

BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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CHRISTMAS



AT THE HARLOW HOUSE

Join us from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Harlow House for our

annual Christmas gathering.

We've trimmed the tree in a barn motif in celebration of the almost-completion of our museum barn.

This is a time to stop by the house for a visit with Santa. Bring your small people along. We ask our historical society members to bring a plate of Christmas baking. Bring a plate of cookies and plan on taking a few home as well. We'll have our wassail steaming on the stove.

Our annual ornaments, made by Curt & Gerry Von Ahn, are a barn, of course. Red, of course. With a wreath. And a cow to go with the barn, also with wreath. We offer those for sale as well as our usual historical society sales items, note cards, recipes, THS pins and mugs.

Don't forget that a membership to the Troutdale Historical society is a nice gift for someone you know.

Even if you can't make our Christmas event, don't forget that the Harlow House in Christmas dress is open Saturday and Sunday afternoons for the first three weekends in December.

MARK THE DATE FOR JANUARY

Plan to learn about sculpture and Troutdale's foundry on Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. at Caswell Galleries.

In addition to a visit to the gallery, we will tour the foundry.

Alice Wand is at work on a history of the gallery building, which began life as a potato shed. If you have information that would be helpful, give her a call.

We have, as well, recently received a donation of printed materials and documents about vegetable sheds in Troutdale. These will be cataloged over the winter.



Alice Wand flirts with Santa Claus at the Harlow House.

TREASURE OUR NEW TREASURE

When you visit the Harlow House, take a moment to appreciate the lovely bench with the cane seat now on display.

This was a gift of the Harlow family, but came to us in bad condition and in dire need of restoration.

It was restored for us by Rich & Dorothy Kerslake.

And don't miss the new display in the upstairs bedroom done by Kim Schilling & Cathy Hamme. Cathy has gathered a collection of wool throws to display around the house for cold, winter days.

Welcome New Members:

John Bryson, a gift from Dennis & Mary Bryson. Jean Hansard, Jean Buck, and Dick Rethwisch.

RUTH SUNDLING REMEMBERS TROUTDALE

Our Nov. 20 meeting in Troutdale City Hall was a lovely piece of time travel with Ruth Evans Sundling whose parents, Lee and Mabel Evans, were the last residents of the Harlow House.

Mabel Evans, in addition to being the local piano teacher, was a historian. Her history of the community was put to use quite recently to make a case for a historic site.

Ruth remembered when she and a friend rowed to the Harlow House during the 1948 flood. She recalled holidays in the house and the memory of her father singing as he went about his work.

She produced a photo that was the surprise of the day. John Nasmyth identified it as the first wooden bridge built across the Sandy River at Troutdale. We knew such a bridge existed, but no one had seen a picture of it.

We'll print a copy for the next newsletter.

NUMBERS FROM OUR TREASURER

Linda Harvey reports the following funds in our accounts:

OPERATING ACCT.....	\$ 8,122.41
DED. BARN FUND.....	616.53
BARN BLDG ACCT.....	6,218.92
DIRECTOR FUND.....	2,632.44
ENDOWMENT FUND.....	16,847.80

TOTAL..... \$ 34,438.10

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST:
For the barn: A coffee pot, a small bar-style refrigerator, a rectangular folding table.

THE VETERANS



This photo of Clover Nasmyth in the Waves is among the first of the pictures we have collected of Troutdale men and women who served in the Armed Forces in World War II.

Our school reunion meeting in October with its discussion of the war resulted in a plan to gather photos of Troutdale residents in the military.

If you want your picture as part of our records, pick a good likeness, either a formal portrait or a clear snapshot. Write your name in pencil on the back and send the photo, along with your full name, address, military record, rank and duties as well as your Troutdale connection to us at 104 S.E. Kibling St., Troutdale, OR 97060.

We will return your photo once we have a negative and copies made. (If you can help defray the cost of this project, figure that each photo costs us about \$10.)

GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF ALICE KERSLAKE:

- Frank & Jean Driver
- Marion & Ethel Kirkham
- Wilder Construction
- Mildred Howell
- Margaret Overgaard
- The Kerslake Family

THE ENDOWMENT FUND: Dennis & Mary Bryson

THE DIRECTOR

Ellen Brothers Says:

Cathy Hamme gave us a gift of time recently. She took a week of vacation, spending it at the Harlow House working on the cataloging of the museum collection.

When you think about what a curator does, imagine this: What if you had to take every item in your house, list it by number in a category, type two cards telling what it is and where you got it, file those cards and then paint a tiny number on the item?

That's what Cathy does to each thing given to our museum.

Thanks to her for that, as well as the beautiful work she did last summer in the Harlow House garden.

VOLUNTEERS:

SEE YOU APRIL 12

As they did last year, Pat & Ellen Brothers will open their home in the spring for a volunteer appreciation dinner for those who host the depot and Harlow House museums as well as those who work each week at bingo.

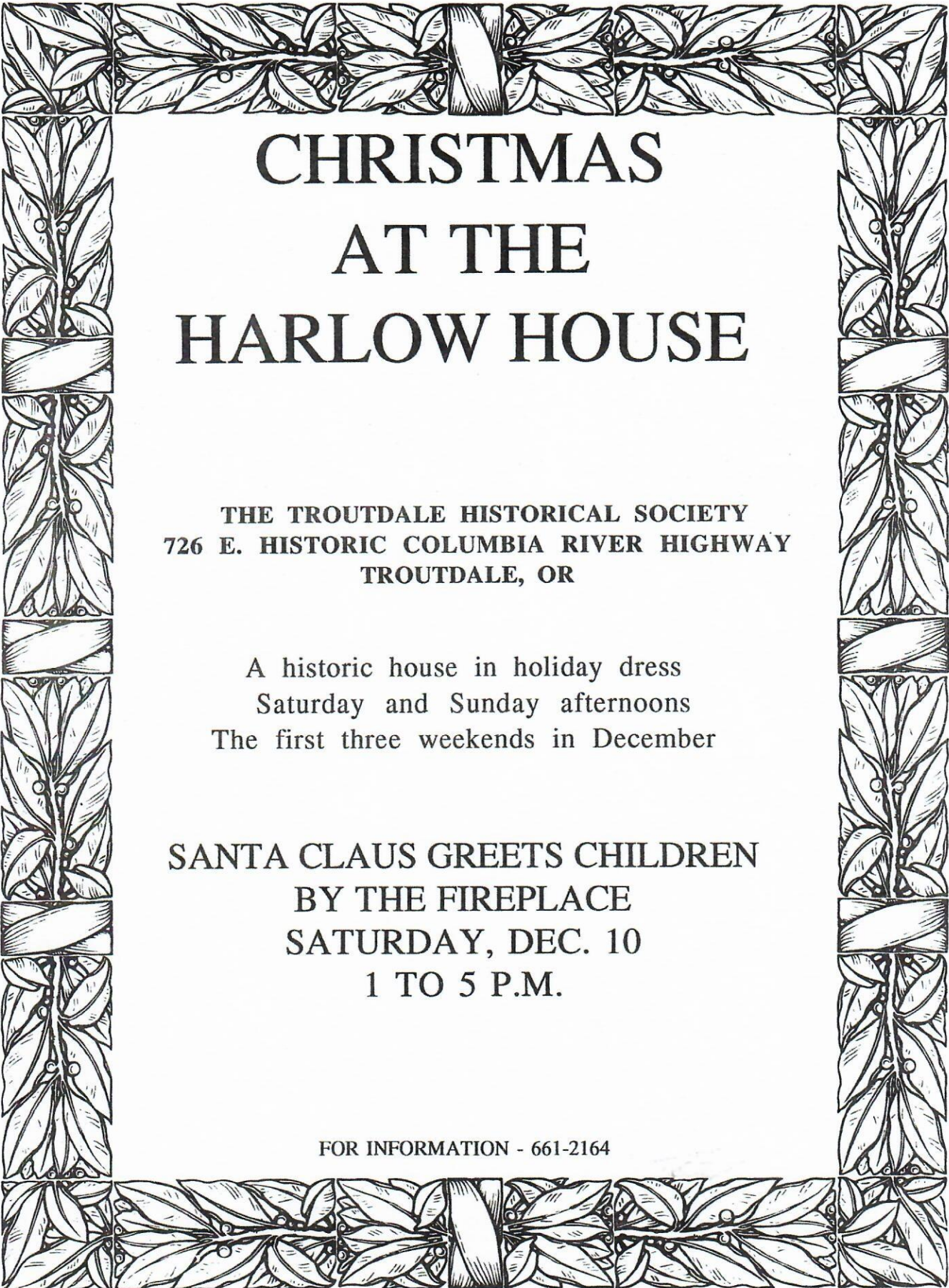
Volunteers, please set aside Wednesday evening, April 12, beginning at 6 p.m. for a gala evening at Forest Hall in Bridal Veil.

