

# BYGONE TIMES

*A Newsletter of the* TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 2001

## **Cultural Trust to be Voted on in the State House**

The Historical Society, as a member of the Oregon Museum Association, is encouraging its members to write to their state legislators encouraging them to vote in favor of House Bills 2923 and 3234. These two bills, if passed, will set up a trust through the secretary of state's office that would fund cultural organizations in the state through three fundings sources: conversion of state assets (real estate held by the state already identified for liquidation), a personal/corporate income tax credit, and vanity license plate sales. Over the next 10 years, these three sources will provide \$218 million in funds that would be distributed throughout the state through the county governments, the Cultural Development Fund and the five Core Partner Agencies to the Trust (the Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Council for the Humanities, Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Historical Society and the State Historic Preservation Office). (THS regularly receives money from the Oregon Heritage Commission.)

As a Society member, your handwritten letter is important to convincing your elected officials that funding museums, arts and humanities activities is important to you. If you need more information or need an address for your state representative or senator, please call the society. We appreciate your help in this matter!

## **Learn From Keith McCoy about Sternwheelers**

March's program will feature Keith McCoy who is coming from White Salmon to share with us his knowledge about the Columbia River and the steamboats that ran on the river. Keith has authored three books, has written over 130 historical columns and has been featured on radio programs. He and his wife Lucy live on White Salmon Bluff in Washington where they have a bird's-eye view of the daily activities on the Columbia.

## **5th Annual Tea and Tour at Raven's Lodge**

The first Saturday of May is always Tea and Tour time. This year, on May 5th, we will be having tea at the home of Glenny Densem-Moir in Corbett. Glenny and her husband Dave live in a home that was once a hunting lodge for a wealthy Seattle dairy family. When Glenny purchased the house in the 1980s, it was in disrepair and they have done a fabulous job restoring the house and grounds, which overlook the Sandy River. Seatings are at 10 and 2, tickets are \$35 (\$25 is tax-deductible). If you want to be on the mailing list for this event, please call to double check. You won't want to miss this!

## **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, March 18  
2 p.m. at City Hall  
Steamboats on the Columbia  
*Keith McCoy*

Wednesday, April 4  
7 p.m. at the Barn  
Board Meeting

Monday, April 16  
7 p.m. at City Hall  
Ike and June Handy  
Interview by Sharon Nesbit

Monday, April 30  
2 to 7 p.m.  
Egg Cup Exhibit  
*Grand Finale at the  
Harlow House*

Wednesday, May 2  
7 p.m. at the Barn  
Board Meeting

Saturday, May 5  
10 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
Tea and Tour  
*Raven's Lodge*

Saturday and Sunday  
June 2 and 3  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
34th Annual Old Fashioned  
Ice Cream Social



## From *Laura* at the Harlow House

I love to get packages in the mail. I belong to three book-of-the-month clubs, four CD clubs, a half dozen historical societies, have five magazine subscriptions and order merchandise on-line more often than I should admit to. I often wonder what causes this disorder. I'm not a philatelist. I've never been in love with a postal worker. I think that it is the feeling of receiving a package that is addressed just for me! I think it is my Grandma Newton's fault. Grandma always had packages of candy for every holiday with our names on them. Until the fourth grandchild was born, each child received birthday presents—even when it wasn't their birthday! (Of course to be fair, the birthday boy/girl received several more presents than the others.) Even if I know what is in the package, I tear it open right away. But sometimes this gets me into trouble. Ask the neighbors of the Harlow House.

Just before Valentine's Day, I received a large box at City Hall. It was addressed to me and because of size, I knew exactly what was in it. However, that didn't stop me from shoving it in the trunk and hurrying back to the Harlow House to open it up. Since the *Tuesday Ladies* had just finished putting the final touches on the house for the Valentine's Day tea, I decided against opening it in the house. They had done such a beautiful job, I didn't want to mess anything up. It was a gorgeous day, so I settled for the porch.

Well packed, this package was filled with hundreds of styro-foam peanuts. (Some of you

are giggling already, anticipating what happened—don't give it away!). As I began to remove the contents of the box, the peanuts began to fall out of the box and onto the porch. I wasn't worried. I love to sweep the front porch of the Harlow House, one of the "other duties as assigned" of my job description.

What I didn't anticipate (and shame on me!) was a slight breeze (big surprise!) that began to blow all of the peanuts off the porch and into the surrounding yard. The faster I moved to pick them up, the more the Breeze blew them around (secretly laughing at me, I think!). In partial defeat, I went into the house to get a brown paper bag to speed up the collection of peanuts. Not ready for the fun to be over, the Breeze blew them out of the bag when I wasn't looking. I felt very silly and wondered what our neighbors and passers-by thought. Maybe they would think I was pulling weeds or picking up trash. Maybe they wouldn't realize I had created my own mess!

