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A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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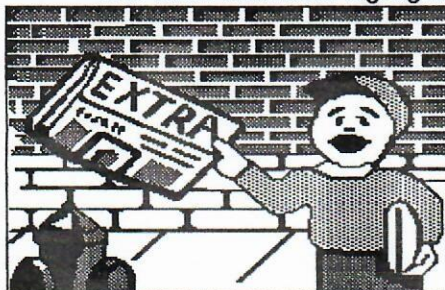
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A gathering of friends, honors to our members, and Indian basketry

Honoring our tradition of gathering local historical societies in May to share ideas and hear a top-notch speaker, we have invited Mary Schlick, author of the award-winning new book, "Columbia River Basketry," to talk to us at 2 p.m. in the Sam K. Cox Building in Troutdale Community Park.

Mary, who learned her skills from Native American basket makers while living on reservations, saved the Wasco traditional basket work on the Warm Springs reservation by studying ancient baskets, deciphering the historic techniques and teaching them to Wasco women. Her book won the prestigious Northwest Bookseller's Award. She will bring baskets and show some slides as well.

The other traditional highlight of this meeting will



be the presentation of our annual member of the year award, always a secret, and some special prizes to outgoing officers Helen Towsley and Lynda Harvey and

a gang of dedicated barn workers. Be there to lend your land to the applause.

Other local historical societies will join us that day with bragging rights of their own -- members to show off, deeds done, dreams to be told.

Because it is Sunday and you might wish to make an outing of the meeting, we will offer a "Costco" kind of lunch--hotdog, punch or coffee, and a small sweet for \$1. It never hurts to have a bite to eat.

NAMEDROPPERS... Thanks to Rich & Dorothy Kerslake and family members for fine work on our April 30 Brunch ... And to Peggy Rice, who found us an opportunity for used office equipment through her employer...See the splendid THS scrapbook work of Michelle Luiz at our May meeting...And to Steve Lehl, Steve Kaufman and Tim Hathaway for helping move the blacksmith's shop that was recently donated.

CALENDAR

FOR THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

May 3, Wed., 7 p.m.: Troutdale Historical Society Board of Directors. All Welcome. Upstairs in the barn.

MAY 5 & 6: Troutdale Historical Society museums open for the summer.

Harlow House open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.

Rail Depot museum open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. under by the Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce, on Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m. by Troutdale Historical Society volunteers.

May 6 & 7, Sat., Sun., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Yard sale, Fairview Rockwood Wilkes Historical Society, Heslin House, 60 Main St., Fairview.

MAY 5, 6, 7: Trek by 22 THS members to John Day and Pendleton.

May 10, Wed., 7 p.m.: Steering committee organizing Ice Cream Social & Harvest Faire. All Welcome. Upstairs in the barn.

May 20, Sat., 9 a.m.: Friends of Zimmerman House work day at Zimmerman House, 17111 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

May 21, Sun., 2 p.m.: May meeting at Sam K. Cox Hall

May 25, Thurs., 1-5 p.m.: Edgefield gathering Barley Room, McMenam's Edgefield anniversary event.

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find five raffle tickets and an envelope. Each ticket costs \$1 for a chance on a \$100 gift certificate donated by Ali Peret, Historic Columbia River Jeweler, to pay for children's events at our June 10 and 11 Ice Cream Social. The drawing will be at the social on June 11. You need not be present to win.

Ali designs jewelry in the old pool hall in downtown Troutdale. A member of our society, this is his way to support our social.

What to do? To purchase, fill in name, address and phone on each stub, returning stubs and money in the enclosed envelope. Or sell tickets and do the same, returning money and stubs with names and information. Or do nothing at all, and just throw them away.



TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM PENNY BALCH

OPERATING ACCT.....	\$12,246.79
DED. BARN FUND.....	616.53
BARN BUILDING.....	23,210.33
ENDOWMENT FUND...	17,205.19
DIRECTOR FUND.....	1,450.78

TOTAL..... 54,729.62

This reflects the \$20,000 gift from John Nasmyth designated for the barn building fund and exhibits in the building. That money will be invested in a money market account and a six-month certificate of deposit, until we need it.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES ELLIS

Charles Ellis, 86, whose recent obituary in the Gresham Outlook reflects his considerable part in Troutdale history, died April 23 at his home in Hermiston.

An Oklahoma native, he married Edna L. Bramhall of Troutdale in 1932 and worked 23 years for Bissinger & Co. until the plant closed. He then went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1972, because of health related to an injury from working on the railroad.

A longtime member of our society as well as a 50-year member of the Fairview Masonic Lodge. He established a smelt fishing business on the Sandy River and was on the Troutdale City Council when it bought the city water system.

His family suggests memorial contributions to Troutdale Historical Society.

NAMES YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW

New Harlow House summer hours call for greater demands on our volunteer hosts. The schedule--10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and from 1 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday-- doubled our need for volunteers at the Harlow House.

