

CHRISTMAS AT THE HARLOW HOUSE...

We will celebrate Christmas together at the Harlow House on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. Join us to see and smell the decorations, sip a cup of hot punch and sample a cookie or two. Bring a child to visit Santa Claus.

This annual Christmas open house is a splendid chance to show friends what we have done with the Harlow House. We are asking our members to bring a plate of favorite Christmas cookies to share, and be prepared to take a plate home with you because there are always plenty to go around.

FURRY FELLOWS...

Special guests at the open house are 31 furry fellows from George Klinger's teddy bear collection. In case you miss the Dec. 15 party, the house and the bears will be available for inspection again on Sunday, Jan. 6, at our regular museum open house from 1 to 4 p.m.

The first "kids" to see the bears were a group who visited the house Nov. 23 from the Sandy Senior Center. If you can get a group together and would like to see the bears or the house by special appointment, call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423, or Sam Cox, 665-9086.

BUS TRIP A BUST...

Sadly, we had to cancel our November bus trip to Cascade Locks. We simply couldn't get enough people to make it worthwhile to rent a bus. We're sorry to have disappointed those who wanted to go.

DECK THOSE HALLS...

If you have Christmas greens you would like to contribute for decorating the Harlow House, please leave them on the front porch of the house by Dec. 12.

IN MEMORY...

D. Fay Davis, Corbett, died in November. A longtime member of this society, Fay was generous in giving us tools from his collection. You will remember him as the man who bought and restored a covered wagon. He and his wife, Bertha, rode the wagon in the Corbett Fourth of July parade.

NOTES...

Remember, our next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 21 in Troutdale City Hall at 7:30 p.m. Bring pictures of famous ice storms and blizzards. And, just in case the ice storm is real and driving is hazardous, remember that the meeting is automatically cancelled.

A CHRISTMAS STORY...

It was Christmas of 1855 when Troutdale pioneer David Buxton rescued a wet and icy man named George Cole from the banks of the Sandy River. Cole, a Corvallis resident and member of the Oregon legislature, wrote years later of how he tried to ford the river in the wrong place and was slowly freezing to death when Buxton saved him by taking him to his cabin (which was located just west of the post office.)

Buxton and his wife administered a home remedy that contained cayenne pepper, a cup of hot coffee and a good meal to Cole. The next day when they discovered that Cole was too incapacitated to ride a horse to Portland, Buxton took Cole all the way to Portland in a cart.

"Neither Mr. Buxton nor his wife would be persuaded to take any pay for the great service they had rendered me," wrote Cole. "I have frequently thought of them, and of their kindness to a stranger, and felt that the world was much better for their having been here."