

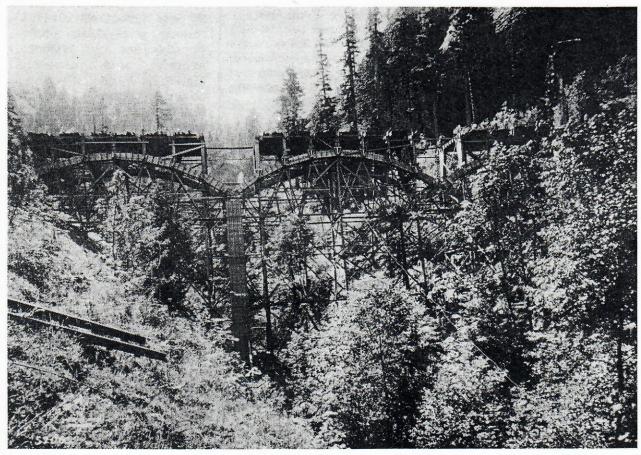
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A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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COMING UP: TWO PROGRAMS ON THE HISTORIC HIGHWAY



This photo of the Latourell Bridge under construction is part of the Troutdale Historical Society Collection and came to us from Mason Craig, a member of the Latourell family. It was recently used by the Oregon Department of Transportation in a study of construction techniques used on the Historic Columbia River Highway.

If you are a historic road buff, or if you are just plain fond of the old Columbia River Highway, don't miss the January and February meetings of the Troutdale Historical Society, both focusing on the historic highway and offering rare pictures.

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Hunter, who filled city hall to overflowing when he last presented a sound and slide program on steam engines, returns with a 40-minute slide presentation, thanks to a suggestion from member Kenn Lantz. Hunter's show include photos from the Oregon Historical Society, as well as his own pictures.

Our second road show is at our annual meeting at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, in Troutdale City Hall with Jeanette B. Kloos, scenic area coordinator for the highway department. Her slide show on the Historic Columbia River Highway combines copies of hand-painted glass slide photos of the highway matched with pictures she has taken in the past eight years. Kloos will discuss restoration of the highway, including adaptive reuses for hiking and biking and the reopening of the Mosier Twin Tunnels.

A reminder, our meetings are canceled if travel conditions are hazardous.



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

A GENTLE REMINDER:

John Nasmyth's final donation to the barn fund is a reminder that a gift left in a will to our historical society is a way to leave a mark on the future. Our barn exhibit committee meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. to plan the display that will go in the new barn.

Bob Strebin, chairman, leads the process of creating a master plan. The money for that comes from Nasmyth bequest.

In Memory Georgia Mae Carow

died in Seaside Dec. 9, 1995, at the age of 87. She and her husband, Emil Carow, operated a restaurant in Troutdale. He was the city marshal and founded the first smelt festival. The family suggests remembrances to our society.

Genevieve Frommelt

died in Gresham Dec. 11, 1995, at the age of 87. She was born in Orient and married Joseph Frommelt. They farmed on Cabbage Hill until 1958 when they moved to Wood Village.

Dr. William (Sam) Eubanks Jr.

A member of our society and a resident of Troutdale, Dr. Eubanks died at his Troutdale clinic at the age of 41. He and his late father served as team physicians at Centennial High School.

Don't miss honors for Roy and Elsie

The presentation of a memory book to Roy Meger and Elsie Simnitt was "iced out" Dec. 9 when we canceled our Christmas open house. We try again Jan. 14 in Troutdale City Hall at 2 p.m.



Poor farm history sold at Edgefield

McMenamins Edgefield has published a small book, written by Sharon Nesbit, to inform its guests on the Multnomah County Poor Farm and its restoration as a hotel, pub and meeting facility.

"Vintage Edgefield" is a 38-page booklet with about 30 historic small scale photos (mostly from our historical society) and numerous highlights and anecdotes collected from Troutdale residents about the poor farm and its years as both a home for the poor and later as a nursing home.

The booklet is available at McMenamins Edgefield in the gift shop for \$4.95. McMenamins allows our society to sell it as well. If you can't get to Edgefield, then you may buy one at the Harlow House for \$4.95. If you are too far away to do either, we will mail you one if you send us \$7 (the extra covers envelope and mailing) and your address.

Also on sale:

Susan McElroy, who brought her miniature donkeys to Harvest Faire, has her book on animals as healers on sale at Harlow House.

