HELEN TILLER REMEMBERS...

Helen Tiller will come from her home in Cannon Beach to take part in a live interview at our next Troutdale Historical Society meeting, Monday evening, April 21, 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall.

Helen was married to Bud Tiller, proprietor of the Troutdale Pool Hall, and she has a first hand account of the Troutdale pool hall robbery as well as other reminiscences of her days here.

Sue Davis and Nancy Cox will provide refreshments.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR...

We hope this newsletter arrives in time so you can plan to attend an open house at Hope Gardens, 1675 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale, on Sunday, April 5 from noon to 5 p.m.

Owners Karen Kimber and Sallie Bacon are giving people a chance to look at the lovely old home (it's across from Columbia High School) and perhaps consider it for a meeting or wedding site.

Our first bingo game was held Thursday night, April 3 in Troutdale City Park, but if you missed it don't despair because there will be bingo at the park every Thursday night from here on out.

The doors of the great hall will open at 5:45 p.m. Earlybird bingo starts at 6:45 p.m. Regular bingo (15 games cost $10) begins at 7 p.m. There will be a snack bar and cash prizes ranging from $40 to $500.

The bingo games are sponsored jointly by our society, the Troutdale Lions and Lioness groups and the city parks advisory committee.

Sam Cox is hoping to build our museum barn with bingo money. Incidentally, Gene Bui is developing the list of volunteers who will help out on bingo night. We must provide two people each Thursday. If you can help, call him at 667-3231.

IN MEMORY...Mason Craig, descendant of the Latourell family, died March 18.

ENCORE HISTORY TALK...

Several people have asked for another history talk, a beginner's look at Troutdale history. If you have just joined the society and sometimes feel like you walked into a movie in the middle, then this program is for you.

Sharon Nesbit will tell you how Troutdale got its name, who the Harlows were, what carp had to do with the whole process and lots more tales on Wednesday night, April 23, 7:30 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall. Come and bring a friend. There will be lots of time for questions.

SPAGHETTI DINNER...

Our spaghetti dinner to help pay off the Harlow House (see how we're doing on thermometer at right) was a sellout on March 26. We made $436.40 and owe a big thanks to those who pitched in. Vera Strebín sold tickets as though it was a personal crusade, Gene Bui cooked the spaghetti sauce and Bob Sturges showed wonderful old movies. (See back page.)
MORE ON THE SPAGHETTI DINNER...

Others who pitched in were: Sam and Nancy Cox, Clyde and Edith Gage, Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges, Sally and Barry Armstrong (who donated all the vegetables), Nancy Bui, Sadie Riley, Helen Redden, Jeff Watanabe, Bill and Sharon Nesbit, Ted and Lois Schulte, Herb and Clover Nasmyth and, of course, everyone of you who came to eat.

NEWS NOTES...

Bob Dunken gave us a complete set of newsletters from the Bridal Veil Lumber and Box Company...Mary Pearsall and Laura Adams will set up their button collection in the Harlow House in April. The exhibit opens May 4 when the Harlow House and the Depot Museum begin their summer hours. The museums will be open every Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. through September...Which reminds us, Doris Caramella is lining up volunteers to host the depot museum on Sunday afternoons this summer. You can volunteer by calling her at 253-7010...The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will borrow the Harlow House on June 7 for a tea to honor one of their officers...Troutdale resident Connie Andrus and her fiancee, Jess Van Cleve, are planning to be married on the front lawn of the Harlow House on Aug. 9...Ted Schulte and Rankin Davis not only replaced the light fixture in the kitchen of the Harlow House, they discovered an old and hazardous wire and replaced it...Jim Murphy rebuilt the back steps at the Harlow House. Thanks, Jim. They're beautiful...and the Sweetbriar Brownie Troop #979 counted out and packaged note cards for us as a community service project...Herb and Clover Nasmyth have donated a wonderful assortment of old boxes and containers. Remember when cheese came in wooden boxes...And Jack O'Malcom got the Irish spirit and donated a bouquet of flowers on St. Patrick's day which we raffled off for the Harlow House fund. Elsie Simmott was the lucky winner.

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