

# BYGONE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 20
THS Program - Finding the Wire Trail
Presented by Dave Wand & Larry McGinnis
Glenn Otto Park - Sam Cox Building
1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy
2:00 p.m.

January 29
Edgefield History Night
The Dynamic Terroir of the
Willamette Valley: The Relationship
between Geology, Soil, Climate, and Wine
(free wine tasting)
Presented by Scott Burns, Professor

Presented by Scott Burns, Professor of Geology, Portland State University.

@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

February 26
Edgefield History Night
Crown Point Vista House
Presented by Miranda Mendoza
@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall

March 26
Edgefield History Night
History of Steiner Cabins
Presented by Steve Graeper

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

@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall 6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

# WINTER MUSEUM HOURS

#### **Barn Exhibit Hall**

10am - 3pm Wednesday-Saturday 1 - 3pm Sunday Closed: Monday & Tuesday

## **Harlow House**

1 - 3pm Sunday Only

# **Depot Rail Museum**

Closed for Renovation

# THS Program - Finding The Wire Trail January 20, 2019

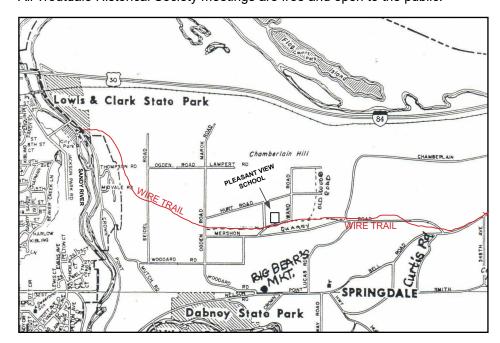
Glenn Otto Community Park - Sam Cox Building 1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR

Dave Wand, an electronic engineer, grew up in the Pleasant View area. He spent his entire career in communications as a cell phone tower consultant, locating, building, and maintaining towers. Larry McGinnis hails from Corbett-Troutdale with credentials in surveying. They combined their skills working for some years to trace the path of what was known as the Wire Trail from Troutdale up the Columbia River Gorge.

They will talk and show photos of their study and bushwhacking adventures at Troutdale Historical Society's first quarterly meeting of 2019, Sunday, January 20, at 2 p.m. at the Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Community Park in Troutdale.

Wand and McGinnis have been at work for several years finding traces of the original Native American Trail that ascended from the Sandy River and continued upriver. We know from our own records that many of the Pleasant View residents used the Wire Trail to commute to work at the slaughter house in Troutdale. The notes of Captain John Harlow say that he delivered *The Oregonian* newspaper over the Wire Trail, so named because the first telegraph wire to The Dalles was laid over this route.

All Troutdale Historical Society meetings are free and open to the public.



#### **Davis Perkins Discovers**

n our year-end letter, you read about Davis Perkins who contacted us to see if we had any information about his grandfather, George Perkins, who died in Troutdale.



Davis Perkins with his grandfather's papers

Happily, we had a lot of stuff. (That is not always true, but in this case we got lucky.) More than 20 years ago Janet Renfro bought the Perkins House on Beaver Creek near Jackson Park Road and found boxes of documents there from George Perkins, who was a lawyer. She brought them to us -- and also helped us start our fall Harvest Faire event, which was a fundraiser for about 10 years.

The Tuesday Ladies, working with curator Mary Bryson, sorted them out, put them in plastic folders and into four big looseleaf notebooks where they have been waiting. Happily, they were in Mary's Closet awaiting further filing when **Davis Perkins** arrived. He was overwhelmed to find so much material, including his grandfather's driver's license, and spent part of two days here researching and copying.

Sometimes, things go just right. It won't be long now until all the documents are scanned and entered into our curation system because people are working at those tasks. Then we will locate them with a press of a couple buttons.

# elebrate



Erin Janssens



Hazel Webb



Julie Stewart



Melba Klinker



Marilee Thompson

Photo credit - Laureen Lucero

upperware, Good Housekeeping cookbooks, S&H Green stamps were all part of the displays at our October 50th anniversary party, "Great in '68."

Treasurer Marilee Thompson grooved to 60's music selected by Vice President Erin Janssens, who is sporting skinny flared jeans and a big leather belt.

