

Troutdale Historical Society's Annual Meeting

Presentation by Sharon Nesbit - Troutdale's Second Fire Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 3pm
Via Zoom

"Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures." After canceling our 2020 Annual Meeting, we hoped things would be different for this year's meeting. As it is not safe to meet together, we are having our very first virtual Annual Meeting. You are invited to attend our Zoom meeting on Sunday, April 25, 2021. We encourage you to join the meeting at 2:45pm to be ready for the 3:00pm start time. A Zoom link will be sent the week prior to the meeting via our email list with instructional videos for first time Zoom users and additional information.

The business portion of our meeting includes THS members voting on amendments to the THS Constitution (included in this newsletter on pages 10-12), approval of 2019 Minutes (page 13) and nominations for the THS Executive Board and Board Members. Another first is the voting will be done electronically during the ZOOM meeting. If you desire to nominate someone to an open board position prior to this meeting, please contact LeAnn Stephan troutdalehistory@gmail.com for board position information no later than April 18, 2021.

Proposed nominations to the Executive Board*:

President – Norm Thomas

Vice President – Bettianne Goetz

Secretary – Jason Cawood

Treasurer – Joy Beldin

<u>Proposed nominations for the Board Members*:</u>

Tim Hills Jean Ice Sharon Nesbit Dave Ripma Helen Wand

*Any nominations received by April 18 will be announced during the meeting. Erin Janssens automatically serves as Past President on the Executive Board.

We recognize and thank the following Board Members who have served out their term limits. Their knowledge and talents have greatly enriched the Troutdale Historical Society.

Treasurer: Marilee Thompson (Marilee will serve as THS Bookkeeper)

Board Member: Diane Castillo-White

Board Member: Rip Caswell Board Member: Rich Allen

Presentation: Troutdale's Second Fire

By Sharon Nesbit

Troutdale had two major fires, one in 1907 and one in 1925. The latter fire disgusted residents and they determined to rebuild in concrete. **Sharon Nesbit** will talk about the construction of the Concrete Block, three buildings still standing that will soon be a century old. Thanks to **Jason Cawood** for help in preparing this presentation and to **LeAnn Stephan** for chasing down photos.



Concrete Block building. Originally John Larsson's Garage, built in 1925. Photo taken in 1972.

Bissinger Wool Pullery - Student Interest

Meet, Josiah, age 10, student of Sophie Mootz, life skills teacher, at Woodland Elementary.

Because of Josiah's deep interest in the Bissinger Wool Pullery and its water tower, his teacher got in touch with Troutdale Historical Society and **Sharon Nesbit** joined Josiah, his teacher and several other classes in a Zoom meeting to talk about history.

Josiah was full of questions. Why was the water tower necessary? Why was the plant torn down? He is so fond of the building he made a cardboard model. How did the wool pullery work? And what is going to happen to the land now? It was hard to tell Josiah something he didn't know because he did a lot of research on line.

The short answers: The Wool Pullery opened in Troutdale in 1925, saving our city after the loss of its main industry, a meat packing plant. Though the pullery, which salvaged wool from hides of sheep, was awful and smelly and likely polluted the Sandy River, it provided salaries for up to 75 employees in Troutdale and kept the town going. It was torn down fairly recently but its water tower still stands, hopefully to be the trademark of a new riverside development on the site.



Josiah, age 10, Woodland Elementary Bissinger Wool Pullery model

Queen of Troutdale?

Well, **Sharon Nesbit** made it in the news again. This time she was interviewed by student, **Hanna Koetje**. She interviewed Sharon for the *The Sweetbriar Buzz, a* student newsletter for Sweetbriar Elementary School in Troutdale.

The first question in the interview was, "Why do they call you the Queen of Troutdale?" Sharon modestly responds, *I have been Citizen of the Year twice,* indicating that perhaps queen was the only title left. Hanna's great questions continued.

What is your favorite part about Troutdale? I like the stretch from the Depot to the river. It still looks very much like it used to. There is the Harlow House, of course, but lots of other old houses, two old bridges, even Sugarpine is an old gas station. A creek and a river and Glenn Otto Park. Lots of good stuff.



Smelt Court - SummerFest 1993 Queen Sharon Nesbit, Princesses Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges, Cathy Warren Hamme

What advice to you have for kids today? Kids should play the same game I do. When I go through Troutdale and watch for old houses and buildings that are still there and think about who might have lived there. Or who worked there.

What do you think kids should know about Troutdale? It would be nice if kids knew something about Troutdale, but it would be better if they tried to learn something about Troutdale.

How did you become a writer? I knew I wanted to write when I read my first book about Dick and Jane and their dog, Spot. I knew I could write better than that.

How has Troutdale changed over the years? When we moved here there were only about 600 people in Town. Its rapid growth as part of the Portland metro area was inevitable. Moving here early gave us a chance to help plan that growth. And knowing Troutdale would change, the mayor, Glenn Otto, said we should start an historical society because we need to remember old Troutdale.

