



Newsletter of the

March 2013

Troutdale Historical Society

BYGONE TIMES

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday

March 17, 2013

*Chuck Rollins and
Steve Lehl
"History of Fishing on the
Columbia River"
Barn Museum
2 p.m.*

***Bridge Brunch
hosted by
Sharon Nesbit***

***April 20
9:00 a.m.***

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***Annual Business
Meeting/Election of
Officers***

***Oral History with
Sharon Nesbit***

***Glenn Otto Park
April 21st
2 p.m.***

Interview TBA

***May
Cemetery Tour
Probable locations
Newburg-
McMinnville
and
Evergreen
Aviation &
Space Museum***

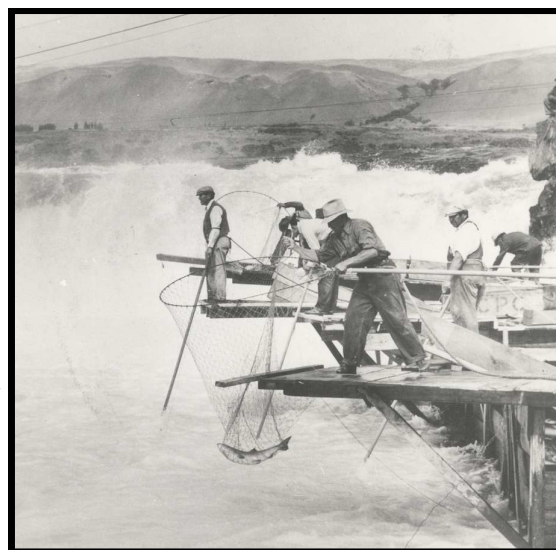
Chuck Rollins and Steve Lehl "History of Fishing on the Columbia River" Back by Popular Demand for the March 17 Program at the Barn Museum

Sunday, March 17, 2013
Barn Museum-732 E. Historic Columbia
River Highway in Troutdale
2:00 p.m.

An expanded encore presentation by Steve Lehl, Columbia River Gorge historian, and Chuck Rollins, president of the Crown Point Country Historical Society are slated for the THS March Program.

A remarkable collection of rarely seen historic images will be featured.

Free | Donations Gladly Accepted!
Light refreshments will be served
Please join us for this amazing presentation!



"Love the Highway" THS Historic Scenic Col. River Highway Exhibit Fundraiser

If you missed the event on February 12th, you missed a really fun night!

We raised more than **\$8000** towards the cost of a new exhibit for the Barn Museum.

Thanks to all who attended and those brave bidders who left with some amazing items!

A HUGE thank you to Pat & Pat Brothers for a wonderful auction!

AND another HUGE thank you to Shirley Welton and the crew at Tippy Canoe for fantastic food and service for this event!

The fun continues on April 20th at the Bridge Brunch hosted by Sharon Nesbit (see article, page 2) ***Invitation only, so let us know if you want an invitation! Deadline is April 5th!!!***

Bridge Brunch set for Glenn Otto Park on April 20

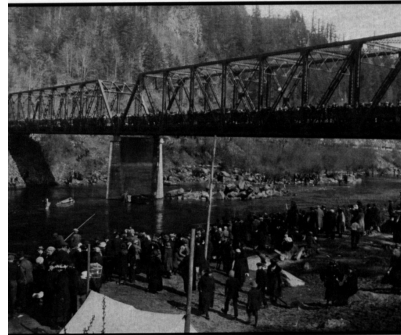
Troutdale's bridge at the Sandy River was built in 1912, one of the first links to the highway, so this spring, Saturday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. Sharon Nesbit is planning a 100th birthday party for our bridge to begin raising the considerable money that it costs to build an exhibit.

There will be festivities at the bridge, followed by a brunch in Glenn Otto Community Park in the Sam Cox building, and a rare opportunity to see Steve Lehl's magic lantern slides of the Columbia River Highway and to see Sam Lancaster, builder of the highway, reincarnated by Oregon historian Chet Orloff.

We are encouraging guests to wear clothing of the era. **This is an invitation-only event**, so if you want to attend -- the event will be \$50 a person, most going to the exhibit fund -- then please write, call or email us to be on the guest list and receive an invitation. **Deadline is April 5th!**

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Troutdale Artist Rip Caswell's Statue of Admiral Nimitz Will Grace Pearl Harbor

Troutdale bronze sculptor, Rip Caswell, has been commissioned by the Naval Order of the United States to create an eight-foot bronze likeness of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz who led the U.S. Navy into victory in the Pacific during WWII.

The statue will sit next to the USS Missouri moored on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii later in the year.

Because of a family Navy connection, Rip's son, Chad, has been assisting on the statue and both men feel a special honor to be involved with the historic figure from WWII.

Caswell was real close to his

grandfather, William Shirley Schooley who held the rank of Seaman First Class, and has very fond memories of their time spent together, but he never talked about his service. Rip received his diaries after his death and tries to understand what he did.

