



BYGONE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m.

Glenn Otto Park

Annual meeting, election of officers and interview of Women of World War II

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)

Blackberry Hall, Edgefield

"A Woman Alone: Mona Bell, Sam Hill, and the Mansion on Bonneville Rock" by biographer John Harrison

Saturday, May 21

Annual Cemetery Tour with Stan Clarke

A return to the historic burials at St. Paul and French Prairie with a surprise finale. Sign up by calling the THS office 503-661-2164

Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)

Blackberry Hall, Edgefield

History Night: Old Road (Historic Columbia River Highway) panel, presented by OHS President Emeritus Bill Failing and guests TBA

Tuesday, June 7, 3:00 p.m.

Visionary Park Dedication and 100th anniversary of the Historic Columbia River Highway

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)

Blackberry Hall, Edgefield - **Matthew Cowan**, Archivist, Oregon Historical Society: *A Road Suited to the Times: The Columbia River Highway at 100*

Using original hand colored mGIC lantern slides from the John Yeon Slide collection at the OHS, projected with a 1940 Bausch & Lomb projector, we take a closer look at one of the greatest roadway projects of modern times.



Our Museums In Summer

(May 1 to September 30)

Barn Exhibit Hall: *King of Roads* - Historic Highway exhibit, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday

Harlow House: Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.

Rail Depot Museum: Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

APRIL 17 - ELECTION, HONORS, AND INTERVIEW: WOMEN OF WWII

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, we convene our annual meeting at Glenn Otto Community Park. As promised, we have submitted a revised constitution for your vote and it is included in this newsletter.

We will have election of officers as well. If you are interested in serving in an office or on the board, please call our

office, 503-661-2164. Among the new candidates we know about at this time, Margaret Rice, a member of our Reynolds Metals reunion committee, will run for secretary of the board. And Bettianne Goetz, Monday volunteer at the barn, will run for the board.

The program will be an interview about the experiences during World War II of Sharon Petri, board member. The story of her mother and Sharon's childhood in East County during the war is recounted in one of Clarence Mershon's books.

We unveil Ginger Harlow Allen's latest family story, "Warts and All," an homage to her great-uncle, Troutdale gladiola grower Clarence Parsons. It's long enough to be a little book, so we printed it that way and you can get a copy by attending the meeting. Ginger will be present to sign copies. Many thanks to Len Otto and Vickie Nesbit for printing and graphic work.

We will also honor and recognize our volunteers and enjoy refreshments afterward. Please join us.



ABOUT PAYING YOUR DUES

You will find a membership renewal form on the back of this newsletter. April is our traditional time to pay dues and, consequently, most members have that renewal date. However, if you should happen to sign up for membership later or earlier, you will now receive notice to renew on the anniversary date of your payment. That way, you enjoy a full year of membership until you hear from us again. And, it makes our computer and our treasurer happier.

Board member Sharon Petri is convincing more people to become members of THS at the \$100 Lover's Oak level...and, if you purchase your membership at the Lover's Oak level, we will send you a free *King of Roads* tote bag.

AS I REMEMBER GRANDMA'S LIFE STORY: EMMA WOODS DAVIES

by Peggy Barchus — Winlock, WA

Editor's note: Peggy Jones Barchus is a Sandy High School classmate of Sharon Nesbit. In Christmas cards exchanged over the years, Peggy mentioned that her grandmother worked for the Harlow family and at the Harlow House. This year she put together memories of her grandmother which are excerpted here.

Emma Woods Davies, born in 1888 in Beatrice, Nebraska, came west with her parents who worked for the railroad to pay their way.

When the Woods family arrived in Oregon they lived in the poorhouse for a time. Then her father, George Woods, got a job at Bull Run. The family tried to prove up some land at Cherryville, and in the meantime, children kept coming, seven all together.

At age 11, Emma Woods went to work as a cook's helper in a logging camp. It was there (the specific logging camp is unknown) where she, at age 14, met Lyman Davies, about 16.

Lyman returned to Ohio, but she missed him. One day, as she was ironing, she saw that the iron was made in Ohio and in or near the town where she believed Lyman lived. She wrote him a letter. The post office advertised that there was a letter for Lyman Davies. One of his friends happened to see the ad and informed Lyman. Now that's when the post office really did their best.



