



BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WE ARE ON THE ROAD AGAIN--A TROUTDALE TREK...

An amble through the Hood River Valley, a peek at an entire dinner made out of rocks, a trip up both sides of the Columbia River Gorge, a visit to a fine museum built by volunteers and a sumptuous picnic at the new Skamania Lodge. If that sounds like your idea of a really nice day, join us on Saturday, Aug. 27, (bus leaves Troutdale City Hall at 8:30 a.m.) for a Trek to Parkdale, Moro and Stevenson.

Price of this trek is \$55 for the day. That includes all admissions/donations to museums, transportation and your meal and tip at Skamania Lodge. Please bring a sack lunch for a picnic in the park at Moro and you may want a bit of cash for the great pies and pastries at Parkdale.

We have both a 46-passenger bus and a 22-passenger bus reserved so we can guarantee that at least 22 will go. If this proves to be a popular trip and we draw more than 22, we will bump up to the bigger bus, but we need to know by August 8. Please make your reservations now to assure a seat. Send a check for \$55 a person to August Trek, Troutdale Historical Society, 104 S.E. Kibling St., Troutdale, Ore. 97060.



Our itinerary: Bus leaves Troutdale City Hall at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 27. Parking is available in front of city hall, at the lot on Kibling Street and across the street at the rail depot. We will travel up Interstate 84 to Hood River and on up the Hood River Valley to Parkdale for a special tour of the new Hutson Museum at Parkdale. Our stop here will allow time to explore the antique shops, have a coffee break and generally wander around this cute little 1910 town. At 11:30 a.m. we will drive on up the Columbia River to Biggs Junction and then south to Moro and the Sherman County Museum. There is a great antique shop in the old hotel at Moro, a nice park for lunch and a fine museum, built entirely by volunteers with a new prize-winning exhibit on the Oregon Trail.

At about 3 p.m. we board our bus for a drive across the Columbia and down the Washington side to Stevenson and the new Skamania Lodge. There will be time to look at the lodge before our 5 p.m. buffet dinner, which is billed as the Skamania County Fair Picnic. It includes barbecued chicken, burgers and sausages with corn on the cob, biscuits and cornbread, potato salad, fresh fruits, watermelon and berries, shortcake, pies and cookies, fresh lemonade and iced tea.

After that we'll stagger back on the bus about 7 p.m. for a drive home across the Bridge of the Gods, returning to Troutdale about 7:30 or 7:45 p.m.

DO THINGS LOOK DIFFERENT HERE....

As reported in last month's newsletter, the editor's computer has broken down. We are still searching for a new computer at a favorable cost or free. Until then, we owe thanks to the Gresham Outlook for making their Macintosh system available.

TREASURER'S REPORT.....Lynda Harvey, Treasurer

Operating account.....	\$ 3,615.27
Barn building account.....	11,464.59
Dedicated barn funds.....	616.53
Endowment fund.....	15,222.35
Director's fund.....	5,216.39
TOTAL.....	36,135.13

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

Thanks to our dedicated recruiters, Helen Towsley and Len Otto, we signed up several new members at the ice cream social. We have, as well, several other new members who have come our way.

Welcome to **Agnes Stiles, Bill & Darline Payne, Elaine Spencer, Thomas & Pamela Fenton, Grace Schouten, Bruce Roberts, Frieda Gulken, Geneva Williams, Jim & Jody Babson, Kathleen Kenny, Robert & Carol Wenzel** and junior members, **Tim Doolan** and **Aaron Twitchell**.

Gift memberships have been given by David G. Underhill for **Marlene Parker** and by Bob & Mona Mitchoff for **Kris & John Fappas**.

SPEAKING OF ICE CREAM SOCIAL...

Director Ellen Brothers says we made in excess of \$3,000 at the social. We served about 1,200 people.

Many thanks to Mona Mitchoff and members of the steering committee for creating yet another festival. The enclosed sheet is left-over from our historical society booth. On the back you will note the volunteers who pitched in to make the event a success. They do not include those last-minute folks pressed into service including Krista Halvorson, a Reynolds High school student and a group of her friends.

Right off hand we can think of several people who did great service--Ed Ashley, Bob Dix and Bruce Towsley and all the others who struggled with rock-hard ice cream; Velma Norman who came prettily dressed to host and ended up slicing strawberries; Steve and Judy Lehl for a special trip for a publicity photo; and Phil and Heidi Wilson who did the clean up work.

