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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7, August 4, September 1

Barnyard Concerts

@ Barn Exhibit Hall Lawn

732 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fun for the entire family! Free!

Bring blankets, chairs, dinner, etc.

July 7

Barnyard Concert

The Foley Family - Celtic/Folk Music

July 8

McMenamins Edgefield Birthday

9am - 2pm

July 25

Edgefield History Night

Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission

@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall

6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

August 4

Barnyard Concert

Zach & Jere Hudson
American Old Time Music

August 29

Edgefield History Night

Umatilla Indian Reservation Atlas

@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall

6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

September 1

Barnyard Concert

Steve Reischman & Kevin Johnson
"Big Dickens" Bluegrass Music, etc.

September 23 (date changed)

Geology Tour

Mt. St. Helens, Ape Caves, Lava Canyon
Reservations 503-661-2164

September 26

Edgefield History Night

History of Pacific NW Wineries

@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall

6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

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July 7 The Foley Family "Bridgid's Cross"

Kevin, Jill, Sydney (age 12) and Kayleigh (age 10) Foley are the four members of Bridgid's Cross - a family band that plays Celtic/folk music. All four members have been playing music most of their lives, but it wasn't until two years ago that they began playing together. Kevin plays guitar and percussion, and the three girls play violin (fiddle). They have played at various farmers markets in the area from Hood River to Hillsboro, and also at several wineries.

August 4 Zach & Jere Hudson "American Old Time"

Local father and son duo play old time American songs and tunes on the fiddle, banjo, and guitar. Zach Hudson also calls square dances.



September 1 Steve Reischman & Kevin Johnson "Big Dickens"

Steve and Kevin have been playing together in various bands for over 40 years. Their sound blends traditional bluegrass music with "brothers" duet harmonies made popular in the early days of country music. Drawing on material from Bill Monroe, the Stanley Brothers, Hank Williams and others, Big Dickens creates a bluesy mournful sound combining the clear, powerful vocals of Steve with the Monroe inspired mandolin that Kevin brings to the duet.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

It is an honor to be representing the Troutdale Historical Society as president this year. I have lived in the Blue Lake/Fairview Lake area with my family for 47 years. This is where we raised our two daughters. I was an employee of the Reynolds School District as a teacher and an administrator for 27 years. THS is a busy, thriving historical society sharing three museums with the community: Railroad Depot and Caboose, the Harlow House, and the Barn Exhibit Hall celebrating our beautiful Historic Columbia River Highway. A cadre of about 35 volunteers keeps this all humming! Couldn't do it without them. In this issue you will be able to read in more depth about some of our ongoing projects. Thank you all for your membership and support.

Bettianne Goetz, President
Troutdale Historical Society



McMENAMINS EDGEFIELD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - JULY 8

Join us at the Ballroom - Free to all ages

- 9am - 2pm: Exhibit of rare & historic photos of notable sites, institutions and attractions from the Steve Lehl Collection
 9:30am: Mrs. Henderson's Chanticleer Inn, Falls Chalet & Crown Point Chalet presented by Chuck Rollins & Steve Lehl
 10:15am: Bealey Military Academy by Sharon Nesbit
 11am: Troutdale's Coney Island: Montrose Park along the Sandy River by Tim Hills
 12pm: Video screening: History of the Multnomah County Poor Farm and McMenamins Edgefield
 1pm: Edgefield Walking History Tour (east porch near Red Shed)

VISIONARY PARK DEDICATED - JUNE 21, 2017



Over 200 people attended in support of the dedication of Visionary Park. The weather was perfect, the wine & music were amazing, and the food enjoyed by all.



Al Zion, Saxophonist

A longtime musician with Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts



Rip Caswell (sculptor)
& Doug Daoust (former Troutdale Mayor)



Rip Caswell, sculptor & Mike Greenslade of Bremik Construction, one of several donors of materials and labor for the building of Visionary Park

SUMMER HOURS

May 1 - September 30

Barn Exhibit Hall

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday
1 - 4 p.m. Sunday

Harlow House

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Rail Depot Museum

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday Only



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Marge Schmunk



DO NOT MESS WITH MARGE

Much of our collective energy at THS this spring has gone into moving our library of photos, manuscripts, books and odds and ends that defy belief, from the Depot to the Barn.

That explains the sign: Do not mess with Marge, which we found on a stack of items in the Depot library. Marge Schmunk, our longtime treasurer, a former city council member, died 10 years ago. While she was still well, she was a master at sorting and putting away our records and paperwork. For instance, we have all our meeting minutes going back 50 years stored in the correct order in folders, thanks to Marge.