Fred Harlow's house in Troutdale on the Columbia River Highway

In the meantime, Emma managed one year of school at Troutdale. She talked about a wooden fence along the road and the East Wind blowing small particles of gravel in her face which, on occasion, drew blood. She would get up early and work, run to school and work in the evening. Emma had, in total, three years of schooling. She worked at the Harlow Store in Troutdale for a short time. She made change a little too slow, so they put her to work as the housekeeper in the Harlow House. (This would be early in the Harlow House history when the home was new and occupied by Fred and Minnie Harlow and their



Emma Woods Davies, center of back row with a ribbon in her hair, worked as a housekeeper at the Harlow House when she was a young girl.

two daughters.) Emma's piano lessons were part of her pay. She did save enough to buy a sewing machine. And Lyman Davies (who had returned to Oregon) walked 20 miles from the logging camp where he worked to see her once a week. Emma and Lyman married on her 18th birthday, September 12, 1906.

Peggy Barchus added: "I took music lessons from Mabel Evans in the 1950s, and one time Grandma Emma went with us to see the old house once more. She was happy to find the built-in bench by the fireplace was still there, where she and Lyman used to sit and hold hands."

Emma and Lyman Davies moved to Lusted east of Gresham. He spent one summer helping Lige Coalman guide parties up Mount Hood. They moved to Sandy where he was the constable. For a short time the family lived on the Oregon Coast on the Chetco River but later returned to Lusted.

Peggy Barchus remembers her grandmother teaching her grandchildren to shoot a .22 rifle. Emma hunted for the stew pot, learned taxidermy and painted floral pictures. During World War II she had a business smoking hams and bacon.

She made more than 50 quilts. Jones said her grandmother was good with a hammer and saw. She made toys, boxes and birdhouses. Even made her own cement birdbath with pretty rocks in the bottom. Seemed like she could do most anything except teach Lyman not to spit tobacco juice on the kitchen stove.

Peggy Jones Barchus

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAY 17

If you vote May 17 for the five-year renewal of the Multnomah County levy supporting the *Oregon Historical Society* in the primary election, it will also shower great benefits on our East County historical societies, who share in the levy proceeds.

The renewed county levy assures that Troutdale Historical Society, and our neighbor societies in Fairview, Gresham and Corbett will continue to get precious funds to help pay our bills while we improve our local history programs. Multnomah County residents benefit with free admission to our *King of Roads* exhibit and to the *Oregon Historical Society*. The cost is small, about a nickel per \$1000 of valuation, or \$10 for a \$200,000 property.

Speaking just for the Troutdale Historical Society, the levy was a lifesaver for the last five years, helping to pay the bills as we raised money for our highway exhibit in the barn. *Please vote.*

DONATE WHILE SHOPPING

FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD:

Go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards — THS gets contributions from Fred Meyer. Please enroll, using our non-profit number **85937**.

AMAZON SMILE

Support the **KING OF ROADS**

Exhibit. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0738777>

Simply select *Troutdale Historical Society* as your charity. Shop as you normally would. THS receives a contribution from Amazon.

BARN ROOF UPDATE

A sincere thank you to

Maggie Splawn

Colleen Mershon in memory of Clarence, and

Stephen and Synda Patten

for their donations to our Barn roof fund. All have earned *Barn Beam*

honors. If you have not yet been past to see the new roof, please make it a point to check it out. Not only does it set off the rest of the Barn beautifully, it will outlast all but the very youngest of us.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

When I became *Troutdale Historical Society* president last April I emphasized that it was for one year only. Some have tried to convince me to continue as president, but there are solid reasons I need to step down.

I had two goals as president. First, the need for a new Barn roof was obvious: Shingles were breaking off and flying all around. You, our members, helped us pay for the roof in the most amazing ways, from five and ten dollar contributions to thousands of dollars. Suffice it to say that the roof has been entirely paid for. Thank you from my heart!

