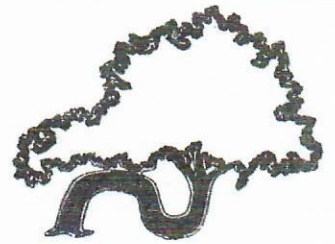


# Bygone Times

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MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM THE  
TROUTDALE HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY



## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR

### CHRISTMAS AT HARLOW HOUSE

We have much to be happy for this holiday season, a newly-painted white farmhouse filled with old treasures and fresh Christmas greens. A barn with new siding and a bright coat of red paint.

We celebrate Christmas at our museum Harlow House from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. Join us for a cup of steaming wassail. Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to share. Watch Santa sit by the fireplace receiving the whispered secrets of children.

Buy a lacy ornament to celebrate this year's Christmas theme of "Old Lace." Marvel at the Christmas tree and our winter exhibit of elegant beaded bags.

Be of good cheer on this, our 11th Christmas in the Harlow House.

If you can't join us on Saturday, the museum will be open for the rest of that week, Dec. 16 through 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. each

GIVING GIFTS TO THE BARN...

We show you a picture of our museum barn on Page One so that even distant members can see how great it looks in its winter coat of siding and fresh red paint. Thanks to the results of our Harvest Faire, our building mortgage on the barn is paid and we have protected our substantial investment in the building with siding and paint.

Waiting inside are several thousand feet of boards that will be nailed vertically on the structure to make the board and batten siding we all are familiar with on barns.

What happens next, depends on what money becomes available. Our barn-builder Dick Jones has divided some future projects into smaller pieces. If you would like to buy a piece of the action by buying a piece of the barn, here are some projects that need doing and their costs:

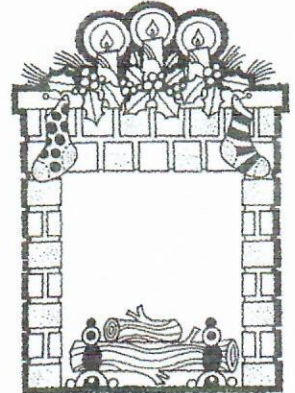
1. Trim (casings) for 9 windows - \$75.
2. Trim (casings) around 4 exterior doors - \$50.
3. Trim boards around eaves -\$85.
4. Trim for hay door - \$75.
5. Corner boards on barn - \$40.
6. Miscellaneous nails and doodads to do the work - \$100.
7. Cement for door pads - \$200.
8. Panels for the inside of the front doors - \$200.
9. Exterior front sliding barn door - \$500.
10. R19 insulation - \$2,000.
11. Workshop sink and fittings - \$100.
12. Two bathroom doors with hardware and closures - \$400.
13. Three storage room doors with hardware - \$300.

WANT A CHRISTMAS GATHERING?..

If your club or organization would like a private tour of the Harlow House to see the Christmas decorations, or if you would like to meet at the house some other time later in the year, that can be arranged.

We offer your group a guided tour with a history of the house, a place to hold a meeting or eat a box lunch, and a light refreshment.

If you are interested in setting a time, contact Lynda Harvey, 284-4224, or Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423.



GOOD CENTS FROM THE TREASURER...

On the last day of October, our treasurer reported as follows:

ENDOWMENT FUND.....	\$1,968.89
OPERATING ACCOUNT.....	10,247.48
BARN BUILDING FUND.....	1,245.52
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TOTAL	\$13,461.89

ELECTION OF OFFICERS COMING...

Vera Strebin, 665-2756, is head of the nominating committee for our February election of officers. If you would like to be a candidate for office or would like to suggest a candidate for office, give her a call.

All officers and board members are subject to an annual election.

PLAN REVISED FOR ASTORIA TRIP...

Historian/director Sharon Nesbit will lead an all-day jaunt to Astoria on Saturday April 7 with stops at the maritime and Clatsop county museums. Because we did not get sufficient numbers in August to do the trip, our thought is to keep this group small and flexible, possible traveling by 16-passenger van, though we will get a larger vehicle if necessary.

If you would like to be a part of this Trek, please let us know.

FRANK DRIVER, RELUCTANT MEMBER OF THE MONTH...

Frank Driver, Corbett, doesn't want to be member of the month, but he doesn't have any choice.

