



Bygone Times

Newsletter of the

Troutdale Historical Society

May 2010

Mark Your Calendars!

**Cemetery Tour
Hood River & Beyond
May 22**

Leave Barn Museum
9 a.m.
Cost: \$10 per person

Summerfest Parade
Saturday, July 17th
11:00 a.m.
Downtown Troutdale

SAVE THE DATE!

**August 7th
Salmon Bake on the
Sandy River.**
4-9 p.m., dinner at 5
Cost is \$50 per person
or \$350 for a table of 8.
Includes dinner, silent
auction and entertain-
ment by the Native
American Quart Creek
Drum and Dance
Group.

Hood River and beyond!!!

**May 22 Cemetery Tour ~ Cost \$10 per person
Bus will leave the Barn Museum at 9:00 a.m.
Bring sack lunch and drink.**

Four cemeteries in the Cascade Locks and Hood River are on our agenda for Saturday, May 22, leaving the barn museum by bus at 9:00 a.m. and returning in late afternoon.

Stan Clarke, cemetery historian, has planned a stop at the cemetery in Cascade Locks. We will be guests of the Hood River Historical Society for refreshments, a pit stop and a visit to the Idlewild Cemetery. Then we visit two more graveyards in Hood River. Please bring a sack lunch and we will find a good place for a picnic along the way. An earlier plan to visit the new air museum in Hood River is unlikely. The admission is \$10 for seniors, but word is that the museum takes most of the day to see, and we wouldn't want to spend that much and not have time to see it adequately. That sounds like another trip in the future.

Cost of the cemetery tour is \$10 per person, to help cover the chartering of a bus, and **our thanks to John Gerbish at Gresham Memorial Chapel**, who underwrote the cost of this trip. We have more than 20 people signed up for our annual cemetery jaunt which always proves to be great fun for our cemetery buffs. Remember Stan's words: Cemeteries are history parks.

The Depot Store - Now on Sale!!!

Clarence Mershon's latest book
"Women of World War II" - \$20

Oral History DVD Interview with Vern Rathman - \$15

2 The Director's Chair

Welcome home Jean, Jerry, Mary & Dennis!...it is really quiet around here while you guys are gone. A big thanks to **Jan Vandiver, Eileen Cunningham, Jean Holman, Sharon Nesbit and everyone** who help bake for our program meetings. It is a much appreciated addition! Thank too **Adrienne Clausen, Mona Mitchoff, Jean Homan and everyone** who volunteers and keeps the museums open on the third Saturday of each month. Also a big thank you to **John Bean** who has stepped up and is now

keeping the Depot open on Sunday for a few hours.

Also a special thank you to **Karen Jordan** for clipping, clipping, clipping for the scrapbooks.

An update on last year's Reynolds Reunion/Scholarship Fund. The first Reynolds Alumni Association (newly formed in March) Scholarship will be awarded to a Reynolds senior at the June 2nd Senior Awards Night at Reynolds High School. We are not releasing her name yet, because she has not been told. After all the bills were paid for the three events last summer, we

netted an amazing \$9000.

This will ensure scholarships for many years to come. This year's all-class reunion (including Columbia Chargers and Reynolds Raider Alum) will be August 7 at Gresham Golf Course. Cost is \$20 per person and can be paid on the website www.reynolds-alumni.com.

The Reynolds class of 1960 will have there 50th reunion at the Barn Museum in Troutdale on August 21st and may contact Sharon Kolb for more information at 503-289-1671.

by Terry Huston

Our thoughts and prayers are with Penny Balch as she gets a stem cell transplant this week to help keep her Leukemia in remission. Penny was given a gift of one raffle ticket for a drawing that was held last week and she won the quilt! She has it at the hospital with her. If anyone wants to send Penny a card, please send them to the Depot and we will forward them on to her.

Have a great Spring and please plan to come to the Barn Museum to watch the parade in July. That is al-

Terry

Volunteer Opportunities

If you like time travel — by way of historic photographs — and have a penchant for putting things in good order, do we have the job for you. The position of photo librarian is still open at the Troutdale rail depot and photos are pil-

ing up that need to be cataloged and recorded into our system so that the next generation will be able to find them.