Afterwards, Hannah and her parents took Sharon's advice to heart to "learn something about Troutdale" with another history question. Hannah asked, "There is a place along the old highway close to the Stark Street Bridge where water comes out of the rocks on the side of the road. There are always people stopping there filling up water jugs. Do you know where the water comes from or why people go there to get water? We asked someone who has lived in Corbett their whole life and even they didn't know and said people disagree about where the water comes from. Can you solve the mystery for us?"

Sharon's response, "Funny. And a good question. I have watched people get water there for years and to my knowledge, no one has tested it often, or maybe ever, but there are folks who believe in it as good water. (I had a guest at my house here in Troutdale recently who refused to drink any water out of the faucet.) I was thinking of that myself yesterday when I saw someone getting water there. I will ask around. But think of this, there are a lot of farms and homes up on the hill above, and they all have septic tanks. No sewers in Corbett."

President's Message by Erin Janssens



What a year! I sincerely hope this finds you and your loved ones safe, healthy, and feeling brighter with longer days and seeing the light at the end of the COVID tunnel. Our thoughts are with those who haven't been so fortunate.

With the upcoming Annual Meeting bringing my term to a close, this is my last message to you. I hope you'll take time to join us via Zoom, and from the comfort of your home you can even have your favorite beverage.

In looking back over the past two years, a friend asked what has been my favorite thing of volunteering and serving on the Board. What first came to mind was all that we accomplished; all the tasks, the "doing." I'm reminded of a saying in the fire service that went something like this: "Tell me what you want

done, give me the tools to do it, train me to use them, then get out of my way." No saying is more true of THS staff, volunteers, and board. Thanks to members' support and generosity, staff and volunteers have the tools they need and accomplish an amazing amount of work to preserve Troutdale's history (the backlog catch up is amazing). The board too, worked hard during the pandemic with each member engaged in a myriad of new challenges and tasks. Volunteering not only engages our brain and gives back to our community, it also has a lasting mark on history.

Yet where I landed was not the accomplishments, too many to list, but the people who do them. The people, our people, are my favorite part. Our people are inspiring. They are all smart, motivated, community minded, generous, have a rich variety of skill sets and qualities, and, most of the time, have a pretty darned good sense of humor. We get things done, but we also have fun doing it. I genuinely like and respect each and every one and thank them for making THS, and each of us each better. And thank you, too, to all of our members for your generosity in keeping THS afloat. It takes a village.

With herd immunity from COVID in sight, we're hopeful to re-open in July. We hope you'll join us for the Annual Meeting and we look forward to seeing you in person soon. Remember your favorite local businesses, especially restaurants who've suffered a very difficult year; they desperately need our support. Again, thank you for all you do. It has been an honor.

322 MEMBERS OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Troutdale Historical Society Board Members & Staff

Executive Board

President: Erin Janssens Vice President: Norm Thomas

Treasurer: Marilee Thompson

Secretary: Bettianne Goetz

LeAnn Stephan, Executive Director Alex Epps, Administrative Assistant **Board Members**

Rich Allen, Joy Beldin, Kelly Broomall, Diane Castillo-White, Rip Caswell, Jason

Cawood, Sharon Nesbit

Past Presidents

Bettianne Goetz, Sharon Nesbit, Len Otto, Dave Ripma

WINTER **MUSEUM HOURS** October - April

Barn Exhibit 🕝 9am - 4pm Wedres & Saturday

> **Harlow House** 1 - 4pm Sunday only

Depot Rail Museum Closed for Renovation

What's going on at the Depot?

Have you driven past the Depot lately? Construction trucks and crew are scattered about working diligently to renovate the 1907 Depot building. In 1976, when the Depot was moved from its original spot on the north side of the railroad tracks and a bit west of its current location, it was placed upon a foundation that added a basement to the structure. The west end became a Troutdale Historical Society museum and the east end (originally used for storage of cargo and produce) was remodeled into the Troutdale Police Station. The east end has seen many occupants and various remodelings to accommodate the tenants, but the west end has been maintained as a museum since the beginning. In 2009 the Hampton Hotels' Save-A-Landmark program spruced up the museum with new paint.

Now the City of Troutdale has taken on the renovation of the entire building. It is being repaired from the ground up with special care to keep its historical features intact. The interior walls and ceiling of the east end were removed to reveal, for the first time in many years, the storage area walls.

In late April or early May when the renovation is complete, THS will once again occupy the museum and exhibit the railroad history of Troutdale and its contribution to this community. The east



Interior walls removed from the east end storage side of the Depot, March 2021 Photo by Q Madp

end will become the Troutdale Visitor's Center, a great location for tourists to obtain information about what this area has to offer.

Thank you **Q Madp** for documenting with photos and videos this historic event and the chapter of this 114 year old railroad depot. And thank you **Cedar Mill Construction Company** for your careful consideration to its historic value.

Technology is Moving History into the Future

Troutdale History Sites on the Clio App

There's a new and exciting way to learn history in Troutdale. The Troutdale Historical Society has begun to add historic sites to an app called Clio. It is an app that is "your guide to history and culture with 39,175 entries nationwide."

