

GOT AN APPETITE?...

The May 15 meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society is the last regular meeting of the year and, by tradition, a potluck dinner. Because we're having dinner, come to the meeting one hour earlier at 6:30 p.m., Monday, in the city park recreation building. The Society will provide a meat dish and beverage. Please bring potato dishes, vegetables, salads, breads or desserts. While there is a supply of cutlery and trays in the park building, those who wish may bring their own place settings to help save cleanup time.

And after dinner...we will dedicate the new addition to our park museum. Though some displays will not be quite complete, the major work is done and it's time to take a look. Longtime members will recall that the museum addition fund began with memorials in memory of Dick Knarr. Subsequent memorials in memory of others made it possible to build. A list of those names has been prepared for Monday evening and once we are assured that it is correct, we will have a plaque made.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL TIME...

Though this is our last regular meeting until October, the June 11 ice cream social remains on the agenda. We will be looking for volunteers to serve, play host at the museum, tend the beverage table, take tickets and lend a hand at other chores. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet Monday.

Our special display this year will be WHATIZZITS, those strange, old and antique items that drive modern day people crazy. We have a few in the museum--- Fay Davis' funny, wooden wringer and Bob Kerslake's Chinese laundry marker. If you have others, please plan to bring them. The correct identity of each item will be listed on a face-down card when people get tired of guessing. And if you have an item that has never been identified, bring it along anyway. Someone just might figure it out.

We will need houseplants, handmade items, baked goods, white elephants and what-have-you for the Country Store sale. Ethel Peterson has knitted an afghan to be given away in a drawing. We will also need cut flowers for decorations.

NEW GIFTS...

Despite Fay Davis' contention that it was a pad for beginning ice skaters, the new item he and Bertha donated last month is a bustle. Malcom Boslar gave an old stapler and Bob Kerslake donated an out-of-print book on railroading. Everything you wanted to know about baseball is on a book given by Viola Brander and Ray Meyers gave another photo of a railroad engine for the depot museum. Morris and Gladys McGinnis provided us with pictures of Troutdale's early celery farms and a splendid enlargement of the Lover's Oak.

In the depot are the railroad speeder which Fay Davis managed to locate and a caboose stove donated by Don Sipple.

And in the new museum addition are a smelt dipping net from Ted Schulte, a child's fishing pole from Pauline Holcomb and a school desk and chair used in the Cedar School, a gift of Gail and Tim O'Neill, new owners of the Cedar School.

In the odds and ends department we have a corn huskers glove from Ted Schulte and the City of Wood Village has offered us a rolling coat rack which we plan to use to display clothing items.

IN MEMORY...

Mildred Moffatt died April 21. A resident of this area since 1937, she worked for many years at the county farm.

START NOW...

People tend to forget that we can make money in the spring by saving Flavr-Pak and Santiam labels all year long. Remember to set them aside. They are worth two cents apiece for the historical society.

May 31, 1978

Dear Historical Society member:

It's ice cream social time again! We are enclosing two posters, one for you and one for a friend you might wish to invite to our biggest party of the year.

The Hit 'N Miss band will be there for old-fashioned dancing. We will have ice cream sundaes and, sunshine permitting, ice cream and strawberries. Though prices haven't been set yet, they are always very reasonable so plan to make an afternoon of it Sunday, June 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the city park.

Plans are being made to reserve the city parking lots so we hope you won't have any trouble finding a parking spot. (Would those who come early and plan to stay all day please park in the outer lot in order to leave space closer to the building for those who have a difficult time getting around.)

Things you can bring:

1. Baked goods, especially cakes, and other handcrafted items for sale in our Country Store bazaar. House plants are nice.
2. A bouquet of pretty flowers in tin can or other container to help decorate the tables. (These can also be delivered to the park building Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m.)
3. A what-is-it item. Some hard to identify antique or near antique gadget. This will go in a special display for people who like guessing games.
5. Come in pioneer or historic costume if you have one. It adds a lot to the old-fashioned atmosphere.
6. An hour or half-hour of your time to lend a hand with serving, pouring beverages, selling tickets, tidying the kitchen or being a host in the museum. Just ask, someone will be happy to find you a job. (Incidentally, both the park and depot museums will be open. People may visit the depot museum while coming to and from the social.)

Lastly, the historical society will be serving beef sandwiches and walking salads at the city picnic in the park on July 16. We plan to serve jello salads in styrofoam cups and will need volunteers to prepare the salads and bring them to the park museum on the morning of the 16th. Any flavor is fine. If possible, pack them in a styrofoam cooler (marked with a name tag) with a bit of ice to hold them during the afternoon.

Our best wishes for a good summer. See you at the ice cream social.

The Board of Directors
of the Troutdale Historical Society