



BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

March 2004

Please Mark Your Calendars

Sacagawea Lecture

Sun. Mar. 21

*Ticketed
Fundraising Event
At Menucha*

Powwow

Fri. Apr. 16

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Sam Cox Building

Glenn Otto Park

Oral History Program

Sun. Apr. 18

2 p.m.

At City Hall

Annual Tea & Tour Coming up:

Sat. May. 1

Annual Cemetery Tour

Sat. May 15

Ice Cream Social

Sat, June 5

Mayor's Square

Downtown Troutdale

Barb Kubik Will Lecture On Sacagawea at Menucha



Compare what you know with the monuments, the mysteries, the myths, the movies. Enjoy a fascinating program about this young lady. Attend this wonderful lecture, take advantage of this opportunity to tour Menucha, and partake in a delicious dessert buffet. Only \$20 per ticket. Seating is limited, so please call THS or come by the Depot for tickets. The flyer enclosed with this newsletter provides the details about Barb Kubik, the lecture and Menucha.

Have You Ever Been To A Powwow?

Well now is your chance to do just that. On Friday, April 16 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Glenn Otto Park, there will be a terrific opportunity for all to learn more about our local tribes, customs and culture. There will be drumming, singing and dancing. You can just watch or join in and learn some of the dances. Come and enjoy the festivities and check out the Native American arts and crafts for sale, a fun raffle, Indian tacos and fry bread. This event is sponsored by THS and planned and presented by our Native American friends, including **Clifton and Christine Bruno**, who are part of our Lewis & Clark Exhibit Committee and working on the Native American portion of the upcoming exhibit.



Splendid Head Vases Are On Exhibit

Most of the 200-plus piece collection is on loan to THS from **Sharon Petri's** personal collection. **Doneva Shepard, Mona Mitchoff, Jean Holman, Mario Ayala, and Judy Norby** donated many hours arranging this fine exhibit. It a fascinating display. Be sure to come and see it.



It's All About History

By **Penny Balch**

FEB 16, 2004

In the words of THS's genealogical researcher Don-eva Shepard, "Our family history is Troutdale's history." This was the theme of the February meeting. The guest speakers were Jennifer Sacco, president of Family Heirloom Preservation Ltd., and Jackie Payne, volunteer at the Family History Center.

Jennifer Sacco discussed the preservation of family memorabilia. First, we received a history lesson on the making of paper. Prior to 1860, paper was made from cotton fiber whereas paper made after that date was made from wood pulp. Once we understood how the paper was made, we could determine the best preservation method. The acid in the wood pulp reacts chemically with other materials, which can cause it to deteriorate. That is why storage containers and archival supplies should be acid-free. Additionally, mylar or polypropylene sleeves should be pcv free.

Letters and other paper documents should be stored flat. Since newspaper was designed to breakdown, it can be preserved by placing acid-free tissue between the pages and then stored in a mylar sleeve or acid-free box. Care for photographs varied widely from daguerreotypes, which are most likely in good preservation material, to color photographs after 1950 that are resin coated, which need to have the negatives preserved. Scanning photos onto a computer or disk is considered "record keeping" not preservation, so negatives of photo's (and documents) are very important.

For clothing, Jennifer recommended handling as little as possible. Before 1900, clothes were not washed, only undergarments. Most apparel should be left as is and stored in an acid-free garment box with archival quality tissue. Garment bags and vacuum-sealed bags were not recommended because the chemicals of the plastic could react adversely to the fabric.

The best place to store heirlooms is a "main floor bedroom closet, away from the kitchen," according to Jennifer. The goal is to have controlled tempera-

ture (60 – 70 degrees is best), humidity (55%, drier for photographs), light and dirt.

The above touches briefly on the proper methods for preserving items related to one's family history, and we recommend consulting a professional. Call the THS office for Jennifer's phone number or for further information.

Next on the agenda was Jackie Payne. She introduced us to the Gresham Family History Center where assistance is available when researching your genealogy. Jackie suggests starting with what you know – your immediate family. Show each couple as children with their parents listed and as parents, noting their children. The next step is to decide which pieces of the puzzle are to be filled in, and then search for that information.

"Pedigree Worksheets" were one of the handouts available. This pamphlet is a great place to start because it describes the process of documenting your ancestry. It also has pedigree charts and a place for notes. Also available was a "Family Group Sheet", detailing family members and important dates in their lives. Another form was a chronology, which outlines a person's life with dates, events and places. It has information on where to find the desired records (like the family bible). A research log helps keep track of where information was found, a sort of bibliography.

