



Bygone Times

Newsletter of the

Troutdale Historical Society

May/June 2009

Mark your Calendar

Cemetery Tour May 16

Stan Clarke will be leading a tour including Eagle Creek and surrounding area. It will probably involve another stop at the Philip Foster Farm and the hard-to-get-into Eagle Creek Cemetery.

Bite 'n Bluegrass July 11

Glenn Otto Park Gates open at noon. Music from 1-8:30 p.m. For list of performers go to sandyriverbluegrass.com

Summerfest Parade July 18 10:00 a.m.

Come to the Barn Museum for potluck and parade watching. Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. Come early to beat the blocking of the street.

Wheels and Wings August 1

Trotdale Airport
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Car show-Music-Planes
&
Rotary Club Fundraiser
Pancake Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
www.gorgewheelsandwings.com

Salmon Bake August 15

Authentic Native American cooked salmon & fry bread and tribal dancing. \$50 per person. Only 150 tickets will be sold. Call THS office for more information.
503-661-2164

Troutdale Historical Society ANNUAL CEMETERY TOUR

Saturday, May 16
bus leaving at 9 a.m. from Barn Museum

**Price: \$10, sack lunch and pocket money
to visit Philip Foster Farm**

Cemetery historian Stan Clarke – oh how many “grave” jokes are there? – will lead our annual trip to Estacada area cemeteries, the IOOF and Philip E. Linn adjoining cemeteries in Estacada, Mount Zion, Northeast of Estacada and – following a sack-lunch stop at Phillip Foster Farm – the Foster Pioneer Cemetery which is normally locked and will be opened for us by special arrangement.

There will be civil war reenactors that day at Philip Foster Farm, among other activities, so it should be a really fun lunch break. (They would gratefully appreciate donations).

**Join us for this unique tour.
Telephone 503-661-2164, to get your name on the list.**

And just for fun, sign up for the tour and come prepared with the perfect epitaph for Stan, who does love the funny grave marker.

Just off the top of our heads, how about, “Follow me.”

Rip's City

If you have not been to Troutdale lately, you need to come see the elk. It is one of the fantastic creations of Rip Caswell of Caswell Gallery in Troutdale. The elk sits on top of the large Caswell building close to 257th and Halsey.



Come join the fun, food and parade!

THS is having a “Parade Watching Party” at the Barn Musuem for the Summerfest Parade on Saturday, July 18.

So, bring Grandma and a lawn chair and come to the Barn Musuem for a ring-side seat for the parade and

an old fashioned gathering with neighbors. The parade starts at 11 a.m. so you need to get

Harlow House parking lot before the police block off the street. THS will furnish the coffee and lemonade.

Happy Spring!

First of all, I must say thanks to **Lorine Snyder** for helping to fold the newsletters. 750 is a lot of letters to fold and tab.

Welcome back **Mary & Dennis Bryson**. They probably hardly notice the

difference in the weather from there to here.

I also need to remind members if you have not yet paid your dues, PLEASE due so. We have tried our best to keep the dues the same price for the past few years. The cost of

operations has gone through the roof. Utilities, postage and printing have risen drastically. The membership dues help cover some of these expenses. I am pleased that we have had so many new members this year.

Please mark your calendar for the events on the front page of the newsletter. There will not be a newsletter in June. Have GREAT first part of the summer and we hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Terry

Len's Lens

by Len otto



It's a wonderful thing to get your own story in print. People should not be allowed to die until they do.

Sharon Nesbit

Sharon told me that about a year or so ago, and it made me laugh as well as think. Preserving one's story, or one's family's story, is an undertaking that requires a level of dedication that is immense. But, there are many small things that you can do that will bring you closer to

that end. In *Len's Lens* I aim to give you a few tips that may help preserve some history, mostly centered on pictures, but with a few side trips into other realms along the way.

Preserving Your Photos, Tip #1

Most people have collections of old, and not so old, photos and slides stuck in envelopes, boxes, drawers, baskets, or photo albums. As an example, I am in possession of a rather large envelope containing what I refer to as "Mystery Photos." They are definitely connected to my family, as my Grandma Otto kept them in a beautiful basket in her home. Some of the people I even recognize, but roughly 98% are, to me as well

as my siblings and mother, "mysteries." That is a tragedy, as I am sure there is a lot of family history I could understand if only I knew who these people were.

Like my grandmother, most people are rather casual about labeling their photos: They don't. If they do, "Sam, 2nd gr." is typical. For a family member even a couple generations removed from the present day, "Sam, 2nd gr." is not going to be much help. At a minimum, please use first and last name and the year. Better still would be to add where Sam attended school, complete with city and state information. I know it sounds like a pain to do this with every photo. I'll paraphrase the

dentist's adage about having to brush only the teeth you want to keep: You only have to label the photos you want future generations to "keep" in the form of their family history.

While I'm on the subject of labeling photos, please avoid using ink. I know it is durable, but it also is destructive. Ink bleeds. Right through and into the paper it bleeds. In other words, over time, it will destroy your photo. Archivists recommend using #2 pencil on the back of photos, never on the front. It's probably best to write near the border of the paper so faces are not inadvertently damaged by the pressure of the pencil.

Next issue: Storing photos

Quartz Creek Drum and Dance Group

The Quartz Creek Drum and Dance Group is a Native American family group of the Warm Springs Tribe. They will be performing at the August 15 Salmon Bake hosted by Bob & Jean Ice on the Sandy River. The group provides the entertainment, as well as education of their culture, from historical legends/stories/dance to the popular contemporary dance. Tickets are \$50 per person and 50% of the cost is a tax deductible donation. Call the Troutdale Historical Society office at 503-661-2164 to reserve your tickets. Only 150 available.



Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society's Annual Meeting - Sunday, May 17, 2009 2:00 pm Fairview Community Center, Lower Level 3rd & Harrison, Fairview, Oregon



A presentation by the Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society will feature the history of the Interurban Rail Line as it relates to Fairview. The presentation was created from Orson Goodrich's slide show, Remembering Portland's Inter-Urbans. The line was started by Ben Holladay, a successful businessman known as the "Stagecoach King", in 1872 and was discontinued in 1958.

This meeting is open to the public, is free of charge, and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact frwinfo@frwhs.org or 503-261-8078

Wanted: Your Memories of Helen Otto

Helen is about to celebrate one of those special birthdays. In lieu of gifts, her children request you mail her a "memory," such

as the first time you met or your fondest memory of her. The intent is to assemble your notes in a memory book, so please

use stationery instead of cards. Time notes to reach her by May 16. Thank you!

Please mail memories to

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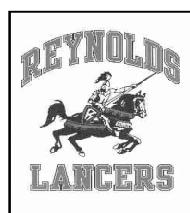
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To stimulate interest in, and knowledge of, the locality's past.

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Volunteers needed

We need volunteers to keep the Depot Museum and store open Tuesday-Friday from 1-4 p.m. starting June 2 and continuing until the end of September. If you are interested, please call the office at 503-661-2164. One day a week or one day a month would be a GREAT help!

Centennial Monument Donations:

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Comcast**

It is not too late to get your name on the Arch at the \$1,000 level or higher. The deadline has been extended to May 15th. You can mail your check to the Troutdale Historical Society, 104 SE Kibling St., Troutdale, OR 97060