Photo librarian Julie Stewart took the show, arriving as a flower child. Melba Klinker wore bell bottom jeans with rhinestones and **Hazel Webb** arrived in a perfect outfit as television wife Donna Reed.

Joy Beldin created a scrapbook with Green Stamps, her 1968 Oregon Driver's Licenses, and a picture of her serving her first holiday dinner in Troutdale as a newlywed. The roasted bird on the tiny table was likely a chicken, just about the size we get now for take-out at Fred Meyer.

While some of us still rebel and think 1968 was just yesterday, it is clear that it officially reached the 50-year mark and is now history.

#### Christmas at the Harlow House

he Harlow House was the scene of a delightful soirée on the first day of December when Santa and Mrs. Claus met guests in the rear parlor next to a Christmas tree decorated with snowmen ornaments.

Young families with small children stood in line to meet the Christmas couple. Many said it was their first time to visit the house. Volunteers **Pam Dykstra**, **Kelly Broomall**, **Sharon Nesbit** and **Diane Castillo-White** served steaming wassail which filled the house with a wonderful scent. And they served mountains of cookies donated by our volunteers.



Mr & Mrs Santa Claus - Tom & Barbara Slyter



Interesting moment of the day -- a lost Chihuahua brought in by one couple who found it on the street, spent an hour or so on the lap of Mrs. Claus, and seemed to have a calming effect on nervous kids. It was taken to the Multnomah County Animal Shelter for identification. If only it could talk. Also there were the great-grand-daughters of the late Dorothy Sturges, who with **Jean Holman** and **Sharon Nesbit**, first decorated and opened the house for Christmas many decades ago.

That night, just at dusk, the thousands of lights that **Kelly Broomall** and volunteers put on the Harlow House and Barn Exhibit Hall were turned on.

Thanks to Julie Stewart, Norm (Tiny Tim) Thomas, Sharon Nesbit, Hazel Webb and Erin Janssens for interior decorations.



# Fraley - Eaton - Paz House

his country home, restored and owned by **Richard** and **Linda Paz** was built from 1919 to 1920 by William and Ellen Fraley as a summer retreat. Fraley was a hat maker in Portland. The family preferred their cabin in the woods at the rear of this property and this home was occupied by a caretaker. The cabin, which was a rather elaborate two-story structure, was torn down in the 1970s.

In 1945, the house became the home of Mary Ray Fraley Eaton and her husband, John Eaton, and their three children, Mary, John and Elly. The living room was added to the main home in 1948. Mary Ray was a charter member of THS. She collected hats, taught Sunday School, and was a member of the local garden club. She and her family lived here until her death in 1969. Her daughter, Mary, worked as the Troutdale City Court Clerk for 24 years. The home was briefly owned by Gene and Virginia Stoll and



(photo date unknown)

used as a rental for five years before it was sold to Richard and Linda Paz in 1974.

To make the home livable, the Paz family painted walls, repaired broken windows, and fixed holes in the floor. Over the next ten years they remodeled the entire house room by room; including converting the attic into a bedroom. In 1984 an electrical fire caused smoke and water damage to the second level; again remodeled. The outside was next on the list. A fence built, lawn added, and trees trimmed. Plants were next - rhododendrons, azaleas, and flowering plum trees. A carport/patio, brick planters, and a fish pond were then added. The pond, wall, and bench were made from rock saved from the Fraley cabin. In 1985 they were bestowed "Troutdale's Most Beautiful Yard," boasting approximately fifty rose bushes and an English perennial border that shows color throughout the summer.

The Paz house is an icon in Troutdale for its holiday decorations. The house is elaborately decorated for most holidays, especially Christmas. Generations of Troutdale residents have fond memories of seeing this house in lights.



- •Erin Janssens for sealing the newly pressure washed sidewalk leading to the Barn Exhibit Hall.
- •Kelly Broomall, Home Depot, Orient Electric & THS Volunteers for hanging lights on all the museums and caboose.
- •Pam Dykstra our newest volunteer.
- •Sharon Nesbit & Jason Cawood for meeting with FedEx about Sundial Ranch history and corporate sponsorship.
- •Julie Stewart, Sharon Nesbit, Hazel Webb, Norm Thomas, and Erin Janssens for decorating the Harlow House for the holidays.
- •Diane Castillo-White, Kelly Broomall, Pam Dykstra, and Sharon Nesbit for organizing and hosting *Christmas at the Harlow House*.
- •Kiara Tolman for her work on our Past Perfect data entry project.

