

SURPRISE, SURPRISE! PIES, PIES!

If you think you are receiving your fall newsletter a month too soon, you are correct. However, there is so much going on we have decided we need an extra edition.

First, mark your calendar for our Front Porch Pie Sale and Troutdale Tale Tales Event, Sunday, Sept. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Harlow House, 726 E. Columbia St., Troutdale.

The supreme feature of the day, of course, will be pies--homemade pies made by historical society cooks. Buy yours with ice cream for \$1, coffee 25 cents extra. And just to add flavor to the day we will fill the afternoon with Troutdale tale tales. Wear some comfy shoes and join Historian Sharon Nesbit for a Troutdale walking history tour (about 8 blocks) at 2 p.m. Hear the tale of the Great Troutdale Pool Hall Robbery, Capt. John Harlow's showdown with the railroad, and the story of the Big Bank Blow-up.

Or, just make yourself comfortable from 2 to 4 p.m. and listen to Gresham potter and storyteller Dan Stevens weave fact and fantasy, truth and fiction into a marvelous yarn. Stevens is so good he could sell snake oil.

And why are we doing all this? To earn money for our museum barn, of course.

NOW THE BAD NEWS...

Our request for a Community Development Block Grant to build our museum barn was turned down by the committee that reviews applications. Gene Bui is disappointed but not discouraged and is looking elsewhere for more grant money.

John Nasmyth, still determined that a barn will be built, gave us another \$1,000 at the ice cream social. The barn fund is now at \$7,000.

EVERYTHING BUT THE KITCHEN SINK...

That is the title of our new exhibit at the Harlow House. A donor who wishes to remain anonymous has loaned us a splendid display of kitchen items, rolling pins, cookie cutters, you name it. Visit the Harlow House any Sunday in September, or on Oct. 6 or Nov. 3 to see it. And many thanks to Hazel Webb who put together our summer strawberry display.

NAMES YOU NEED TO APPLAUD...

The following people pitched in this summer and hosted the depot museum: Gail Meyers (who also has worked hard on the depot's newest display case), Ted and Lois Schulte, Jack and Dorothy Evans, Ig and Alice Wand, Pat Albin, Gladys Norment, Vera Strebin, Bill and Florence Baker, Doris Caramella, Steve Kenney, Peter and Rita Giancone, Gene and Nancy Bui, Bill and Marie Stone, Bob Sturges, Sam Cox, Sharon Nesbit and Rankin Davis. Especially Rankin Davis. While some people have hosted twice this summer, Rankin has done it several times. He's our pinchhitter, filling in wherever there are gaps to fill. Some Sundays, you will find Rankin there in overalls cleaning the depot. And Bill and Marie Stone gave away fresh vegetables during their depot stint over Labor Day.

JUNDS, A GROUNDSKEEPER!...

And another special thing that happened this summer--Cathy Hamme has agreed to take over the supervision of the grounds at the Harlow House. She and Gerhardt von Kohlbeck have worked and planned all summer. What they envision is a wonderful old-fashioned garden around
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the Harlow House, the kind with hollyhocks, bachelor buttons and canterbury bells. See how good it looks already at the Sept. 15 pie sale.

AND A NEW SIDEWALK...

One of the things we learned at our May 19 home tour was that our gravel walk leading up to the Harlow House was precarious for many people. Sam Cox decided then and there to put in a concrete walk and Ted Schulte has done just that. Thanks to a youth work crew provided by the City of Troutdale, Schulte spent more than a week on his prayer bones laying brick-lined walks up to and around the Harlow House. All it cost us was the brick. Because Ted is such a good guy, Troutdale Sand and Gravel and Columbia N.W. Corporation donated the materials.

SPEAKING OF MONEY...

We made \$2,500 on our May 19 Home Tour. We also signed up 90 new members. (WELCOME, ALL OF YOU!) Proceeds from the ice cream social were \$1,207. The plant sale brought in \$404 of that amount. Our craft tables earned another \$35. The country store and bake sale gleaned \$107. And the rest came from sale of ice cream.

We did not do as well as we hoped selling hamburgers, ice cream and shortcake at the city picnic. Due to unusually hot weather, attendance was down and our we raised only \$188.35. (However, read on to see what we are going to do with the leftover hamburgers.) The picnic was a whale of a lot of work, but we made our appearance in our new TROUTDALE HYSTERICAL SOCIETY T-shirts. And our Troutdale Washboard Band marching unit won first prize in the parade. If you want a T-shirt, see Sharon Nesbit at the pie sale. They are \$5 apiece for members, \$8 for non-members but that includes a historical--or should we say, hysterical--society membership.

HAIL ALL TROUTDALE SCHOOL ALUMNI...

Mark your calendar right now for 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20. We are going to move our usual October potluck to Sunday and host a Troutdale Grade School Reunion. Anyone who ever attended Troutdale Grade School is invited to come. What we need you do do is spread the word.

The board of directors has decided that this will be a splendid way to start our new year. We'll have a little program and see just how many folks we get from each graduating class. We'll even offer small prizes for the best turnout.

The dinner will be a potluck, but we will build it around the hamburgers left over from our picnic. (Never fear, Nancy Cox has been keeping them in her freezer all this time.) Historical society members will fry hamburgers and we'll rely on those who attend the reunion to bring the rest.

A REAL PAPERHANGER...

Bless her heart, Kay Foetisch has volunteered to spend her Saturday afternoons in October wallpapering the upstairs hallway of the Harlow House. It's a job we've been putting off for a disgracefully long time and we're going to do it with some of the proceeds from the home tour. Wallpaper is expensive! Ted Schulte will be on hand to help with scaffolding. But we need one helper each Saturday in October. If you can help, call Sharon Nesbit at 665-0423.

NEW CARETAKER...

We have a new caretaker in the Harlow House. Dennis and Barbara Grahn and their son, Matthew, have gone off to Stanford University where Dennis will do graduate work. Our new caretaker is Kim Brewler, 28, is an occupational therapist at Rest Harbor Nursing Home.