When she was in the middle of sorting a pile, she would post the note you see here with firm orders: Do not mess with, and then signed Marge, but omitting the comma. The result was an edict that we all honored: Do not mess with Marge.

We could use her again. We miss her still. The sign was a reminder of her great service to our organization.

SAYING FAREWELL

The *School Celebration Committee* will be hosting three farewell open houses for the soon to be demolished Fairview, Troutdale, and Wilkes Elementary Schools. The events are open to the public. We encourage all current and former students, teachers, staff, and their families to come say goodbye to these pillars of our community on Sunday, October 15, 2017:

Fairview Elementary: 10:00 – 11:30am

Wilkes Elementary: Noon – 1:30pm

Troutdale Elementary: 2:00 – 3:30pm

These gatherings will be honoring and capturing memories, highlighting stories and memorabilia, plus getting folks excited about the new buildings. Refreshments will be served. We are seeking volunteers to help us plan and conduct each of the events.

To contact our group with questions or to volunteer, call 503-618-0946 or 503-661-2164 or email us at celebrateyourschool@gmail.com. Please help spread the word to classmates and others who attended one or more of these schools.

Also that day, following our events, the Reynolds High School Class of 1962 will be hosting their 55th Reunion at the *Back-Roads Pub & Grub* on Orient Drive. This is a “no-host” gathering. Classes before and after 1962 are invited to attend.

The School Celebration Committee is made up of teachers, alumni, the Reynolds School District, and two local historical societies (East County Historical Organization and Troutdale Historical Society).

Troutdale Historical Society Member of the Year

Congratulations to Julie Stewart, named Member of the Year at our annual meeting.

Julie is our photo librarian. Under her leadership, several thousand photos have been entered into our system. She enjoys (possibly, requires) the occasional martini after a day with the scanner and the computer.



Julie Stewart, Troutdale Historical Society Photo Librarian



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- Helen Wand



•**Sam Barnett** for cleaning the gutters at the Barn Exhibit Hall.

•**Kelly Broomall** and **Norm Thomas** for procuring and installing a security system at the Barn Exhibit Hall.

•**Kelly Broomall** and **Gary Purvine** for the many hours spent packing and hauling shelves, boxes, etc. from the Rail Depot office to the Barn Exhibit Hall office.

•**Laureen Lucero** for taking on the task of clipping & organizing newspaper articles.

•**Michelle Rosenberg** (City of Troutdale) for beautiful plantings in the flower pots at the Barn and Harlow House.

•**Diane Castillo-White** for organizing the Barnyard Concerts this summer.

Troutdale Historical Society Board

President: Bettianne Goetz
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Treasurer: Marilee Thompson
Secretary: Norm Thomas

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Past Presidents

Sharon Nesbit, Len Otto, Dave Ripma,

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Rail Depot Museum

THE GREAT MOVE OF '17

The City of Troutdale is planning now to do some upgrading, weatherization, new windows and other work in the Rail Depot and plans do not permit our presence any longer in our basement library where we kept our photos, books and manuscripts.

Consequently, we moved the Penny Balch Library to the Barn, sorting artifacts and creating new storage upstairs, and shifting our material for curation of photos, manuscripts, library books and collections to what is known as Mary's Closet in the rear of our office in the barn. Think of straightening up after a hoarder, but with numbers written on most everything.

At this writing, the library is largely empty. (Kind of a relief to photo librarian Julie Stewart, who has had to contend with a varmint that haunts the furnace vents.) Consolidated in the barn, our computers are now able to talk to each other and compare notes.

We have had four Monday work parties, in addition to individual efforts. It is great fun to watch five people, one on crutches (Norm Thomas), put together a monster shelving system while reading instructions in French. Kelly Broomall has been a champ, moving the big stuff, desks, cabinets, boxes and boxes of files and the furniture we do want and the furniture we don't. We could not have done it without him.

Meanwhile the City of Troutdale is doing the paperwork that will lead to the weatherization of the Rail Depot and remodeling of the office, hopefully for future use as a visitor center. Our museum artifacts on railroading will remain in the former waiting room and station agent's office, though we will have to wrap up and protect the artifacts during the course of the weatherization work.