- •Julia Warner & Kelly Broomall for completing the Depot inventory.
- •Sharon Lucky, Laureen Lucero, Jason Cawood, and son Bryce for preparing our year-end letter for mailing.
- •Margaret Rice & Marilee Thompson for attending the Levy Oversight Committee meeting.
- •Norm Thomas, Erin Janssens, and Marilee Thompson for attending the OHS Affiliate Summit.
- •Erin Janssens for conducting the Fall Safety meeting.
- •Bettianne Goetz, Margaret Rice, Sharon Nesbit, Erin Janssens, and Helen Wand for the wonderful Volunteer Appreciation Party at the home of Rick & Linda Paz.

# **353** MEMBERS OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Help us reach our goal of 500 members!

Are you a member? Give a gift of membership to the next generation, friends, family or become a member by clicking <u>here</u>.

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# Volunteer Appreciation Party at the home of Rick & Linda Paz



Tina & Carl Tebbens, Erin Janssens, Helen Wand, Gary & Pam Dykstra



Diane Castillo-White and Linda Paz



Rick Paz and Harry Moffitt

# WORKING LIKE THEY OWN THE PLACE (which they do)

# **Holiday Lights at the Museums**

or the first time in its history the Troutdale Historical Society adorned all three history museums with Christmas lights. This dream became a reality when Kelly Broomall recruited other THS Volunteers and the support and donations from Home Depot and Orient Electric to hang lights on these three buildings. After 3 full days in the cold and wind, the project was complete. Broomall spent days beforehand prepping and many days after to fine-tune the project. When asked what motivated him to take on this enormous task he said, "I wanted to see what it would look like."



Barn Exhibit Hall - King of Roads Exhibit



1975 Union Pacific Caboose



Fred E. Harlow House - 1900 Farmhouse



1907 Depot Rail Museum

# Getting it done...



Tom & Linda Miller



Kelly Broomall



Orient Electric and Tom Miller

# Chuck Rollins recipient of Heini Zeigler Award



ongratulations to **Chuck Rollins** who received the Heini Zeigler Award in Corbett for his long history of volunteerism in Corbett, most especially with the Crown Point Country Historical Society and launching the construction of their museum across from the Corbett fire station.

Chuck was grand marshal at last

year's Corbett July 4 parade and has authored books on loggers, *The Loggers How They Saw It (Vol. 1 & 2)* and another book coming soon.

Join us at the THS Annual Meeting, April 28, 2019 — Chuck's presentation on his new book on loggers and their dogs.

It was December 28, 1978... 40 years ago, that a United Airlines passenger plane crashed at Southeast 157th and East Burnside. The plane was circling because of landing gear problems when it ran out of fuel. Miraculously, no one on the ground was hurt when it landed in the trees of the neighborhood on a freezing cold night. When the fuselage cracked open, it released insulation that many first responders thought was pink snow. Two crew members died, two were injured, 8 passengers died and 21 were injured, but the fact that most

of the 189 people on board survived was regarded as a miracle. Things were different then, and a crashed plane in the neighborhood was a sight to see, so Joy Beldin and family walked to the crash site the next day and took pictures.



Joy Beldin in front of crashed United Airlines Flight 173

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Pam Dykstra
Fed Ex - Troutdale
James & Cheryl Kerr
Jim & Lori Kniff
Jill Monti - Monti Electric
Grant & Myrtle Sturm
Three Sisters Historical Society

#### **RENEWING MEMBERS**

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# In Honor of Kelly Broomall

Paul & Judy Wilcox

Sharon Nesbit

#### In Honor of Vera & Bob Strebin

Sharon Nesbit Dave Ripma

# Troutdale Historical Society Board Members

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Acting President: Erin Janssens
Treasurer: Marilee Thompson
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Board Members
Rich Allen, Joy Beldin, Kelly Broomall,
Diane Castillo-White, Rip Caswell, Jason
Cawood, Jon Lowell

Past Presidents
Bettianne Goetz, Sharon Nesbit, Len Otto, Dave Ripma

# Seidl Family on Broughton Bluff

ince our January meeting focuses on the Wire Trail, it is a good time to talk about the Seidl family who used the Wire Trail to get up and down hill to Troutdale.