The clay version of the Nimitz statue will be in the studio until March 19

so Rip invites anyone who wants to see it to stop by the Caswell Gallery at 235 and 255 E. Historic Columbia River Highway in Troutdale.



Fleet Admiral Nimitz waits at attention in the Caswell Gallery for final approval from the Navy.

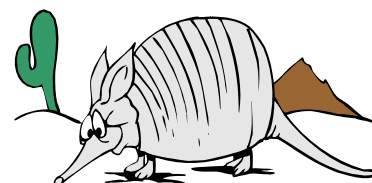
“Way Out West” Murder Mystery Dinner set for September 15 at Brickhaven Bed & Breakfast

We have ten tickets left for this walk on the “Wild Side” — the Wild West Side that is! Buy your ticket to be a part of the cast of the “Way Out West” Murder Mystery Dinner on Sunday afternoon, September 15th at Brickhaven Bed & Breakfast high above the magnificent Columbia River Gorge. Enjoy a western bar-b-que dinner with appropriate libations while trying to solve the “who-done-it” mystery.



Tickets are \$50 (we only have ten left) and may be purchased at the Rail Depot Museum and Store from 10-2 Tuesday through Saturday. We can do a credit card purchase over the phone. The proceeds from this event will go the Historic Columbia River Highway Exhibit to be in the Barn Museum.

A big thank you to Pat & Pat Brothers, Ed & Phyllis Thiemann at Brickhaven Bed & Breakfast and the Troutdale Historical Society Board of Directors.



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A letter from the Director!

Terry Huston



It is with great sadness and great excitement for the future that I am writing to tell the membership of THS that I will be stepping down as Executive Director in the near future.

I have enjoyed this position more than words can ever say. It has been a challenge, a lot of work and a lot of fun spending time with old friends, meeting new ones, working with the board of directors planning events and doing the Bygone Times for the past six years.

The next chapter of my life leads me to Central Oregon and semi-retirement. I am excited and at the same time will miss all the familiar faces of Troutdale; past and present. (Anyone who knows me knows that leaving all the grandkids here is going to be the hardest thing of all). I will continue to help with the newsletter by email until someone else is able to take over that position. (Any volunteers??? It is done in Publisher).

It is a little premature to mention a new director as that decision has not been voted upon by the board of directors at this point. An introduction might be made as soon as April's newsletter. I will keep you posted!

My personal email is terryhuston69writer@yahoo.com and I would like to keep in touch with any and all of you. Please take care of and help the new director in the same way that everyone has supported me.

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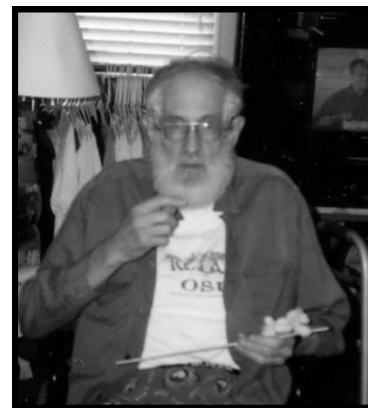
Aug. 9, 1932-Jan. 24, 2013

Former Portland resident John DeWitt Eaton died Thursday, Jan. 24, in Elkton, Ky. He was 80.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, Jan. 26, in Guthrie, Ky.

John was born Aug. 9, 1932, in Portland, to John and Mary Fraley Eaton. He was a retired cook. Survivors include his sisters, Mary Eaton and Hylah Cauley of Oregon, and nieces, Hylah Money and Merrilee Wolfe.

Ed Note: Reynolds Alumni will remember John from his 33 years of cooking at Van's Drive-In.



THS NEEDS YOU!

Can you volunteer at one of our museums for a Saturday? or for a special tour? Take photos at an event? HELP on the newsletter? Dust? Scrapbook? HELP with fundraisers? Do you know or work for a company who would donate goods or services?...Call the office to volunteer.

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By Betty (Smith) Leavenworth

In 1948, the Grand Ole Opry came to Portland to the Civic Theatre. Since my dad liked to listen to it on the radio, I decided to take him to see the show.



We saw Roy Acuff, Minnie Pearl, Jimmy Dickens & many more of the people of that time.

In the early 50s mom enrolled in upholstery classes. She did many jobs for our family & neighbors she was very good at it.

My folks always made our birthday, Easter, valentine, and especially Christmas very special. After us girls started having children, the folks had Christmas at their home on Christmas Eve. Their home was decorated to the hilt the food was so good and the gifts were wonderful. I don't think she ever missed a Christmas Eve. These are memories my sisters and our children will treasure always.

As far back as I can remember family reunions

were a big thing went o.k.

Dad had his first heart attack in the late 50s he had been working at the Vaneer Plant in Gresham until 1967, at which time he retired. Beside heart problems he developed diabetes. He also passed Kidney Stones a few times in his life. In December of 1969 he went to Providence Hospital to have surgery to remove a kidney stone. He came out of the surgery o.k. and on January 4th we all went to visit him.

and California. There was a great turn out and good food. Mom and dad had several reunions in Troutdale. My dad had 11 brothers and sisters and my mom had 8 brothers and sisters. We had lots of first cousins and we knew them all pretty well. Our family made trips to South Dakota in the summer of 1942, 1946, 1950, 1960, 1968, 1970, and 1975.