Interior decorators deck the museum

These folks turned up in late November to decorate the Harlow House for the holidays. From left: Jean Holman, Florence Baker, Sharon Nesbit, Dorothy Sturges, Kay Struckman and Mona Mitchoff. Not shown, Cathy Hamme, Mike Hamme (who bought and delivered the tree), Dick Jones who does mechanical work and put up the lights and Malcolm Boslar, who each year mails a box of juniper from Bend to scent the house. This year's ornament, on sale for \$4.50, is a wooden reindeer made by Chris & Glenda Eliassen, vendors at Harvest Faire.

"lip out and save this meeting schedule for the coming year:

Troutdale Historical Society Calendar for 1996

January

- Jan. 14, Columbia River Gorge, Before and After Sunday, 2. p.m., Troutdale City Hall. Beginning a two-part program on the Columbia River Gorge with Don Hunter, Eugene, a slide presentation.
- Feb. 18, Columbia Gorge Bridges & Roads

 Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall. More gorge lore, and part of our "Main street--Troutdale" series with state highway spokeswoman Jeanette Kloos and a slide presentation on the old highway. Annual Meeting.
- March 17, Three Banks Come and Gone
 Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall, "Main street -- Troutdale"
 Reception 1 2 p.m. at old Troutdale State Bank, now Troutdale
 Law Firm hosted by Richard Weill, attorney, corner of Buxton
 and historic highway.
- March 31, History Talk at the Harlow House
 Sunday, 2 p.m., Sharon Nesbit talks about local history in an informal history talk at the Harlow House. Free
 - Monday, 7:30 p.m., Troutdale City Hall. More of "Main street -- Troutdale, live interview with Sam Cox, former mayor.
- May 5, Spring Brunch
 Sunday, 9 a.m., Troutdale (Glenn Otto) Community Park
 Brunch to benefit barn museum.
- May 19, Fishing on The Columbia
 Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall. The people who made their living fishing on the Columbia River by Steve Lehl and Chuck Rollins, Crown Point Country Historical Society.
- June 15 & 16, Troutdale Ice Cream Social
 Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Troutdale (Glenn Otto)
 Community Park, Rail Depot and Harlow House.
- Sept. 28 & 29, Harvest Faire
 Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Troutdale (Glenn Otto)
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Troutdale City Hall is located at 104 S.E. Kibling Street, the corner of Kibling and the Historic Columbia River Highway in downtown Troutdale.

Harlow House Museum is at 726 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, the second house on your right past Troutdale City Hall.

The Rail Depot Museum is at 473 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, across the street from Troutdale City Hall.

The Troutdale Community Park, renamed Glenn Otto Community Park, is a 1110 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, at the Sandy River.

What about your dues?

Dues are due next month in February. The way it works is this: If you owe dues, your February newsletter will include a dues payment envelope.

Our dues schedule is as follows:

\$8 for an individual \$12 for a couple \$20 for a family

Director's club memberships, which help pay the costs of our director are:

\$75 for a couple \$50 for an individual

Brown Bag Sale set for April 20

Dick Jones says we have to clear out the stuff in the barn, so we will have another of our famous brown bag sales on April 20. Fill a bag for a certain fee and carry it off.

And what about elections?

David Ripma will run for reelection as president. To be honest, we haven't confirmed this yet, but at last report Florence Baker is a candidate for the board of directors seat to replace Len Otto, who is retiring. And Mona Mitchoff is running for vice-president, replacing Sharon Nesbit.

Running for reelection are: Jean Holman, secretary; Penny Balch, treasurer; Dick Jones and Mike Dubesa, board of directors.

The Honeydo List:

As in, honey will you do...? We need honeys for the following tasks.

- 1. Paint the wood floors in the Harlow House.
- 2. Paint the front porch.
- 3. Wash the windows outside.
- 4. Paint the clematis trellis.
- 5. Install lattice on gazebo.

Namedroppers

Barbara Mabry has volunteered to do Harlow House secretarial chores... Michelle Luiz will be preparing our 1995 scrapbook... Florence Baker recently donated a lovely set of silverware, following it with some butter knives...Richard Waite and Doris Wooley sent extra pictures for our scrapbook...Dick Anderson always recycles the Harlow House Christmas tree and likely will again...Kay Struckman cleaned our back porch kitchen on the day we decorated the Harlow House. How does it get so messy?...Ege Sanitary, bless their hearts, comes and picks up our garbage when it gets out of hand...Dick Jones recently saw to it that a pesky condensation leak in the barn furnace was repaired... Al & Joyce Stoeckel dropped by the Harlow House to cleam up the porch after the decorating was done.

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