March 2011

Troutdale Historical Society

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Mark Your Calendars!

March 19, 2011
Third Saturday!
Harlow House, Barn & Depot Museums open from 10-2.
Come see the new ruby glass display!

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Troutdale CCB Building
2nd & Buxton
Chuck Rollins
“The Loggers”

April 17, 2011
Annual Business Meeting
and Oral History Program
Sharon Nesbit will interview
Richard “Dick” Anderson
who worked at the Handy Bros. Gas Station and lived in Troutdale for many, many years!
Troutdale CCB Building
2nd & Buxton
2-4 p.m.

Saturday, May 21, 2011
Annual Cemetery Tour
Destination TBA
The Director’s Chair

by Terry Huston

Spring is getting ready to ‘sprung’... (sorry, but 57 degree weather makes me giddy after the winter we have had). Nothing compared to what they have endured back East, but I AM READY FOR SOME SUNSHINE!!!

There is a lot going on with THS these days, so please see the re-cap of the March board meeting on page 4.

Please come see the ruby glass collection at the Harlow House on March 19. It is an incredible collection of more than 200 pieces of ruby glass. Very beautiful.

Both March and April’s program meetings are going to be really good ones, so please come!

Thank you this month to Dave Munson and Greg Handy for starting the process of cleaning out the upstairs at the Barn. Thank you as always to the Tuesday Ladies for displays and taking such good care of ‘our house.”

My Grandson Casey Kreamier will be deploying to Afghanistan sometime next month, so prayers are always welcome. If anyone wants to write to a soldier over there, let me know and I will get you in touch with one. Take care and Happy Spring!

Terry

Bruce Thompson

Troutdale resident Bruce Linden Thompson died on March 3, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was 69. At his request, no service will be held.

Bruce was born March 31, 1941 and graduated from Rainier High School in 1959 as valedictorian. He received his bachelor’s degree from Western Oregon University in 1963 and his master’s degree from Portland State University. After graduation, Bruce taught secondary French and English for several years in Willamette Valley schools.


Bruce served on the Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee and was later appointed to the Troutdale Planning Commission on Aug. 9, 1988. He served on the Troutdale City Council from January 1991 to December 1998.

Bruce was a 34-year member of MENSA and thrived on intellectual pursuits. A liberal Democrat and a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, he loved politics and studying social issues. He was an avid league bowler all his life. His greatest love was his family, and he treasured the time spent with them.

Survivors include his wife; children, Brooke Tipton of Keizer, Blake Thompson of Portland and Derek Grimm of Troutdale; brothers, Vance Thompson of Longview, Wash., and Eugene Thompson of Rainier; and three grandchildren. His brother, Dewey, preceded him in death.

This year’s quilt is a beautiful red, white & blue star pattern. Quilt raffle tickets are on sale at the Depot for $2 each, 3 for $5, 7 for $10 or 15 for $20. Tickets will also be on sale at the March and April program meetings. Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday’s from 10-2. Please call the office, 503-661-2164, if you want to buy tickets with your credit/debit card. The drawing will be at the annual Christmas Open House at Harlow House on December 3, 2011.
Mark July 30th on your calendar for this year’s THS Salmon Bake on the Sandy River!
Tickets go on sale April 15th!
More information in next month’s BYGONE TIMES

March Events from Oregon Historical Society
March 19th - Family Day: Two children admitted free with one paid adult.
March 29th - History Pub at McMenamins Kennedy School: Bill Lang and Pat Courtney Gold on Columbia River History.
New Ruby Glass Display at Harlow House


More than 200 pieces of ruby glass has been loaned to the Troutdale Historical Society by long time member and ruby glass collector, Doneva Shepard. Her collection includes dishes, cups and mugs, pitchers of all sizes, and a wonderful assortment of souvenir items.

Since the Harlow House is a turn of the century house, it is a perfect venue for this fantastic collection. Anyone with an interest in ruby glass will not want to miss seeing this exhibit, and anyone who has an appreciation of beauty from the past will enjoy it too. The display will be at Harlow House until the end of April.

The Harlow House Museum is open every third Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on other days by request.

For more information, contact: The Troutdale Historical Society office at 503-661-2164.

A small portion of the ruby glass on display at the Harlow House Museum.

Recap of Board of Directors Meeting on March 2, 2011

Financial discussion: Sheryl Maydew recapped the financials for year to date. Dave Ripma reported that the Multnomah County Historical Levy tax money will be dispersed in July 2011. It is still unclear whether or not we will receive our share in one payment in July or two payments: one in July and one in January 2012.

There was a brief discussion of ways to use the tax money. We decided to put off any firm decisions until after we have a board goal planning session which is to be scheduled for this spring.

Member of the year was nominated and elected.

We discussed ways of honoring Penny Balch who left us a donation in her will. Several ideas were suggested: Reprint of Troutdale history book with bookplate Annuity Naming barn museum in honor of her Discussion of Board of Directors slate for 2011-2012 Greg Handy—President Paula Goldie—Vice President Tom Graves—Treasurer Secretary??

We also discussed reducing the number of board members and having committee heads in their places. Decision was delayed for goal planning session.

Program Committee Report

March 20, 2011—Chuck Rollins: Logging
April 17, 2011—Sharon Nesbit interviews Dick Anderson

May 21, 2011—Annual Cemetery Tour
September (date to be determined) trek to OHS artifact storage facility

October 16, 2011 School reunion

Maintenance items:

Chimney on Harlow House

Harlow House furnace

THS Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Barn Museum at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.
Thanks from THS for your Support
Thank you for your donations

Operating:
Columbian Garden Club

Our Thanks...from THS...to the following for their support

In Memory of Penny Balch:
Donna Hawkins

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In Memory of Jack Matches
Mary & Dennis Bryson
Jean Hansard

In Memory of Clover Nasmyth
Mary & Dennis Bryson
Ray & Louise Blohm

We need help with the Newsletter. If anyone wants to write stories or take pictures at THS events, please call the office at 503-661-2164. Leave a message if no one answers!