Driver has lived in this area since 1947 when he married his wife, Jeannie, and moved to Corbett. They raise daffodils on their place on Christensen Road. Frank, who is retired from his job as a sales and service man for hospital equipment, took to turning up on our Barn Wednesdays this summer to lend a hand.



He will say that he had no place else to go because the Driver's housekeeper didn't want him underfoot. So, Frank would appear at the Harlow House clutching an empty coffee cup and looking for a caffeine fix. Since coffee is the only pay we offer, Frank would accept his caffeine and spend the morning helping Dick Jones around the barn and Harlow House.

He carried and shoved and toted stuff all through our Harvest Faire and then joined us our October push to get the siding on the barn. The result is that Frank has donated more than 50 hours volunteer service in the barn since July. Calculated at \$10 an hour, that credits him with a contribution of more than \$500 to the barn. His name will be placed on the barn beam and be a part of history.

One would think that Frank cares a great deal about history to give so much time. "History be damned," he snorts, "It was the fault of that Sam Cox."

NAMEDROPPERS...

PAUL AND ROSELYN TAYLOR, Troutdale, are new members of the society...JOHN AND KAY POWERS have made a donation to the barn...So has LUCILLE TOLBERT who made the donation in memory of her parents...PAULINE MORROW AND BARBARA WELSH were at least two of those left off last month's list of volunteer pie bakers...HOMER TOWNSEND, formerly of Cedar School and now of Goldendale, Wash., has written another book "Charles M. Ryman, Pioneer Teacher". Homer says his history of the Cedar School here in Troutdale should be out in the spring...Ralph Friedman, author of "Oregon for the Curious", has written a new book, "In search of Western Oregon," that includes information about Troutdale and the Harlow House...and Robert L. Hacker, Corvallis, has written a history of the four fishways constructed at Willamette Falls and kindly sent us a copy. All books will be at the Harlow House this winter...CYNTHIA HOWE, historical society member and former host/curator at the Harlow House, was recently named the director of education for the Clackamas County

ABOUT MUSEUM DONATIONS...

Without care in selection, we could fill our barn and Harlow House museums to the rafters with old plows and sewing machines. As a result, our society has a policy to determine what artifacts we accept along with the obligation to care for them forever.

The first question we ask is whether we have another piece just like it. No museum can use two wood cook stoves, for instance.

Second, we want to know if an item was used in the Troutdale, Sandy River or Columbia gorge areas. As a local museum, highest priority is given to local items.

Third, we look at the condition of an item. We cannot accept badly deteriorated items. Our obligation is to care for things for the rest of their lives and we can't afford many "terminal" patients.

GREEN THUMB BRIGADE CALLED UP...

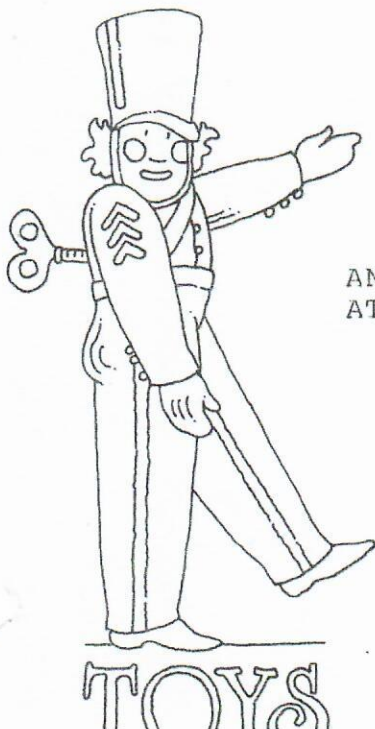
Cathy Hamme, the only groundskeeper the Harlow House has ever had, has moved to Eugene and left some big, and scuffed up, shoes to fill.

We plan to do that with an adopt-a-flower-bed plan for the coming summer. If you or your organization would accept care and tending of one of our flower beds, call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423, or Lynda Harvey, 284-4224. We have an herb bed, an perennial and annual bed, a circular focal point flower bed, the driveway bed, the porch bed, a rhododendron and camellia bed, the sidewalk beds and the new lavender bed near the parking lot, all orphans.

THE STORY OF CAPT. HARLOW AND HIS CARP WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN 'OREGON HISTORY FACT' NOV. 18 IN THE OREGONIAN'S NORTHWEST MAGAZINE.

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