Events and Exhibits
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Two Exhibits at the Harlow House
It's your last chance to view Harlow Douglas' WWI-era photography and our showcase of tea sets old and new.

Japanese-American Interviews
Sun, April 21, 2 pm
Troutdale City Hall

Tea & Tour 2002
Sat, May 4
Cemetery Tour
Sun, May 19, 1:30 pm
Leaving from the Harlow House

Depot Rail Museum's Grand Re-Opening
Wed, May 29, 5-7 pm
At the Depot

Ice Cream Social
Sat & Sun, June 1-2

Lewis & Clark Auction & Dinner
Sat, July 21

 Volunteers
Florence Baker
Mario Ayala
Dale & Betty Baldwin
Ruth Westerin
Jeff Lawry
Jerry Lawry
Adrienne Clausen

Fill Your Calendar with History
The next few months are packed full of insightful, fun and informative events and exhibits you'll want to attend. If you have questions about any of these activities, call the THS office at (503) 661-2164.

Japanese-American Internment 60th Anniversary Remembrance
Sun, April 21, 2:00 p.m.
Troutdale City Hall

This May will mark the 60th anniversary of the internment of Japanese-Americans during WWI. Local Japanese-Americans were bussed from the Multnomah County fairgrounds to temporary quarters at the Portland stockyards, and then sent to Idaho for the duration of the war. Some immediately joined farm work crews in the area while others went to war, serving the remarkable 442nd in campaigns in Europe. Not all came back to this area after the war. Those who did found signs in the windows saying, "No Japs."

In honor of Asian-American month, we will interview local Japanese-American citizens about their experiences for one of our video-taped living history interviews. We have invited Kaz Tamura, Kenji Namba, Jim and Kaz Fuji and Ed Fuji to join us.

We will also showcase an exhibition of posters and the yearbook from Minidoka, the internment camp in Idaho where most local Japanese-Americans were sent.

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Annual Tea & Tour
Sunday, May 4

The 5th Annual Troutdale Historical Society Tea and Tour will be held May 4th at Pamela and Richard Simeon's home on Larch Mountain Road. The experience includes a hosted tea with trad-

Update on Former Director
March 22, 2002, Laura Newton, former executive director of the Troutdale Historical Society, pled guilty to two counts of theft and was sentenced to 45 days in a work-release restitution center. In addition, Ms. Newton has been ordered to repay the historical society more than twelve thousand dollars.

Another Million Thanks
Our friends and members continue to show their support of the Troutdale Historical Society through membership renewals, donations of time and finances, and encouraging words in person and by letter. Thanks!


A membership renewal came in noting a donation by credit card for $575.00, but the name was listed as "on file"...please call (503) 661-2164 if you are the sender. Thanks!

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Fill Your Calendar with History...

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Clatsop, where the explorers shivered away a cold and hungry winter. Time permitting, we’ll see the salt cairn at Seaside and find an ice cream cone on the way home. Total price for all—luxury bus, all admissions, lunch and tips for driver and lunch staff—is $70. To make your reservation, call and leave your name and number at the THS office, (503) 661-2164.

Cemetery Tour
Sunday, May 19, 1:30 p.m.
Leaving from the Harlow House

Always dreamed of being an historic figure? Events will include a sponsor-ship auction of all 12 “Depot Pepot”. Highest bidder on each figure gets his or her name on the back of a passenger, conductor, hobo, or working stiff. Proceeds, of course, go to pay for “stuff” for the Troutdale Historical Society.

Ice Cream Social
Sat & Sun, June 1-2
Glenn Otto Community Park

Milt & Terry Belnap have agreed to take the job of event planning for this year’s Ice Cream Social (June 1-2) and Harvest Faire (Sept 15-16). Time to think of both of those events, and because they are new to the jobs, how you can best help them. Jean Holman already has craft vendors lined up for Ice Cream Social, many of whom have been coming for more than 10 years. Know of a good musical group? Want to enroll your family to serve ice cream? Call the THS office.

