



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar!

Friday, May 2, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., Depot Museum, 473 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy., “First Friday.”

Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m., Blackberry Hall, McMenamins Edgefield: “Troutdale Threatened,” a look at the 1948 flood by Len Otto and Patrick Berry.

Saturday, May 17, Cemetery Tour, 9:30 departure, barn museum, \$10 a person charge: Rose City Cemetery, Northeast, with Japanese Cemetery, Gypsy/Romano burials/ and spectacular granite stones. Lunch at Peninsula Park. Bring your own lunch.

Saturday, May 17, — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Harlow House open.

Our program season is over so our next newsletter will be a summer edition in August.

BY GONE TIMES

May 2014

Troutdale Historical Society marks its 46th birthday

Helen Wand, program chairman and head of our last two auctions, was named Member of the Year at our annual meeting Sunday, April 27. Wand is a member of our exhibit committee and a longtime member of the society, as was her family before her.

The same slate of officers, headed by President David Ripma, was re-elected for another year. Many thanks to Len Otto for the update on the Historic Highway exhibit and for bringing equipment for the program, provided by Sharon Nesbit. And to Jan Van Diver and Nell Simien for refreshments and birthday cake.

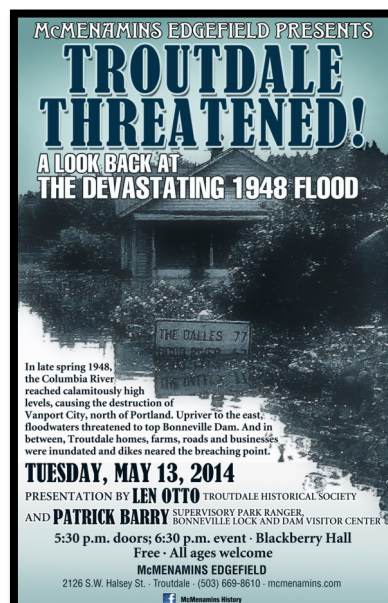
Thank to those who have already paid their annual dues.



Member of the year 2014

Helen Wand

Pack a lunch, grab rain gear (if necessary) and join us on our cemetery tour with expert, Stan Clarke. Bus leaves the barn museum at 9:30 a.m., Sat., May 17. Fee is \$10.



Photos from THS used May 13, in 1948 flood program

Len Otto and Patrick Barry, park ranger at Bonneville Lock and Dam, will present a program on the 1948 flood in Troutdale at 6:30 p.m. at McMenamins Edgefield in Blackberry Hall.

The presentation is free. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Wand, McGinnis and Nesbit travel old trails

Larry McGinnis, now retired from a career in surveying, has the time and expertise to ponder old maps and survey notes in seeking out Troutdale's oldest roads and trails.

On April 9, McGinnis and Dave Wand, who has studied the location of the "Wire Trail" for more than 20 years, spent an afternoon climbing around in the brush and sorting out options for the old route which carried a telegraph line from Troutdale to The Dalles.

McGinnis and Sharon Nesbit ventured to the Columbia River where both believe that the original town of Sandy was located at the confluence of the Sandy and Columbia Rivers.



Larry McGinnis has traced old maps and surveyor's notes to find what he believes is the road to the old town of Sandy on the Sandy River.



Hikers still travel the route that McGinnis believes once led to the pioneer ferry that crossed the Columbia from the Oregon shore to Washington's Land Island.

Sandy existed in 1852 (well before the present town of Sandy developed near Revenue Bridge) and served as a crossing for Oregon Trail travelers and their cattle. It contained a post office and several stores.

McGinnis has traced survey lines and notes and old maps and believes that the original road to the river is still in use today by hikers. He and Nesbit also scouted locations for the old Sun Dial Ranch.

Using topographic maps and searching for clues, McGinnis and Wand climbed the Sandy River canyon on foot and then scouted routes on Cabbage Hill to affirm the location of the Wire Trail. They plan further study of the site. Eventually, the information will be mapped and supplied to state authorities and other historical groups.

Fairyland Guernsey Farm

An on-line reader wants to know if there was a Fairyland Guernsey Farm in the Troutdale area. Can anyone help out with this one?



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Real Housewives of Troutdale

The Tuesday ladies were reduced to a skeleton crews this winter, with several of their members off to warmer places. But long winter days have a purpose and they did some of those jobs that everyone has been meaning to get to.

Take a look at the back porch kitchen where we all tend to put stuff to get it out of sight. It was full to overflowing, but not anymore. The stair landing over the back stairs, also tidied and rid of extraneous stuff. They rebuilt the kitchen pantry exhibit so that it no longer looks like a garage sale.

Two new display windows have been set off to show off small kitchen tools.

Thanks to Mona Mitchoff, Jean Holman and Barbara Welsh.



Mona Mitchoff

A funeral service for Tuesday Lady Judy Norby of Corbett was held May 2 at the church in Corbett. In addition to volunteering with the Tuesday ladies, Judy often provided the Christmas tree for the Harlow House.

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Corbett Fire House Breakfast May 31st

On May 31, 2014 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 observe and ride on fire equipment, to see Sparky the fire dog, to get balloons for kids of all ages and to visit the fire house that is located at 36930 Historic Columbia River Highway. The event will start at 7:30 AM and last until 11:00 AM. There will be items available for silent bidding as well as door prizes that will be given away.

Proceeds 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 Fire Department's way of honoring his many years of volunteer service.



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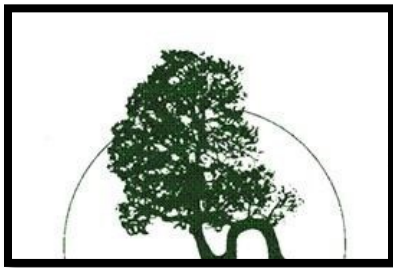
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