Wand earns membership honor



President David Ripma gives Alice Wand a hug and a plaque in announcing her selection as Member of the Year at the May meeting.

It was great good luck that so many of Alice Wand's family members were present Sunday, May 18, when Alice was named our Member of the Year.

The Wand family had gathered for a spring cleaning and sorting at Alice's home on Cabbage Hill, so a trip down to Troutdale City Hall, grandkids secreting a bouquet of flowers, was a happy conclusion to the weekend.

Alice was chosen as member of the year by the board of directors of the Troutdale Historical Society for her exceptional accomplishments on our behalf. Notably, she has personally researched and presented two programs on Troutdale's vegetable industry, arranging to make those presentations at meetings of our society in the two restored and converted vegetable warehouses in Troutdale. She is, as well, a member of our program committee, a member of our barnstorm exhibit design committee and a host at the Harlow House museum.

Her award is a framed a picture of Alice and others bending over berry cleaning chores at the ice cream social with an engraved brass plate attached to the frame. And she gets our thanks, as well.

What's happening next year?

Our program committee, Sharon Nesbit, Alice Wand, Connie Purvis and Maude Winning, with a considerable assist from Bob Strebin met last month to decide on a schedule of speakers for our fall and winter meeting session in 1997-1998.

Among the plans for the upcoming season, an interview with local berry growers, a study of Troutdale landmarks, a speaker with access to the diaries of a survivor of the Whitman Massacre, a program on geology of the gorge, a history of the Troutdale airport and a nostalgic visit to the Doolittle store. Those, of course, may change as we line up speakers and sort out schedules.

We have a date for the Troutdale School Reunion, **Sunday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m.**, likely in Troutdale City Hall. We want to take advantage of the opportunity of having so many former Troutdale residents on hand to look at three decades of slides of Troutdale landmarks and buildings, calling for some help from the old hands on the history of those sites.

OK, let's try this again....

How about this? Does anyone have some wedding cake toppers, you know, the plastic bride and groom, to display in our show case in the rear parlor of the Harlow House for our wedding exhibit? Those plus some wedding photos of our members, from various years and fashion periods, would make a nice exhibit.

If so, please label and bring to the Harlow House. Summer hours, Wed-Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., begin June 4. We need them by no later than June 12 in order to set up the exhibit. We will use them throughout the summer, returning them in September.

Join us at Discovery Center

Trekmaster Sharon Nesbit enjoyed a sneak preview of the new Columbia Gorge interpretive Center, Discovery Center, at The Dalles recently. Crowds are likely to be large this summer, so if you are willing to hold off on your visit to the site until fall we will conduct our fall Trek in September or early October as "A Day in The Dalles" taking in the Discovery Center, the early church and courthouse, The Fort Dalles Museum and whatever else strikes our fancy.

Frieda finds treasure

Frieda O'Neil recently found among her possessions a splendid vegetable box label for Troutdale Peas, Blue Goose brand, grown by the Co-operative Lettuce & Cauliflower Ass'n., Troutdale.

She sent it along with a note that added, "It may not be important at all, but here you are..." It is, of course, very important. We had not seen it before. To add to the interest and tell you how common these treasured labels once were, this one has a child's drawing on the back, labeled "Jonny drew this New Years Day, 1939."

Just goes to how that the old trash and treasure thing is quite true.

History afoot



Troutdale historians joined Virginia Kelly of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area May 18 for a hike in the Sandy River Delta, followed by a program at city hall.

Namedroppers...

Lenore Thomas, a member who often arrived at the Harlow House or one of our meetings with an item of curiosity to be identified, died recently...Two of our member couples, **Frank & Jean Driver**, and **Ken & Joyce Prickett** will be celebrating 50th anniversaries in June...**Kaz & Helen Tamura** have joined the Director's Club...speaking of that post, **Ellen Brothers** is planning to retire. If you are interested in working as the director of the historical society, please submit a resume. You may mail it or leave it in our box at Troutdale City Hall...We are searching for a finish carpenter to complete some projects in the barn. If you know someone who would like the job, please call Bob Strebin, 665-2756...**Len Otto's** classes from Sweetbriar School will tour the Harlow House in early June...**Bob & Louise Dix** and their family presented the scholarship this month in memory of their children.

Post it Please!

Your very own
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