Moving the heavy stuff
Bettianne Goetz and LeAnn Stephan



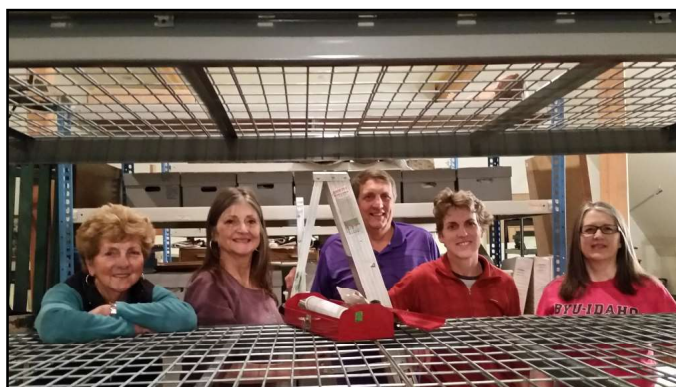
Erin Janssens constructing shelves with
Sharon Nesbit supervising



Supervisors
Sharon Nesbit, Bettianne Goetz



Relocating the big stuff
LeAnn Stephan and Joy Beldin



Shelves complete

(l to r) Bettianne Goetz, Marilee
Thompson, Norm Thomas, Erin
Janssens, LeAnn Stephan

ANNUAL GEOLOGY TOUR

On September 23, a luxury tour bus will embark on a day trip to Mt. St. Helens, Ape Cave, and Lava Canyon. The tour will be conducted by Daina Hardisty, geology instructor at Mt. Hood Community College. The tour departs at 8:00am from the parking lot at Glenn Otto Community Park and will end around 4pm. The fee is \$45 per person. Bring a sack lunch. If you are interested in joining the tour, please call 503-661-2164. Seats are limited and filling up fast.



Mt. St. Helens

YOUR MOTHER'S SEWING MACHINE

How many sewing machines can one historical society keep?

THS members Sharon Nesbit, Julie Stewart (photo librarian) and Jean Holman went on a recent grand tour through Southeastern and Eastern Oregon checking out museums and concluding at The Dalles at the Fort Dalles Museum where we visited with Cal McDermid, director.

Having just finished a three-week work session of shifting/moving/dusting/sorting and storage in the upstairs of our Troutdale Historical Society barn, the conversation with McDermid turned to managing museum collections. The folks at Fort Dalles have two storage closets, McDermid said, so they have to be very careful about what they accept. The general rule: Donations must be directly related to the collection area where the museum exists. Good example: The quilt we at Troutdale recently accepted that was made at the Advent Christian Church Camp, now Glenn Otto Community Park.

What puts curators to grief is big stuff. Sewing machines are an example. Nearly everyone wants to donate Grandma's sewing machine to the local historical society (or piano, organ, etc.) Sewing machines especially, McDermid said, "have an emotional attachment and people find it very hard to send them to the dump." The truth is that no small historical society can handle more than one or two. They are heavy, take up a lot of room, and as former curator Mary Bryson used to say, "Are bigger than a bread box." (You have to be a curator just to know how big a bread box used to be.)

Storage space is precious and as much as people would like to see their family artifacts on display all the time, a row of six sewing machines gets pretty darned dull. Our goal is to change things around, especially in the Harlow House, so people can visit knowing they will see something new. Last year it was a handkerchief exhibit. Now we are showing are the Columbia Gorge art of Vera Badsky and tea cups collection of Diane Wingerd.

Likewise, even though our Historic Highway exhibit in the Barn is consistent, we strive at each change of season to add one or two new elements. Last year, we showed vintage camping equipment. This year we are planning a photograph book of old tourist photos.

If you are interested in working with collections or setting up exhibits, it's always good to have new hands and new ideas. Please call.

DIANE WINGERD'S ANTIQUE TEA CUPS AT THE HARLOW HOUSE

Visitors to Troutdale's historic Harlow House will find a collection of antique tea cups on display through the summer months. The tea cups and saucers are from the collection of Corbett resident Diane Wingerd exhibited along with the paintings of late Columbia Gorge resident Vera Badsky, who retired to the Dodson/Warrendale area. Her paintings are exhibited on behalf of Crown Point Country Historical Society.

Wingerd, a longtime volunteer at the Vista House, inherited her first English bone china tea cups from a maternal grandmother. The collection started with a few and built over the last 30 years. She owns more now than she is willing to count.

The Harlow House display is of china cups from the 1920s and 1930s. Bone china porcelain is composed of animal bone ash, feldspathic material, and kaolin which is prized because of its strength, whiteness and chip resistance. Bone china was developed in England in the 1790s.

The Harlow House, a 1900 farm house at 726 E Historic Columbia River Highway, is open every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

NEW ARTIFACT CURATOR



We welcome Dee Dee Hansen as a new volunteer. She is stepping up to help with the curation of artifacts, keeping things in order for us so that we can find things. Important task for a museum. She joins our other volunteer curator, Julie Stewart, who organizes our photo collection.

