

BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

June ~~May~~ 2002

Events and Exhibits

Cemetery Tour

Sun. May 19. 1:30 pm
Leave from Harlow House

Depot Rail Museum's Grand Re-Opening

Wed. May 29. 5-7 pm

Ice Cream Social

Sat & Sun. June 1-2

Summerfest Lawn Party
July 20 at Harlow House

Lewis & Clark Auction & Dinner

Sat. July 27

Volunteers

Harlow House & Barn
Florence Baker
Mario Ayala
Dale & Betty Baldwin
Scott & Eileen Cunningham
Sharon Nesbit
Adrienne Clausen
Depot Exhibit & Office Prep
The Lawry Family
The Tuesday Ladies

Ice Cream Social Sponsors

Sandra J. Bennett, DMD
Celebrate Me Home
Clackamas County Bank
(Sandy Branch)
Multnomah Falls Lodge
Multnomah Greyhound Park
Port Halling Brewing Co.
Tad's Chicken 'n Dumpling
Troutdale Antique Mall
Walsh & Son's Trucking
Winco Foods. Gresham

34th Annual Ice Cream Social Arrives June 1 & 2

Plan on meeting the Kerslakes and the Hustons and a new batch of Depot People at this year's 34th Annual Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, June 1 and 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Troutdale Rail Depot, Glenn Otto Community Park and Harlow House.

The feature event of our summer museum season is our spiffy new Depot exhibit (see story on our May 29th Grand Reopening) and moving our historical society office from the Harlow House to the Depot.



Stop first at the Depot to see Jeff and Jerry Lawry's new Depot People and then move on to the Ice Cream Social for a bite to eat (hot dogs, etc.), as well as fresh strawberries (Jim Fujii thinks an early variety will be ripe) and all the ice cream you can hold Think sundaes, banana splits, strawberry shortcake.

Serving on Saturday will be the Kerslake family, pioneers to this area in the 1880s. Sunday your sundae comes from the Huston family who first moved to this neck of the woods in 1942 and later lived in war-time housing project Fairview homes. Get the scoop on them from our

family sign board while they scoop ice cream for you.

Frank Grande and "Geezer Street" plays music both days, 1 to 4 p.m. We also have more than 20 craft vendors to line the walks of the park, as well as children's activities and the opportunity to meet and greet the rest of Troutdale at this traditional event. ❖

How You Can Help (phone numbers follow)

- ☞ Take both of the enclosed flyers & post them in your neighborhood.
- ☞ Friday, May 31, at 5 p.m., bring flowers. Stay to help decorate, if able. (*We sometimes go drink a beer afterward.*)
- ☞ 5 p.m. Friday we need a berry cleaning crew. Ditto for Saturday night. Ditto for the beer. Call Adrienne.
- ☞ Sell items in a crafts booth...Call Jean.
- ☞ Host the Harlow House...Call Sharon.
- ☞ Host the Depot...Call Adrienne.
- ☞ Put on a railroad hat and pass out Depot passes...Call Sharon.
- ☞ Sell tickets, greet people, join the kitchen gang, bring a clean-up crew or clean tables and chat...Call Adrienne.

Phone Numbers:

- ☞ Adrienne Clausen: 503-663-0895
- ☞ Sharon Nesbit: 503-665-0423
- ☞ Jean Holman, 503-665-7678

Important News, Notes, Thanks, & MORE...

Thanks: To Milt and Terry Belnap, Ice Cream Social organizers extraordinaire, and to Jean Holman, for her years as vendor organizer Jean Hybskmann also gets our resounding applause for yet another wildly successful Tea and Tour.

Don't Miss It: With all the upcoming events, your calendar is probably looking

delightfully full...and you'll want to leave room for the Depot Rail Museum's Grand Re-Opening on May 29th from 5 to 7 pm. Please take a minute to post the enclosed flyers somewhere in your neighborhood.

Summer Hours: The Harlow House &

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Annual Tea and Tour a Smashing Success!

From Jean Hybskmann

We had sunshine when they predicted rain, we had a full house, beautiful tables, good food and the spectacular Simeon home to tour.

What more could we ask for?

Richard and Pam Simeon welcomed the Troutdale Historical Society

and 118 guests into their home with warmth and gracious hospitality on Saturday, May 4th. Considering that only a few short months ago our only common link was Dave and Glenny Moir, I think that took courage beyond the call of duty.

The guests were dazzled with the elegance of the tables the hostesses set, the breathtaking view of the Columbia River Gorge, the beauty and history of the home and, as always, the food received raves.