Take a walk or drive through Troutdale, use your smart phone to find these sites and learn their history. If you don't have a smart phone, you can create a tour map on the Clio website, print it out and carry it with you.



Click here to learn more about this website.

Be sure to check this app regularly. We will be continually adding historic sites throughout Troutdale.

Board Members Keep Going on ZOOM

Meeting on ZOOM has kept us going during this pandemic as our board meetings are conducted via computer screens, with the exception of a couple carefully distanced meetings in the summer. On Zoom we only see the top end of all our friends and co-workers and sometimes, President **Erin Janssens'** dog.

A new record was achieved this month when Board Member **Rip Caswell** joined us from the cab of his truck en route to Wyoming. Rip pulled off the side of the road and participated in our meeting and necessary discussion on an art project and a new interpretive sign at the Harlow House. It is easier to be a board member these days, because you don't always have to be in town for the meetings.

Mystery Donation

Do you recognize this book? It appears to be a school project on the Oregon Centennial. Someone put a lot of work into this book. The binding is made of wood. It was left at the doorstep of the Barn Exhibit Hall. We would like to attribute the donation to the correct person. If you recognize this book, please give us a call at 503-661-2164 or email troutdalehistory@gmail.com.



Tenuous Memories of Troutdale - Philip & Lynn Ritter

"Although our main residence is in California, before COVID we spent a lot of time in our Troutdale townhouse a few steps from the Harlow House. We hope to be able to return soon. I was born in NE Portland and my mother claims that the first time she felt movement in her pregnancy was when my parents took a drive out to the Columbia Gorge and Vista House in late 1946 or early 1947. Much later, when I was about five, I almost drowned in the Sandy River when I waded out too far and took a step off a ledge and was suddenly standing on the bottom of the river with a foot of water above my head. Fortunately, a man who was nearby was able to grab me and pull me above the water as my father was running toward me (I don't know if I had ever seen my father run before then or since, let alone in splashing through shallow water). At least I was being watched. Those are my somewhat tenuous connections to Troutdale of 70 some years ago, but we feel at home there now." Philip

Tracking Down History - Jim Glenn's Response to 2020 Oct-Nov Newsletter, page 1

Good morning LeAnn. As far as I know, all 8 of us **Glenn** kids picked berries for **Bob** and **Louise Dix** exclusively. Not sure about my youngest brother because I had flown off into the wild blue yonder by the time he was old enough to pick. There was a summer or two when **Bob Dix** bought or leased an old school bus and recruited kids from Portland. Maybe Strebin Farms did the same thing. If so, that picture could quite possible be a bunch of city kids from Portland. I remember the time when recruiting "down and outers" from Portland's skid row was the bulk of the work force for one or more berry farms in the mid to late 50s.

The mystery house is obviously **Ben Mayo**'s apartment building but I have no sources that can tell me who he bought it from or when it was converted. Tracking down the real estate history of that address should be easier than tracking down Ben Mayo's dealings. Even when Ben was alive, it was easier to nail jello to a tree than keep up with him.

It Takes A Village - Harlow House Museum

The Harlow House has been quiet during the pandemic. However, someone enters regularly, usually **LeAnn Stephen**, **Kelly Broomall**, or **Julia Warner** to make sure all is well. For one thing, the Harlow Christmas cactus needs a bit of water now and then. We hope for a soft reopening perhaps in midsummer.

Recently LeAnn entered the house and detected a smell that proved to be a small natural gas leak. People were called, a leak in the line to the water heater was found and repaired. In the process, gas company officials decided our gas line and meter serving the house needs replacing, so there is digging to be done.

We are inserting in this article a picture of late **Ted Schulte**, who was our first go-to guy at the house back when we first got the building in October, 1979. We packed up all our stuff from our original museum in what is now Glenn Otto Community Park (the building is now the caretaker's residence) and Ted rigged a "come-along" to get the big bookcases through the second-story window.

The house needed love. The furnace had backfired and sooted the walls. The water heater was kaput. The roof leaked. Gradually we readied it so we could hire live-in caretakers and ultimately switched to natural gas to keep a new furnace and water heater going. Much of that was supervised by Ted, who, if he was with us now, would tell you exactly when.

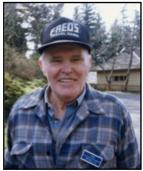
It is interesting to contemplate that we have had the historic house so long, that even our restoration now needs work. In subsequent years the house received tender care from **Dick Jones**, who also launched construction of the Barn, the volunteer group called the **Tuesday Ladies**, the renovation of the porch in 2018 by **Greg Handy** and **Kelly Broomall**, and many others. We have always been fortunate to have members "who know stuff" that is vital in taking care of our old stuff. We can always use help, so consider volunteering your skills.