In April 1957 mom and dad had been married for 25 years. We girls planned a surprise party for them in the City Hall building. We invited lots of relatives from long distances away and lots of friends for near and far. We went to get our folks and found out they were sick. The surprise was on us. We talked them into coming to their party. We waited until they got dressed up and then we took them to celebrate their 25th anniversary every-

On the 5th mom went to the hospital in the morning the nurse was bathing him so she had mom wait in the waiting room until she was through. Before the nurse was finished bathing him dad went into a coma. Mom never got to talk with him we were called in to be with mom. Sometime in the evening of January 5, 1970 dad passed away. He was 67 years old and we missed him a great deal. After dad passed mom remained in their home and kept everyone together. She went from driving the school bus to working as a janitor at Reynolds High School. She retired in 1978 at age 65.

Mom continued bowling, going to reunions, and visiting her brothers and sister. She was loved by her children and grandchildren so much. She made all of us feel welcome in her home. 1990 mom was told she had Ovarian cancer she had surgery and went through Chemotherapy. She went into remission for a couple of years in 1993 the cancer came back she was told she needed more Chemotherapy, but she refused. In August of 1993 she went to the hospital for the last time it was suggested she go to a nursing home, but she refused and wanted to go to her own home. The ambulance took her home and put her in her bedroom.

She asked to be moved to her davenport in the living room where lots of friends and relatives came to visit with her, which she liked. Virginia and my daughter Mary took care of her. Toward the end, mom ordered pizza and beer which turned out to be her last meal. Mom asked Virginia to call Mildred and I to come and be with her because she knew her time was near. She

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passed away at 7 pm, September 7, 1993 with her 3 daughters and my daughter Mary with her.

Mom had 12 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. As mom and grandma she left a family who loves her and cherishes many wonderful memories. She is buried beside her husband, our dad in the Troutdale Cemetery.

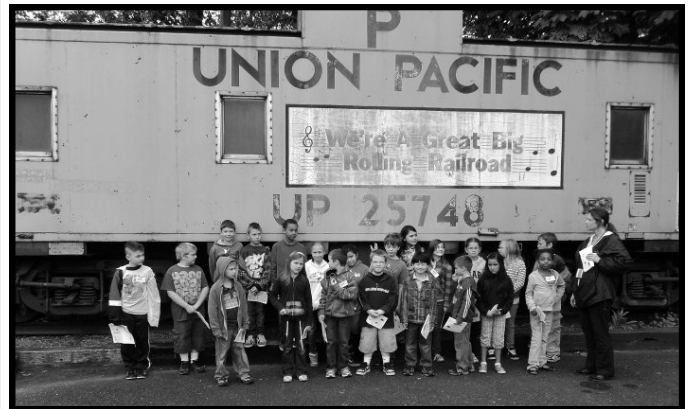
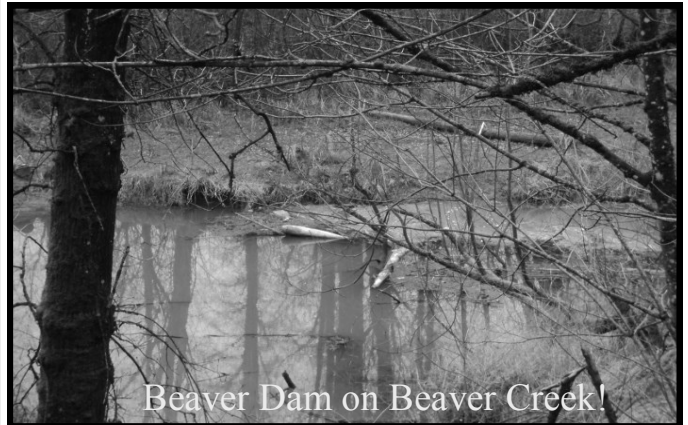
Virginia married John Reiter and had 3 sons Eddie, Brent, and Scott. Scott passed away due to a heart attack 2 days before his 31st birthday in 1997. After her divorce from John, she married Ray Renfro. They had a daughter Candee. Ray passed away in 1978. Mildred married Gilbert Gadbaugh and had a daughter,

Rachelle. After her divorce from Gilbert, She married Charles Smith, He passed away in 1992. Mildred has no grandchildren.

I married Harry Leavenworth in 1950 we had 7 children Lois, Gary, Celia, Paul, Mary Alice, Rose Marie, and Mark. I have 32 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren.

The house owned by the Troutdale Grade School my folks rented in the 1940s and was purchased by the Lunday's who lived there for several years until they built their new house in Troutdale they rented the house on 7th street out. In February 1981 I rented this house along with 3 of my children Paul, Rose Marie, and Mark.

Around the Depot!



Students came to visit all three museums on Feb. 19

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