

# Bygone Times

A Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



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TWO EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR APRIL CALENDAR...

Figure on joining us at 4 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the main entry of the Columbia Gorge Factory Stores (in front of the Leggs Hanes Bali store) when we dedicate the new Oregon Trail markers with the help of Helen Althaus.



Helen, a former Troutdale councilor now living in Ashland, will read excerpts from her great-grandmother's letter about the trip to Oregon. That letter is now a book, "A Letter Home." Helping her with the unveiling will be representatives from the Columbia Gorge Factory Stores, who paid the cost of the markers at the factory store and at the Harlow House. And thank you to McMenamin's Power Station, which gave us a break on the cost of housing for Helen.

Following appropriate ceremonies at the factory stores, join us for a no-host dinner at the Power Station Pub at the county farm.

THEN, ON TO OUR MEETING...

Don't have dessert at the Power Station, because the next stop is Troutdale City Hall for our 7:30 p.m. meeting, featuring Peggy Lutz, food historian. Peggy, whose program was postponed during January's nasty weather, will talk about food on the Oregon Trail. In addition she will feed us dessert, an Oregon Trail apricot shortcake served with milk.

Because of the cost of this program, we will circulate a donation jar to help cover expenses.

Please join us for part or all of these events on April 19.



ABOUT YOUR DUES...

If an envelope was attached to the top of your February newsletter, you owe dues for the year 1993.

Soon we plan to do some housecleaning in our mailing list. People who do not indicate an interest in our society by payment of dues or participation in our activities are cut from the list. This process also helps us ready our mailing list for the printing of a new roster of members, which we plan to do this summer.

So, it pays to pay your dues.

An item to remember. Our newsletter is sent by bulk mail, which is not forwarded. If you have a change of address, please notify us. Otherwise the newsletter goes to the deadletter office.

TREASURER'S REPORT...

ENDOWMENT FUND.....	\$13,263.74
OPERATING ACCOUNT.....	8,643.38
DEDICATED BARN FUNDS.....	733.69
BARN BUILDING FUND.....	12,088.98
DIRECTOR'S FUND.....	3,138.62
TOTAL.....	\$37,868.46

IN MEMORY...

Florence Hardie died in February. A mirror she and her late husband, Frank, donated is in our new bedroom display at the Harlow House.

NAMEDROPPERS: Speaking of Namedroppers, the last name of Georgia Mae Carow was dropped in our March newsletter. Apologies, Georgia. A miniature covered wagon made by Georgia's late husband, Emil Carow, is in our new Oregon Trail display in the Harlow House...Thanks to CLOVER & JUNE NASMYTH who brought cookies to our March meeting along with DOROTHY STURGES & JEAN HOLMAN, getting the editor off the hook.

NOMINATION FILED ON CHURCH...

Andy Collmer, who is restoring the old church in downtown Troutdale bit by bit, has passed another milestone by filing a nomination to place the building on the National Register of Historic Places.

A state hearing will take place in about two months.

The building at Third and Harlow streets, built about 1895 as the Troutdale Methodist Episcopal Church, is the oldest public building in the city and is certainly worthy of preservation. Though he is working on a shoestring, Andy has cleaned the property, stopped the deterioration and succeeded in finishing two apartments in the basement. Many thanks to Al Staehli, Historic Preservation League of Oregon, who helped Andy with the architectural descriptions of the structure.

AROUND THE HOUSE

by Cathy Hamme, Curator

Lots of activity around the Harlow House recently. Our display volunteer, Kim Schilling, redid the upstairs bedroom. It now belongs to a school-age boy, who left his skates on the floor and his ragged jeans on the bed. There are school books, a globe and fishing gear as well. The Ege family will recognize Edwin Ege Sr.'s wooden skis. The Nasmyth boys will spot their toy trucks.

In honor of the Oregon Trail sesquicentennial, Kim and I have done an Oregon Trail room upstairs, expanding on an exhibit started by Donna Kluehe. Some of the things we show came over the trail, others are representative of the time.

Among our new items in the museum is a stone mortar and pestle given to us by Charles and Doris Higgins who found it 20 years ago during excavation for storm drains under the Columbia River Highway where it meets Halsey Street. It's a wonderful addition to our Native American items. New acquisitions are displayed in the case in the rear parlor. Come and visit. Our winter hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun.