Tuesday Ladies, 1999: Jean Holman, Mona Mitchoff, Barbara Welsh, Mary Bryson, Jean Hybskmann



Dick & Valora Jones, 1994



Ted Schulte



2018 Kelly Broomall and Greg Handy

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> In Honor of Barbara Welsh Andrea Welsh

James Workman

In Memoriam



Gloria L. Unis - b. July 25, 1934; d. February 19, 2021

Gloria Lenore Unis died, February 19, 2021. She is survived by her sister Joyce Paola; her daughter, Lori Ryland; her son, Maurice Unis and numerous and great grandchildren She lived 57 of her years with her husband Richard L. Unis in their log home on the Sandy River in Troutdale. She owned SHOO-FLY Antiques in Boring, Oregon for a few years.

RENEWING MEMBERS

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Kay Struckman

Marilee Thompson

Martha Wheeler

Mike Weyhrich

WORKING LIKE THEY OWN THE PLACE (which they do)

Winter Storm February 2021

After experiencing an unusually warm January, we thought we had escaped winter weather and began looking forward to Spring. Yet mother nature had other things in mind. The February snow and ice storm roared in when we least expected it.

Troutdale was met with days of high winds, snow and ice storms leaving snowdrifts so high it made leaving your house almost impossible. The Barn Exhibit Hall did not get left out. Snow drifts blocked every entrance and made the parking lot unusable.

Worried that a quick thaw would send water into the Barn Exhibit Hall, volunteers Q Madp and Kelly Broomall dug a path to each door that led down to the street. A surveillance camera photo captured the pathway.



Kelly Broomall clearing a path - photo by Q Madp



Barn Exhibit Hall surveillance camera - February 16, 2021

The next day volunteer Julia Warner cleared a path along the sidewalk to the parking lot at the Harlow House.

The quick thaw did not happen which left the snow drifts for days after. Julia and Erin Janssens cleared the sidewalk next to the Barn to allow office volunteers to enter the Barn safely.

THS could adapt this modified creed...Neither snow nor ice nor snowdrifts stays these volunteers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.

Another way to support TROUTDALK HISTORICAL

Pick up **BottleDrop** blue bags at the Barn Exhibit Hall. Look for the box of bags outside on the bench - Fill with redeemable empty bottles and cans and drop off at any BottleDrop locations. Funds will automatically be deposited and donated to THS.



hank you for the increased interest in our BottleDrop fundraiser. With your support we have received \$162.00 this year from the folks who recycle their cans and bottles through **BottleDrop** using one of our labeled bags.

East County Drop off locations:

Wood Village Redemption Center 23345 NE Halsey Street Wood Village, OR 97060

Gresham Redemption Center 1313 E Powell Blvd. Gresham, OR 97030

Boon or Bane of an Object Curator By Dee Dee Hansen

"One thing that is both boon and bane for me is reading any archival donation written in the first person. Many writers wrote plainly, yet with precise description, and I'm taken to their time and place.

I have to tell myself to put it down and get back to work. That, researching items for better descriptions in PP [PastPerfect software], and actually touching these items from the past are what I love the most.

Working at THS has heightened my awareness of the legacy of my own past. And having meaningful work during CoVid is really a bonus. Thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful family of caregivers of the past."



Dee Dee Hansen



Friends in History Remembered

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Doris I. Woolley - b. abt 1928 (age 92), d. August 31, 2020

Longtime member Doris Woolley, died Aug. 31, 2020, after a brief bout with colon cancer. Her daughter, Nancy Hamilton wrote: "She so enjoyed all of you. She spoke of you often... Thank you for being such good friends." Doris tried never to miss our bus trips and cemetery tours and she was always great fun to have along on the trip.

During a cemetery trip to The Dalles Pioneer cemetery in 2012, Doris (maroon shirt) enjoys a lunch break in the shade with Sharon Nesbit and unidentified woman, although it was an impromptu lunch spot next to a restroom.





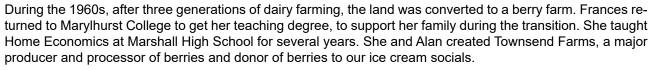
Donna J. Hawkins - b. Jan. 23, 1922, d. Jan. 11, 2021

Long time member Donna Hawkins died Jan. 11, 2021 of natural causes at her home in Gresham. She was a year shy of her 100th birthday. Age didn't matter much to Donna who until very recently was joining us on cemetery tours and other events. Donna attended Franklin High School and Oregon State University. She met her husband Bob, at Franklin High. The story of their meeting, courtship and marriage was printed recently in the Gresham Outlook. They chose to live in the country and made a home east of Gresham where they raised four children. She is survived by them, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Donna Hawkins, 2006

Frances A. Townsend - b. May 20, 1924, d. January 12, 2021

Frances Townsend died Jan. 12, 2021 at the age of 96. She was born May 20, 1924, to Thomas and Anna Fricker in Portland, attending Glencoe Grade School and then Franklin High School. After high school she studied at Oregon State University and graduated with a degree in Home Economics. She then moved to Los Angeles for an adventure and worked for Swift and Company. In 1950 she married Alan Townsend, her college sweetheart, and moved to the family dairy farm in Troutdale. They spent 62 years together.