Another aspect which ties into preserving family history is the oral interview. Documenting the life of our loved ones is a great way to learn about one's ancestors, plus the era in which they lived.

While there were several other handouts, the last one to be discussed here is the "Sample List of Genealogy Links". Two well-known web sites are www.cyndislist.com and www.familysearch.org. Cyndi's List has a section on oral history and interviews. It also has links to many other related web pages. The Family Search web site is very good for looking up ancestors. Type in a name and their pedigree (parents, spouse, children) will come up.

The meeting was very informative, and gave those wishing to research and save their family history a place to begin.

THS Needs

For the Lewis and Clark Exhibit: **A Parson's Desk, a small writing table, a leather chair.**

For the Museums: **A few more volunteer hosts (once a month for three hours)**

For Ice Cream Social and Harvest Faire: **A volunteer event coordinator and planning people**

Please call 503-661-2164, if you can help

Interested In A Workshop?

We've started a list for each workshop....and if there are enough of you signed up who are interested....we will contact you to confirm dates, times and cost.

If you would like to be on the list, please call the THS office....503-661-2164.

Family Research Workshop

At **Jackie Payne's** workshop you can learn more about researching your family history, the resources available and how to assemble your information. You can also learn how to take these "dry facts" and turn them into history stories that are a joy to read.

Family Heirloom Preservation Workshop

Jennifer Sacco, Family Heirloom Preservation can provide workshops that are 3 hours long. Each participant would choose either a document case, small garment box or archival photo album to be included in the cost of the workshop (a \$35 value). Participants would be encouraged to bring things from home to work on or that they are curious about preserving. Cost \$75 per person limited to 10-12 per workshop. 15% would go as a donation to THS.

News of our Members....

Jean and Jerry Hybskmann sent a lovely card from DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Jean tells us that her son Jeff had his last surgery, got all of the tubes removed and is doing very well. **Dennis and Mary Bryson** have been busy roaming the southern US and bumping into MANY other Corbett buddies. Most of our snowbirds have sent sad reports of rain and bad weather....we are a bit sorry for them, but then they did miss that nasty storm we had in January. **Walter and Vi Nasmyth** purchased and donated a new computer for our reference library and Walter has been busy learning the Past Perfect museum software program. **Sarah Webber** spent twelve hours last month loading photos. **Heather Hutzenbiler** has input our entire membership. **Linda Taylor** has been working to straighten some of the filing problems of the past 36 years, including organizing all of our past treasurer's reports. **Tom Graves**, our board Treasurer, donated Quickbooks for Non Profit, a wonderful program that is now set up with our budget and store inventory. **Marlene Burns** donated a wonderful printer. **Mario Ayala** has been assembling the 36 years of meeting minutes. **Sharon Nesbit** sends us history tidbits as she continues the wonderful work she's doing writing Troutdale's History....via Maui.

Enclosed with the newsletter are the 2004 dues slips and envelopes.

In December we sent out envelopes and slips for "end of the year" donations. Many of you were kind and generous and THS thanks you all very much.

Some members took that opportunity to send their dues for this year....so if you've already paid, don't worry....we've recorded it and thank you very much.

The membership levels are:

Lovers Oak Club (replaces Directors Club) Lovers Oak members receive all the benefits of regular membership and an invitation to the very special party in September at Sweet Brier Farm.

Business Sponsors receive all the benefits of regular membership, the party invitation and we will put a business card size display in the newsletters, (our current mailing list numbers 700) to show our appreciation and allow members to learn about our businesses that support the Troutdale Historical Society.

Regular memberships (Family and Individual) cover the costs of creating and mailing the newsletter. Benefits include receiving the newsletter, discounts at the museum store and a part in running our Troutdale Rail Depot, Harlow House and barn museums.

Troutdale Historical Society does not receive public funding. Lovers Oak and Business Sponsor dues help pay for the utilities, alarms, archival supplies and all the other costs associated with gathering, preserving and displaying our history. Even these don't cover all of the annual expenses....so the fundraising events and end of the year appeal help round out the budget.

Troutdale Historical Society operates under the private non-profit designation, a 501c3 status. Your contribution qualifies as a deduction under that category.