Shown in the photo below are a squad of berry cleaners. From left Harvey and Betty Wieprecht, Gladys Norment (with her back to the camera), Alice Wand, Adrienne Clausen, Martha Booheister, and, sorry, we can't tell who that the last person on the berry line is.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK.....ELLEN BROTHERS

GOOD NEWS. We applied for the annual grant-in-aid (money from the lottery fund) and received a maximum amount of \$460.43 to run our museum this year. This is the first year ever to be awarded the maximum. The money goes into our general operating fund and helps support our Harlow House museum.



Thanks are due to Mona Mitchoff, ice cream social chairwoman, who has agreed to also chair the Harvest Faire 1994 (perhaps in a moment of weakness/fever of unknown origin)! If you are interested in helping her, call her at 666-5455. If she does not hear from you, don't be surprised to hear from her.

And thanks to Barbara Brothers for donating a computer and letter quality printer for office use by our society.

GIFTS TO OUR SOCIETY FROM OUR FRIENDS, FOR OUR FRIENDS...

To the endowment fund: Ginger Harlow Allen

To the endowment fund in memory of **Dot Packard**: Margaret Bronkey, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, Reed & Margaret Madsen.

To the endowment fund in memory of **Glenn Otto**: George & Irene Starr, the Otto family, Leo and Vivian Kania, Leonard & Lorraine Dombkowsi, Leo & Jane Sansregret, Mary Alice McDaniel, Ted & Lois Schulte, Bonnie Irwin, Pat & Ellen Brothers, Gerald & Shirley Lambert, Robert & Ilse Lokting, Edward & Maxine Hays, Sam & Nancy Cox.

To the endowment fund in memory of **Wayne Espenel**: Bob & Louise Dix, Sam & Nancy Cox.

AND THANKS FOR GIFTS OF TIME...

A special thanks to Dave Ripma, Jean Holman, Helen Towsley, Florence Baker, Dick Jones, Sam Cox and Pat and Ellen Brothers for printing the "Burma Shave" signs for the ice cream social...and to Donna Hawkins for opening the depot museum on a Friday for a special tour by nursery school children...and to Martha Booheister for catching an error in newspaper publicity on our depot museum and writing a note to get it corrected...and to Rollie Hanson of the Springdale Job Corps sign shop for re-lettering our Harlow House Museum sign.

HARVEST FAIRE COMING RIGHT UP...

Our fall festival will be Sept. 24 and 25 in the park, the Harlow House and the Depot museum. The theme will be: When the art of work becomes a work of art. To prove that point the blacksmiths from Fort Vancouver will be on hand to demonstrate their skills.

Potter Dan Stevens will spin tales and pots at the same time.

What do we need? A \$300 sponsor for our second day of music. Weavers and spinners to demonstrate their skills at the Harlow House. We could also use a knitter or crocheter for the same reason. Scraps of rickrack, braid, ribbon, buttons, etc. to use in making Indian vests. Donations for Granny's attic (just leave them on the Harlow House front porch). Pumpkins. Indian corn. Corn husks.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

Needed: A Harlow House chair person to supervise care, keeping and events at a nice, old house.

SO WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE GAZEBO?...

Patti Polly is taking on a project of replanting and re-landscaping our gazebo at the Harlow House, using native plants, a board-walk and some low-maintenance features.

The project won a \$10,000 budget from the city parks fund. Patti has presented plans to our board of directors and hopes to begin work soon on clearing the site and even, killing the awful horsetail that has made it such a landscaping nightmare.

AND AT THE BARN?....A heating and cooling system is all installed and paid for. Water is connected. Dick Jones says it's time to start painting. Plans are afoot to build artifact storage in the shop.

Members of the board of directors as well as others who will likely contribute to building exhibits for the barn museum have visited another museum site to study the work.

AND AT THE HARLOW HOUSE?...

Cathy Hamme's flower beds are blooming more brightly than ever. Penny Balch is a regular Thursday volunteer, freeing Ellen Brothers to run errands.

AND AT THE DEPOT?...

A regular shift of volunteers greets visitors each Saturday and Sunday afternoon. How many ways can you answer the question, how far is it to Multnomah Falls. Beverly Welker is recataloging our library of historical books.

Our friends, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, will offer a tour of their Bridal Veil home Aug. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m., with champagne and a summer barbecue--cost \$25. Proceeds will go to the Franciscan Montessori Earth School.

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