Frances A Townsend

She belonged to the Women's Altar Society at St. Henry's Church in Gresham, where she worshiped for over 65 years. She and Alan were active members of Smith Memorial Presbyterian Mariners group for more than 60 years. In the 1980s Fran served four years on the Oregon State Fair Board. She and Alan traveled to South America and Europe on several occasions as farm consultants for the Oregon State Extension Service. She is survived by her children, Mike (Margaret), Susy (Craig), Jeff (Joyce) and numerous children and great grandchildren.



Marge Kitchen Edgefield Manor, c1943

Marge Kitchen - b. November 18, 1922, d. February 26, 2021

Born in Platteville, Colo., as Lura Enora Davenport but nicknamed Marge, she followed her brother to Oregon during the early war years just after graduation from high school at age 17. She fell asleep and woke just as the bus was traveling through the Columbia River Gorge and never looked back.

In August 1942, she married William C. (Harold) Kitchen in Gresham. He went to war and because she was so tiny, and fit into tight spaces, found employment in the Oregon Shipyards. For a time she worked at Edgefield Manor and the picture we treasure is of her dressed to go to Portland outside the manor. She and her husband, Harold, took part in a program at McMenamins in recent years.

After the war was over, she and Harold purchased 15 acres and an old house on Phelps Road in Sandy, Oregon. In order to reach their new home, they had to pass a lovely home and acreage. It always drew them to it and after many years they were able to purchase that home where they lived for the next 60 years. She and Harold raised 4 children and after many years of lovingly working with youth they added a foster daughter.

In her later years she began to struggle with memory issues and finally succumbed on Friday, February 26, 2021. She was wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend to all. Preceded in death by daughter, Barbara (Sherman) and foster daughter, Carol (Rich). She is survived by her loving husband of 78 years and her remaining children, Nancy (Jim); David (Elaine); and Bill (Barbara). There are 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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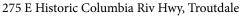




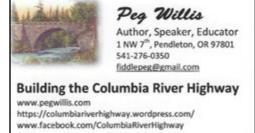














TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Incorporated, A Non-Profit Corporation Constitution Adopted April 2021

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - NAME/PURPOSES/TYPE OF CORPORATION

Section 1. NAME

The name of the corporation is Troutdale Historical Society and shall be referred to herein as the "Troutdale Historical Society" or "THS" or, "the Society."

Section 2. PURPOSE

The Troutdale Historical Society is organized and shall be operated exclusively to gather, preserve and make available museum, record, and other material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby areas to stimulate an interest in, and knowledge of the locality's

More particularly, its object shall be:

- 1. To discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of Troutdale and the surrounding area;
- 2. To assist in the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it; to cooperate with officials in ensuring the preservation and accessibility of all records and archives collected; to conduct archaeological investigations of aboriginal or pioneer sites in the area; and to bring about the preservation of historic buildings, monuments or markers; and
- 3. To disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by publishing historical material; by holding meetings with speakers and lecturers; and by marking historic buildings, sites, and trails. Section 3. TYPE OF CORPORATION The Troutdale Historical Society is a pub-

lic benefit corporation.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERS

The Society shall be composed of active members enrolled as such in the Society records as established by the Board of Directors. Membership shall be open to any person interested in the purpose and mission of the Society.

ARTICLE 3 - DIRECTORS

Section 1. POWERS

The Troutdale Historical Society shall have a Board of directors (the "Board"). All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of or under the direction of the Board, subject to any limitation

set forth herein.

Section 2. NUMBER AND QUALIFICA-**TIONS**

The Board shall consist of not less than six nor more than twelve members who shall be known as directors, with the number of directors to be determined from time to time by action of the Board. Any decrease in the number of directors designated by the Board shall not shorten an incumbent director's term.

Section 3. MEETINGS

- 1. The Board may hold regular or special meetings in or out of the State of Oregon.
- 2. The Board shall fix the time and place of its regular meetings at its discretion, provided, however, that board meetings shall be held at least quarterly.
- 3. The Society shall hold regular meetings, at times and places established by the Board, where speakers or programs will be presented related to the purposes of the Society.
- 4. The annual business meeting of the Society shall be held on the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Society after January 31st. The Board shall have the discretion to designate a different annual business meeting date for any year provided that the date so designated is within 90 days of the date specified in the preceding sentence. At the business meeting, the members shall elect officers and directors of THS, consider reports of the affairs of THS, and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. Twelve active members of the Society shall constitute a guorum.
- 5. Special business meetings of the Society and special meetings of the Board may be called for any purpose or purposes by the President, by the Secretary, by any three directors, or by any ten members of the Society. The person or persons who call a special meeting of the Board may fix the time and place of the special meeting. Elections and other business of the Society shall be conducted only at the annual business meeting, or at a special business meeting of the Society.

Section 4. ELECTION AND TENURE OF **OFFICE**

Directors shall be elected by a vote of the members at the annual business meeting or at any other business meeting of the Society. The terms of all directors shall be for one year or until the next annual business meeting of the Society.