A second goal was to get a new constitution in place. The revised constitution appears in this newsletter starting on the next page. While it is not the most exciting reading I encourage you to note the changes. I believe this constitution is worthy of your support, as it corrects a few problem areas. Please join us for our annual business meeting on April 17th when you not only will be able to vote on the constitution but also hear Sharon Petri's memories of living in this area during WWII. She has vivid memories and a delightful way of telling them.

It has been an honor to serve as your president. It has been an honor to work with a board as talented as THS's. I am humbled by how differently people are able to think, and when they speak on an issue I understand the things I have missed in my own thinking. Thank you, THS Board. You are awesome!

And thank you, our members, for trusting me to lead this wonderful organization for this past year.

Len Otto

DONATIONS

Barbara Huston Freund
Sharon & Bill Nesbit
Carl & Tina Tebbins
Dr. Robert & Tami Campbell
James Workman
Colleen Mershon
Ray Fujii Farms
Maggie Splawn
Rosie & Larry Puderbaugh
Kay Struckman
Greg & Sue Handy
Sharon Petri
Al & Bettianne Goetz

Thank you all!

HISTORICAL STUDIES DONATED

Sally Donovan of Hood River has worked in the historic preservation field for 30 years and consulted with Troutdale and the U.S. Forest Service on historical research in our area. She recently donated her files to the Troutdale Historical Society, which include studies on Troutdale historic sites, McMenamins Edgefield, the Sandy River Delta, the dam on the Sandy River Delta, the Hicklin Farm, along with pictures and maps. We are grateful for her thoughtfulness. It will be a great help to researchers in the future.

GREAT SUMMER EVENTS COMING

There are good reasons to pay your dues and keep up with the Troutdale Historical Society. Join us on the back lawn of the Harlow House on summer evening First Fridays ~ in July, August and September ~ for a series of "Barnyard Concerts," with crooner **Tom Arbuckle** already signed up. And our annual bus tour to historic cemeteries, led by historian **Stan Clarke**, is on May 21. On Sept. 17, we plan a geology tour through the Columbia River Gorge.

TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Incorporated, A Non-Profit Corporation
Constitution Adopted February, 2003

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 — NAME/PURPOSES/ TYPE OF CORPORATION

Section 1. NAME

The name of the corporation is *Troutdale Historical Society* and shall be referred to herein as the "Troutdale Historical Society" or "THS" or, "the Society."

Section 2. PURPOSE

The Troutdale Historical Society is organized and shall be operated exclusively to gather, preserve and make available museum, record, and other material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby areas to stimulate an interest in, and knowledge of the locality's past.

More particularly, its object shall be:

1. To discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of Troutdale and the surrounding area;
2. To assist in the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it; to cooperate with officials in ensuring the preservation and accessibility of all records and archives collected; to conduct archeological investigations of aboriginal or pioneer sites in the area; and to bring about the preservation of historic buildings, monuments or markers; and
3. To disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by publishing historical material; by holding meetings with speakers and lecturers; and by marking historic buildings, sites, and trails.

Section 3. TYPE OF CORPORATION

The Troutdale Historical Society is a public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE 2 — MEMBERS

The Society shall be composed of active members enrolled as such in the Society records **upon payment of the membership dues** as established by the Board of Directors. Membership shall be open to any person interested in the purpose and mission of the Society.

ARTICLE 3 — DIRECTORS

Section 1. POWERS

The Troutdale Historical Society shall have a Board of directors (the "Board"). All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of or under the direction of the Board, subject to any limitation set forth herein.

Section 2. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Board shall consist of not less than ~~three~~ **six** nor more than ~~four~~ **twelve** members who shall be known as directors, with the number of directors to be determined from time to time by action of the Board. Any decrease in the number of directors designated by the Board shall not shorten an incumbent director's term.

Section 3. MEETINGS

1. The Board may hold regular or special meetings in or out of the State of Oregon.
2. The Board shall fix the time and place of its regular meetings at its discretion, provided, however, that board meetings shall be held at least quarterly.
3. The Society shall hold regular meetings, at times and places established by the Board, where

speakers or programs will be presented related to the purposes of the Society.

