



BYGONE TIMES

The Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

June Nasmyth Member of the Year for 2001

June 2001

It is our normal practice to announce our Member of the Year at our May meeting, but this year's honored member was elsewhere that day so this newsletter announcement will be a surprise to June Nasmyth. June was selected by our board of directors as our member of the



year on several counts. First she is a most faithful member. Just turned 84 this month, she has volunteered at our events, she is a frequent traveler on our Troutdale treks, she can speak with authority on her roots in several of Troutdale's founding families, and she has been generous in helping us financially. Her gifts to our society this last year have made it possible for us to hire a full time director and to launch our work on a Lewis and Clark exhibit.

She was born in Troutdale in 1917 to Morris McGinnis, who with his father, started the Troutdale celery business, and Gladys Lumsden McGinnis, who had ties to Gresham's founding family. Many of the treasures in the Harlow House museum come from the Gladys and Morris McGinnis collection. Gladys McGinnis taught many Troutdale kids how to swim in the Sandy River.

Always interested in music, June went to high school and college, married John W. Sherman in 1941, had three children, worked as a school teacher, a bookkeeper/secretary and in real estate, and was always in Eastern Star and activities at the Masonic Lodge.

She renewed her links to Troutdale through our historical society in the 1970s and at one of our meetings met another former Troutdale resident, John Nasmyth. The two married in 1989 and had their wedding reception at our February meeting that year. They were the life of the traveling parties that are our twice-a-year Troutdale Treks.

In 1994 in our unfinished barn, the Troutdale historical roasted and toasted both John and June in recognition of John's consistent and considerable gifts to the construction of the barn. John died the following January. June's consistent presence since as a pillar of our organization is one of those things we may take for granted, but shouldn't. That is the purpose of our board of directors in recognizing her as our 2001 Member of the Year.

We hope June will ride in the Troutdale Summerfest parade as our honored member and hope that she will sit still long enough at our June 2 and 3 ice cream social so we can recognize her there. Congratulations June!

Calendar of Events

Saturday and Sunday

June ~~1 and 2~~ **24-3**

33rd Ice Cream Social

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Glenn Otto Park

Wednesday, June 6

7 p.m.

Board Meeting

The Barn Museum

From Laura at the Harlow House

Wow! Another month has slipped by. Summer is almost here. Hope you find some worthwhile tidbits in this issue.

I really can't thank everyone for making my job so enjoyable - but thank you members for being so awesome!!

See you at ice cream social! - Laura

Harlow House Happenings

If you have not seen the beautiful collection of egg cups at the Harlow House, we are keeping them on display due to their popularity through Ice Cream Social weekend. Most visitors remember having egg cups at the breakfast table, however, it is difficult to explain to some of our younger visitors exactly what a soft boiled egg is and why someone would want one for breakfast!

Over the summer the egg cups will slowly be replaced by more incredible hand painted china. Things change rapidly around the Harlow House and if you don't want to miss anything, plan to stop by at least once a month. The Tuesday Ladies keep busy rotating our exhibits and it makes their work worthwhile if they know someone is enjoying their labor!

THANK YOU TO MORE RENEWING MEMBERS!!!

Kim and Rex Schilling, Tissot Family, Marilyn Byroads, Allan and Ruth Baker, Earl and Betty Anderson, Virginia Riley, Stephen Patten, Ruby and E.L. Mathieson, Katherine Johnson, Faye Jackson, Steve and Betty Kaufman.

(If we have inadvertently left you off of the renewing member list, please call Laura at the Harlow House and let her know. It is important to us that all of our members are recognized.)

Here are some things you can do to help in the ice cream social Saturday and Sunday, June 2 & 3 in Glenn Otto Park:

***Like books? Plan to stop at the Harlow House where local history writers will be selling, signing and discussing their books. If you've been meaning to buy Clarence Mershon's works on the Corbett area, or Tom Cowling's Bridal Veil history, this is the time to do it.

