

Bygone Times

A Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



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MARKING OUR 25TH YEAR BY HONORING OUR CHARTER MEMBERS...



The
Troutdale
Historical
Society
Is
25
years
old.

A tiny news clipping tells the story, how a few folks in Troutdale got together on Feb. 28, 1968, to form a historical society. They went so far as to dream that some day the Harlow-Evans house would be theirs for a museum.

Our next meeting on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. convenes in our historic meeting place, Troutdale City Hall. We invite all of our charter members for an interview about our society and its first quarter century conducted by Dick Jones and Sam Cox.

If you are a charter member, please make a special effort to be there and tell us what you remember about our organization and community 25 years ago.

Sam Cox, who is retiring as our historical society president (after a 17-year term!) wants to buy the birthday cake for that event, so you can bet it will be good.

This meeting includes the kind of business we conduct at the beginning of our new year, collection of dues and election of new officers.

Join us for this historic event.

BRING A VALENTINE FOR SAM...

Our next meeting falls on Valentine's Day and Sam Cox deserves thanks from the bottom of our hearts. So bring a Valentine for Sam on Sunday, to let him know you care.

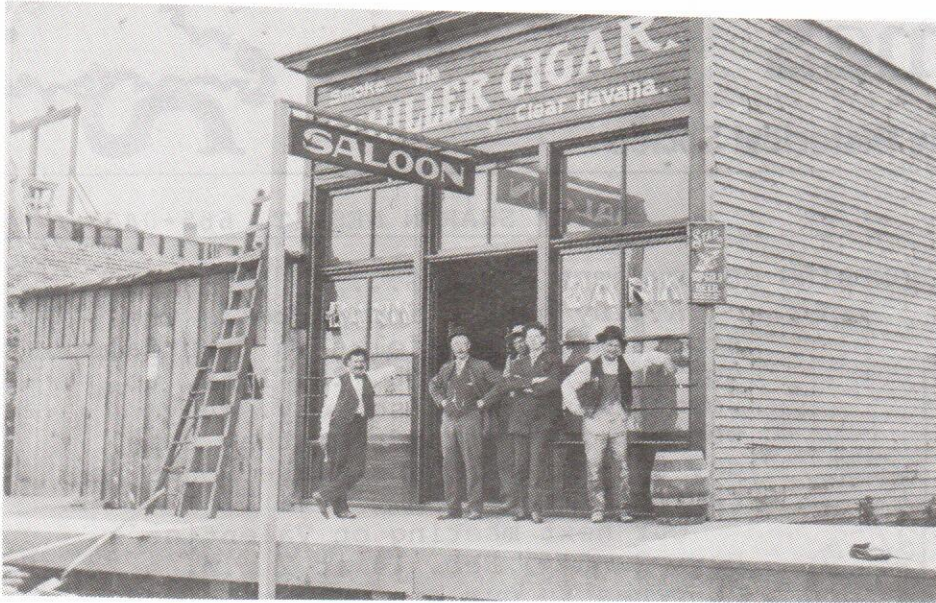
ABOUT YOUR DUES...

If an envelope is attached to the top of your newsletter, you owe dues for the year 1993. You may bring them Feb. 10 or mail them in.

Our dues work like this. A single membership is \$5; a couple is \$8, a family is \$15. We also offer special memberships. If you want to help support the costs of a paid director the dues are \$50 for a single membership, \$75 for a couple in our Director's Club. Last year 20 people joined the Director's Club, buying more than a 100 days of work for our organization.

We offer a Lifetime Membership at \$100 and a business membership with a monthly listing in the newsletter for \$125 annually.

If you wish to make an extra gift to our society, indicate which fund you want to contribute to on the right hand side of the envelope.



A NEW SALOON, CIRCA 1907...

Our friend and member Steve Lehl keeps an eye out for historic photos of local interest. He recently loaned this beauty for copying.

It is a saloon built shortly after the 1907 Troutdale fire by the Latourell family.

