

Newsletter of the

March 2011

Troutdale Historical Society

BYGONE TIMES



Mark Your Calendars!

**March 19, 2011
Third Saturday!**

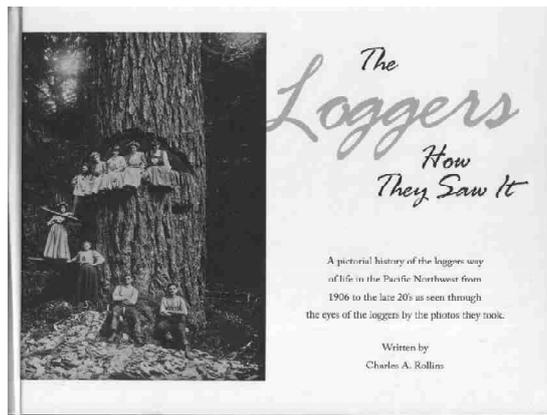
**Harlow House, Barn &
Depot Museums open
from 10-2.
Come see the new ruby
glass display!**

**March 20, 2011
Program Meeting
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**

March Program Meeting *Logging in Bridal Veil*



Local historian and author, Chuck Rollins, will be sharing stories and photos of the logging in Bridal Veil from 1906 until 1930 at the March Meeting for the Troutdale Historical Society. The meeting will again be held at the CCB Building at 2nd & Buxton from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 2011.

In his new book the photos (as seen through the eyes of the loggers) were taken by the loggers in and around the forest and mill at Bridal Veil. The pictures

were produced by cameras from the early 1900s that printed out the pictures as postcards.

The No. 3B Quick Fo-

cus Kodak Camera was one of many cameras manufactured by the Eastman Kodak Company from 1906 to 1911. During that period several models were introduced including the model A, B, and C. Capable of taking ten pictures 5 1/2 x 3 1/4 inches (post-card size), on number 125 daylight loading roll film. (Originally priced at \$12.00).

If you have an old camera to show and share, bring it to the meeting on March 20.



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.

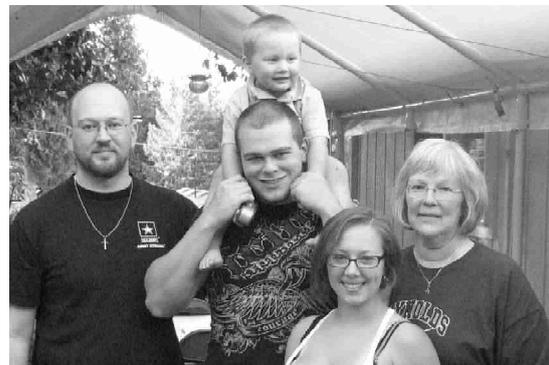
Both March and April's program meetings are going to be really good ones, so please come!

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



Left to right: My oldest son, Jamie Kreamier; his oldest son, Casey Kreamier; Casey's wife, Jamie (yes there are two Jamies); the oldest of the four generation, Me; and the little guy on top is my great (yes, I said great) grandson, Damon.

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.

In 1982, he married Marilee Grimm in Lake Oswego. From 1983 to 2009, they owned and operated Double T Tax Associates. Bruce also taught continuing professional education classes to tax accountants and preparers throughout Oregon and Washington. He loved the tax business and enjoyed his relationship with his cli-

ents. He retired in 2010. 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.

Vera Rueck

Lifelong East County resident, Vera Stafford Rueck of Troutdale, died Friday, Feb. 25 at the home of her daughter Joan Ferguson in Aurora. She was 96. She is the mother of Troutdale Historical Society board member, Jean Hybskmann.

Vera was born Oct. 31, 1914, at her family home on Hayden Road (now 302nd Avenue), to Alfred and Alta (Alder) Stafford. Her great-grandparents, John and Mary Metzger, led a wagon train to the Oregon Territory in 1852. Her grandparents included the Jones family who donated the land for Cedar School. She grew up in what was then the Victory School district. Vera and her brother, Floyd, walked down the steep hill toward



Vera Rueck and daughter
Jean Hybskmann

Division Street to attend Victory School.

With her grandparents, George and Julie Alder she rode to Portland in a Model T pickup to sell produce and eggs to the housewives of Mount Tabor. She earned a nickel at the end of the day.

Vera attended Gresham High School and married John Fleming in 1932. Af-

ter that marriage ended she worked during World War II driving a laundry truck on a winding route through Portland's West Hills.

She married Melvin (Dutch) Rueck in 1945. After his death in 1975, she was on her own keeping a 2-acre place on Northeast 302nd Ave., maintaining her own riding lawn mower, chasing off rabbits

with a 12-gauge and taking up golf.

In recent years, Vera made her home with her daughter and son-in-law in Troutdale, Janice and Dean Falkenstein.

Memorials may be made to the Troutdale Historical Society 104 SE Kibling St. Troutdale, OR 97060.

All obituary information and pictures gathered from the Gresham Outlook and family members.

*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*

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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.

4 New Ruby Glass Display at Harlow House

On March 19, 2011, The Troutdale Historical Society will open the Harlow House for Third Saturday with an exhibit of antique ruby glass.

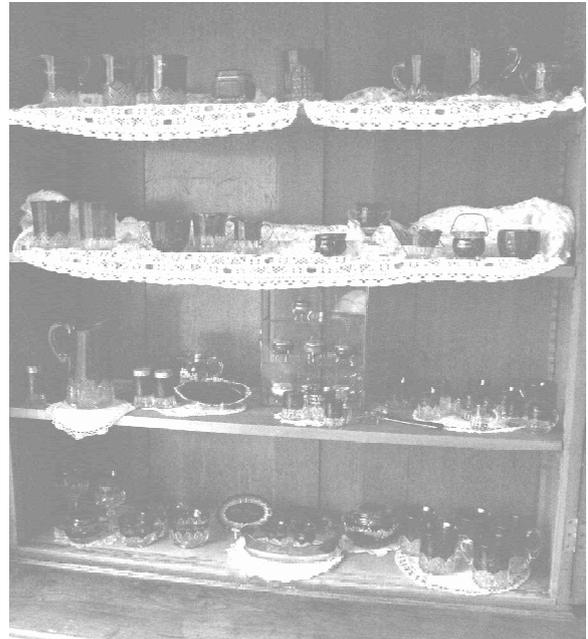
More than 200 pieces of ruby glass has been loaned to the Troutdale Historical Society by long time member and ruby glass collector, Doneva Shepard. Her collection includes dishes, cups and mugs, pitchers of all sizes, and a wonderful assortment of souvenir items.

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

November 20, 2011—Tom Cowling: Bridal Veil

December 3, 2011—Annual Christmas Open House at the Harlow House Museum

Maintenance items: Chimney on Harlow House

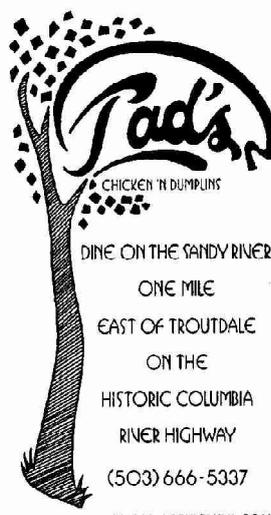
Harlow House furnace

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.

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Mission Statement:

To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area: To stimulate interest in, and knowledge of, the locality's past.

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following for their support**

In Memory of Vera Rueck

Nick & Barbara Welsh

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!
