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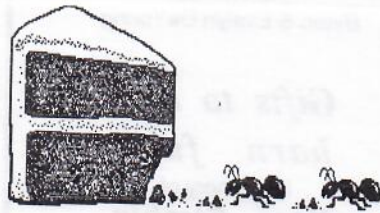
Troutdale Summerfest, museums, and Harvest Faire planning fill days

Though we do not hold historical programs in the summer, Troutdale Historical Society has an active summer agenda. Your help and attendance is critical to our success, so keep these up-coming events in mind.

Troutdale Summerfest

Formerly the city picnic and parade, this July 19 event features our famous hamburger booth in Glenn Otto Community Park, as well as the parade. Mona Mitchoff and the steering committee assumed leadership of the hamburger booth to effectively utilize costly supplies for it and other summer events.

Sadly, health problems grounded lead cooks, George and Carole Klinger, this year, but Mike Dubesa has assumed role of lead fry cook and others are needed to assist at the grill, and in selling hamburgers, serving up lemonade, etc. Consider working an hour between noon and 4



p.m. Call Florence Baker, 665-9656.

Want to create a parade entry representing our society? Please call 661-2164.

Our Museums

Summer is peak time for the Harlow House and Rail Depot Museums. Each facility can use more hosts and the rail depot and Museum Store needs substitutes. If you have an interest in sharing our history with others, call Ellen Brothers, 661-2164 (leave a message), to work in the depot. Telephone Jean Hybskmann, 669-7822, to volunteer at the Harlow House.

Hours for both museums are in the calendar at right. Don't forget, we all benefit when you buy gifts at the End of the Line Museum store.

Harvest Faire

Theme of this year's Harvest Faire is "Harvest at the Harlow." We are looking for those with old-fashioned skills, canning, flower drying, weaving, knitting, quilting, as well as outdoor chores to demonstrate at the Harlow House.

Also needed: sponsors for our music in the park, sponsors for children's events, pie bakers, set up and clean up crews. Call 661-2164.

CALENDAR For Summer

Events

July 19, Sat., 11 a.m. - Summerfest

Annual Troutdale Parade & Picnic

Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m. -- A Day in The Dalles

A trip to the Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center, St. Peter's Landmark and other sights with dinner at Cousin's. Returning at 8:30 p.m.

Sept. 27 & 28, Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.-- Harvest at the Harlow

Harvest Faire, Glenn Otto Community Park, Harlow House and Rail Depot Museum.

Oct. 19, Sun., 2 p.m. -- A Troutdale Reunion

The gathering of Troutdale Grade School students with a pictorial review and reminiscence of city landmarks.

Barnstorming

Normally, first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. In the barn. Call Bob Strebin, 665-2756

Board of Directors

Normally, first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. In the barn. Call Ellen Brothers, 661-2164

Steering Committee

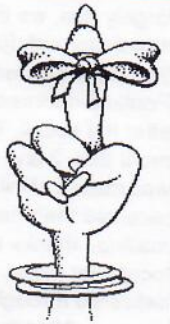
Normally, second Monday of the month, 7 p.m. In the barn. Call Mona Mitchoff, 666-5455

Harlow House -- Trousseau Exhibit

Through Oct. 31, Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Depot Museum & Store

Through Oct. 31, Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-5 p.m.



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Report:
Ice
cream
social



Our 29th annual ice cream social experienced disappointing attendance, largely due, we think, to the fact that our newsletter with final news and a flyer on the social was not delivered to Portland addresses and beyond until after the social. The newsletter arrived more than 2 and one-half weeks after it was mailed. While Troutdale residents received their newsletters the day after mailing, thanks to good service of our local post office, some thing stalled those delivered through Portland.

Attendance, though the weather was good, was about half normal numbers. A reminder, perhaps, to mark the date well ahead on your calendar for Harvest Faire so you don't miss it -- **Sept. 27 and 28.**

Regardless, ice cream social was well-attended in terms of our faithful and hard-working volunteers.

Of special note:

Adrienne Clausen provided the Harlow House with a crystal bowl of strawberries on ice, so guests could taste the best of the season.

