

BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

December, 1995

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Merry
gents
& ladies
and ye
children, too

Join us at the
Harlow House,
Saturday, Dec. 9,
noon to 4 p.m. for a
Christmas frolic
and a glimpse of
the Jolly Old Elf.

This is the day that Santa sits by the fireplace, we share the warmth of wassail and bring cookies for a groaning table and grinning kids. Come see the 1995 Harlow House reindeer ornament and buy one for your tree. Bring a plate of cookies to share, and take some home with you.

Join us for presentation at 2 p.m. of a memory book to Roy Meger and Elsie Simnitt. (And if you haven't sent your memory page in **DO IT NOW.**)

If you can't come Dec. 9, the Harlow House will be open, in holiday finery from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, each weekend beginning Dec. 2 and concluding Dec. 23.

Our next meeting: 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, in Troutdale City Hall.

Officers sought for 1996 slate

Our February 18 meeting, which includes an excellent program on the Historic Columbia River Highway by Jeanette Kloos of the Oregon Department of Transportation, is also our annual meeting and election of officers.

Our current board has several officers willing to stand for reelection: President David Ripma; Secretary Jean Holman; Treasurer Penny Balch; and board members Dick Jones and Mike Dubesa. Vice president Sharon Nesbit is willing to leave office if we can find a candidate for her position and board member Len Otto is retiring, though he will continue to serve on our barnstorming committee. If you would like to serve in either of those two positions or to stand for any other office, please notify Bob Strebin of the nominating committee at 665-2756.

Our thanks due to these good guys

Don Curtis, who knows a heap about sound equipment rounded up two speakers to amplify music and events such as Ice Cream Social and Harvest Faire.

Barbara Mabry has offered to help in the museum office with paper work. **Kathleen Kenny** filled in for Ellen Brothers during the latter's absence in November. Kathleen's agenda included a flock of Cub Scout tours, planting sessions at the gazebo and a tour for the Edgefield Children's Center. **Hilda Langston** responded to our request with a whole shoebox full of S&H Green Stamps. **Mike Hamme** has promised a Christmas tree for the Harlow House.

Calendar

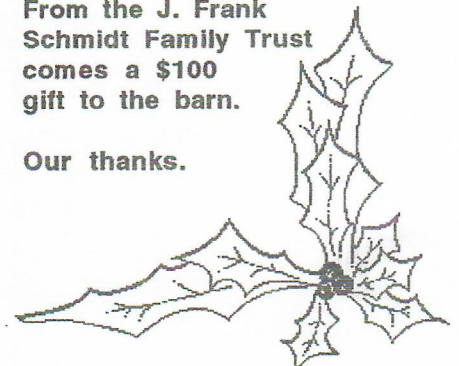
- Dec. 2, Saturday, 9 a.m.
Barnstorming committee, barn
- Dec. 6, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Board of Directors, Barn
- Dec. 7, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, Sam K. Cox Building, Park
- Dec. 9, Saturday, noon- 4 p.m.
Christmas at the Harlow House
- Dec. 14, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, Sam K. Cox Building, Park (No bingo Dec. 21 or 28.)
- Dec. 27, Wednesday, noon
Friends of the Zimmerman at the barn.
- Jan. 3, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Board of Directors, Barn
- Jan. 8, Monday, 7 p.m.
Steering Committee, Barn

Looking for Mementos

Michelle Luiz begins work on our historical society scrapbook in January recording the events of the last year. If you have items from treks or photos from our meetings or other activities that would make a good additions to the scrapbook, please bring them to the Harlow House or mail them to us with identification so Michelle and include them in our book.

From the J. Frank Schmidt Family Trust comes a \$100 gift to the barn.

Our thanks.



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**Committee at work
on park master plan**

As part of a master plan for City of Troutdale parks, our board of directors and other interested members met with professional staff members to lay plan for the park property on which the Harlow House and barn are located.

Features of the Harlow House park will be a new Lover's Oak tree, a system of handicapped accessible sidewalks, a board walk through the pond area and, possibly, recreating the original Harlow fish ponds.

Part of this plan will include a suggestion that came from Don Curtis to unite the property with a historically correct board fence and another idea from Joyce Stoeckel for a brick sale with named bricks located on the property, possibly along walkways.

In Memory:

Myrta Weatherhead died in August in Woodburn. An Oregon City resident, she and her husband Harold frequently attended our meetings when they were able to drive. After that, though it took considerable effort and they often had to take the bus or arrange for a driver, they made of point of bringing friends and family to the Harlow House. Their link with Troutdale was through her mother, Corra Starks Symes, who grew up on the Sun Dial Ranch and wrote a history of her life there.

The Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce moved across the street to more spacious quarters, so the Troutdale Rail Depot museum is closed for the winter. We appreciate the partnership with the chamber in opening our museum to more visitors.

**ON THE STREET
WHERE YOU LIVE**

If you live on Indian John Street in Troutdale, you might like to know that this street bears the historic name of a Native American believed to be among the last of Chinookan Indians to reside here. He tanned hides for a living, traveling from house to house. One of his homes was on the Zimmerman property at about 171st and Sandy Blvd. Found unconscious in his home there, he was taken to the County Poor Farm, then in the West Hills, where he died and was buried in a pauper's grave.

Indian Mary Street bears the name of Indian Mary Tibbetts who lived in Troutdale, working for many local families, and had two small girls in the Troutdale School.

Buxton Street is named for David Buxton, one of the first to settle in the area. He later founded the city's first water system.

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