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Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

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Annual Christmas Open House Saturday December 4 at the Harlow House

Volunteers are busy collecting, cleaning, assembling and dressing up their doll collections to display at the Harlow House for the holiday season.

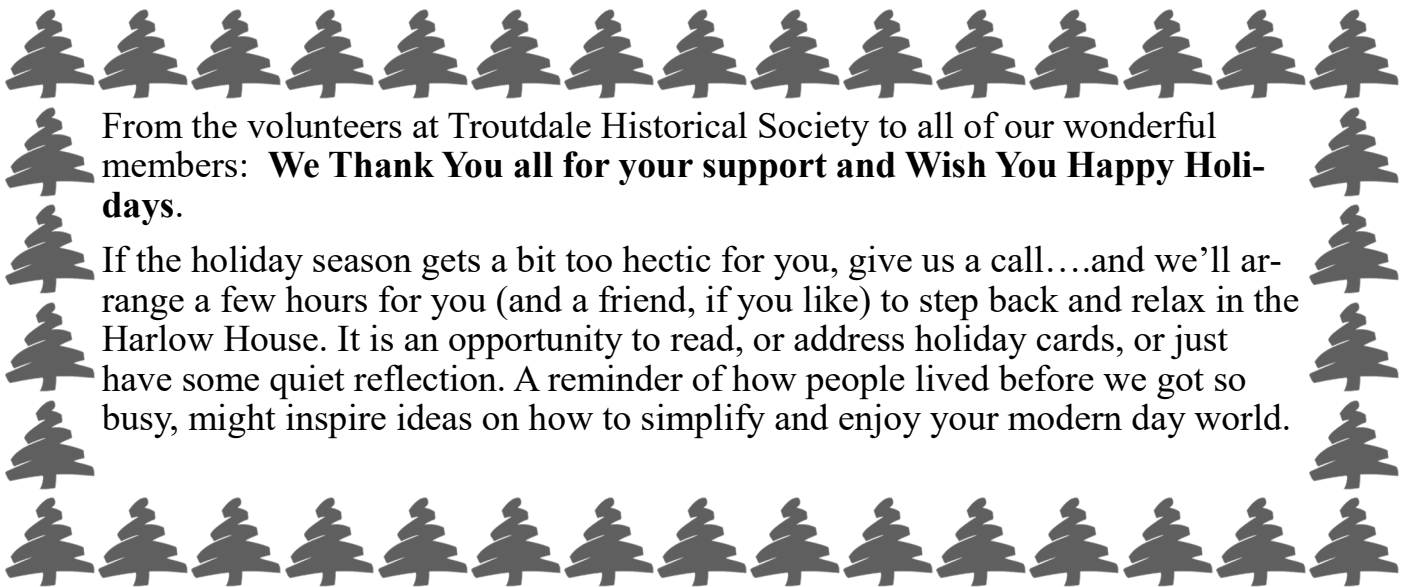
Come enjoy the holiday décor, home baked cookies, wassail and cheer on Saturday, December 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be sure to bring the kids and grandkids to visit with Santa.

To our own “dolls”, the Tuesday Ladies, who are doing the planning, decorating and hosting of our Christmas Open House once again this year....**Mary Bryson, Mona Mitchoff, Barb Welsh, Jean Holman, Doneva Shepard and Judy Norby**....**THANK YOU!**

If you can, please bring a plate of cookies to share, take some cookies home as well, and any left overs go to our friends and supporters.



THS Photo #0425



From the volunteers at Troutdale Historical Society to all of our wonderful members: **We Thank You all for your support and Wish You Happy Holidays.**

If the holiday season gets a bit too hectic for you, give us a call....and we'll arrange a few hours for you (and a friend, if you like) to step back and relax in the Harlow House. It is an opportunity to read, or address holiday cards, or just have some quiet reflection. A reminder of how people lived before we got so busy, might inspire ideas on how to simplify and enjoy your modern day world.

Photo Library Gets New Helper

Bus Gibson has graciously responded to the Wednesday's With Walt plea in the last newsletter. Thank you Bus for volunteering to work in the THS photo library with Walt Nasmyth on Wednesdays.



The late Arline Seidl widow of John Seidl (Seidl Road up on Cabbage Hill above Troutdale is named for the family) was a witty and wry speaker.

At a meeting on Feb. 16, 1971, she told a story about hosting the Troutdale Garden

Club at her home in about 1950.

The ladies were naturally curious. Arline and John Seidl were engaged more than 20 years before they married and finally were in a new home.

Arline had cats and prior to the party invested some time in cleaning and fussing before the event. She also planned to play the piano in the living room for her guests, but to be certain that all would stay tidy beforehand, set mousetraps all over the furniture to keep the cats off.

The meeting went well and the ladies all stood around as she played. It dawned on her later that they never sat down, likely because she had failed to remove the mouse-traps.

Photo Identified:

Walter Nasmyth reports that the Troutdale homes in the photo printed in October's newsletter.....have been identified.

Home on the left: William & Ida Crawford

Home on the right: John Malcolm

This was the ice storm in 1921.



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