

COME SEPT. 23 FOR PIE AND HIKE...

You are getting your first newsletter early this fall so we can let you know of our second annual pie social on the front porch of the Harlow House, 726 E. Columbia St., Troutdale, from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday Sept. 23. We will offer pie, ice cream and coffee for \$1. Proceeds will go to our barn-building fund.

Just in case you feel the need to walk off all those calories, we have combined the pie social with our fall walking history tour. If you want to know what the walking tours are like, come along at 2 p.m. for a short hike to downtown Troutdale with Sharon Nesbit. Tales of old Troutdale -- a specialty.

This will also be an excellent chance to see our newest exhibit of tobacco and related smoking items.

See you there.

NOW, HOW ABOUT AN OCT. 15 POTLUCK?...

Now that you've had dessert, how about dinner? Our first meeting of the year will be a 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner, Monday, Oct. 15, in the city park community building.

You may bring a salad, bread, dessert or side dish. The society will provide an entree and beverage. Paper plates and plastic ware will be on hand, or you may bring your own place settings.

Our program will be about us. Since this is always a good time to get reacquainted, come prepared to tell us who you are and what brought you to Troutdale. Cheap land? A job? A Model T? Your mother? The answers should be interesting.

NOTE: MARK YOUR CALENDAR. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANOTHER NOTICE PRIOR TO THE OCT. 15 POTLUCK. SO DON'T FORGET.

WHAT'S AHEAD?...

We are making tentative plans for a Saturday, Nov. 17, field trip by bus to Cascade Locks. You'll hear more about it and get to put in your two cent's worth at the October meeting. We will also set the date for our Christmas open house at the Harlow House, discuss the creation of a board of trustees to help guide our society, appoint a new board member to replace Chuck Blanchard who has moved to a log cabin near Baker, and tell you about some exciting plans for the spring.

AT THE HARLOW HOUSE...

The Harlow House had disappointing museum attendance this summer. We believe that is partly due to new curbs on Columbia Street which made it hard for motorists to park. To give drivers more warning, we would like to improve our sign and need the help of a wood-worker with a router who could recreate our present historical society sign. A two-faced sign, another sign indicating the parking lot and some other ideas should improve conditions. If you know of a good wood-worker, contact Sharon Nesbit.

Further, we have started a plan of setting up rotating displays every three months so that there is always something new to see in the house. Right now the tobacco display is on exhibit. Beginning in November, we will borrow George Klinger's teddy bear collection. If you have ideas, or own a collection that might make an interesting exhibit, let us know.

Sam Cox, Cathy Hamme, city employees and some temporary city work crews got the heavy work done this summer on the rose garden at the rear of the Harlow House. The boxwood hedge is in place. Gerhardt von Kohlbeck has trimmed some shrubs for us and promises to bring our old rose bushes under control.

And Ted Schulte is supervising the rewiring of the house and installation of new lights and plug-ins.

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AT DEPOT MUSEUM...

Thanks to a bunch of loyal volunteers, the depot museum was open every Sunday this summer and had the usual good attendance. A new exhibit there is the conductor's uniform worn by new member Gail V. Meyers. When Gail offered it to us last spring, we told him we didn't have a mannequin to display it. "That's no problem," he said, and made his own mannequin.

Meyers and Niles Harding are also working on fitting out a glass-covered drawer so we can safely display small items like Union Pacific buttons and pins.

The depot, incidentally, is getting a fresh coat of paint.

THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL...

Despite the lack of fresh berries, our ice cream social was a success. People were delighted with the food, the flowers, the hostesses in ruffled aprons made by Clover Nasmyth, the music and the general, good fun.

One woman from Damascus, envious because she would like to have the same kind of event in her community, came up and asked, "How do you do it?"

One of the ways we do it is with lots of good help. There's no way to name all of them, but the ice cream social wouldn't be possible without folks like Sadie Riley, who worked the better part of two days, and historical society officers who spend the whole weekend ice cream socialing.

The best story, though, is about a member we don't hear much from named Bob Whipps. Whipps is crazy about ice cream and he started coming to our social as a paying guest. He missed it one year though, and it made him so mad he joined the society so he would get official notice of socials. For the last two years, Whipps has called up and volunteered to help serve at the social. We've been happy to have him, but we made him promise not to eat up the profits.

The profits, incidentally, were \$767. \$130 came from the plant sale and another \$130 from the bake sale, afghan drawing and rest of the country store.

THE PICNIC...

The odor of frying onions drove people right into our booth at the city picnic. We sold hundreds of hamburgers, six gallons of ice cream, gallons of iced tea and gave away dozens of cakes for a total profit of \$576. Lots of thanks goes to hamburgers fryers, cake bakers and ice cream scoopers.

While we were at it, we won second prize for our unit in the city parade. Mike and Pauline Morrow of Fairview brought an antique car and clothing and we gussied up some of our members to look like residents of "The Cedars", Troutdale's home for "naughty ladies."

ODDS AND ENDS...

Six students from Edgefield Lodge will tour the Harlow House, Sept. 20... By mid-October, probably, we will have one more caretaker at the Harlow House. Barbara and Dennis Grahn are expecting a baby. They will remain with us as caretakers until next August...The society is the proud possessor of two new filing cabinets. They hold our collection of historical written materials as well as society records...Our recipes are selling steadily at the gift shop at Vista House and have brought in more than \$200 this summer...Our display of mayor's pictures in Troutdale City Hall is awaiting just the right sale on frames.

COMING OCT. 14...

The Gresham Pioneers and Gresham Historical Society will hold their second annual pioneer appreciation day from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Gresham Elks Club. There will be photos and historic exhibits and lots of old-timers so feel free to attend. The whole week preceding the pioneer day will be filled with historic observances in downtown Gresham.