Section 5. VACANCIES

1. A vacancy on the Board shall occur

upon the death, resignation, or removal of any director, or upon an increase in the number of directors.

2. A vacancy that will occur at a specific later date, by reason of a resignation effective at the later date or otherwise, may be filled in accordance with this Constitution before the vacancy occurs, but the new director may not take office until the vacancy occurs.

Section 6. RESIGNATION OF DIREC-**TORS**

A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary. Unless the notice specifies a later effective date, a resignation is effective at the earliest of the following: a) when received; or b) five days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed postage prepaid and correctly addressed. Section 7. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS A director may be removed with or without cause. A director may be removed only at a Board meeting called for the purpose of removing the director and the meeting notice must state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of the director.

Section 8. QUORUM AND VOTE

- 1. A majority of the directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the directors present, in the absence of a quorum, may adjourn from time to time but may not transact any business.
- 2. If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of directors present is the act of the Board unless this Constitution requires the vote of a greater number of directors.
- 3. A director who is present at a meeting of the Board, or is present at a meeting of a committee of the Board, when corporate action is taken, is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless: i) the director objects at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon the director's arrival, to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting; ii) the director's dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or iii) the director delivers written notice of dissent or abstention to the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or an officer of THS immediately after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a director who votes in favor of the action taken.

Section 9. ACTION WITHOUT A MEET-ING

Action required or permitted by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board, or at a meeting of a committee of the Board, may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all members of the Board. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by each director and included in the minutes or filed with the corporate records reflecting the action taken. Action taken under this section is effective when the last director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies an earlier or later effective date. A consent signed under this section has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

Section 10 TELEPHONIC MEETINGS Directors are deemed present in person and count for quorum and voting purposes if they participate by any telephonic or electronic method by which all directors can simultaneously communicate with each other.

Section 11. COMPENSATION

Directors shall not be compensated for their services as directors. Upon approval by the Board, directors may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their official duties.

ARTICLE 4 - COMMITTEES

Subject to applicable law and this Constitution, the Board may appoint such committees as may be necessary from time to time, consisting of such number of its members and shall have such powers as the Board may designate. Each such committee shall have one or more members who serve at the pleasure of the Board.

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS

Section 1. DESIGNATION / ELECTION

- 1. The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers as the Board shall from time to time designate. While the same individual may simultaneously hold more than one office in THS, according to ORS 65, the same person cannot hold more than two officer positions. All officers are members of the Board and may vote as such. Each individual's vote shall be counted as one, regardless of the number of offices they may hold.
- 2. A vacancy in any office because of

death, resignation, removal, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in this Constitution. The Board may fill a vacancy by appointment for an interim period until the next business meeting of the Society, or the annual business meeting, at which time the members shall fill the vacancy by election.

Section 2. TERM OF OFFICE

- 1. The term of office of all the officers and directors shall be one year but may be renewed for successive one-year terms, up to a maximum of six terms. A part-year term served by appointment to fill a vacancy or the like shall not count against the maximum number of terms. Any officer or director may serve again after an absence from the Board of at least one year.
- 2. The Board may remove any officer at any time, either with or without cause.
- 3. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary of THS. Unless the notice specifies a later effective date, a resignation is effective at the earliest of the following: i) when received; ii) five days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed postage prepaid and correctly addressed; or iii) on the date shown on the return receipt, if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the addressee. Once delivered, a notice of resignation is irrevocable unless revocation is permitted by the Board. If a resignation is made effective at a later date and the Society accepts the future effective date, the Board may fill the pending vacancy before the effective date, if the Board provides that the successor shall not take office until the effective date.

Section 3. PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he or she is present. The President shall, subject to the control of the Board, have general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of THS. The President shall be ex officio member of all committees of the Board and shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office president of a corporation and shall have such other powers of duties as may be prescribed by the Board or this Constitution.

Section 4. VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence or disability of the President, the President's duties and powers shall be performed and exercised by the

vice President. Section 5. SECRETARY

- 1. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of THS or such other place as the Board may order, a book of minutes of all meetings of directors and of the business meetings of the Society showing the time and place of the meeting, whether the meeting was regular or special and, if a special meeting, how authorized, the notice given, the names of those present at directors meetings and the proceedings of such meetings.
- 2. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given such notice of the meetings of the Board as is required by this Constitution. The Secretary shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or this Constitution.

Section 6. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall ensure that needed financial records, procedures and systems of THS are being properly maintained; shall compare actual income and expenses with the approved budget, noting the variance and recommending collective action of the Board when needed; shall report on finances periodically to the Board and the members; and shall ensure that any required financial reporting forms are completed and filed.

ARTICLE 6 – CORPORATE RECORDS / INSPECTION

Section 1. RECORDS

THS shall maintain all records required by law. All such records shall be kept at its principal office, registered office, or at any other place designated by the Board, or as otherwise provided by applicable law. Section 2. INSPECTION OF RECORDS The records of THS shall be open to inspection by the directors or the directors' agents, the members, and the public in the manner and to the extent required by applicable law.

Section 3. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.

All checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to THS, shall be assigned or endorsed by such person or persons and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of the Board.

Section 4. EXECUTION OF DOCU-MENTS

The Board may, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, authorize any officer or agent of THS to enter into any

contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Society. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board, or unless inherent in the authority vested in the office under the provisions of this Constitution, no officer, agent, or employee of THS shall have any power or authority to bind THS to any contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit, or to render it liable for any purpose or for any amount.

ARTICLE 7 – EFFECTIVE DATE / AMENDMENTS

- 1. In accordance with the provisions of the current Constitution of the Troutdale Historical Society, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at the annual business meeting of the Society in April 2016 is required for adoption of this new Constitution, which shall become effective thirty days thereafter. The Constitution of the Troutdale Historical Society in effect at the time of the vote, including all amendments thereto, shall be repealed on the date this new Constitution becomes effective.
- 2. This Constitution may be amended, after the date it becomes effective, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Society at any business meeting. Amendments may be proposed by a majority of the Board or by a request signed by forty members submitted to the Board, the text of any proposed amendment having been sent to the members not less than two weeks prior to the business meeting at which the vote is taken.

ARTICLE 8 – INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS THS shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law, any person who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to or witness in, or is otherwise involved in, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative, or otherwise (including any action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that:

- a) the person is or was a director or officer of THS or any of its subsidiaries;
- b) the person is or was serving as a fiduciary within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 197 4 with respect to any employee benefit plan of THS or any of its subsidiaries; or
- c) the person is or was serving, at the re-

quest of THS or any of its subsidiaries, as a director or officer, or as a fiduciary of an employee benefit plan, of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

Section 2. EMPLOYEES AND OTHER AGENTS

THS may indemnify its employees and other agents to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 3. ADVANCES OF EXPENSES
The expenses incurred by a director or officers in connection with any threatened,
pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative, or otherwise, which
the director or officer is made or threatened to be made a party to or witness in,
or is otherwise involved in, shall be paid
by the Corporation in advance upon written request of the director or officer, if the
director or officer:

- i) furnishes THS written affirmation of his or her good faith belief that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation; and
- ii) furnishes THS a written undertaking to repay such advance to the extent that it is ultimately determined by a court that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by THS.

Section 4. NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF RIGHTS

The rights conferred on any person by this Article 8 shall be in addition to any rights to which a person may otherwise be entitled under any articles of incorporation, this Constitution, or any agreement, statute, policy of insurance, vote of Board or otherwise.

Section 5. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE

Any repeal of this Article 8 shall be prospective only, and no repeal or modification of this Article 8 shall adversely affect any right or protection that is based upon this Article 8 and pertains to an act or omission that occurred prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE 9 – LIMITATION OF DIRECTOR LIABILITY

Section 1. IMMUNITY

No director or officer of THS shall be personally liable to THS for monetary damages for conduct as a director, provided that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for:

 a) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to THS;

- b) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- c) any unlawful distribution under ORS 65.367:
- d) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit; or e) any act or omission in violation of ORS 65.361 to 65.367. No amendment to or repeal of this Article 9 shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any director of THS for or with respect to any acts or omissions prior to such amendment or repeal.

Section 2. CHANGES IN LAW

To the fullest extent permitted by law, no director of THS shall be personally liable to THS for limiting the generality of the foregoing to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors of THS. If the Oregon Revised Statutes are amended after this Article 9 becomes effective, then the liability of directors of THS shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Oregon Revised Statutes, as so amended. No amendment or repeal of this Article 9, nor the adoption of any provision of this Constitution inconsistent with this Article 9, nor a change in the law, shall adversely affect any right or protection that is based upon this Article 9 and pertains to the conduct that occurred prior to the time of such amendment, repeal, adoption or change. No change in the law shall reduce or eliminate the rights and protections set forth in this Article 9 unless the change in the law specifically requires such reduction or elimination.

ARTICLE 10 – CITY, COUNTY, STATE, NATIONAL EMERGENCY

In the event of a city, county, state, or national state of emergency, the THS Board of Directors, at its discretion, may postpone or cancel any meeting, including the annual business meeting, until it is deemed safe to hold the meeting(s). If the meeting postponed is the annual business meeting, the Board members will continue to serve in their elected roles until such a time as a business meeting can safely be held. Should any officer(s) or member(s) of the Board be unable to continue in their elected role(s), the Board, by a simple majority vote, may appoint a replacement.