***Give us a hand Friday night by bringing bouquets of flowers to decorate the tables at the social. This event is a social and it is at its prettiest with bouquets to enjoy along with the ice cream. We begin setting up at about 6 p.m. at Glenn Otto Park on Friday night, June 1.

***Have a craft you'd like to sell, or plants to sell? Rent a vendor booth by calling Jean Holman at 503-665-7678.

***Can you sell tickets for a couple of hours, or help host in our museum barn, or work in the kitchen, or clean tables, or greet guests? Please call Laura at the Harlow House, 503-661-2164, and she will sign you up.

***Help publicize this event by taking the flyer that comes in this newsletter and posting it somewhere in your neighborhood. Or give it to someone you know so that they will have a reminder to attend.

By e-mail from Terry Schulte, Sioux Falls, S.D. near Ted Schulte's hometown of Emery, S.D., to Sharon Nesbit, May 4, 2001:

Dear Ms. Nesbit,

I am Terry Schulte, son of Virgil Schulte, Ted Schulte's youngest and only surviving sibling. Thank you for the wonderful eulogy and obituary for my uncle Ted. I have just received a photocopy of each from my father. Ted and my father were alike in so many ways. It doesn't surprise me that my mother says that I, also, am a lot like Ted because my father and I are so similar -- mentally and physically. I consider that high praise; he was one of my favorite uncles.

Did he ever tell you that he was one of 8 brothers with 3 sisters? That was a lot of uncles and aunts (19, including spouses) for a kid to keep track of, but many of the brothers died young (in their 50s) while I was a youngster. Ted had lived, by far, the longest of them. Collectively, this family's lives make quite an interesting story. All 13 of them managed in a house built in the 1870s with 3 bedrooms, a cob-fired cookstove and a single-hole outhouse. The wash was done on that stove with hand pump drawn water. It wasn't until the mid-60s that the house got indoor plumbing installed entirely by the second youngest brother, Francis, (another favorite uncle) who was also very much the "can-do" type, like Ted.

Fortunately, my father and uncles also passed this trait on to me and my cousins. We are engineers, computer technicians, accountants, metal fabricators, carpenters and more of the "come-along" type of people. Also, most of us are horse lovers and several of us, horse owners (one of my sons even works a ranch and rides bulls.)

Everyone in his family shared a strong work ethic, a powerful sense of right and wrong and a desire to make their community into a place that was a little better by their being there. I feel privileged to be from such "good stock." Thank you again for sharing insight into his life and your kind words.

Sincerely,
Terry Schulte

(Note: Ted Schulte, long time treasurer, Troutdale's Santa Claus and an honored Preservationist of our society, died Dec. 7.)

Fourth Annual Tea Memorable Event

It would be hard to find fault with our fourth annual Tea and Tour May 5 at the home of Glenn and Dave Moir on the Sandy River. Likely, the event raised about \$3,000 for the support of the Harlow House and everyone had a good time as well. Chairwoman Jean Hybskmann says, "I was so pleased and proud that we finally had a sell-out and even



Tea Hostess Frieda Ryland

turned a couple away. I think we have finally made it. The Tea Gods smiled on us once again with the sunshine and warm spring day." "The tea was wonderful," adds Mary Bryson, curator. "Each year I think we certainly can't do better than this. But I think they just keep getting better. Everyone was taken with Glenn and Dave's house. The tables were fantastic, the food on the gourmet order and Glenn's programs and yard and floral arrangements were absolutely the best." To make all this work, it took the two ladies above and of course Jerry Hybskmann and Dave Moir. Saint Jerry, as he is now known, made two trips with the chairs and tables the day before, took the day off to run errands, loaded and unloaded all those ladies' boxes and between parking cars, helped ladies into and out of cars.