4. The annual business meeting of the Society shall be held on the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Society after January 31st. The Board shall have the discretion to designate a different annual business meeting date for any year provided that the date so designated is within ~~60~~ **90** days of the date specified in the preceding sentence. At the business meeting, the members shall elect officers and directors of THS, consider reports of the affairs of THS, and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. Twelve active members of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

4. Special business meetings of the Society and special meetings of the Board may be called for any purpose or purposes by the President, by the Secretary, by any three directors, or by any ten members of the Society. The person or persons who call a special meeting of the Board may fix the time and place of the special meeting. Elections and other business of the Society shall be conducted only at the annual business meeting, or at a special business meeting of the Society.

Section 4. ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICE

Directors shall be elected by a vote of the members at the annual business meeting or at any other business meeting of the Society. The terms of all directors shall be for one year or until the next annual business meeting of the Society.

Section 5. VACANCIES

1. A vacancy on the Board shall occur upon the death, resignation, or removal of any director, or upon an increase in the number of directors.
2. A vacancy that will occur at a specific later date, by reason of a resignation effective at the later date or otherwise, may be filled in accordance with this Constitution before the vacancy occurs, but the new director may not take office until the vacancy occurs.

Section 6. RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS

A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary. Unless the notice specifies a later effective date, a resignation is effective at the earliest of the following: a) when received; or b) five days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed postage prepaid and correctly addressed.

Section 7. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

A director may be removed with or without cause. A director may be removed only at a Board meeting called for the purpose of removing the director and the meeting notice must state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of the director.

Section 8. QUORUM AND VOTE

1. A majority of the directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the directors present, in the absence of a quorum, may adjourn from time to time but may not transact any business.
2. If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of directors present is the act of the Board unless this Constitution requires the vote of a greater number of directors.
3. A director who is present at a meeting of the Board, or is present at a meeting of a committee of the Board, when corporate action is taken, is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless: i) the director objects at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon the director's arrival, to holding the meeting or transacting

business at the meeting; ii) the director's dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or iii) the director delivers written notice of dissent or abstention to the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or an officer of THS immediately after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a director who votes in favor of the action taken.

Section 9. ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING

Action required or permitted by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board, or at a meeting of a committee of the Board, may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all members of the Board. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by each director and included in the minutes or filed with the corporate records reflecting the action taken. Action taken under this section is effective when the last director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies an earlier or later effective date. A consent signed under this section has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

Section 10. TELEPHONIC MEETINGS

Directors may participate in Board meetings by telephone, and shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting, if a speaker phone or similar device is available by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other. Telephonic meetings of the Board may be conducted through use of any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, for example, a telephone conference call.

Section 11. COMPENSATION

Directors shall not be compensated for their services as directors. Upon approval by the Board, directors may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their official duties.

ARTICLE 4 — COMMITTEES

Subject to applicable law and this Constitution, the Board may appoint such committees as may be necessary from time to time, consisting of such number of its members and shall have such powers as the Board may designate. Each such committee shall have one or more members, who serve at the pleasure of the Board.

ARTICLE 5 — OFFICERS

Section 1. DESIGNATION / ELECTION

1. The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice President, **Past President**, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers as the Board shall from time to time designate. The same individual may simultaneously hold more than one office in THS. All officers are members of the Board and may vote as such.

2. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in this Constitution. The Board may fill a vacancy by appointment for an interim period until the next business meeting of the Society, or the annual business meeting, at which time the members shall fill the vacancy by election.

Section 2. TERM OF OFFICE

1. The term of office of all the officers and directors shall be one year, but may be renewed for successive one-year terms, up to a maximum of ~~three~~ **six** terms. A part-year term served by appointment to fill a vacancy or the like shall not count against the maximum number of terms.

Any officer or director may serve again after an absence from the Board of at least one year.

2. The Board may remove any officer at any time, either with or without cause.

3. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary of THS. Unless the notice specifies a later effective date, a resignation is effective at the earliest of the following: i) when received; ii) five days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed postage prepaid and correctly addressed; or iii) on the date shown on the return receipt, if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the addressee. Once delivered, a notice of resignation is irrevocable unless revocation is permitted by the Board. If a resignation is made effective at a later date and the Society accepts the future effective date, the Board may fill the pending vacancy before the effective date, if the Board provides that the successor shall not take office until the effective date.