The work is all done on computer by a program that is easy to operate. Sharon Nesbit will train

and assist. Ideally the photo librarian would also work with a file clerk to post pictures in our books and see that all copies are correctly filed. If you have an interest, it is work you could do on your own time and your own schedule.

We also would like some help with stories for the newsletter and some volunteers for third Saturday when all three museums are open from 10-2.

Please call the office at 503-661-2164



Please call the office, 503-661-2164, if you would like to use your credit/debit card to pay for dues, raffle tickets, donations or in memory contributions! Tuesday-Friday 8-11:30 a.m. and Saturday 10-2.

We are still selling raffle tickets for the Quilt! The tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10 or 15 for \$20.

Mail a check to THS 104 SE Kibling St. Troutdale, OR 97060 or call the office at 503-661-2164 to put them on your debit or credit card.

Tickets will continue to be available at the Depot Museum Store.

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Colleen Hall McCoy

Colleen Hall McCoy, who worked 31 years in Troutdale's liquor store — earning the nickname “Our Lady of Troutdale” — died Wednesday, April 14, at the age of 80.

McCoy, a single mom who raised three children working 10 hours a day, six days a week in the

Troutdale agency, started there in 1964 when Oregonians still had to buy a state permit to purchase alcohol. Her store on the Historic Columbia River Highway in Troutdale had windows painted “bilious OLCC green” at the demand of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Before she retired in 1995, she saw the day when she was actually

allowed to decorate the store, by then located at the Troutdale Plaza. Her co-worker there was longtime historical society volunteer Marge Schmunk.

Liquor store windows in the 1960s were painted up to the shoulder level in OLCC green, presumably, she said, “so children couldn't look in to see liquor being sold.”

Like her counterpart Roy Meger at the Troutdale General Store, Colleen could be relied on to be there. She was known to pack a bag and stay overnight in the store in order to keep regular business hours during Troutdale's ice and snowstorms.

“I have gas heat and the stock doesn't freeze,” she said in 1987.

Lois Laverna Snell

LaVerna Snell, longtime member and an avid traveler on Troutdale Treks, died April 3, at the age of 83.

LaVerna was born Oct. 5, 1926, in Wareham, Neb., to Harvey and Mable (Hirsch) Linafelter. The family lived in several small towns in Nebraska, where LaVerna was educated. In 1941, the family moved to Troutdale and lived in a

cabin for two years while they picked berries and fruit and worked in the fields.

LaVerna attended Gresham High School for two years but quit during World War II to work as a welder in the shipyards at St. Johns.

After the war, LaVerna worked for First National Bank, the Federal Reserve Bank and for Commonwealth Insurance in Portland.

On April 4, 1947, she

married Lloyd Snell. They lived in Portland, where LaVerna worked for various banks and Lloyd was a truck driver. They lived in Anchorage, Alaska, for a year but returned to Portland in 1951.

In 1959, Lloyd and LaVerna purchased a 20-acre farm in Boring, where they raised cattle and raspberries. LaVerna worked for Cottrell Grade School for 20 years and was involved in her children's

school activities and with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. She was a member of Pleasant Home Community Church. Her hobbies included quilting and growing flowers. Her proudest accomplishments included obtaining her GED after raising seven children and being named Queen of the Sandy Mountain Days Festival in 2004 at age 78.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; and by a sister.

D. June Powers Jones

June Jones, whose smiling presence at the spinning wheel made her a fixture at the Vista House and at Larch Mountain Artisans, died Sunday, April 11, at the age of 87.

June was a longtime member of the Troutdale Historical Society. She spun yarn from the wool of her

own sheep, and sold that and her needlework creations in the Vista House gift shop, and craft stores throughout Oregon under the “Fleece to Frock” label.

A lifelong resident of Gresham, she was a descendant of two Oregon Trail pioneer families.

June was born on June 26, 1922, in Gresham, the daughter of Frank and Effie (Roberts) Hodge. Her

great-grandfather led a wagon train to Oregon in 1852. She grew-up on the Elkhorn Ranch on Powell Boulevard, one of the oldest homes in Gresham, and attended Gresham Grade School and Gresham High School, graduating in 1940.