The postcard on the back was addressed to Grace Latourell from "Irene" and described the pictures as "papa's saloon."

A HISTORY IS ATTACHED...

Our practice on important anniversary dates is to bring our historical society scrapbooks up to date--a job that Clover Nasmyth cheerfully volunteers to do each year--and to print our society's history.

Inserted in the center of your newsletter is the history of our organization, folded and stapled as a permanent memento.

ANOTHER GIFT FROM STEVE...

Steve Lehl, donor of the photo above, recently made another find on behalf of our historical society. Knowing our interest in Clara Latourell Larrison, Troutdale's first woman mayor in 1914, he donated a small book of addresses and birthdays that Clara kept.

Her precise little book even listed the serial stories she enjoyed in the Portland Evening Telegram including a steamy one titled, "The Involuntary Vamp." The book also lists the names of all her fruit trees and the names and birth dates of her pets.

The book will soon be on display at the Harlow House.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS...

At this writing our nominating committee has proposed David Ripma for president and Sharon Nesbit for vice president at our Feb. 14 officer election. Cathy Hamme and Dick Jones are nominated for reelection to their board positions. Other candidates to fill slots on the board and the secretary and treasurer positions are Mike Dubesa and Maude Winning.

Marge Schmunk is retiring from the treasurer's position. Barbara Welsh is leaving our secretary's job and Heidi Wilson is retiring from the board of directors. If you are interested in greater participation in our society by working with the board, please call Heidi Wilson, 667-9900.

AND COMING IN MARCH...

Big doings in March. Our March 14 meeting at 2 p.m. in Troutdale City Hall, a Sunday afternoon, will be a very popular program on women and quilts from the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

Called "Hearts and Hands: a Social History of Nineteenth Century Women and Quilts," the program includes a film and a discussion led by Eliabeth Hoffman, a specialist in the cultural history of textiles.

GET YOUR DIBS IN FOR BAKER CITY...

Our April 24 and 25 trek to Baker City to see the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is ready to accept money from intrepid trekkers.

Our reservation list for a 22-passenger bus is filled. Those persons should send their checks by March 1 to secure places on the bus. After that the seats go to those on the waiting list. If you would like to go, call Ellen Brothers at the Harlow House, 661-2164, and leave a message. There is hope for those on the waiting list because we have the option of getting a bigger bus, if we can find motel reservations.

The trip to Baker City including transportation, a steak dinner at the famous cowboy eatery, the Haines Steak House, a night in the Oregon Trail Motel, visits to the Haines museum and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and a tentative stop at the museum in Pendleton, as well as a box lunch to munch on your way home will be \$120 a person or, if you want a motel room all to yourself, \$136.

We leave Troutdale City Hall at 8 a.m., Saturday, April 24, stopping for coffee at Biggs Jct. and a sack lunch in Pendleton. (So bring a sack lunch on Saturday.) If we arrive early enough in Baker City, you will have an opportunity to fit in the city museum. That evening we board our bus and go north to the little town of Haines to feast on either a fork-tender 6-ounce filet of beef or halibut. Afterward the folks at Haines will open up their local museum for us.

The next morning, after breakfast on your own at the motel restaurant, we take our 22-passenger bus to Flagstaff Hill for a two and one-half hour visit to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

Then back on the bus, armed with the kind of box lunches that they make for firefighters, heading home via Pendleton making quick stops for restroom needs, returning to Troutdale at about 7 p.m.

If you want to join us send your checks to Baker City Trek at our historical society address. Questions: call Ellen Brothers.

THANK YOU...

Congratulations to EVELYN JACOBSON, member and volunteer. Evelyn recently sent a check that took her over the top. Her total gift of \$500 in donated labor and money has earned her name on the beam of the barn. Evelyn, assisted by Lael Larger, painted our gazebo this summer to help earn her way onto the beam.

