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A Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.

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AN ANNIVERSARY, A GATHERING AT SWEET BRIER FARM...

This historical society celebrates its 24th birthday beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16 at Troutdale City Hall. Following a business meeting at which we will elect officers for the coming year, collect dues and take care of other anniversary activities, we will adjourn to Sweet Brier Farm, 4220 S.E. Troutdale Road, for a reception and refreshments.

HERE'S THE AGENDA: Be sure to join us for our annual election of officers. As Ted Schulte is retiring as vice president and Bob Sturges from the board of directors, there are two vacancies for those positions. Sturges and Schulte have both said they will take ex-officio positions on the board.

If you are interested in serving in a historical society office, telephone Sam Cox, 665-9086.

AND ON TO SWEET BRIER: We expect to gather at Sweet Brier Farm, the first private home in Troutdale to be named a city historical resource, at about 3 p.m. There we will have anniversary cake and punch and admire the historical plaque presented to owner David Ripma in 1991.

The parking is a bit tricky here, so please use caution. David suggests parking in his driveway so long as there is room. Because of the blind curve on Troutdale Road at this point, be careful entering and leaving the driveway. If the driveway is full, or if you don't mind a bit of a walk, continue past the farm, turn left on Sweet Briar Road and park either on the south side of the Sweet Briar Road or in the new subdivision at Jennifer Court. From Jennifer Court you may walk across the empty lot and approach Sweet Briar from the back. The way will be marked with balloons.

AT LAST, ELECTRICITY IN OUR BARN...

Thanks to a creative thought by Troutdale resident Bob Jacobs, the electrical wiring in our barn museum is assured.

His effort and that of Jacques and Buss Renard of Broadway Electric have brought us another step closer to completion of the building.

A job that was once estimated at \$13,000 will be done mostly for the cost of materials. At this writing we do not have the precise amount of our savings but knowing that electricians make in excess of \$22 an hour gives an idea what three weekends of donated work are worth.

At this writing Jacobs and Renard estimate that the electricity will be in the barn by early February.



Jacques Renard and Bob Jacobs review wiring plans in the barn.

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Our good fortune came about because Bob Jacobs, a Troutdale Lion and bingo volunteer and an electrical apprentice, called our barn construction supervisor Dick Jones and asked about the possibility of doing the wiring. In early January, he and his supervisor, Jacques Renard, visited the barn to begin planning the work.

The gift of talent and time is most timely. We have the money to pay for materials, thanks to donations to the barn in memory of Bill Baker and Alex Jones.

"I've really never donated to anybody in my life," said Renard, when he was asked why he would work through chilly January weekends for nothing. "I feel like this is an opportunity."

Jacobs doesn't even have a good excuse. He just laughed and said, "I've been a volunteer for years. I enjoy it."

We have asked both Renards and Bob Jacobs and their families to be our guests at our Feb. 16 reception at Sweet Brier farm. Please join us in thanking them.

ABOUT YOUR DUES AND THE DIRECTOR'S CLUB...

Consider joining our Director's Club when you pay your dues this year.

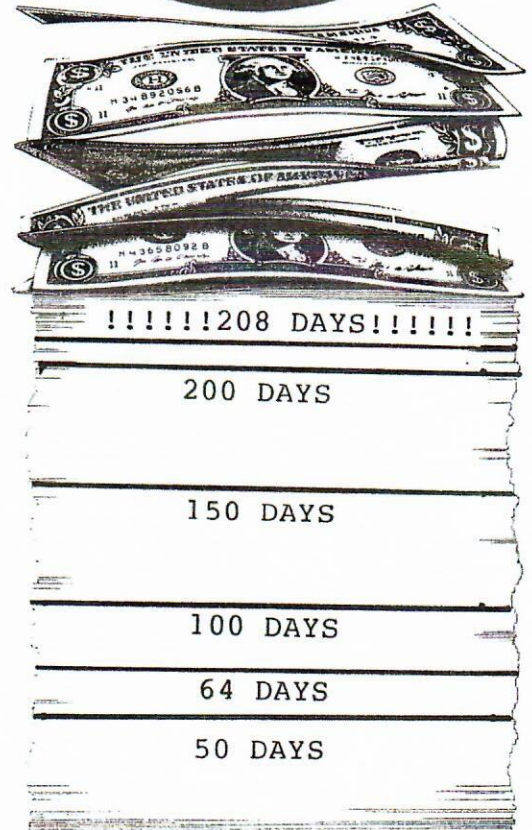
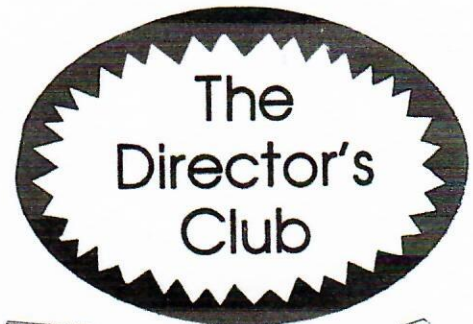
About your dues: If an envelope is attached to your newsletter, then you owe annual dues. If not, then records show that you are paid for 1992.