June married first to Percy Powers in 1945 and he two ran a Gresham veterinary business together until his death.

On November 22, 1980, she married Dallen Jones at the First Baptist Church in Gresham, a classmate and friend of her husband Percy. He died in 1982.

June volunteered for many years at the Vista House and was awarded the State Recognition Award for her years of service.

Harlow House-Barn & Depot Museums open third saturday every month 10-2!

Happy Birthday!

Ginger Harlow Allen, Harlow family genealogist and historian, celebrated her 80th birthday May 1 in a party near her home in Pacific City.

Ginger and her sister, Bonnie, are the daughters of Fay and Sam Harlow. Sam Harlow was the son of Lou and Laura Harlow, both of whom were mayors of

Troutdale and residents of the Harlow House. And Lou Harlow, of course, was the son of Capt. John Harlow. That makes Ginger and Bonnie great-granddaughters of the old Captain.

Most of what we know about the Harlow family and the Harlow House has come from the research of Ginger, who enjoyed family history and saw to it that we had the

stories to fill out the history of those who lived in the Harlow House. Without Ginger we would not have known of their struggles, Lou's famous dill pickles, the black sheep Fred Harlow who seems to have "misplaced" most of the money in the Harlow's Troutdale bank, or the sadness of Lou and Laura Harlow, who saw all three of their sons die young. Ginger and her family have

shared photos and stories and even the intimate and charming letters of her maternal grandfather, Newt Parsons, who spent many a lonely shift typing letters to his wife while he worked at the Troutdale Rail Depot.

Ginger's research has given our history a personal and human touch and we are grateful for all her effort.

Tom Graves Chosen as THS Member of the Year 2010

THS presented Tom Graves with the Member of the Year award on April 18, 2010, at the annual meeting. Tom Graves is a C.P.A., and his office is located in Gresham. He has served as Treasurer on our board for more than five years. We are all very appreciative of Tom. He is wise, kind and calm. Be-

sides being a level head at the monthly board meetings, he donates his time, and at times his paid staff, to make sure the society's books are in order, monthly bank accounts are balanced, and the tax reports are prepared and sent. He presents the financial information at the board meet-

ings and helps us work up our annual budget.

We are so fortunate to have Tom as a member and an active volunteer. He will be our representative in the Summerfest Parade on July 17th.



Corbett Fire House Pancake Breakfast set for June 5

On June 5, 2010 from 7:30 until 11:30 AM Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #14 will hold their famous old fashion fire house pancake breakfast (blueberries are optional). Everyone is invited to this family event to have a fire house breakfast,

ride on fire equipment, view old cars, see Sparky the Fire Dog, Smokey the Bear and get balloons. Guest pancake flipper will be Sharon Nesbit, a writer for the Gresham Outlook and an active member of the Troutdale Historical Society.

Proceeds from the breakfast will fund the Ferd Riehl Scholarship that is given annually to a graduating High School Senior. Ferd was a pioneer member of the Fire Department from 1949 until his retirement in 1995, and the scholarship is the department's way of honor-

ing his many years of volunteer service.

Tickets will cost \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ten years and younger. For additional information contact: Dennis Bryson-503-695-5540 or mdbryson@teleport.com

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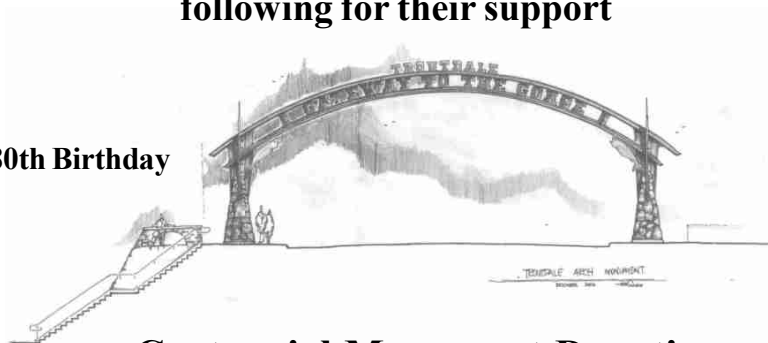
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 Thanks, Donna!

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