As chairperson of the annual Tea and Tour, I have many to thank. Without so many willing and hard working hands none of this would come to pass.

I will start with a thank you to the Moirs. Dave Moir, who told us about the home and put us in touch with Pam and Richard, and Glenny Moir, who designed, printed, and put together the fabulous program for each guest. Her talents and her generosity are much appreciated.

Paula Goldie, better known in tea-leaf-reading circles as "Madam Goldie", is always the hit of the day. Thank you Paula.

Besides being our host, Richard Simeon designed and printed the invitations for us. Thank you Richard.

Without my great hostesses this

day would not work. The tables are set with elegance, whimsy, and fresh flowers spilling all over. A big thank you to my hostesses, Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturgis, Barb Welsh, Tannis Richards, Frieda Ryland, Judy Norby, Irmey Weihl, Maria Eugenia, and my mother-and-daughters team, Delta Klinski, Dawn Hudson, and Melissa Schweitzer.

Everyone knows the behind the scene workers are the backbone of a well-done project. The kitchen help keep the water boiling, the teapots washed, and the food table stocked. Thank you to Ann Klinger, Sharon Kolb, Heather Mitchoff, Kris Fappas, and our hostess Pam Simeon, who had her hands in the dish water also.

We refer to the bakers of the tiny tea-pot-shaped cookies, the mini cheesecakes and numerous other delectables as "The Cookie Ladies". They are Sharon Nesbit, Tiffany O'Dell, Tori and Nancy Cox, Mary Bryson, Dorothy Sturgis, Jean Holman, and Barb Welsh. Thank you ladies.

Smoked Salmon in philo cups, cucumber sandwiches, shrimp quiche, fruit kabobs, plus at least four other flavors of exotic bread stuffed with goodies mad up the menu. This fell on the shoulders of Christina Balsinger, who was ill this year and unable to attend but still got the sandwiches to us, Sharon Kolb and me.

Without Mary Bryson I would not have the courage to take on this project. For four years she has been a hostess but gave up her table this year to a new hostess (she says I fired her) in order to be a "floater" and my sounding board. She worked the kitchen, helped hostesses with their tables, and sold tickets for the quilt raffle

(\$129!). Thank you, Mary, for being my right hand gal.

Finally, an especially big thank you to my husband, Jerry Hybskmann, and to Richard Simeon, for hauling tables and chairs, parking cars, and helping the hostesses load and unload their cars.

It was a successful, sold out Tea and Tour but as always, the best part is we had a lovely day and a good time. Again, thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event happen and thank you to all who attended and support our endeavors. ❖

Button, Button, We've Got Your Button!

A brown cloth-covered button the size of a nickel was found at the Tea & Tour.

Did you loose it?
Call the Historical Society at
503-661-2164

Pancakes and Ice Cream

On June 1, the first day of our Ice Cream Social, from 8 a.m. to noon, the Corbett Fire Department hosts an old fashioned firehouse breakfast. Start your day at the fire hall, 36930 Historic Columbia River Highway, and then move on to Troutdale for the Ice Cream Social and Depot opening weekend.

Tickets for breakfast are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and younger. Proceeds fund the Ferd Riehl Scholarship for Fire Sciences. Riehl was a pioneer member of the department who volunteered from 1949 until he retired in 1995. ❖



Don't Argue with Jeff...



The Depot People

Don't argue with Jeff Lawry if he tells you he's Newt Parsons. The wonderful letters in our collection written by Newt, a former Troutdale Depot worker and

Troutdale's only victim of the Spanish influenza epidemic, drew Jeff Lawry to rebuild the exhibit at the Depot Rail Museum. He has been living and breathing Newt's life ever since.

Jeff and his dad, Jerry, spent the winter cutting out and prepar-

ing almost a dozen historical figures of people who wait for trains, buy tickets and dish the dirt in the Depot. You will meet them for the first time at our Grand Reopening, Wednesday, May 29, 5-7 p.m., at the Depot. The Wednesday night event offers the added opportunity to sponsor one of the figures in an auction conducted by Mayor Paul Thalsofer.

We plan music, food and drink and a lot of tomfoolery and general self congratulation. You will be thrilled to see our refreshed Depot, to explore the caboose via new stairs and to learn again Troutdale's railroad history. ❖

Troutdale Celery Tidbits

Troutdale was once touted as the celery capital of the world, when farmers were raising prime celery down near what is now I-84. We like to collect the occasional celery tidbit and recently someone clipped a news story about the plant, which started out as celeriac, an aromatic, but bitter bloom of leaves and seeds.