A good hour later, my job complete, I think I was successful in retrieving all of the peanuts. Funny that the Breeze had died down by then. My slight irritation passed when I remembered that there was still a large package on the porch with my name on it, and it didn't really matter that the contents weren't really for me to begin with!

Stop by if you're in the neighborhood—but stop by later if you see a big package on the front porch and someone wandering around the yard with a paper bag!

*Who says working at a historical society isn't fun?! Laura*

## GIFTS TO THS

*Thank you for your support!*

Walsh Trucking

### Director's Club

Florence Baker

Ted and Alvera Binn

Gwen Burns

Jon Dickinson and Marlene Burns

Scott and Eileen Cunningham

Gordon and Lone Doolittle

Gerry and Madeline Grimm

Donna Hawkins

Jean Holman

Jim and Nina Kight

Gerald and Shirley Lambert

Walter and Lorraine Mackey

Pat Smith

Ed and Marge Schmunk

Bill and Sharon Strebin

Dorothy Sturges

Harvey & Betty Wieprecht

### In Memory of John Kordosky

Nancy Kordosky and Family

### In Memory of Sam Cox

Jean Driver

## Please Note April Program Date Change

April's program featuring an interview with Ike and June Handy has been moved from Sunday, April 15th (due to Easter Sunday) to **MONDAY, APRIL 16th, 7 p.m. in City Hall**. If you have questions or concerns, please call Laura at (503) 661-2164.

## Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes

Our sister society, FRW, is holding a program on Monday, March 26th at 7p.m. at the Rockwood Grange. It will feature Chuck Rollins and Steve Lehl (who presented on Bridal Veil in January to THS) who will present on bottles salvaged from outhouses! If you haven't been lately, the Zimmerman House at 171st and Sandy is open on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. It is a gorgeous house with lots of charm!



## Harlow House Happenings

Jack and Roberta Burns had a great treat when they hosted at Harlow House in February. Snow!

The Valentine's Tea was a great finale to our ruby glass exhibit, on loan to us from Doneva Shepard since Christmas. Doneva played tour guide to about 40 visitors. For some it was their first time to the Harlow House! Thanks Doneva and to all of our visitors. A special thanks to the *Tuesday Ladies* who not only set up for the tea, but baked goodies, served tea and coffee and cleaned up after!

Just when the *Tuesday Ladies* think they are done, we come up with something else for them to do! They have installed the newest exhibit at the Harlow House—hand painted china and egg cups. Just in time for the earthquake! Everything survived in the exhibit and not one thing moved—not even the largest of the vases. Thank goodness! Some of the unbreakable toys in the toy room fell from their shelves, but other than that, everything stayed put!

Thank you to Michelle Rosenberger who is responsible for maintaining the grounds at the Harlow House. The bulbs she planted are just now peeking out and soon we'll have lots of color!

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to February Harlow House Hosts: Adrienne Clausen, Dale and Betty Baldwin, Mario Ayala, Florence Baker, Carli Walker and Jack and Roberta Burns. If you would like more information on volunteering for THS, please call Laura at (503) 661-2164. Volunteer and bring a friend!

## Welcome Scott Cunningham and Ray Davenport, Newest Members to the THS Board of Directors

Members of the Society voted on two new candidates for the Board of Directors in February. Ray Davenport, of Corbett, and Scott Cunningham (formerly of Troutdale) are gearing up for a year of service on the THS Board. Ray and Scott fill positions left vacant by Sheryl Maydew and Florence Baker. Dave Ripma, Jean Holman and Pat Smith were all reelected to their posts as President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Ed Theimann was elected as the new Vice President, replacing Florence Baker. President Ripma presented Florence with a plaque of the Harlow House, thanking her for her dedicated service to the Society. Sheryl, who resigned last year due to personal reasons, has indicated she has not forgotten about the historical society and will resume volunteering when things get back to normal.

## Benefit Features Live History, Music & Dance

April 25 at the State Capitol marks a day of commemoration. The Oregon State Capitol Foundation has planned a day of events including a live history presentation with Meriwether Lewis and Sacagawea. The Oregon Trail Band will be providing music at a cotillion that evening—historical costumes are encouraged. The day activities are free; tickets for the cotillion are \$60 (includes dinner), part of which is tax deductible. For more information call the Foundation at (503) 986-1654.

## 34th Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars for our next Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social! We are in need of volunteers for the following duties:

- \*Door Duty
- \*Serving Ice Cream
- \*Scooping Ice Cream
- \*Collecting Money
- \*Planning Activities for Kids

If you are interested, please call Laura at (503) 661-2164.

## Tour Historic Homes

Did you know that THS receives a list of all the historic open houses being held each month around Oregon? If you're interested in receiving it too, call Laura and she'll send you the next one.

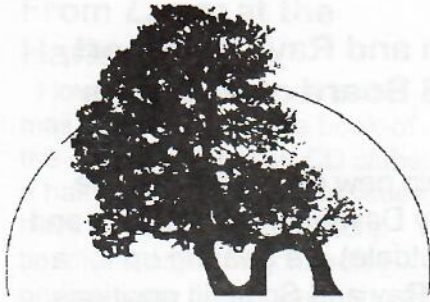
## National Genealogical Society Meeting in Portland

May 16-19, 2001 at the Oregon Convention Center. For more information call 800-473-0060, or check out their web site: [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org).

## Join Us For Spring Trek on May 12 — Bring Your Mom!

This Trek will be taking us to the Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University in Salem, Mission Mill Museum, as well as the Paul Jensen Arctic Museum in Monmouth. To receive more information, call Laura at (503) 661-2164.





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## Welcome New Members

Doug and Elise McGuire  
 Mike and Andrea Mershon

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**Inside THS**

Laura Newton, Director  
 Mary Bryson, Curator  
 Sharon Nesbit, Historian  
 Doneva Shepard, Photo Librarian

### Harlow House & Barn

726 E. Historic Columbia River Highway  
 Phone: (503) 661-2164  
 HOURS: 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday & Sunday

### Rail Depot Museum

473 E. Historic Columbia River Highway  
 Phone: (503) 667-8268  
 HOURS: Closed for the Winter

## Thank You Renewing Members!

Elaine Dawson, Lucy Chase Coleman,  
 Red and Trudi Wood, Martha Booheister,  
 Florence and Ed Happold, Marie Miller,  
 George and Virginia Perry, Frank and Jean Driver, Betty Johnson,  
 James and Oie Workman, Bonita Jenkins, David Rees, Jerry and Ann  
 Klinger, Arlie Harris, Sharon Petri and Tom Arbuckle, Nancy Kordosky,  
 Margaret Stoeckel, Lois Moller, Janette Alpaugh, Edna Ellis,  
 John Sherman, Virginia Wright Taylor, Edwin and Marie Arnold, Florence Baker, Louise  
 Braim, Bob and Donna Burlingame, Thomas and Brenda Bunker, Lucile Vogtmann, Vern and  
 Beryl Cook, Doug and Leslie Daoust, Lois Douglass, James M.Gurtisen, Jim and Nina Kight,  
 Mary Kuni, Helen Otto, Vic and Connie Purvis, Pat Smith, Zelma Sutherland, Walsh  
 & Sons Trucking Co., Richard Weill, Betty and Harvey Wieprecht, Robert and  
 Maude Winning, Dorothy Sturges, Laura Newton, Walter and Lorraine Mackey,  
 Bill and Darline Payne, Ken and Joyce Prickett, Hazel Lunday, Jean Holman, Gary and  
 Diane Hanson, Bruce and Marilee Thompson, Thomas and Pamela Fenton, Donna Hawkins,  
 Gerald and Shirley Lambert, Alice Wand, William and Sharon Strebin, Helen Wand, Donna  
 Anderson, Olive Johnston, Bill and Pat McGaughey, Louise Blohm, Kathy Dombrowski, Jon  
 Dickinson, Nancy Wolf, Gerry and Madeline Grimm, Mona and Rocky Denton, Jean Buck,  
 Alvin and Marilyn Neubarth, Ken Otto, Marilyn Morrison, Jeanne Pulliam,  
 Charlotte White, George and Irene Starr, Altha Paul, Walter and Viola Nasmyth,  
 Gwen Burns, Alice Cornwell, John Denison, Gordon and Ione Doolittle, Robert and Helen  
 Salathe, Scott and Eileen Cunningham, Pearl Doris Ramseth, Barbara Ham, Kenn Lantz,  
 Lorraine Scott, Nadine Jordan, Homer Campbell, George and Millie Swanson, Vickie Nesbit  
 and Terry Weiner, Cathy Peetz, Teresa Allen Campbell, Richard and  
 Juanita Espenel, Vernon and Martine Rathman, Stanley and Vorita  
 Rathman, Debbie Schoepper, Donna Hodsdon, Ken and Lois Zirk,  
 Valora Jones, Mike and Elaine Dubesa, Nick and Beverly  
 DeAngelo, Dick and Carol Anderson,  
 Ted and Alvera Binn, Kathy Werner,  
 Collyn Baldwin, Ed and Marge Schmunk,  
 Vivian Boelke, Dorothy Self.