Answering Ellen Brothers' request to host are: Cindy Hammond, Patti Polly, June Sherman Nasmyth, Mary Hughes, Irene Eber, Dione Pugh, Mona Mitchoff, Barbara Mabry, Agnes Stiles, Betty Wieprecht, Mario Ayala, Alice Wand, Dorothy Larson, Lynda Harvey, Don McGinnis, Florence Baker, T.J. Kimzey, Sharon Nesbit and, as substitutes, Jack & Roberta Burns, Georgia Erdenberger, Donna Gibson, Kathleen Kenny, Jamie & Robert King and Herb & Clover Nasmyth.

Thanks, guys. We owe you big.

MORE GOOD GUYS AT RAIL DEPOT

Our summer hours begin at the rail depot on May 6. Answering the call to volunteer on a once-a-month basis there were Donna Hawkins, Kathleen Kenny, Bob Mitchoff, Janet Vandiver, Karen Burger Kimber, Evelyn Jacobson, Richard Waite, Bonita Jenkins, Gladys Norment and Bill Sullivan.

Substitutes are Dick and Carol Anderson, Evelyn DeYoung, Donna Gibson, Herb & Clover Nasmyth, Gladys Norment and Bill Sullivan.

Attorney Richard Weill purchased the old Troutdale State Bank, at Buxton and the historic highway, for his offices. He is interested in getting the building on the National Register. If you have pictures or other material, please call.

GIFTS TO THE BARN FUND
 In memory of **John Nasmyth**
 Bill & Sharon Nesbit

TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND
 In memory of **Lee Irwin**
 Bill & Sharon Nesbit

TO THE GENERAL FUND
 Shirley Loeffel

MEMBERSHIP GIFTS:

Richard Waite is a new member of our society. Helen Otto has purchased a gift membership for **Ken Otto**. Gery Harlow Gustafson bought a gift membership for **Leslie Gustafson**.

And joining the Director's Club --in support of our director Ellen Brothers -- were **Lola Fellman, Bill & Sharon Nesbit and Patricia Wand**, who made her membership gift in memory of lg Wand.

THANK THESE JUNE SOCIAL SPONSORS

Edwin O. Ege Sanitary Service and Handy Bros. Service, Inc. are sponsors of the music at our June 10 and 11 ice cream social.

As you already know, **Ali Peret, Historic Columbia River Jeweler**, is sponsoring our children's activities (see item on Page 1 about raffle) and **Don Oakley of GoldStar Homes**, builder of Stuart Ridge and Meadows, is sponsor of event at the Harlow House.

In celebration of the merry month of May....



This traditional May pole dance took place at Troutdale School on May Day 1921. The photo came to Troutdale Historical Society files from the collection of the late Josephine Jackson Helming. Note the jester in the middle. The child on the extreme right is Helming's daughter, Phyllis.

<h3>NAME DROPPERS</h3>

Say congratulations to **Jack & Roberta Burns**, longtime Harlow House hosts, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. We now have two members named Jack Burns, both married 50 years.



And thank you to the ultimate volunteers--those who cooked, set up and cleaned up at our April 12 volunteer dinner, **Bob & Mona Mitchoff, Mario Ayala, Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges, Gladys Norment, Sharon Nesbit** -- and most especially **Pat & Ellen Brothers** who shared their home and their talent as great hosts.

HARLOW HOUSE TEAM NEEDED

Don McGinnis, chair of the Harlow House committee, could use some folks with housekeeping, house maintenance and house repair skills to join him in the job of looking after the Harlow House.

The goal of this group is to build a team of folks who can set priorities for Harlow House needs and be the designated worriers for this historic property.

For instance, the house needs to be inspected on a routine basis and after major storms. Light bulbs, we need light bulbs replaced. We want someone to think about heating and future heating needs. To consider plans for the porch, to replace supplies and to dream of how we can continue restoration projects such a new roof, eventually a new rug.

Sound interesting? Call Ellen Brothers and volunteer. Or call Don at 665-4071.

NEED SHEETROCK SCRAPS? CALL DICK JONES, 252-4306.

Attention: Edgefield Former Employees

As part of their anniversary celebration, McMenam's Edgefield is offering meeting space and refreshments in the Barley Room, back of the main dining room in the infirmary wing, for a gathering of former Edgefield employees from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 25.

Historian Sharon Nesbit will be on hand with an exhibit and photos and will conduct interviews of former Edgefield workers.

VISTA HOUSE SHARES GUIDE

We have good friends among the Friends of Vista House.

That organization recently completed a monumental guide, a book of local information to help tourists find their way. They have shared this work with us and we will make it available this summer in our Harlow House and Rail Depot museums.

The photos of
Mary Wright...

The wonderful picture at right is just one of a collection of 27 taken from glass plate negatives made by Mary Theresa Bourgeois Wright, who moved to Springdale in 1909, married William James Wright, a Troutdale native, in 1921 and lived in Troutdale and Springdale the rest of her life.

She began her photography hobby about 1910 and continued until her death in 1982. The miracle of the 27 plates donated to our society by her daughters is that Mary, who won many prizes for her work, took photos of subjects not often recorded in those early, days. As a result, in addition to charming portraits, we have wonderful animal pictures and lovely country scenes. It is our hope to join with her daughters in massing enough of these pictures for a photo exhibit.

As to the accompanying photo, it is likely a station in Springdale. We welcome information.



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Member of the Year,
Hear About Indian Baskets
And Meet with Friends in
History -- Sunday, May 21**



John Kirshner
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