

# BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## COMING UP: HARVEST FAIRE AND MUSIC

Celebrate fall with two days of music, good food, some silliness and a lot of great company at Harvest Faire, Sept. 23 & 24, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Troutdale Community Park, Harlow House and the Rail Depot.

Can you beat this? Bagpipers, a wood carver, homemade pie, Sadie's chili, Tad's Chicken N' Dumplins, Sandy River Orchards home pressed cider, a herd of miniature donkeys, a fortune teller, cornstalks, fall shopping, antique clothing and an Octoberfest accordionist.

What can you do? Here are some jobs.

1. Bake two homemade pies and bring them for our sale.
2. Offer to host at the Harlow House or work in the kitchen or at our booth. Call Florence Baker, 665-9656 or Dorothy Sturges 666-9601.
3. Help put up posters. We need folks traveling to Hood River, the Gorge, Boring and other points. Call Ellen Brothers, 661-2164.
4. Put up the flyer inside this newsletter, or give it to a friend.
5. Before Harvest Faire, drop your old ribbon trims, buttons and other sewing notions at the Harlow House to



### Harvest Faire Is Here

be used by children to make vests.

6. Bring flowers, pumpkins or corn stalks--anybody have bales of straw?-- and help decorate on Friday night, Sept. 22, beginning at 5 p.m. in the park.
7. Join us to see Roger Sogge, wood carver; Susan McElroy with her miniature donkeys; Cindy Hammond's antique clothing display; the blacksmiths of Fort Vancouver; The Gresham Hotshots and for general good

## CALENDAR

FOR September



**Sept. 10, Sun., 10 a.m.:**

East Multnomah County Pioneer Association at Corbett.

**Sept. 23 & 24, Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.:**

Harvest Faire, park, Harlow House and Rail Depot.

**Sept. 27, Wed., noon:**

Friends of the Zimmerman House. Upstairs in the barn.

## TWO BIG EVENTS DUE IN OCTOBER

Mark your calendars for two big events in October.

The first, our **Saturday, Oct. 14, Trek to Tillamook** in honor of Alice Wand's birthday.

Well, the latter is a happy coincidence, but we'll help Alice celebrate anyway. We begin with an 8 a.m. departure from Troutdale City Hall, a coffee stop at the Log Cabin in Gales Creek, a drive through the fall splendor of the Wilson River Highway, a tour of the Tillamook Pioneer Museum, lunch on your own with ice cream, shopping, a self-guided tour of the Tillamook Cheese Factory, a visit to the Latimer Textile Museum, a special tour of the blimp hangar and aircraft museum thanks to Ken Manske, a scenic drive around the Arch Cape Loop and dinner at a waterfront restaurant in Garibaldi. Then home, arriving about 9 or 9:30 p.m.

Cost is \$55 and includes all admissions, transportation and dinner. Your expense would be coffee and lunch, souvenirs and a tip for the driver.

Then, on Sunday afternoon, **Oct. 22, at 2 p.m., the Troutdale School Reunion** -- Troutdale Went to War--honoring all those who sacrificed for World War II, at home, in the schools, in the military.

We'll have a USO show with wartime music played by Maxine Carmichael and Tim Halseth, we'll share wartime pictures--you bring yours--and war-time recipes, got a specialty? We'll talk about those years, sing a few songs, maybe dance a little and toast with punch and Grandma's WWII eggless cake.

Please bring a snack to share. We'll provide beverages and a World War II era dessert.

The Director

Ellen Brothers Says:

How do you say thanks to such a fine set of volunteers who rallied when it became necessary to assume the Troutdale Bingo operation?

While we pay a small stipend to Kathleen Kenny to manage the game, she has also volunteered hours since early July lining up volunteers for our game and learning the ropes. So first, to our old hands, many of whom have volunteered at bingo for years, a round of applause: **Nancy & Sam Cox, Bill Jackson, Sharon Nesbit, Linda Murphy, Marge Schmunk, Harley & Carolyn Taylor.**

And to **Bill Nesbit** and **Cathy Hamme**, who temporarily came out of retirement to get the game on its feet.

To **Sadie Riley** who came back as kitchen manager, and to new bingo volunteers **Cindy Hammond, Beverly Welker, Dick & Valora Jones, Adrienne Clausen, Penny Balch, Dick & Carol Anderson, Leona Balch and Jessica Kenny.** And to **Al Stoeckel**, set up, and **Ed Ashley**, repairman.

To fulfill our promise to volunteers to call on each of them only once a month, we need more workers. Please offer one Thursday night a month. Your work may put a new roof on the Harlow House.

