

Bygone Times

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MORE HISTORY OF THE GORGE...

We keep hearing that you can't get enough history of the Columbia River Gorge so we asked history teacher, writer and lecturer Dick Pintarich to speak and show slides at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 20, in Troutdale City Hall. (Please note the changed day, time and location.)

Dick, an instructor at Mt. Hood and Portland community colleges, will talk about transportation in the Columbia River gorge from its beginnings up to the Old Columbia River Highway. His pictures, some provided by Phil Johnson, a student of gorge history, will include the gorge as it looks today as well as photos in its heyday.

Dick has been learning Oregon history since his childhood when his parents took him along on camping trips. He has a master's degree in history from Portland State University and has written more than 70 historical articles for Northwest publications. He is 38, a native Oregonian, and leader of history tours for the Portland Parks and Recreation Department. He is the co-author of "Portland, Gateway to the Northwest" and expects to have two books out this year, a popular geography of the Willamette Valley and a collection of history stories printed in Oregon Magazine.

Marie Stone and Mary Allen will provide refreshments.

OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY...

We counted 75 people at our 20th anniversary meeting last month. Dick Jones, who has done so much work at the Harlow House, was named our Preservationist of the Year, only the second time we have given the award. (Ted Schulte won it the first time.) We gave Sam Cox a gavel in recognition of his 13 years as president. Sam is not quitting but we thought it was high time we appreciated him.

In honor of Alex Jones, who stepped down from the vice presidency, to represent the Board of Trustees, we created the Alex Jones Flag Pole Fund to erect a flag pole at the Harlow House. Alex will have to raise and lower the flag at the museum just as he has done for the last 20 years for the City of Troutdale.

We gave retiring treasurer Ted Schulte and retiring membership secretary Lois Schulte, a set of Cross pens engraved with their names, though Sam pointed out that they should have had the pins BEFORE they did all those years of work for us.

We recognized all our presidents of the past 20 years, Marilyn Oakes, Bob Sturges, the late Don Vorpahl, Alex Jones and Sam, with a collection of their portraits. Thanks to Judy Jones who did the printing work on the photos.

And we pinned flowers on all the charter members who were present as well as former officers, members of the year and Board of Trustees. We looked at the scrapbook of our 20 year history prepared by Cathy Hamme and we patted ourselves on the back so much our arms hurt.

NEW OFFICERS are: President Sam Cox; Vice President Ted Schulte; Secretary Doris Caramella; Treasurer Marge Schmunk; Board Members, Bob Sturges, Rankin Davis and Gene Bui. Joyce Stoeckel is our membership secretary. You may send dues to her at the address on the reverse

NAMEDROPPERS...Welcome to new members: JUDY LUX, SCOTT HARLOW TAYLOR, PAULINE HOLM, EILEEN BROWN, LARRY LOVENSTEIN, RICK BERG, A.E. HAPPOLD, BONITA JENKINS, DAVE & CINDY CAROW, LISA SHAER, MARK & LAUREN STOECKEL and RUBY MATHIESON...Thanks to all who called or wrote about our 20th anniversary party...HAROLD BELDIN couldn't attend. He was laid up following a mishap with a bowling ball...EDITH WIGGS, now a resident of Ocean Park, Wash., was in the hospital recuperating from surgery...Our Harlow House caretaker for the last three years, KIM BREWER, has resigned. The board of directors is considering several alternatives for the summer including keeping the museum open on a full time basis. Kim will be missed. The house always very pretty under her tender care...Thanks again to BILL BAKER for loaning his toys for a special display through the Christmas holidays...HAZEL WEBB organized a group of Corbett residents for a special visit to the house to see the toys...CLYDE & EDITH GAGE donated a set of stainless steel flatware for use in the Harlow House kitchen...JUNE MCGINNIS SHERMAN gave a White Owl Cigar Box (Price 5 cents)...SAM COX gave a 1949 copy of "The Western Steelworker" with photos of virtually every East County business, including aerial views of most local communities...ARMAN & DONNA KLUEHE will see that our Flav-R-Pac labels are turned in...HAROLD & MYRTA WEATHERHEAD, members from Oregon City, will visit the Harlow House May 1...IG WAND has been painstakingly gathering the names of those in an old photo of the Troutdale Wool Pullery crew loaned by W.R. JACKSON, Fairview...DORIS CAMELLA is signing up people to host the Depot Museum on weekends May through September. You may call her at 253-7010...Thanks to PAM CHRISTIAN & GREG WILDER for gathering information on the old Hensley Barn before it is torn down by the highway department.

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