Dee Dee lives in West Linn but worked at Troutdale School for many years as a teacher and the school media specialist. Yes, she drove that distance every day and never complained. She says she loves to organize material and that makes us very happy. Welcome, Dee Dee.



Diane Wingerd

Friends in History Remembered

Bill "Hubs" Nesbit 1931 - 2017

Bill Nesbit, better known to some as "Hubs," died on Monday, June 12. He was 85. Born during the Great Depression, Bill was raised in Lindsay, California where his mother taught school. During the Korean War, he served in an Army Military Police unit. He was very proud of his service to our country. Later, as a result of a job transfer, he settled in Portland, Oregon in 1959. Bill met Sharon on a blind date during the July 4th weekend of that year. They married in November.

Known as "The Mole Man" in East Multnomah County during the 1980s and early 1990s, Bill earned the Troutdale Historical Society's Member of the Year Award in 1987 for his work trapping moles on the Harlow House grounds. He also provided invaluable advice on the insurance needs of THS.

Bill was proudest of his wife Sharon and their two children, Vickie and Warren. His favorite holiday, July 4th, represented both his love of country – and the weekend he met Sharon.



Bill Nesbit setting mole trap

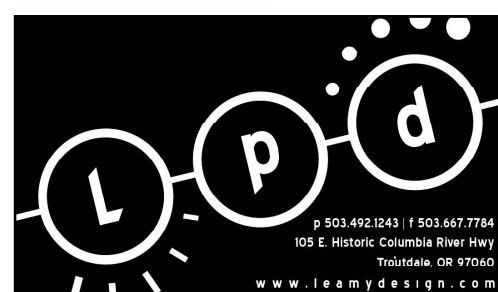
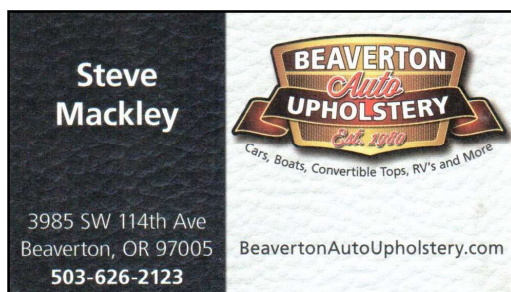
A Special Road Trip - By Joy Beldin, Volunteer for Troutdale Historical Society

Today I am reflecting back on October of 2015 when my friend and I decided to take a road trip on the Historic Columbia River Highway. Starting in Troutdale, where I lived in the '60s - a duplex on Harlow Street and the Wigton (once the Federspiel Sauerkraut Factory), we vowed to take in every landmark and waterfall we could fit in the day. Our first stop was The Barn Museum that had recently opened with an exhibit of vintage photos, stories told by people involved in saving the highway, and memorabilia from bygone days.

Upon entering the museum, I was struck with an immediate rush of nostalgia, remembering years as a child traveling the old highway in the '40s & '50s to get to grandfather's house in Prosser, Washington. It was an exciting road trip that took far longer than it does today with a scenic event around every curve. We would stop at the Vista House and all the waterfalls along the way, and upon our return we would always stop for dinner at Tad's Chicken 'n Dumplings. Of all those years traveling the old highway, I never knew the mystery behind the building of America's first scenic highway.

The Barn Museum's presentation and exhibit was so impressive I knew right away that I wanted to be involved in the history in some way. I asked Kelly Broomall, who was hosting the museum that day about volunteer opportunities and he referred me to Sharon Nesbit. As luck would have it, an opening presented itself on Friday afternoons and I have hosted on that day for over a year and half. It has been such a rewarding experience, not only in giving back to the community, but learning much more about the history of the highway for which I have such fond memories.

As a retiree, I am busier now than ever and am so honored to be a volunteer in the Troutdale Historical Society's family. If you are so inspired, why not check it out for yourself. Volunteers are always welcomed and I'm sure you, too, will find it a rewarding experience.



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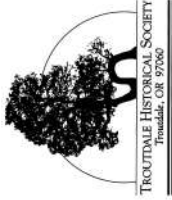
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Thank you for your support!

Troutdale Historical Society sponsors free programs throughout the year.

Edgefield History Night

The last Tuesday of every month (except December) the Troutdale Historical Society co-sponsors a speaker at McMenamins Edgefield Blackberry Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the free program begins at 6:30 p.m.
Food and drink are available.



Troutdale Historical Society's logo, the "Lovers Oak," stood on the floodplain of the Columbia River until the Columbus Day Storm of 1962. It was a popular gathering place for locals and was an instantly recognizable landmark.

Mission Statement
To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area; to stimulate interest in the knowledge of the locality's past.

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