Call Kathleen at 669-0237.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

From Penny Balch

Operating Fund	\$10,938.64
Barn building acct *	3,141.54
Dedicated barn fund *	616.53
Director's fund	2,311.06
Nasmyth barn fund *	20,098.75
Endowment fund *	17,483.92
Bingo fund *	1,958.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$56,549.17</b>

The accounts marked with asterisks, three barn funds of about \$24,000, our endowment fund of about \$17,000, and bingo operating money, are dedicated to specific tasks. Barn funds are for completion of that building and a future exhibit. Endowment funds are permanent memorials to our members, the principle remaining untouched and only the interest used to operate our society. The bingo fund is used for operating that game.

As a consequence the money on hand to meet day to day needs is about \$13,000.

### NAMEDROPPERS...

**Erik Kvarsten**, Troutdale's new city administrator, visited the Harlow House in August and stayed for our board of director's meeting...We reported at that time on the hamburger stand at the Troutdale picnic, which was chaired this year by **Pam Christian**, former city administrator. We explained to Erik our long-standing tradition that the city administrator runs the hamburger booth. He was wary...Our longtime members, **Larry & Bobby Armstrong**, (you remember Larry as our woodcarver ice cream social and Harvest Faires) celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary recently... **Bert Whalen**, our first curator and museum host, stopped to visit the museum recently. Bert set up our first cataloging system and did a fine piece of research on the 1907 Troutdale fire.

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The board of directors recently responded in the affirmative to a suggestion of Troutdale Mayor Paul Thalhofer to name the Troutdale Community Park for the late Glenn Otto, who was instrumental in purchasing and developing the park for the city.

In other business, the Troutdale Historical Society is actively pursuing a goal to see the Troutdale Council adopt an archaeological ordinance to protect sites in the city.

Further, Burns Bros. truck stop in Troutdale is paying the costs of a tourism sign that will tell our community's history, advise visitors of our museum and guide them to nearby historic sites. The sign will be mounted in the hallway at the truck stop. The idea was first suggested by Jack Burns, a member of our society and a founder of the Burns Bros. firm.

The board authorized repair of the gazebo floor, which is rotting, and the completion of the front of the barn. A search is underway for a contractor willing to take on these tasks.

## SAY THANK YOU TO THESE FOLKS

Sponsors of our Harvest Faire this year are **Tad's Chicken N' Dumplins**, which both cooks and donates proceeds and **Reynolds Metals**, which pays for an afternoon of music.

Sponsors of a musical performance at the Harlow House are **Tom Miller**, massage therapist, and **Rainbow's End Cafe**.

**Gifts**  
**To the Barn**  
 Jack and Gwen Burns

**To the Endowment Fund**  
 Gordon and Ione Doolittle

**Ellen's Green Corn Tamales  
 Big Hit at Director's Club**

Ellen Brothers with able assistance from Senores Pat Brothers, David Ripma and Mario Ayala produced a wonderful feast for the Directors Club dinner in August, an event hosted by David Ripma to thank those who support our director's costs with a higher level of membership. While corn is still in season you might want to try Ellen's **Green Corn Tamales:**

- 12 ears corn
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 16 canned mild green chiles
- 1 pound cheese (medium cheddar and Monterey jack) cut into slices

Save large outer husks of corn for wrapping tamales. Cut kernels off ears. Grind kernels with cornmeal. Mix shortening, sugar and salt. Add corn mixture and mix well. Overlap two corn husks. Place some of the corn mixture on top of husks. Add one chile and one slice of both types of cheese. Cover with more corn mixture. Bring edges of corn husks up over filling, then place another husk on top to cover completely. Place on square of parchment paper. Fold ends of corn husks, then fold sides of parchment over tamale and fold up ends, as if wrapping a gift. Tie securely with string. Continue until all tamales are prepared. Place on rack in kettle over boiling water. Cover and steam one hour

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...**

Say hello to **Ray & Melva Estabrooks,**  
**George & Mildred Swanson** and **Gordon & Ione Doolittle.**

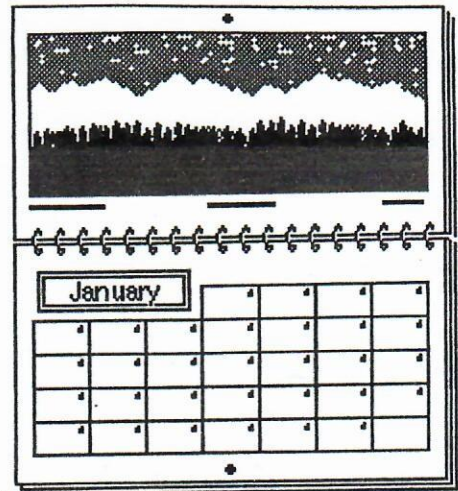
All are from old Troutdale families and will have much to offer to our collection of history.

