Sept. 27 & 28:

Harvest Faire

Harvest Faire -- our 9th annual fall festival -- is Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 and 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Glenn Otto Community Park, the Harlow House and Barn Museum, and Troutdale Rail Depot and End of the Line Museum Store.

Mona Mitchoff and her committee are still sewing up some details, but this we promise:

Food: A meal of Swedish meatballs and accompaniments, prepared by Rich and Dorothy Kerstake, Sadie Riley's chili and those amazing home-baked pies from Troutdale Historical Society cooks.

Music: Both Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the park, McClellan & Co., folk and bluegrass. And at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, The Wild Rose Garland dancers in the park.

Arts, crafts, antiques and more: Our booths include vendors, antique sellers and an assortment of non-profit groups, all with temptations.

Shopping opportunities: Early Christmas shopping for train and trout fans at our End of the Line Museum Store.

Kid's fun: Pumpkin painting at the Harlow House, sponsored by Walsh & Sons Trucking.

Other sponsors: JI Aviation (see page 4 about our chance for a helicopter ride) and Reynolds Metals.

Jim and Laurie Cruce can be seen in two habitats -- the Troutdale Taco Bell, where they catch early morning coffee in the palest of dawn and in their battered VW with more than 200,000 miles on it. In pursuit of wildlife.

Cruce captures critter photos

The Gresham residents wander the Columbia bottom land near Reynolds Metals and Sun Dial beach, Laurie spotting and Jim with his camera ready catching in action the birds and animals there. His stunning photos -- all taken in East Multnomah County and Troutdale -- open in a special natural history exhibit in Harlow House at Harvest Faire, Sept. 26, and remain on exhibit through Thanksgiving.

Larson & Dinan add wildlife art

In addition to Cruce's photos, two Troutdale wildlife artists, Mark Larson and George Dinan, will be at Harlow House on the porch demonstrating and helping judge our children's pumpkin painting contest.

Owners of Pacific Crest Gallery, both are outdoorsmen and anglers and have spent their share of time observing wildlife in habitat.

Guests at the Harlow House are invited to watch them work and to ask questions.

The barn will be open, of course, offering chances to see our newest exhibit, SMELT RUN!
Clara Catherine Howk, mother of Lois Moller and mother-in-law of Bill Moller, died July 15 in Gresham at the age of 97.

One of two in the first graduating class from Ione High School, she and her husband Joseph Howk lived in Condon and moved to Troutdale in 1944.

After the death of her husband in 1954, she was employed by the Security Bank of Troutdale and in the 1960s was a Troutdale City Council member. She was among the first residents of the Village Retirement Center in Gresham, where she lived for 22 years.

In a lovely revival of an old custom, Lois Moller prepared a memorial card with photos and obituary of her mother to send to friends and acquaintances.

Peter Giancone, died July 22, of cancer at the age of 78. He was born in Portland in 1919 and grew up in Troutdale, working for Union Pacific Railroad and Esco Corporation. He and his wife, Rita, are former depot volunteers.

Virginia Boslar, wife of Malcolm Boslar, died this summer. They recently returned to the Gresham area after enjoying a retirement in Bend where Malcolm was a star volunteer at the High Desert Museum.

For many years, we enjoyed the scent of fresh-cut juniper in the Harlow House at Christmas because Malcolm went out to the woods and cut it for us.

Worms, snails & puppy dog tails...

It is hard to come up with a job description, but every historical society needs a 12-year-old like James Cook, son of Deb Cook, our director. James has been on call all summer as a varmint-getter. He was summoned to remove garter snakes from the area when the Hispanic workers scraping the Harlow House decided they didn't like snakes. He was summoned again to remove shreds of a mouse nest found in the basement.

"Mice, snakes," says Deb, "What would I do without a 12-year-old boy?"

Troutdale Trekkers head to Southern Oregon Oct. 2, 3, 4

TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TREKKERS: Save, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2, 3 and 4, for a trip to the southern end of the state to the historic city of Jacksonville visiting its museums and historic sites, a dinner with former Troutdalian Helen Althouse at the Bella Union, time to wander in Ashland and (optional) a wonderful period play, "School for Scandal" in the Angus Bowmer Theater, with visits to the historic communities of Brownsville and Oakland.