"And he does it with out complaining" adds wife Jean. Add Dave Moir to the list too, because he sacrificed his house and yard for several days and also helped to park cars. Glenn Moir is a paper artist, and she made the spectacular tea programs. Volunteers in the kitchen were Christina Balsiger, Mona Mitchoff, Kris Fappas, Heather Mitchoff and Janice Hole. Jean Hybskmann prepared nearly all the food. Sharon Nesbit made most of the cookies with a splendid assist from Jean Holman and Tori Cox, creator of those favorite tiny cheesecakes. Hawthorne Coffee Merchant, 3562 SE Hawthorne, Telephone 503-230-1222, provided the tea and promises to do it on an annual basis. Many thanks to Doris Brodahl, owner. A ticket to our tea was a birthday gift to several this year. One table of eight has made it a tradition with the same ones attending each year. One table of seven lady friends all wore hats.

There were many mother, daughter, grand-daughter combinations with Grandmas instructing descendants on the elegance of tea tables.

The hostesses outdid themselves. "Some plan for a year coming up with new ideas," says Jean, referring to Jean Holman and Dorothy Sturges' dragon fly and orchid table. Mary Bryson worked hours on handmade place mats in the form of pansies. Many use precious family heirlooms treasured by grandmothers, passed onto this generation. Frieda Ryland had her 91-year-old grandmother there as well as her mom, and tears were shed at the sight of their family silver and dishes on that pretty table.

Centerpieces ranged from wispy baskets of herbs and moss to exotic orchids, bamboo and dragonflies, to potted spring pansy, to fragrant old fashioned lilacs and delicate pink rose buds massed in a ball, to a collection of Mary Engelbreit cups, autographed picture, and Laura Newton's "brainless lady" vases.

"The Tea Hostesses, my ladies," adds Jean. "are the most talented, creative, gracious, and dependable group that the good lord has ever amassed. How I could be so fortunate to have them to work with on this project is beyond me. I am not going to question. I will just take them, enjoy and love them and count my blessings for hard work and their friendship. Thank you, Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges, Frieda Ryland, Mary Bryson, Melissa Schweitzer, Dawn Hudson, Cindy Hammond, Tannis Richard, Laura Newton and Barbara Welsh. And to Paula Goldie whose spectacular tea leaf readings—she is the Shecky Greene of tea leaf readers, she says—are the hit of the party."

(Director's Note: Thank you to Jean and all of our hostesses for doing a magnificent job again this year! A very special thank you to the Moirs for letting us interrupt their lives for a little while! We are looking for homes for future teas. If you know of someone who lives in a special place that would be able to hold a large group, please call and let us know. One of our signature events, Tea & Tour is just one creative way that we can share our local history with others.)

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Thank you for your support!

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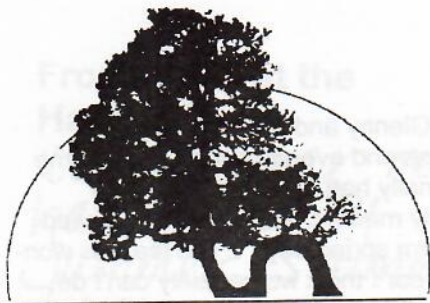
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Endowment Fund

Jack and Roberta Burns

Thank You Joyce Stoeckel! Joyce Stoeckel has retired as our membership secretary after a stint of 10 or more years in the job. Nobody can remember quite when she started. Hers has been one of those quiet and absolutely necessary tasks that we often don't think about. For more than a decade, without any backup she labeled, folded, stapled, sorted, and mailed our newsletter every month and kept track of changes in memberships status and the mailing of our membership cards. For the last few years, Vivian Boelke has done the mailing on alternate months. This spring, seeing an opportunity to have some free time in the summer, Joyce has decided to retire.

We honored her as a member of the year in 1995 and we can only say thank you for a good and faithful job!



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Welcome New Members

Marge Mottau
Caroline Jones
Mary Lou and Lee Johnson

THANK YOU!

Thank you to May Harlow House
Hosts: Adrienne Clausen,
Florence Baker, Carli Walker,
Mario Ayala and Mary Bryson.

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NEW HOURS BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 1:
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday and Thursday-Saturday.
1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays
CLOSED TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Rail Depot Museum

473 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Phone: (503) 667-8268

NEW HOURS BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 1:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Monday & Thursday
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
CLOSED TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY