



Troutdale Historical Society

BYGONE TIMES

Mark Your Calendars!

April 16, 2011
Third Saturday!

Harlow House, Barn &
Depot Museums open from
10-2.

Come see the new ruby glass
and hat display at Harlow
House!

April 17, 2011

Annual Business Meeting
and Oral History Program
Sharon Nesbit will interview
Richard "Dick" Anderson
who worked at the Handy
Bros. Gas Station and lived
in Troutdale for many, many
years!

Sam Cox Building in
Glenn Otto Park
2-4 p.m.

May 6, 2011

First Friday at the Depot
Museum 5-8 p.m.

The Farmers Market is
back!!!

Saturday, May 21, 2011
Annual Cemetery Tour

Western Clackamas County

See page 3 for more
information

Cost \$10 per person

April Program Meeting *Oral History with Dick Anderson*

by Sharon Nesbit

They called him Dickie
Anderson in high school.

Scott Cunningham, presi-
dent of our historical soci-
ety, spilled the beans about
"Dickie" at our March his-
torical society meeting.
Scott and Dick were class-
mates. Anderson, 85, was
a lifelong resident of
Troutdale and a nearly per-
manent fixture at Handy's
Station and garage in down-
town Troutdale. If you
didn't attend the coffee, gab
and donut session at
Handy's you really missed
something.

Dick moved to Sisters
several years ago to be with
his family, but returns home
to be interviewed and
video-taped at our annual
meeting and program, 2
p.m. Sunday, April 17, in the
Sam K. Cox building in



Dick Anderson

Glenn Otto Community
Park. We are moving to
that venue to offer better
sound and more space for
this meeting, which includes
election of officers and an-
nouncement of our Mem-
ber of the Year.

Sharon Nesbit interviews
Dick about his life growing
up in Troutdale in Hensley
Road, eating at the first
Tad's, bike riding on the
Sandy Delta, his job as a
carpenter's helper on
Fairview Homes during the

war, fishing, hunting, river
rafting and of course, fix-
ing every jalopy in town.

And, Dick was the clos-
est neighbor to the Harlow
House and set our garbage
out for years.

DVDs of the interview
will be available for sale at
our depot office about a
month after the meeting.

Don't miss this interview
with Dick, another in our
series of oral history inter-
views to add to our library
of Troutdale memories.

Many volunteer opportunities available to host at one of the museums. Please call the office at 503-661-2164 if you are able to donate a few hours. Hosts are needed for Harlow House, The Barn and Depot Museums.

Busy Month! Many thanks to go around. Thank you to Leona Balch for sharing Penny's hat collection with us for viewing at Harlow House. Thank you to Doneva Shepard for sharing her ruby glass also on display at Harlow House. Come on down on the 16th to see this awesome display. ~

My grandson, Casey, is on his way to Afghanistan, so please keep him in thoughts and prayers. ~

Many loyal Outlook readers will remember the "We Three" column written by Theresa Snyder about Baby Boomers and care giving for their parents. Through the column, Theresa introduced us to her mom and dad, Lorine and James Snyder and the joy and sorrows of caring for aging parents.

Two and a half years ago, (August) I was lucky to receive a call from Theresa to come help out in their home with her mom. They told me at the time

that Lorine would not make it to Christmas. That was more than three Christmas's ago. Lorine passed peacefully on April 2nd. Anyone who knew Lorine loved her, her laughter, her optimism that she would get well. She always said "There are two mean women in town and I'm both of them."

Lorine used to sit for hours and help me fold and tape the *Bygone Time* to get them ready for mailing. She loved Troutdale Historical Society and even tried to come down to the Depot to volunteer, but her health would not allow it more than once. Once I took her for a drive down Stark Street and around to Columbia River Highway. As we were coming around the last corner towards Troutdale, Lorine mentioned she had always wanted to go into "that wonderful old house over there." She was referring to our Harlow House. I

told her I had some pull with THS **and a key**. After much work of pushing and pulling her in her wheelchair through the gravel and all the way around the house, I was able to get her inside for a private tour. She was delighted.

By far, one of the highlights of her life was to be interviewed and included in Clarence Mershon's book, *Women of World War II*.

Lorine and Jimmy raised three amazing kids and over the 64 years that they were married, they helped raise dozens of "borrowed" children. I am so blessed to have known her and I am a better person for it. I am happy and honored to be considered family. If you hear rumbling from the heavens, it is Lorine trying to re-arrange things and save places for those she held dear. She knew her limitations and said she knew she would have to settle for second-in-command when she

reached the Pearly Gates, but that was o.k. with her.