The cost for all transportation, motel (double occupancy), two meals, play ticket and admissions is $325 or, without play, $300.

Call 661-2164 to reserve a seat and a room.

Beverly Welker, photo librarian files away at huge collection

Every trip through downtown Troutdale is a revelation these days as the north-side development creates, for the first time in the history of the community, a two-sided main street.

A quieter, but just as stunning, revelation occurs as Beverly Welker, photo librarian, catalogs a huge collection of color slides donated by the City of Troutdale. Taken in the late 1970s, apparently to record the changes then occurring, the photos show a quite different Troutdale and are a complete visual record of how this community looked at that period. In the 700 pictures Beverly has so far cataloged and numbered, views range from photos of the airport, the Sandy River, to individual views of homes and aerial shots.

The City Hall renovation of 1977-1978 is detailed, as well as what was then the Multnomah County Farm. There is even a picture of Uncle Walt's Gifts and Antiques with the mural on the side declaring, "Entering Sasquatch Territory." It goes without saying that without Beverly's work in cataloging and identifying these photos, the collection would be very hard to work with.
In the mail...

Blessings on Deb Cook, our director, whose sharp eyes picked up the fine print in an Oregon Heritage Commission grant opportunity for Oregon’s history museums. Deb saw that our depot museum, where the hours were previously too few to be viable, now is eligible for a grant. (Thanks to our volunteers, who keep it open five days a week.) Not only did we get $500 state dollars for the Harlow House, but another $300 for the depot.

An Aug. 7 Headstart program for migrant children was postponed. However, it did come to pass, Jean Holman’s daughter, Sherry, offered her fluent Spanish to help out.

Sharon Nesbit gave a tour to the Daily Vacation Bible School Class of Advent Lutheran Church. In lieu of a fee, those youngsters, ages 8 to 12, agreed to help the cleanup crew at Harvest Fair.

Dorothy Sturges was Smelt Queen in this year’s Summerfest Parade, attended by her princesses, Jean Holman and Penny Balch. Also on the float was Sir Smelt, First Knight of the Eulachon, David Traxler, who donated the summer of 1988 as contractor of our barn museum. David Ripma, of course, polished up and drove the contingent in his pretty green John Deere.

Deb Cook and Mary Bryson created a history/treasure hunt game with 25 questions and clues for kids at the Summerfest picnic in Glenn Otto Park.

Marge Schmunk went shopping for prizes for the winners.

From Gwen Burns: "Ellen Brothers was the first person I met when Jack and I attended that wonderful picnic at Dave Ripma’s home. The impression was lasting — what a special person she was — I only wish I had had more time to know her much better. Perhaps the enclosed remembrance can find its way to the Director’s Fund."

From Malcolm Boslar, former volunteer at Bend’s High Desert Museum on being sent a photo of Sharon Nesbit’s grandson playing with the pitcher pump at the High Desert complex: "I spent a lot of time keeping that pump operating. I’m glad your grandson enjoyed it. It’s been two years since I worked at the museum. I miss it very much and have many happy memories of working there."

What a nice testimonial to the joys of volunteering.

From Connie Purvis, who was doing research in a 1903 Elgin Newspaper, comes a clipping on the September 1903 robbery of a train near Trousdale in which three masked men captured the engineer and took him back to the express car. When the clerk inside refused to open the door the robbers dynamited the car, blowing the door open. The clerk opened fire with a sawed-off shotgun, but one escaped. He turned out to be the famous outlaw, William Bill Miner, about whom the film, "The Gray Wolf" was made.

Historian Sharon Nesbit will talk about the crime and other "Strange Stories of the Gorge" when she speaks to the Friends of Multnomah Falls, at Multnomah Falls Lodge, 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 15.

And in Our E-mail

Recently in our artifact collection, Mary Bryson came across a gorgeous souvenir book for the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. Though not appropriate to our collections, Mary searched the Internet, found the treasurer of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Society and sent the artifact of to them. They were delighted.

In still more electronic mail communications, we recently heard from Peter Kibling who lives in central Massachusetts.