Helen Wand

Hazel Webb

Troutdale Historical Society Annual Membership Meeting Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2019

Call to Order at 2:05 p.m. by Vice President Erin Janssens
1. 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes. Presented by Norm Thomas, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

- 2. Treasurer report: Presented by THS Treasurer Marilee Thompson. The overall budget and current cash position was presented to the membership.
- 3. Troutdale; Historical Society business:
 - a. Open Nomination No nomination from the floor.
 - b. Vote on the Slate of officers:
 - •Erin Janssens President
 - •Norm Thomas Vice President
 - •Bettianne Goetz Secretary
 - •Marilee Thompson Treasurer

Motion to approve the slate of officer made by Len Otto, Seconded by Bettianne Goetz. Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

- c. New Board Member: Sharon Nesbit was approved by a unanimous vote.
- d. Vote to amend the THS Charter to allow for (Vote by proxy, allowing for Board Members to give a proxy to another Board member at THS Board meetings, when not present at the meeting. Motion made to approve the amendment by Len Otto, Seconded by Bettianne Goetz. All members present voted (Yes), 1 member voted (No)

Text of the amendment: Section 8, Item 4

A director who is not able to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors may appoint another current board member to vote in his/her stead by preparing a proxy statement for that meeting. A proxy represents one THS Board member's authority to vote. This proxy is to be registered with the THS Broad Secretary before the start of the meeting by the member who will be absent.

- 4. President's Report Erin Janssens
 - a. Discussed the need/desire increase the THS member ship. The membership goal is 500, we are currently at about 340 member.
 - b. Raffle: Charlene received a book, Marilee received a plant, Sandy McCoy received a plant.
 - c. Recognition award. LeAnn receive a Hanging Basket

5. Awards

- a. Member of the Year Presented by Erin to Julia
- b. Certificate of appreciation: Joyce Belcher, Joy Beldin, Kelly Broomall, Charlotte Freeman, Andrea Heim, Dave Johnson, Jeannette Kloos, Laureen Lucero, Sharon Lucky, Marge McDevitt, Sharon Nesbit, Norm Thomas, Hazel Webb.
- 6. Program Introduce by Sharon Nesbit.
 - a. Chuck Rollins, Loggers and their Dogs.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm Submitted: Norm Thomas, Secretary

2019 - 2021 Troutdale Historical Society Volunteers & Staff

Barn, Depot and Harlow House Docents:

Herb Mohn Jovce Belcher Bev Knight Sharon Munyan Joy Beldin Bev Law **Sharon Nesbit** Kelly Broomall Audrey Lowell Len Otto Jason Cawood Jon Lowell Charlene Thomas Bettianne Goetz Laureen Lucero Norm Thomas Andrea Heim Gary McCoy

Sandy McCoy

Melba Klinker Marge McDevitt
Jeanette Kloos Amber Milmore

Board members:

Dave Johnson

Erin Janssens, President Norm Thomas, Vice President Marilee Thompson, Treasurer

Bettianne Goetz, Secretary and Pres. Emeritus (2017-2018) Sharon Nesbit, Board Member and Pres. Emer. (2016-2017)

Len Otto, President Emeritus (2015-2016)

David Ripma, Past Emeritus (1993-2003, 2012-15)

Rich Allen, Board Member (2015-present)

Joy Beldin, Board Member (2018-present)

Kelly Broomall, Board Member (2017-present)

Diane Castillo-White, Board Member (2015-present)

Rip Caswell, Board Member (2015-present)

Jason Cawood, Board Member (2018-present)

Jon Lowell, Board Member (2016-2019)

Committees:

3M Committee (Marketing, Membership, Merchandise)
Erin Janssens, Jason Cawood, Diane Castillo-White,
Marilee Thompson

Collections - Julie Stewart & Dee Dee Hansen

Budget - Marilee Thompson, Norm Thomas

Maintenance - Norm Thomas, Kelly Broomall

Newsletter - Sharon Nesbit, Joy Beldin & Len Otto

Programs - Helen Wand, Sharon Nesbit, Bettianne Goetz,

Erin Janssens

Re-opening - Erin Janssens, Bettianne Goetz, Joy Beldin, Julia Warner

Special Events - Diane Castillo-White

Volunteers - Bettianne Goetz

And more jobs:

Barn & Harlow House Cleaning - Al & Joyce Stoeckel
Barnyard Concerts - Diane Castillo-White, Joyce Belcher, Kelly
Broomall, Marilee Thompson, Virginia Symonds

Cemetery Historian & Tour Guide - Stan Clarke

Clio App - Jason Cawood, Sharon Nesbit

Edgefield Concert Volunteers - Matt Leamy

Food/Hospitality - Cherie & Steve Wallace, Jan Vandiver

Garden Crew - Bettianne Goetz, Julia Warner, Marilee Thompson,

Erin Janssens, Margaret Rice, Bev Knight, Helen Wand

Geology Tour Guide - Daina Hardisty

Historian - Sharon Nesbit

Museum Tax Levy Renewal - Dave Ripma

News Article Clipping - Laureen Lucero

Special Construction Projects - Sue & Greg Handy

Curators:

Julie Stewart, Photo Curator Dee Dee Hansen, Objects Curator Carla Robertson, Digitization Julia Warner, Objects Jennifer Peake, Photo Data Entry Twila Mysinger, Transcription, etc. Carley Huxley, Archive Data Entry

Event Sponsors:

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Staff:

LeAnn Stephan - Exec. Director Alex Epps - Admin. Assistant

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6:30pm (doors at 5:00 p.m.) Free for all ages. Food and drink are available for purchase.