**SUMMER AT THE HARLOW HOUSE...**

Sharon Nesbit was hosting the Harlow House last month when a whimsical young woman stopped to see the museum but backed off, lacking the \$1 admission. "What have you got?" Nesbit asked. "A pretty rock," the woman answered. "Welcome to the Harlow House," Nesbit said.

**Meeting Committee Comes Up With a Winter List of Winners**

Members of the program committee, Connie Purvis, Maude Winning, Alice Wand and Sharon Nesbit, have come up with a program of meetings for the our winter season 1995-1996.



January					

The emphasis this year will be "Main Street - Troutdale" with detours, of course, as we find subjects we can't pass up. So mark your calendars with these items for the coming year:

- Oct. 22, Sun., 2 p.m., Troutdale Goes to War, Troutdale Community Park**
- USO-style evening honoring Troutdale grads who were veterans of World War I, WW, Korea, Viet Nam, as well as those who supported the war effort at home, in the shipyards, in the schools. Music, introductions, photos. Bring a snack to share. Dessert and coffee later.
- Nov. 19, Sun., 2 p.m., Vegetables to Antiques**
- The first in "Troutdale--Main Street" series, the rebirth of Troutdale's old vegetable warehouse and its history. Researched by Alice Wand and presented in converted warehouse adjacent to depot.
- Nov. 29, Wed., 10 a.m. Decorate Harlow House**
- Join volunteers to trim the Harlow House in Christmas dress.
- Dec. 9, Sat., noon to 4, Harlow House Christmas**
- Santa Claus by the fireplace, our annual Harlow House ornament, hot punch and cookies.

**BARN-STORMING COMMITTEE CONTINUES BRAINSTORMING**

Our barn-storming committee, busy on a story line for the barn exhibit has come up with interesting concepts.

Under the leadership of Bob Strebin, the committee is looking at a theme of how Troutdale residents used their land, from the days when the average was a 320 acre donation land claim through times when we were the Celery Capitol of the World to the present when fields give way to 5,000 square-foot house lots.

They have talked of a cartoon character who lives through changes in our community and trails, foot paths, railroad tracks and Interstate 84 and how they affect our community. The committee meets again at 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, at the barn.

**COINCIDENCES  
IN HISTORY**

In the whaddyaknow department, check these coincidences. Sharon Nesbit was asked by the Historic Preservation League of Oregon to write an article on how preservation of the old Kenton Hotel in North Portland helped revitalize the Kenton business district.

First she learned that Kenton actually got its start in Troutdale with the Union Meat Company. The meat packing industry in Oregon was led by the Troutdale plant from 1892 until 1906 when Swift & Company bought Union Meat for half a million dollars moving the operation to North Portland and dealing Troutdale a devastating economic blow.

In a second coincidence, the historian of Kenton, sparkplug in preservation and author of a history of her area is Alta Mitchoff. Her husband is a cousin to our own Bob Mitchoff. Bob and his wife, Mona, are stalwarts in our historical society.

**CINDY'S COOKIES:**

The steering committee, which meets about six months a year to plan ice cream social and Harvest Faire is an army that travels on its stomach, thanks largely to Cindy Hammond who always comes up with some goodie for the meeting.

Try this variation on Rice Krispie squares:

- 3 tablespoons margarine
- 1 package marshmallows
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 5 cups cereal (she used cinnamon apple Cheerios)

Melt margarine, marshmallows and peanut butter together, stir in cereal, spread in greased pan.

Try Cindy's Harlow Harvest Soup in the Gorge Yourself Cafe at Harvest Faire.

**namedroppers**

Thanks to **Helen Tamura** for the wonderful purple petunia that blooms on the Harlow House front porch...**Alice Wand** is researching the history on the old vegetable shed, the one with the shingled exterior closest to the Rail Depot Museum. If you have any background on that, please give her a call at 695-5343...**Kay Powers** resides at Gresham Manor and hopes to organize a van trip for the seniors there to Harvest Faire. If you reside at a senior home, consider doing the same...**Sharon Nesbit**, recently led a walking history tour for the Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce and will lead two more trips at Harvest Faire, at 2 p.m. on both days...new member **Sheryl Maydew** plans to tape the tour and prepare a transcript of the stories told there...thanks to **Val Lantz** for working with the developers of Strawberry Meadows in development of trail down the old wagon road at the Harlow House.

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