Section 3. PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he or she is present. The President shall, subject to the control of the Board, have general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of THS. The President shall be ex officio member of all committees of the Board and shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office president of a corporation, and shall have such other powers of duties as may be prescribed by the Board or this Constitution.

Section 4. VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence or disability of the President, the President's duties and powers shall be performed and exercised by the vice President.

Section 5. SECRETARY

1. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of THS or such other place as the Board may order, a book of minutes of all meetings of directors and of the business meetings of the Society showing the time and place of the meeting, whether the meeting was regular or special and, if a special meeting, how authorized, the notice given, the names of those present at directors meetings and the proceedings of such meetings.

2. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given such notice of the meetings of the Board as is required by this Constitution. The Secretary shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or this Constitution.

Section 6. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall ensure that needed financial records, procedures and systems of THS are being properly maintained; shall compare actual income and expenses with the approved budget, noting the variance and recommending collective action of the Board when needed; shall report on finances periodically to the Board and the members; and shall ensure that any required financial reporting forms are completed and filed.

ARTICLE 6 — CORPORATE RECORDS / INSPECTION

Section 1. RECORDS

THS shall maintain all records required by law. All such records shall be kept at its principal office, registered office, or at any other place designated by the Board, or as otherwise provided by applicable law.

Section 2. INSPECTION OF RECORDS

The records of THS shall be open to inspection by the directors or the directors' agents, ~~or the members, and the public~~ in the manner and to the extent required by applicable law.

Section 3. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.

All checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to THS, shall be assigned or endorsed by such person or persons and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of the Board.

Section 4. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

The Board may, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, authorize any officer or agent of THS to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Society. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board, or unless inherent in the authority vested in the office under the provisions of this Constitution, no officer, agent, or employee of THS shall have any power or authority to bind THS to any contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit, or to render it liable for any purpose or for any amount.

ARTICLE 7 — EFFECTIVE DATE / AMENDMENTS

1. In accordance with the provisions of the current Constitution of the Troutdale Historical Society, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at the annual business meeting of the Society in February 2003 is required for adoption of this new Constitution, which shall become effective thirty days thereafter. The Constitution of the Troutdale Historical Society in effect at the time of the vote, including all amendments thereto, shall be repealed on the date this new Constitution becomes effective.

2. This Constitution may be amended, after the date it becomes effective, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Society at any business meeting. Amendments may be proposed by a majority of the Board or by a request signed by forty members submitted to the Board, the text of any proposed amendment having been sent to the members not less than two weeks prior to the business meeting at which the vote is taken.

ARTICLE 8 — INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

THS shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law, any person who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to or witness in, or is otherwise involved in, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative, or otherwise (including any action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that:

- a) the person is or was a director or officer of THS or any of its subsidiaries;
- b) the person is or was serving as a fiduciary within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 with respect to any employee benefit plan of THS or any of its subsidiaries; or
- c) the person is or was serving, at the request of THS or any of its subsidiaries, as a director or officer, or as a fiduciary of an employee benefit plan, of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

Section 2. EMPLOYEES AND OTHER AGENTS

THS may indemnify its employees and other agents to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 3. ADVANCES OF EXPENSES

The expenses incurred by a director or officers in connection with any threatened, pending or

completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative, or otherwise, which the director or officer is made or threatened to be made a party to or witness in, or is otherwise involved in, shall be paid by the Corporation in advance upon written request of the director or officer, if the director or officer:

- i) furnishes THS written affirmation of his or her good faith belief that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation; and
- ii) furnishes THS a written undertaking to repay such advance to the extent that it is ultimately determined by a court that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by THS.

Section 4. NONEXCLUSIVITY OF RIGHTS

The rights conferred on any person by this Article 8 shall be in addition to any rights to which a person may otherwise be entitled under any articles of incorporation, this Constitution, or any agreement, statute, policy of insurance, vote of Board or otherwise.