Spring Trek
Sat, May 18, 8:00 a.m.
Leaving from the Harlow House

On Saturday, May 18, we take off at 8 a.m. from the Harlow House for our spring trek, a day trip to Astoria.

First we visit two hidden treasures of Knappen Cove on the Washington shore, an old quarantine hospital and pest house now preserved as a museum by Nancy Anderson, and, just a short walk away, a Lewis and Clark campsite on the river bank. Next, lunch at the seafood cooking school in Astoria and an afternoon visit to Fort

Depot Grand Re-Opening
Wednesday, May 29, 5-7 p.m.
Depot Rail Museum

Join us on Wednesday, May 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. for a star-studded evening of refreshments, speechifying, and back patting as we celebrate the unveiling of Jeff & Jerry Lawry’s hard work!

Jeff & Jerry have put in countless hours of work designing, cutting, and painting figures for the museum (humorously dubbed “Depot Pepot”), cleaning and rearranging, and planning the new presentation of artifacts, including a wall display of antique and vintage railroad lanterns.

Lewis & Clark Events

Programs: Keith McCoy, White Salmon, WA, Lewis and Clark historian, appeared March 17 in Troutdale City Hall as an older, white-haired William Clark reminiscing about his expedition to the Pacific and back. McCoy played to a full house and a very appreciative one at that. In the audience was a contingent of McCoy’s fans

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from Skamania County in Washington. Helen Wand, program chair, has already lined up four more Lewis and Clark programs for next year’s winter meeting schedule.

Dinner and Auction: This July, the Lewis and Clark Exhibit committee, along with numerous other volunteers, will be hosting a $50 per plate dinner auction to raise funds for the L&C Exhibit which will open September, 2003. It is the hope of those involved that the 200 guests will help us raise several tens of thousands of dollars (yes, that’s a 3, 4, or maybe even 5, followed by four zeros!).

It’s a huge project, and we can use your help. If you have a cabin or a time share condo, you know of a business that would be donate items for auction, you’d like to help set up, serve, or clean up on the day of the auction, or you’d just like to know more, call Dawne at (503) 661-2164.

~Tidbits~Thanks~Apologies~

Clarence Mershon’s Newest Book!
East of the Sandy:
The Columbia River Highway

“From the pretty girls who served fried chicken to the farm women who cooked jelly to sell to tourists, this book...springs from the memories of local residents who worked to build, maintain and benefit from the remarkable road.” ~Sharon Nesbit

Available at the Harlow House
Pick it up for $12.95 or, to have it mailed, send a check for $15.00 to:
THS 104 SE Kibling St
Troutdale OR 97060

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Mysinger, Raymond & Barbara DeCamp, Dale & Betty Baldwin, Collyn Baldwin & Bonny Bowker, Dorothy Self, Bonita Jenkins, Kathy Miner, Suzy Daggett, Robert Allegrle, Tom & Cecelia Pavlik, Margaret Stodick, Mike & Elaine Dubes, Olive Johnstone, Zelmia Southerland, Vera Reuc, Jerry & Ann Klinger, Alvin & Marilyn Neubath, Lottie Hunt, Jeanne Landis, Lucy Coleman & Family, Margaret Splawn, Elaine Dawson, Nancy Wolf, Mary Lou & Lee Johnson, Ken Simmons, Leona Balch, John & Donna Kuchler, Jean Buck, Frieda Rylund, Janette Alspaugh, Betty Johnson, Jerry & Bobbie Matches, Geneva & Henry Kellogg, Shirley Anderson, the Campbell Family (Robert, Tami, BJ & Sam), Anne Mann, Sandy Cartisser, Colleen Cahill-Kelsey, Martha Bohleister, Debbie Curtis, Doris Bailey

New & Renewing Director’s Club:
Florence Baker, Gary & Madeline Grimm, Judy Bronkey, Harvey & Betty Wieprecht, Jean Holman, Hudson LaShe, Tom & Marian Young, Penny Balch, Walter & Lorraine Mackey, Bill & Louise Jackson, Dick & Carol Anderson, James & Ocie Workman, Donna Hodsdon, Lorraine Scott, Vera Robbins

