COME OVER TO OUR HOUSE...

People are cutting greens. We have dug out the recipe for the wassail that will steam on the stove. And Santa is dusting off his suit. Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. for Christmas at the Harlow House.

Cathy Hamme, Helen Redden, Dorothy Sturges, Jean Holman and Sharon Nesbit are working on the ornaments for this year's tree--pine cone baskets and nosegays of dried flowers. They will make enough to sell a few. We hope to have volunteer organists playing Christmas carols and Santa will have candy for the children.

Bring a plate of cookies to share and be prepared to take a sample of others home. And be of good cheer. The season is here.

OR LOOK AT OTHER PEOPLE'S HOUSES...

Plan to go on Troutdale Trek #3, a Sunday afternoon Christmas Parlour Tour of Albany's historic homes, Dec. 11.

The price is $15 and includes transportation to Albany, admission to 10 homes and churches decorated for Christmas, plus tea and homemade cookies. We will leave Troutdale City Hall at noon (please note the time is earlier than previously announced) and we should return at about 6 p.m. If you want to join us, send a check and your name and address to us at 104 S.E. Kibling St., Troutdale, Ore. 97060, by Dec. 7.

BARN GIFTS KEEP COMING...

The roof is on. The door openings have been boarded up. It has no siding, no gutters and no doors at this point, but our museum barn is sealed up against the winter, thanks to all the gifts of loyal members and friends.

We now have two goals: to pay off the $15,000 we borrowed to build the barn; and to finish the building piece by piece as we can afford it. Dick Jones is preparing a list of priority items to be done to the building and we will tackle them one at a time as money comes in.

Since our last newsletter we have received $100 gifts from CLYDE & EDITH GAGE, BOB & DOROTHY STURGES, JO & VADEN CALLISTER (in memory of Fairview pioneer residents Cedric and Frances Stone), THE BLANDINE EDWARDS TRUST, JACK BURNS, ROBERTA BURNS, HERB & CLOVER NASMYTH, JEANNE PULLIAM, and ELSIE SIMNITT. That makes 36 members of our Century Club of $100 donors. They will receive a certificate drawn by Jarin Cox.

Four major gifts have come to us, $250 from NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS, $1,000 from REYNOLDS METALS and $1,100 in labor on the barn roof from JEFFREY TOYNBEE of All Seasons Home Improvement. We have, as well, received the offer of a complete security and alarm system from the Honeywell Protection Services.

Other gifts have come from TAMARA J. CAMPBELL, BEVERLY ASBAHR, TED & LOU ELLA BERNEY, LAEL LARGER, LOLA FELLMAN and KOLA FELLMAN.

Many have sent letters along with their donations. Thank you for your kind words.
GIFT IDEAS...

How about a gift of a membership to the Troutdale Historical Society? Send us a check for $3 and a name and address and we will notify the recipient of a Harlow House note card.

Or, for that hard-to-buy-for person, you can make a donation to the barn fund in his or her name.

IN MEMORY...

Jack Evans, whose parents Lee and Mabel Evans were residents of the Harlow House, died shortly before Thanksgiving. Peg Abbott, a longtime Reynolds district teacher, died Nov. 1.

NAMERODPPERS...MALCOM & VIRGINIA BOSLAR celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Bend recently. They operated a florist shop and greenhouse in Fairview for many years...FRANK YOUNG writes from San Francisco seeking information about his father, PEONG KOO YOUNG, who lived in Troutdale from 1910 to 1914. If you can help, call Sharon Nesbit...New members are: BETTY WIEBRECHT, JOYCE VEGGEN, SCOTT CUNNINGHAM, DIANE MOEN and BEVERLY WELKER...HOMER LUMSDEN was a fine interview subject at our November meeting and gave us a map of the Sundial Ranch where he was born. Swears they sneaked into the silos as kids and ate silage. It made them a bit woozy. But it didn’t hurt Homer’s memory a bit.

DATES: Our January meeting, a presentation of a city historic marker to Tad’s Chicken N’ Dumplin’s, will be on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. Attend the Gresham Historical Society’s Tour of Churches from 1 to 4 p.m., Dec. 18. Get a map at St. Luke’s, 120 S.W. Towle, Gresham. And remember, bingo every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Troutdale City Park.

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