He wrote: "I keep running into TROUSDALE entries on the World Wide Web while searching my last names. The reasons seems to be "Kibling Street." Kibling is not a very common name and I was wondering who/what this street was named for. I have never met anyone (outside my immediate family) with the last name of Kibling. My ancestors have lived in the immediate area (of central Mass.) since 1754. In the 1800s, many of them moved to Vermont and further west."

Sharon Nesbit wrote back: "Our Kibling was Joseph Kibling, who was somehow linked to a family from Maine, the John Harlow Family. Kibling apparently was married to a woman connected with the Harlows. The upshot is they are all buried together in the Lone Fir Cemetery in Portland. Kibling was here early on, the 1850s or so, and had a donation land claim on the Sandy River." Nesbit enclosed Kibling’s birth and death dates and the death date of his wife, Dora, (another Trousdale street is named for hers.)

Peter Kibling wrote: "Thank you for the info about Joseph H. Kibling. He was from Ashburnham, Mass. He was the son of Capt. Henry Kibling, who was the captain of the militia company in 1801. Henry’s father, John Kibling, was the original settler in the town of Ashburnham. John emigrated to the U.S. from Germany. The family name was Kibling, for several generations until the "er" was dropped.

Joseph was married 3 times (Dora was his second wife.) The dates you gave me match up with dates I came across in an old book my aunt gave me, "The History of Ashburnham" printed in 1887. I can remember my father telling me I had a distant relative who was the first person to sell a steamship up the Columbia River. Could this have been Joseph or one of his children?"

And Over the Transom

Marge Schmunk, chair of our depot operations, was on duty recently in the rail depot museum and store when Lois Zirk of Southeast Portland came to the depot with a wonderful memoir, written by Muriel Schneider of Sun City West, Ariz., about the war years in rail depots in the gorge, including Trousdale.

Zirk and Schneider were girls when they signed on to work for the Union Pacific Railroad to replace men who went to war. Schneider’s memoirs and Zirk’s recollections of those years will make a great program for our winter meeting schedule and we’re working on it.
Stumps of mystery...

School Reunion tour of Smelt Run! exhibit

Our Oct. 18, school reunion meeting, a Sunday event at 2 p.m., is a tour of the barn and SMELT RUN! exhibit and a reception for alumni, teachers, parents and friends of Troutdale School.

Please join us at the Harlow House and Barn museum complex for an afternoon of visiting, and taking in the smelt exhibit and new Harlow House exhibits. Light refreshments served.

And, speaking of -- and at -- schools

In 1926, then Mayor Laura Harlow dedicated the new Troutdale School. Recently, her granddaughter, Ginger Harlow Allen, found copies of those remarks which weexcerpt here:

"We have gathered here tonight for most pleasant occasion that it has been my duty and privilege as Mayor to participate in -- that of dedicating our new school...

"No longer need be ashamed of the stranger that comes into our midst, as we have been in the past, because now we have as fine a school as any in the state and we are proud of it... Troutdale has always had good instructors, even if our building was of an antiquated type and if we still could have but the one thing of the two, we would still choose the good teachers, but it seems that times have changed for us and we are not to be privileged to enjoy both and at the same time...

"There is no excuse for a child today not receiving a good education as nearly everything is provided for him and in easy reach and he should be encouraged to make the most of these golden opportunities."

Volunteer openings available

Smelt Fabricator -- Someone good with hands to mold more smelt for SMELT RUN! exhibit
Videoographer -- With a video camera and tripod, willing to film our meetings.

So, what's with the envelope?

JL Aviation, one of our Harvest Faire sponsors, is doing so by offering a 15 minute helicopter ride over Portland given in a drawing Sunday afternoon, Sept. 27, at the close of Harvest Faire.

If you want a chance, the envelope contains five raffle tickets. Send $1 for each ticket in the return envelope along with the ticket with your name and phone number on the back. Keep the other for your record.

Don't want to play? Offer them to someone else, or just throw them away.

Committees gathering volunteers to run our museums and activities

Kim Cook volunteered to organize our society with a marketing plan custom made to fit with our long-range goals. Big talk, but it means that we will have money and people in place for such things as a Lewis and Clark exhibit at the time of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial.