About the Director's Club: Our organization has two principal aims. First, to complete our museum barn. As noted on Page 1, we continue to progress on the building. And second, to hire a paid director to oversee day-to-day business and keep our museum open. A crucial issue now, this will be vital when our barn opens to the public.

Beginning with a suggestion from Bob Sturges we have created a voluntary dues fee called The Director's Club...\$50 a person, \$75 a couple. The money goes to the annual costs of a paid, part-time director for our society. Based on a salary rate of a modest \$25 for a half day, a single Director's Club membership buys two day's of work, a couple membership buys three days.

Starting small with a four half-days a week--208 half-days a year--it will take 104 Director's Club single memberships to pay the salary cost, or 69 couple memberships. In the chart at right you can see that our present budget already allows 64 days of paid help. Still needed are 140 days of salary, or 48 couple memberships. If a \$50 or \$75 membership is within your reach, please join by marking the right spot on your dues envelope.

If you have already paid your dues and wish to be in the Director's Club, just send a check less the amount already paid.



MEETING SCHEDULE, 1992
TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FEB. 5, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M. BOARD
FEB. 16, SUN. -- TROUTDALE CITY HALL, 2 P.M., REG. MEETING
FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION, SWEET BRIER FARM
FEB. 17, MON.-- HARLOW HOUSE, 7 P.M., STEERING COMMITTEE
FEB. 24, MON. -- HARLOW HOUSE, 7:30 P.M., HISTORY TALK

MAR. 4, WED -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M. BOARD,
MAR. 15, SUN. -- MENUCHA CONF. CENTER, 1 P.M., REG. MEETING

APR 1, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M., BOARD
APR. 5, SUN. -- GREAT HALL, CITY PARK, BRUNCH
APR. 20, MON. -- CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M., REG. MEETING

MAY 6, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M., BOARD
MAY 17, SUN. -- GREAT HALL, TROUTDALE CITY PARK, 3 P.M.,
POTLUCK, SHOWING "PIONEER WOMAN"

JUNE 3, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M., BOARD
JUNE 12, 13, 14 -- ICE CREAM SOCIAL, CITY PARK

JULY 1, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M., BOARD

AUG. 5, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M., BOARD

SEP. 2, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M., BOARD
SEP. 25, 26, 27 -- CITY PARK HARVEST FAIRE

OCT. 7, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M., BOARD
OCT. 17, SAT. -- GREAT HALL, TROUTDALE CITY PARK, SCHOOL
REUNION, TROUTDALE CENTENNIAL

NOV. 4, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M., BOARD
NOV. 16, MON. -- CITY HALL, 7:30 P.M., REG. MEETING

DEC. 2, WED. -- ANNEX, CITY PARK, 7 P.M., BOARD
DEC. 12, SAT. -- HARLOW HOUSE, 1 TO 4 P.M.
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

WE HAVE GOOD FRIENDS...

Thanks to TIFFANY NESBIT, who made the gumdrop ornaments for the Harlow House Christmas tree...to Christmas decorators and volunteers SANTA TED SCHULTE, SAM COX, DICK JONES, JEAN HOLMAN, DOROTHY STURGES, CATHY HAMME, HEIDI WILSON and SHARON NESBIT.

GIFTS TO THE BARN...

SAM & NANCY COX made a substantial gift to the barn in memory of Alex Jones and Rankin Davis...LAEL LARGER worked for several years recycling papers and finding ways to make small contributions. On Dec. 31 a final gift brought her total contribution to \$500 and achieved her goal of getting her name on the barn beam. Congratulations, Lael...ERA DON NELSON CO., REALTORS has promised \$500 to the barn. Nelson visited our museums at the invitation of David Ripma and said his firm's name should be on the beam...Another donation came from HERB & CLOVER NASMYTH.

D & D MANUFACTURING, Troutdale, is a business member of the Troutdale Historical Society and a sponsor of this newsletter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...DON NELSON and his wife, SARITA, are new members of our society and gave memberships to new residents in their Jennifer Court subdivision...They are: DAVID & GAIL EISELE, JOSEPH & LOIS MALONE, JACK & ESTELLE THORP and STEPHEN & MUFFETT PATTEN.

NAMEDROPPERS...We have received a donation to the general fund from BILL & LOIS MOLLER...JEAN DRIVER of Bonnie Brae Gardens donated a selection of daffodil bulbs for the flower bed at the Harlow House previously cared for by the late Alex Jones. CATHY HAMME planted them.

YEAR-END TREASURER'S REPORT...

Endowment fund.....	\$ 3,995.54
Operating account.....	12,607.68
Dedicated barn funds.....	633.69
Barn building fund.....	6,265.44
TOTAL.....	\$23,502.35

A HISTORY TALK...Historian Sharon Nesbit will host a talk and evening at the Harlow House for new members and others who just want to catch up on local history. Join her at 7:30 p.m., Monday evening, Feb. 24.

DREAMS COME TRUE...Thanks to LARRY REA, Gresham, a computer expert who knows the market, we have purchased a used Apple IIE computer for the Harlow House office for \$300. The computer is a bargain and is in excellent condition. Rea did the shopping for us, tested the machine and promises to help fit it with a printer and set it up.

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A VISIT TO SWEET BRIER
FARM, FEB. 16