Recent Donors: John Denison, Herb & Clover Nasmyth (in memory of Ernie Ceregino), Bill & Darlene Payne, Gary & Madeline Grimm, George & Irene Sturr, Evelyn DeYoung, Jean Buck, Betty Johnson, Jerry & Bobbie Matches, Geneva & Henry Kellogg, the Campbell Family (Robert, Tami, BJ & Sam), Colleen Cahill-Kelsey, Doris Bailey, Walter & Lorraine Mackey

That’s all the space we have today, but watch for more next month!

Flying Brit: An inquiry from a writer wants to know about a British woman pilot, Mrs. Victor Bruce, who was on a round-the-world flight in a little biplane in 1930. There is a mystery about the period after she left Seattle on December 17 until she landed in Medford on December 24, (where she stayed a week for repairs to her airplane). Anybody remember if she was in Oregon at that time? Contact our historian, Sharon Nesbit, at (503) 665-0423.

Good Stuff We Got: Lorraine Scott donated two early postcards of Troutdale, one a picture of the Sandy River with the written complaint on the back, “stuck in this hole,” and a picture of the letter writer (who was clearly not a member of the Chamber of Commerce). Clover Nasmyth found a “Victory” record she made while in the Navy in World War II. The record sent her recorded greetings home to her parents. And Clarence Mershon came up with an 1890s picture of Troutdale, taken from the hill looking down toward the railroad tracks, that will help us sort out more details of early Troutdale.

Apologies: The late Troutdale police chief, Ernie Nauerth, had his name spelled incorrectly in last month’s newsletter. Ernie was used to that, but we apologize just the same. Apologies also to Jean Holman, who was reelected secretary in February, and didn’t get her name in the paper. Maybe she left it out of the minutes?

Thanks: To Janet Vandiver and Florence Baker for helping notify folks of last month’s meeting.

Lost & Found: If you lost a Christmas-tree-shaped pin, brass with dangling beads on the bottom, at the Annual Meeting, call the office: (503) 661-2164.
In Memory of...

Lorraine Bliven, 80, died March 12. She was a longtime member of our society and a volunteer who partnered with Dorothy Larson to host the Harlow House. Lorraine moved to Corbett in 1953 and volunteered at Vista House many years.

Lawrence Yost, whose death was announce last month, is remembered as a handy guy to have around when it came to mechanical stuff. He even rebuilt his own Caterpillar tractor.

Lola Mariam Lumsden, longtime member who died Feb. 27, at 88 years of age, was buried at Douglass Cemetery. Born to Oscar and Gertie Wahl, she graduated from Rockwood Grade School and Gresham High School. She married Homer Lumsden in 1933. They lived in Troutdale, Gresham and Fairview while raising their family and later moved to Mountain View Golf Course in Boring to enjoy retirement. Lola loved visiting with her friends from a lifetime of living in this area and one time told Sharon Nesbit, “I’m spending all my time running around visiting my friends before they die.” She spread a lot of fun in that manner. Her husband, Homer, was a valuable source of information for both the Troutdale and Fairview historical groups. The Lumsdens were members of both Troutdale and Fairview Rockwood Wilkes historical societies and her family suggests donations to either group or Smith Memorial Presbyterian in Fairview.

Harold Bangs died while asleep in his easy chair on Sat., Jan. 5 at the age of 89. He lived an adventurous life. Harold grew up in Portland working as a bicycle delivery messenger, was a dedicated Boy Scout, a Mazama and mountain climber, a member of the CCC at Cape Perpetua near Yachats, worked on Bonneville Dam, was an X-ray technician in North Africa and Italy during World War II and had a life long passion for guns and shooting, though he was never known to kill any living thing. His wife, Eleanor, has moved to a health care facility. Many thanks to Roy Fall, for keeping us in touch.