Now complete, is a Lunch Bunch to run the Harlow House. Headed by Mary Bryson (curator), lunch bunchers meet for lunch on the first Monday of the month to oversee exhibit, curation, events, maintenance and interpretation. They include Sharon Nesbit (history), Jean Hybskmann (volunteers), Val Lantz (maintenance), Christina Balsiger (exhibits) and Mona Mitchoff and Deb Cook.

For your edification:

A calendar for the coming year and a list of important numbers and names.
Troutdale Historical Society
Calendar for 1998-1999

1998

Sept. 26 & 27, Harvest Faire
Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Glenn Otto Community Park, Harlow House and Barn museums, Rail Depot museum

October 18, Troutdale School Reunion/Special Tour SMELT RUN!
Sunday, 2 p.m., Barn Museum
Reception, gathering of Troutdale School alumni and tour of smelt exhibit

November 15, A Visit with Edna Ellis
Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall
Oral history interview with Edna Ellis

December 5, Christmas at the Harlow House
Saturday, noon to 4 p.m., Harlow House Christmas opening
Cookie Party and visit from Santa Claus

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January 17, The Zimmerman House, What’s Happening?
Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall

February 14, Commercialism on the Columbia River Highway
Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall
Slide show of roadhouses, restaurants, gas stations on the Historic Columbia River Highway, Steve Lehl, Chuck Rollins

March 14, (To Be Announced)
Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall.

April 18, Tentative: An interview with the Cereghino family
Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall.

May 16, Stan Clarke, Cemetery Hunting
Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall. We join Genealogist Stan Clarke on a tour of cemeteries in East Multnomah County

June 5 & 6, Ice Cream Social
Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Glenn Otto Community Park, Harlow House and Barn museums, Rail Depot museum

Sept. 25 & 26, Harvest Faire
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October 17 Troutdale School Reunion
Sunday, 2 p.m.,

November 15 (To Be Announced)
Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall.

December 4, Christmas at the Harlow House
Saturday, noon to 4 p.m., Harlow House Christmas opening
Other things to know:

Harlow House phone number:
(503) 661-2164

Troutdale Rail Depot phone number:
(503) 667-8268

Winter hours, Harlow House and Barn,
Oct-May, Saturday & Sunday 1-4 p.m.

Rail Depot and End of the Line Museum Store
Oct-Dec, Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.
January thru April, Closed.

Troutdale City Hall is at 104 S.E. Kibling Street, the corner of Kibling and the
Historic Columbia River Highway in downtown Troutdale.

Harlow House Museum is at 726 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, the second
house on your right past Troutdale City Hall.

The Barn Museum is at 732 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, just south of the
Harlow House.

The Rail Depot Museum and End of the Line Museum Store is at 473 E. Historic
Columbia River Highway, across the street from Troutdale City Hall.

Glenn Otto Community Park, formerly Troutdale Community Park, is at
1110 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, at the Sandy River.

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Royalty of Summer

Sir Smelt Dave Traxler, Princess Jean Holman, Queen Dorothy Sturges and Princess Fenny Balch assume the royal dais on Dave Ripma's hay wagon for Troutdale's Summerfest parade. The float won second prize.
Harvest Faire
Sept. 26 & 27

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Things you can do to help out at Harvest Faire:
1. Get corn stalks, fall flowers, hop or grape vines, pumpkins, gourds or other decorative items? Bring them on Friday night, Sept. 25 to the park.

2. Can you bake a pie or two? Call Dorothy Sturges, 666-9601, for particulars, but in general, bring pies that do not need refrigeration in disposable tins either Saturday or Sunday, Sept. 26 or 27.


4. Have a craft or antiques and collectibles you wish to sell. Call Deb Cook, 661-2164, for an application form for booth space.

5. We can always use a face painter, fruit and vegetable stands, help with children and pumpkin painting at the Harlow House. And don’t forget to post the flyer you find in this newsletter.

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Our thanks
To Evelyn Jacobson for replacing the flag that flies at the Harlow House.
To Jean & Jerry Hybskmann for delivery of new wicker chairs for the porch.
To Bill & Sharon Nesbit for donation of cabinets for barn shop.