Section 5. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 8

Any repeal of this Article 8 shall be prospective only, and no repeal or modification of this Article 8 shall adversely affect any right or protection that is based upon this Article 8 and pertains to an act or omission that occurred prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE 9 — LIMITATION OF DIRECTOR LIABILITY

Section 1. IMMUNITY

No director or officer of THS shall be personally liable to THS for monetary damages for conduct as a director, provided that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for:

- a) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to THS;
- b) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- c) any unlawful distribution under ORS 65.367;
- d) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit; or
- e) any act or omission in violation of ORS 65.361 to 65.367. No amendment to or repeal of this Article 9 shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any director of THS for or with respect to any acts or omissions prior to such amendment or repeal.

Section 2. CHANGES IN LAW

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no director of THS shall be personally liable to THS for limiting the generality of the foregoing to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors of THS. If the Oregon Revised Statutes are amended after this Article 9 becomes effective, then the liability of directors of THS shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Oregon Revised Statutes, as so amended. No amendment or repeal of this Article 9, nor the adoption of any provision of this Constitution inconsistent with this Article 9, nor a change in the law, shall adversely affect any right or protection that is based upon this Article 9 and pertains to the conduct that occurred prior to the time of such amendment, repeal, adoption or change. No change in the law shall reduce or eliminate the rights and protections set forth in this Article 9 unless the change in the law specifically requires such reduction or elimination.

REYNOLDS METALS REUNION

A committee to organize and gather attendees for our October 16 *Reynolds Metals* reunion grows by leaps and bounds.

It now includes Jan Ackley, former RMC employee;

Joan Benner, former RMC employee whose husband Ed worked there also; Sharon Nesbit; Margaret Rice, wife of former RMC employee, Mike; Annette Steele, whose father, uncles, husband and brother were all former RMC workers; Jan Vandiver; and THS program chairwoman Helen Wand.

If you know someone who might want to attend, phone the THS office with contact information, 503-661-2164.



The August, 1980 cover from the Reynolds Metals in-house publication, *AlumiNews*

HISTORY PARTNERS WITH ART

Board member and sculptor Rip Caswell has opened new opportunities to use art to share our history.

The most recent example was the dedication on February 27th of the trout sculpture with a plaque identifying Troutdale's trout ponds on the Harlow House grounds. We celebrated with sculptor Jordan McGee and with trout cookies (photo below) made by volunteer Cherie Wallace and her granddaughter, Haley.



But wait, there is more: At 3 p.m. on June 7 is the 100th birthday of the *Historic Columbia River Highway* and dedication of Visionary Park with Rip's bronze figures celebrating highway builders Sam Hill and Sam Lancaster. It is right at the bend of the highway just south of the Harlow House. Our society and the City of Troutdale have partnered with Rip and other sponsors.

Now comes news that the City of Troutdale has Community Enhancement funds that might be used for city art projects, so our board of directors has formed a subcommittee, *Troutdale Historical Art Committee*, chaired by Rip to apply for grants for artworks in the city that relate to the history of the community. These will be new opportunities to tell Troutdale's story.

ONE DAY ONLY SALE!

Where: Troutdale Depot Museum

Who: THS

When: Friday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Why: Benefit for Troutdale Historical Society (THS)

What: To dispose of things in the "no longer needed" category. Surplus gifts, refrigerator, microwave, window air conditioner, posters, books, shelves, etc. Call Diane White (503-888-1405) for more information. Thank you!

RENEWING MEMBERS

Joyce Stewart
Clay & Rayleen Nelson
Gerald & LeAnn Stephan
Donna Brown
Louise Blohm

NEW MEMBERS

Carla & Ray Robertson
Gary Rulifson
William White
Robert Adams

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS:

Longtime Troutdale/Sandy River resident **Richard Unis** died at age 87 in February. He was a former Oregon Supreme Court Judge and lived on the Sandy River for more than 30 years. And we remember **MaryJean Mohn** who died in January, wife of Herb Mohn. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m., July 23, at the Gresham Elks



Jordan McGee and his bronze trout

Lodge. Please RSVP to mohmhdmj1@frontier.com MaryJean taught Spanish at Gresham High and in 1985 was Oregon Language Teacher of the year.