According to Charles Perry from the LA Times-Washington Post Service, European farmers

began breeding big rooted celery varieties in the 16th century, gradually producing long celery ribs that were not bitter because they were



shielded in dirt. By the time the plant came to Troutdale, farmers placed boards alongside the growing celery to keep it white and sweet.

In the American South, celery was so special it was served as a whole head, upright in a special celery glass or vase. Diners dipped pieces of the celery rib in salt and ate them as a delicacy. ❖

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☞ Barbara Welsh put together a boy's table at the Tea & Tour, all in red, white and blue. The guys seemed to have a pretty good time.

☞ Mary Bryson made cookies with chopped lavender for the tea. They couldn't be all bad, she reasoned, because they were dipped in chocolate. One guest looked closely and surmised the secret ingredient was broccoli. Chocolate-covered broccoli? Yikes.

☞ Historian Sharon Nesbit has been helping McMenamins Edgefield with a selection of pictures for their new remodeled bar next to the Black Rabbit. McMenamins has also requested the materials from our files on the Poor Farm for the purpose of building their own archive.

☞ Keep in mind that the Harvest Faire date is Sept. 21 and 22. Grow gourds or pumpkins or flowers to sell there.

☞ The Klinski family can hold its tea (and crumpets). This entire family drinks tea. From the number of tables they hosted at the Tea & Tour, so do all of their friends! We owe our thanks for lending teapots & cups to the exhibit at the Harlow House, as well as their demonstration of the real art of tea and a long-time commitment to the success of our Tea & Tour. Thanks to Delta and her daughters Dawn Huston & Melissa Schweitzer.

☞ Jerry Hybskmann, husband of Jean, is the guy who does the fetching, carrying, and car duty for the Tea & Tour. This after he spent two Tuesdays helping get the Depot offices ready for the big move! Thanks Jerry.

☞ Thanks also go to Bill Nesbit, spouse of Sharon, our official dubber of audio tape copies. ❖

DUES REMINDER...

If you haven't paid your dues, this is a reminder that they're due. Please send your dues, name, address, & phone number, to the address below. Thanks!

Individual: \$12 Couple: \$20

Family: \$15

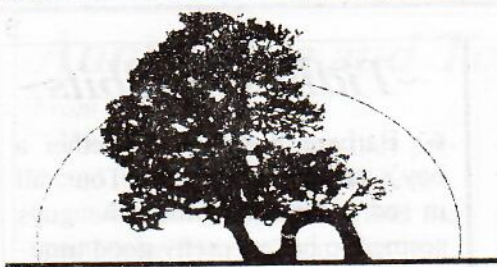
Director's Club Individual: \$50

Director's Club Couple: \$75

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Depot Rail Museum & THS Offices

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 Phone: (503) 667-8268
 HOURS: W-F 12-6; Sat 10-6; Sun 1-4

More Stuff So Important We Couldn't Leave It Out...

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Barn Museums will be open all summer on Saturdays & Sundays from 1 to 4 pm. We plan to open the Depot and THS offices Wed-Fri 10 to 4, Sat 10-6, and Sun 1-4.

Dawne Says: Thanks to all who have helped out over the past months...including (but definitely not limited to!) Sharon Nesbit, Jean Hybskman, Mary Bryson, Jeff Lawry, my Grandma Juanita (who folds newsletters like a fiend), and my husband Greg, who has been infinitely patient while I juggled working at THS and taking care of Grandma.

This Newsletter: We planned a one-and-a-half pager this month to wrap around the Ice Cream Social & Depot flyers. One of the pages was to be "thanks" to new/

renewing members, donors, etc. As you can see, this thing has a life of its own, and it kept right on growing! We haven't forgotten the friends and members who have been so generous and who have sent in their dues. Keep watching; their names will appear in a newsletter near you soon.

Gift Shop Transforms: We are moving the THS gift shop from the museum side of the building to the office side. In addition to the gift items we carry, we are working to greatly expand our collection of books on local and state history, rail/train history, Lewis and Clark, etc. As a member, you receive a discount on most

items, so remember us when you need a gift or a new book.

Volunteer Opportunities: If you would like to volunteer for a regular stint in the Harlow House or the Depot, please let us know. Adrienne Clausen, our volunteer coordinator, can be reached at 503-663-0895.

Wish List: We are still in need of a shop vac and a natural gas water heater. Call the office if you are able to assist. Thanks!

Summerfest: Sip lemonade on the Harlow House lawn; enjoy the company of fine friends; watch the parade pass by. Also tentatively scheduled...a house/barn sale. No, not THE house & barn, a "garage sale" to benefit THS. See you there! ❖