WHAT'S NEW?

A mutual project with the city and the Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce has resulted in installation of electric heaters in the Rail Depot Museum.

In order to hold meetings in the barn, we have purchased new chairs.

A new roster of members is coming soon.



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THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
726 E. HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY
TROUTDALE, OR

A historic house in holiday dress
Saturday and Sunday afternoons
The first three weekends in December

SANTA CLAUS GREET'S CHILDREN
BY THE FIREPLACE
SATURDAY, DEC. 10
1 TO 5 P.M.

FOR INFORMATION - 661-2164

In memory:

Lucile Crouser, a former member of our society, died Nov. 18. She was the mother Pam Christian. Lucile wrote a an Oregon history text for children.

NAMEDROPPERS:

Some days when, as they say, the excrement hits the oscillator, it is a joy to have willing volunteers. Thanks to **Florence Baker and Maria Ayala** for filling a volunteer gap at the Harlow House Nov. 20...And to **Nancy Cox and Sue Davis** for cookies...And again to Nancy for bringing a police officer to our aid when we couldn't break into City Hall... (and to **Don Oliver** for officer assistance)...and to **Dick Jones** who video-taped both Saturday's tribute dinner to John & June Nasmyth and Sunday's program...To **Al Stoeckel** who keeps the Harlow House porch tidy.

NASMYTH TRIBUTE EVENING OF FOOD, FUN

An evening of thanks to John and June Nasmyth for their contributions to our barn and our organization drew almost 60 people to dinner in their honor.

Our thanks to the turkey cooks, Carol Anderson & Nancy Cox. To those who set up: Mike & Elaine Dubesa, Dave Ripma, Mario Ayala, Dorothy Sturges, Jean Holman, Sharon Nesbit and, Ellen amd Pat Brothers, who made arrangements and bought provisions.

Also to Bob Strebin, Joyce Stoeckel, Nancy Holland and all the others who saw to cleaning up chores.

Who will forget Sam Cox, and the first ceremonial -- or royal flush-- of a real working toilet in the barn? A night to remember.

HELP WANTED:

We need cookie bakers for our January meeting. Call 661-2164 to volunteer.

In order to complete cataloging of our library, we need someone to review several years worth of Oregon Historical Quarterlys, in search of references to Troutdale. Call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423.

NAMED STUDENTS

Thanks to Walter Nasmyth for identifying students pictured in our October newsletter. They were: Back row: Peter Wheadon, Edward Burnacci and Arthur Stubblefield. Center row: Donald Espenel, Anna Cereghino, Leslie Bass, Walter Nasmyth and Arlie Bettendorf. Front row: Stanley Rathman, Scott Cunningham, Philip Flint, Jim Fujii and Wayne Espenel.

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