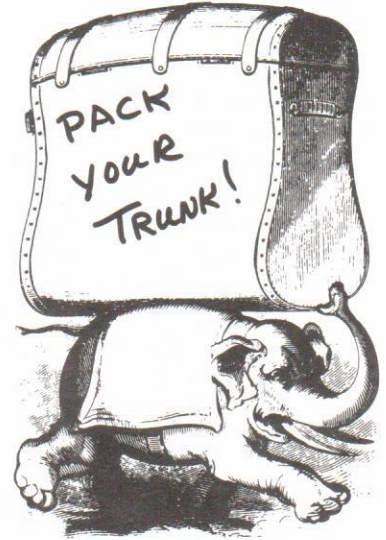
TREASURER'S REPORT...

Our most recent treasurer's report showed the following amounts:

ENDOWMENT FUND.....	\$13,193.00
OPERATING ACCOUNT.....	10,094.06
DEDICATED BARN FUNDS.....	733.69
BARN BUILDING FUND.....	12,095.21
DIRECTOR'S FUND.....	3,056.50
TOTAL.....	39,172.46

IN MEMORY...

Ray Meyer, a longtime member and friend of our society, and a staunch supporter of the depot museum, died in January.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK.....BY ELLEN BROTHERS

January was a busy month. Following breakfast at McMenamin's (Sharon Nesbit's treat), Jean Holman, Cathy Hamme, Sharon and I stripped the Harlow House of its holiday trappings. It always seems like there are more to take down than you put up.

The first part of the month was filled with activities--our board meeting, regular meeting and, of course, Ham for Sam. Thanks to all who helped cook, shop, decorate, serve and clean up. Your efforts are appreciated and made the work fun. I think Sam enjoyed the evening; at least he tolerated the ribbing and even got in a few licks himself.

We submitted our losses from the Harlow House burglary in October to the Victim's Assistance Program and Sharon Nesbit testified before the Grand Jury. If the burglar is convicted, we may recover some money for damages.

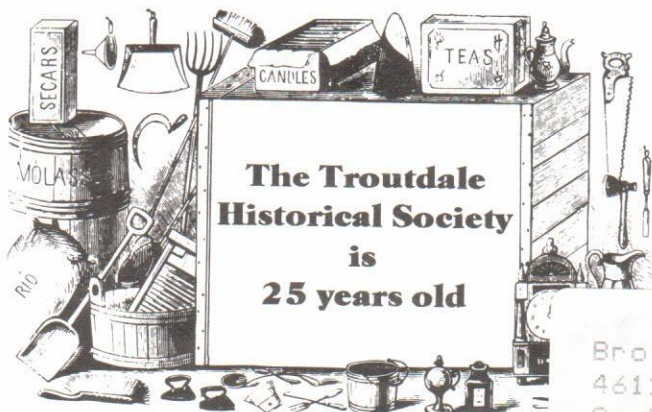
We are in the planning stage for a rummage sale March 20 at the barn. If you are interested in helping, or have items to donate, please call me at the Harlow House, 661-2164.

And, a heartfelt thank you to Sam Cox for 17 years as president.

NAMEDROPPERS: Thanks to ELLEN BROTHERS, SHARON NESBIT, CATHY HAMME, JEAN HOLMAN, GARY HOLMAN, DOROTHY STURGES, MONA MITCHOFF, SADIE RILEY, MARGE SCHMUNK & PAM CHRISTIAN, the kitchen crew at Ham for Sam. Thanks to those rascal waiters: WADE SCHUELLER, DON HESSEL (who brought the aprons), ED ASHLEY, GEORGE KLINGER, PAT BROTHERS, BILL NESBIT, ED SCHMUNK, DAVE RIPMA, MARIO AYALA, BOB MITCHOFF and MIKE DUBESA. And TAD'S CHICKEN N DUMPLINS for green beans, DAVE TRAXLER, master of ceremonies, GENE BUI for fanfares, DICK JONES for the video and JACK KNIGHT for the banner...more thanks to JEAN HOLMAN who donated the weather vane for the barn...to EDNA ALEXANDER for her gift to the barn...and to SAM & NANCY COX for a gift in memory of ALLEN HOUSE.

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