BINGO EVERY THURSDAY BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M. IN TROUTDALE CITY PARK

#### JOINING THE DIRECTOR'S CLUB...

Members who joined the Director's Club, supporting the salary of a director for our society, are GLENN & HELEN OTTO, BILL & SHARON NESBIT and DONNA HAWKINS.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON A COMMITTEE CHAIR...

Bill Sullivan, who joined our society last year and promptly became a depot volunteer, is the new chair of our Depot Committee. He promises to be a fine volunteer and is now making calls to line up our summer weekend hosts in the train depot.

This is a good job because it gives hosts a chance to play a direct role in greeting visitors to Oregon and helping them find their way on the old Columbia River Highway. Volunteers are asked to take one Saturday or Sunday a month from 1 to 4 p.m. If you can lend Bill a hand, please call him at 760-7260.

#### AND THANKS TO YOU...

PAM CHRISTIAN made a donation to the barn fund in memory of Alex Jones and Rankin Davis...gifts to the general fund have come from VAL RATHMAN, JAN VREELAND, HARRY & IONE CLAIR, LUCY COLEMAN, AND DOMINIC & PHYLLIS BALESTERI, who gave in memory of her grandparents, Louis and Louise Helming...gifts to the barn fund came from ROBERT & TAMARA CAMPBELL, DEBBIE SCHOEPPER & GERY HARLOW GUSTAFSON...gifts to the endowment fund were from ROBIN & CINDY LEHMAN, MARY & DENNIS BRYSON and from TED & LOIS SCHULTE in memory of Edith Wiggs.

WELCOME TO new members, LESLIE GUSTAFSON and KRIS & JOHN PAPPAS.

#### WE GET MAIL...

Member Marie Cowles writes from Sacramento, Calif., about our Baker City trip this month: "I wish I could go with you. My two daughters were born in Baker...I spent a lot of my childhood in the country out of Haines. When I was a girl of 9 or 10, I landed at the depot in Haines and went to live with a family there. The depot is now next to the museum in Haines." In our visit to the Haines museum, she advises us to look for pictures of her school, Muddy Creek High School, and her basketball team. Her name then was Marie Tomlinson.

Mrs. Cowles writes that she is a great-granddaughter of Dr. John Parker Powell who had much to do with the early settlement of Gresham. That makes her a cousin to John and June Nasmyth.

#### THE HISTORY OF TROUTDALE, PART ONE...

(Bill Sullivan, mentioned above, enjoyed a history of Troutdale that we give to our volunteers and wants it printed as space permits:)

The first recorded visit of whites to the Troutdale area was on Oct. 30, 1792, when Lt. William Robert Broughton, commander of the armed tender "Chatham", explored the Columbia River as part of Capt. George Vancouver's English expedition. Broughton reached a point east of what is now Troutdale and accurately described the mouth or mouths of the Sandy River. It was on this expedition that Broughton sighted and named Mount Hood. According to his logs, Broughton first saw the mountain from a spot near where the Willamette River enters the Columbia.

Broughton Bluff, the basalt cliff that rises on the east bank of the Sandy River at Lewis and Clark State Park, is named for the explorer, though the name was not applied until 1926 at the instigation of Girl Scouts from Portland.

Broughton named the river (now the the Sandy) after a family of English financiers, calling it "Barings."



CHARTER MEMBERS AT OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING: From left, Al Stoeckel, Sam Cox, Bob & Dorothy Sturges, Mary Hughes, Nancy Cox, Sue Davis, Georgia Mae Carow and Truly Wright.

**SALE BAGS A SUCCESS...**

Our brown bag sale to clear rummage from the barn netted nearly \$300 and SAM COX'S hot dog stand earned another \$50. Thanks especially to CATHY HAMME and MARGE SCHMUNK and the following volunteers: MONA & BOB MITCHOFF, PAT & ELLEN BROTHERS, MIKE DUBESA, SHARON NESBIT, CINDY HAMMOND, HEIDI WILSON, JEAN HOLMAN, DOROTHY STURGES, ROBIN & CINDY LEHMAN, DAVE RIPMA, BILL JACKSON and BEVERLY WELKER.

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