Their farm was at the crest of Broughton Bluff on the east side of the Sandy River, sometimes called Staggerweed Mountain. Maria and Jacob Seidl arrived to carve a new farm out of wilderness in the period between 1888-1890.

She was born in Bavaria and came to the U.S. at the age of 18, marrying Jacob in Minneapolis.



Broughton Bluff c1910

According to Maria Seidl's obituary the community was then a wilderness and the pair built their home using logs from their land. The only bridge across the Sandy River then was the railroad trestle. Seidl family tradition said that before the highway bridge, farmers on the bluff used the Wire Trail, which followed an old Indian trail, to descend to the river and then cross the Sandy on the railroad trestle.

The Siedl children were the last to know precisely where the Indian trail went down over the bluff on the family farm. John was born in 1894 and attended school in the Pleasant View School house which was near the Seidl farm.

In an interview with John Seidl more than 40 years ago, the late Dick Knarr, wrote: "There is a trail which starts just south of the old highway bridge (on the Sandy River) and comes out on the old Seidl place which was an old Indian trail. He said his father used to walk down that trail every morning to work in the Union Meat plant (at Troutdale) and back up in the evening."

John Seidl remembered when the distillery at Troutdale burned. Knarr wrote, "And he was told that when it was burning, several barrels of whiskey were rolled out and some of the fellows had free whiskey for a while." The distillery was on the site of the Sandy River RV Park.

In our year-end letter, you read the story of Arline Shaw Seidl's long engagement to John. It was said that he did not want to get married until his mother died so they were engaged for 25 years. Much of that time was spent with him in a fishing boat, he fishing and she crocheting doilies. By the time they married she was 53-year-old and doilies were out of style so she gave her collection to the Troutdale Historical Society.

John Seidl, ironically, died on a fishing trip in 1974. Arline Seidl died in 1990.



Troutdale, Oregon c1907, Union Meat Company

# **Aaron Fox Store Dust Pan**

teve Lehl watches online for historical treasures and recently found and purchased for us this swiveling dustpan labeled "Aaron Fox General MDSE (merchandise) Troutdale Ore." It is a great addition or our collection. Thank you, Steve.



Aaron Fox Store c1907-1910





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# Friends in History Remembered

# Robert Harry Carlson (January 24, 1929 - November 18, 2018)

Gob Carlson died Nov. 18. At his memorial were the boots he wore while working at the Reynolds Metals Plant in Troutdale. When we had our Reynolds reunion we asked former workers at the plant to bring items related to their work there. Bob's boots had extra soles made out of old tires, otherwise workers would burn their feet. He explained that there was a fellow in Troutdale who had perfected the technique of adding tires to work boots. As promised, the family gave Bob's custom boots to the Troutdale Historical Society.



Bob's work boots

Bob was born in Gresham in 1929 and graduated from Sandy High School in 1947. He served during the Korean War and then went to work on his family farm as well as for Scenic Fruit Company and Reynolds Aluminum Plant. He and his father formed Carlson Nursery in 1966, now a Century Farm. He is survived by his wife, Annell.

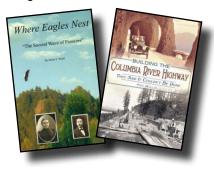


Robert Harry Carlson

# Local Authors at the Barn Exhibit Hall



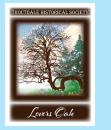
hanks to **Gerald Stephan**, we have a refurbished and magnetic sandwich board. When a local author is hosting the Barn Exhibit Hall, this board will be posted on the driveway. The author will be ready to sign his/her book(s). Look for this sign board, meet the author, buy a book, and get it signed.



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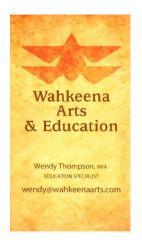
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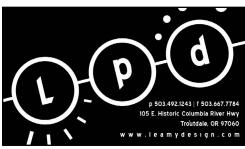
















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# Edgefield History Night

The last Tuesday of every month (except December) the Troutdale Historical Society co-sponsors a speaker at 6:30pm (doors at 5:00 p.m.) Free for all ages. Food and drink are available for purchase. McMenamins Edgefield Blackberry Hall,