On the good guy list for showing up Friday night to set up: **Mona Mitchoff, Jean Holman, Sharon Nesbit, Florence Baker, Cindy Hammond, Mike Dubesa, Frieda Ryland, Marge and Ed Schmunk, Sam Cox, Bob Strebin and Sadie Riley** who cooked dinner for the assembled workers. Hey guys, a little set-up work is no problem when you get Sadie's good cookin'.

Maude & Bob Winning are consistently faithful in setting up and taking down our booth. **Bob Strebin** saw to it that our signs were out.

Official Seal
of Approval



Bob Mitchoff set up the sound system. **Art Meger** was among those who brought gorgeous flowers.

And then, social workers: **Martha Bocheister, Frieda**

Ryland, Mario Ayala, Nancy Holland, Kay Struckman, Ed & Florence Happold, Connie Van Cleave, Helen Tamura, Velma Norman, Bud & Marilyn Neubarth, Laura Van Atta, Bonita Jenkins, Kathy Minden, Elizabeth Hammond & friends, Ted & Lois Schulte, Bill Nesbit, Rodger Nearhoff, Penny Balch, Mary Hughes, Bruce & Helen Towsley, Jeannie Driver, Donna Hawkins, John Fappas, Kristen Cook, Dickie Reif, Alice Wand, Adrienne Clausen, Vivian Boelke, Shirley Yost, Debbie Cook, Lynda Harvey, Sadie Riley, Allan Baker, Pat Albin, Dick Waite, Bill Jackson, Sharon Nesbit, Jean Hybskmann, Tom and Anna Fenton.

Of special note:

Tom Fenton, who hosted the Harlow House Saturday with daughter, Anna, found himself with a unique job when **Mona Mitchoff** put him to work fashioning a bosom for a male mannequin from a dish towel. A little cross-dressing was required because the male mannequin was the only one skinny enough for a Mitchoff family wedding gown.

Our most grateful thanks to **Townsend Farms** and **Jim Fujil Farms**, who together donated almost 400 pounds of berries, to **Kaz & Helen Tamura**, whose gifts of bedding plants brought in much of our profits, and to the sponsors who gave us two beautiful afternoons: **Waste Management of Troutdale, Handy Bros. Service, Inc., and Tom Miller Massage Therapist.**

Of special note:

Cindy Hammond Sandy and Cartisser have loaned most of the clothing and items for our "Love's Old Sweet Song" exhibit of trousseau items, which will continue in the Harlow House through the summer. Thank you, too, to **Alice Wand, Herb & Clover Nasmyth, Ginger and Chuck Allen, Florence Baker, Helen Tamura and Janet Vandiver** for the loan of wedding photos and, in Janet's case, a lovely collection of bride dolls and items from her wedding.

Finally, the folks who ran it: **Chairwoman Mona Mitchoff** and the steering committee: **Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges, Kim Cook,**

Of special note:

Kristen Cook, Miss Teen of Oregon and a Troutdale resident, volunteered with children to crank ice cream at the social. She borrowed one of our costume dresses from our collection to wear in the national pageant in San Diego in late July where she will portray **Abigail Scott Duniway.**

Frieda Ryland, Florence Baker, Sharon Nesbit, Cindy Hammond, Mike Dubesa, Marge Schmunk and, Director Ellen Brothers.
Apologies to anyone we missed.

**Gifts to the
endowment fund**

In memory of
Audrey Barnett
from
**Bob & Louise Dix
Gerald & Shirley Lambert**

In memory of
Edna Nearhoff
from
**Helen Althaus
Pat & Ellen Brothers
Helen Otto
Byron & Evelyn DeYoung**

**Gifts to the
barn fund**
In memory of
Vera Strebin
from
Bill & Sharon Strebin

TREASURER'S REPORT

From **Penny Balch**

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| Operating fund..... | \$ 5,012.52 |
| Barn building fund..... | 27,333.84 |
| Endowment fund..... | 25,991.37 |
| Director's fund (now included in Operating fund) | |
| Bingo Fund..... | 1,958.73 |
| Total..... | \$ 60,296.46 |

This report reflects the \$20,000 gift from the estate of **John Nasmyth** designated for the barn and the creation of exhibits in the building.

The endowment fund is invested with the Oregon Communities Foundation, the income from the principal to be used to run our museums.