The **Hamlin Johnson House** in Gresham and **Fairview City Jail** were recommended by the state for **National Register** status recently. And Multnomah County is moving ahead at request of Colleen Cahill of Cedar School to create a list of historic sites and landmarks in Multnomah County.

Who has roses? *Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway* would like to have rose petals for girls to spread before the June 7 *Historic Highway* centennial event. If you could collect fresh or dried petals for the event please call the THS office and leave a phone number and name for Jeanette Kloos.

Because of our members who have signed up for the **Fred Meyer Community Awards program**, we got a check for \$30.39 last month. We could earn more if you would sign up. See the process in another part of this newsletter.

Thanks to **Sisters Twitchell and Arbon** (Mormon missionaries) who will inventory and sort the railroad artifact collection in the Depot in preparation for remodeling there... and to **Joy Beldin**, who, in addition to hosting the Barn exhibit, has proven to be an excellent proof reader.

LEANN: A NEW FACE IN OUR OFFICE

LeAnn Stephan, our new administrative assistant in the historical society office, started work with our society last summer using her considerable graphic skills to create exhibit placards on the history of the Harlow family.

After the resignation in January of former employee Nell Simien, LeAnn came to work for our society as Administrative Assistant.



That seems to include husband Gerald, who volunteered to update and renew all the programs on our computers. They have been married 33 years and moved to Troutdale from Portland in 1987 so he could attend Mt. Hood Community College. They have lived in their Troutdale home

20 years and have two daughters, Ashley and Nicole, who attended Troutdale Elementary, Walt Morey Middle School and Reynolds High. Both girls are married. Ashley and her husband, Daniel, live in Gresham. Nicole and her spouse, Andrew, attend Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg, Idaho and recently produced a first grandson, Jackson, who has already visited the Barn exhibit and won hearts.

LeAnn's specialty is historic architecture, inspired years ago in a visit to a 1900s Queen Anne house in LaGrande. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in interior design from Marylhurst in 2011 and worked as an intern/colleague with Bo Sullivan of Arcalus Period Design in Portland. She has a home-based business, Stephan Detail & Design, as an independent contractor and can do amazing things on a computer. In between design jobs, she has an online eBay store selling antiques/collectibles, books and gently-used clothing.

Most recently, she has been hired for the time left in her day by Rip Caswell doing administrative work in his gallery. She is Gresham Stake Primary President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, working with 11 Ward Primary Presidents to teach gospel principles to children of the church in this area.

She served two years with Sharon Nesbit as a commissioner

on the Troutdale Landmarks Commission and became the society's volunteer coordinator in January.

LeAnn says, "I am truly amazed at the level of commitment and expertise by the volunteers of the Troutdale community. I am honored to be a part of the Troutdale Historical Society and witness firsthand the amazing work they have accomplished and have planned for the future to preserve Troutdale's history."

MORE NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS:

Thanks to **Diane White** and the **Troutdale Antique Mall** for giving us space to sell Rail Depot surplus. We made \$394.29. And to **Kelly Broomall** who put the names on the Barn beams of our roof donors....**Gerald Stephan**, husband to **LeAnn Stephan** our new THS office person, who updated all our computers so that soon they will be running the same programs and will be able to talk to each other... Welcome new Barn volunteers **Joyce Belcher & Linda Simkovic**....And thank you to **Joyce** and **Al Stoeckel** who donate cleaning services to the Barn and Harlow House...And to **Andrea Heim** and **Joanne Losinger** who help keep the Harlow House open on Sunday afternoons...to **Julie Stewart** who is setting up a clothing exhibit in the Harlow House.

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Troutdale Historical Society sponsors free programs in *Glenn Otto Community Park* in January, April, and October. Details are on the front page of this newsletter.

Remember also the last Tuesday of every month (except December) Troutdale Historical Society co-sponsors a speaker at *McMenamins Edgefield*: Blackberry Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the free program begins at 6:30. Food and drink are available.

Troutdale Historical Society's logo, the "Lover's Oak," stood on the floodplain of the Columbia River until the Columbus Day Storm of 1962. It was a popular gathering place for locals and was an instantly recognizable landmark.



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