"Love's Old Sweet Song" plays all summer at Harlow House

Cindy Hammond and Sandy Cartisser, collector's of vintage clothing, have loaned trousseau



and wedding items for a summer display at the Harlow House. Don't miss the wedding breakfast in the dining room, the bridal regalia being packed in the upstairs bedroom, a dress under construction in the rear parlor -- or the vintage wedding photos of our own members.

Hours are 10 a.m. through 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

As to weddings , note these celebrations among members

In recent weeks we counted a number of golden wedding anniversaries among our members. Frank and Jeannie Driver marked their 50th, as did Ken and Joyce Prickett. Celebrating on the same day were George and Irene Starr. And Bill and Louise Jackson have also tallied 50 years together.

Home from Mexico to help her parents, George and Irene Starr, celebrate was Linda Grassman and daughter Kim. Linda and husband, Ken, were the first caretakers of the Harlow House.

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More news of our members...Bob Strebin, through diligent phoning and research has found a home for our railroad speeder or work car. A railway historical society will accept and restore the Southern Pacific artifact, which was given to us years ago. Over the years we realized first that we were are not likely to have a place to display it and second, that finding someone to restore it was almost impossible. Our obligation, as a historical society, is to find a better home for such things if we can't correctly use them.

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George Riley has donated two lamps for sale in the depot museum...Andy & Sharon Anderson gave a trunk for display at the depot.

Get on the list for Sept. 20 Trek, "A Day in The Dalles"

The Fairview Rockwood Wilkes Historical Society will join us Saturday, Sept. 20, for our fall trek, this time to The Dalles to see the Discovery Center, official interpretive center of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

We have a 47-passenger coach for a scenic trip up the Columbia River, arriving at Crates Point as it opens for the day. The morning is spent at the \$12.5 million facility -- a combined effort of the scenic area and the Wasco County Historical Society. Two hours will be just about right to take in the sights there.



Trekkers may bring a picnic lunch, the grounds are lovely, or eat in the cafeteria at the center. From there we spend an afternoon exploring The Dalles. Possibilities, not all pinned down just yet, include St. Peter's Landmark, the Surgeon General's quarters, The Dalles Dam and maybe, some other surprises. You know how we can't quite pass up an antique store.

At the close of the day, we go to Cousin's Restaurant (don't worry about the cow that bellows when you go in) for a good dinner, returning home at sunset, arriving back in Troutdale at 8:30 p.m. Cost for the Trek, including transportation, dinner and all admissions is \$50 a person. If you want us to save you a seat, call 661-2164, leave name, address and phone number, and we'll put you on the list.

Jones retires as barn chairman

A gimpy knee and a back that needs work caused Dick Jones to resign as chairman of our barn committee.

Since he earned those wounds in service to us, we can only wish him well and continue to rely on his encyclopedic knowledge of the building. Jones has literally touched every board since we began construction.

Bob Strebin, head of our exhibit committee, assumed the chairmanship and is working on completing the building to house our first exhibit.



Trek to Long Beach



The slightly askew crew above are the folks to trekked to the Long Beach peninsula in late May. This photo was taken on the steep hill in front of Troutdale City Hall.

IN MEMORY

Our condolences to the families of **Clyde Gage**, a lifetime member who died recently in North Carolina, and of **Audrey Barnett**, daughter of Edna Alexander.

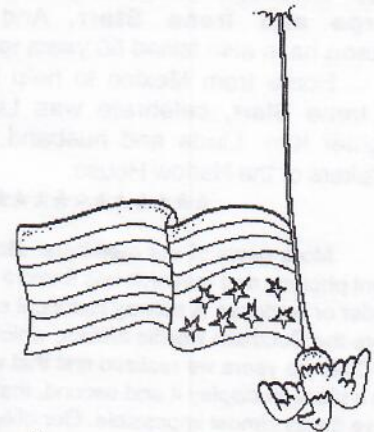
Search for new director continues

If you or someone you know is interested in a part time position as director of the Troutdale Historical Society, please call Mona Mitchoff, 666-5455.

Curator at work

Our new curator, Mary Bryson, is at work in the Harlow House. She is in need of a Macintosh computer that would be used for compiling an artifact data base. If you have a computer to donate, please call 661-2164.

**Troutdale Summerfest
July 19 -- don't miss our
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