We love you Lorine and you are missed. ~

Congratulations to Sharon Nesbit for her retirement (wink, wink) at the beginning of the month. Come to April's Annual Business Meeting and hear her oral interview with Dick Anderson. It will be a great walk down memory lane. This month's meeting is at Glenn Otto Park in the Sam Cox Building at 2 p.m. on April 17. ~

Have a Happy Spring! (If it ever gets here)...

Terry



Casey Kreamier



This year's quilt is a beautiful red, white & blue star pattern. Quilt raffle tickets are on sale at the Depot for \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10 or 15 for \$20. Tickets will also be on sale at the March and April program meetings. Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday's from 10-2. Please call the office, 503-661-2164, if you want to buy tickets with your credit/debit card. The drawing will be at the annual Christmas Open House at Harlow House on December 3, 2011.

2011 May Cemetery Tour

We will visit western Clackamas county this time.

Sisters of the Holy Names

Oswego Pioneer

Sacred Heart

Robert Bird and

Stafford Baptist.

also *Meridian* in Washington county.

We might be able to toss in a couple of War Memorials. Especially if we go to Canby for DQ.

Call the Depot office at 503-661-2164 to reserve your spot on the bus which will leave the Barn Museum at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21st. Cost is \$10 per person. Bring a sack lunch and a drink.

GHS to Host Plays at Museum

Sandy Actors Readers Theatre continues its "Family Ties" season in the east Portland area with the Tony award winning play, "The Fourposter". The performance will take place at 7 PM on Monday, April 18th at the **Gresham Historical Society Museum (Carnegie Library building) in downtown Gresham**—410 North Main Street, Gresham. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available at the door.

The season will continue with: "Marvin's Room," by Scott McPherson on Monday, May 16. "I Never Sang for My Father," by Robert Anderson on Monday, June 21.

McMenamins Edgefield

2126 SW Halsey St. Troutdale, Or

Tuesday, April 26 - 6:30 p.m.

"Roll ON, Columbia":

Woody Guthrie & the Columbia River Songs (film)

Seventy years ago, folksinger Woody Guthrie spent one month in the Northwest traveling up and down the Columbia River writing songs for the Bonneville Power Administration. The songs he wrote during that short stay in 1941 still resonate in the Northwest and compel us to claim Guthrie for our own. While his most famous song from that time, "Roll On, Columbia," is Washington State's official folk song, many of the songs Guthrie wrote while he was in Portland were lost to the public for many years. Program is free and open to the public

Adrienne Clausen, our museum host coordinator, is also a gardener and she is worrying that the historic roses behind the Harlow House need a good pruning. It would be nice to find a sturdy volunteer willing to take on the task — and haul the debris away — before she tries to take it on herself.

Mark July 30th on your calendar for this year's THS Salmon Bake on the Sandy River!

Tickets are on sale now and are \$50 per person or \$85 per couple

Call the Depot at 503-661-2164 during business hours to pay by credit card.

**For more information,
Call Jean Hybskmann at 503-669-7822**

4 Ruby Glass and Vintage Hats Displayed at HH

On April 16, 2011, The Troutdale Historical Society will open the Harlow House for Third Saturday with an exhibit of antique ruby glass and vintage hats. The hats belonged to Penny Balch and are being loaned to THS by her mother Leona.

More than 200 pieces of ruby glass has been loaned

to the Troutdale Historical Society by long time member and ruby glass collector, Doneva Shepard. Her collection includes dishes, cups and mugs, pitchers of all sizes, and a wonderful assortment of souvenir items.

Since the Harlow House is a turn of the cen-

tury house, it is a perfect venue for this fantastic collection. Anyone with an interest in ruby glass will not want to miss seeing this exhibit, and anyone who has an appreciation of beauty from the past will enjoy it too. The display will be at Harlow House until the end of April.

The Harlow House Museum is open every third Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on other days by request.

For more information, contact: The Troutdale Historical Society office at 503-661-2164.

Recap of Board of Directors Meeting on April 6, 2011

President Scott Cunningham called the meeting to order. The first item of business was finalizing a slate of candidates for board officers. Scott told the Board that Greg Handy had contacted him and decided after further deliberation that he did not want to run for the position of President. Instead, David Ripma agreed to run for the position of President. Greg agreed to run for Vice-President, Tom Graves was nominated for Treasurer, and Jean Holman agreed to run for the position of Secretary. Nominations will be open to the members and a final vote taken at the April Program meeting.

Len Otto stated that he

is willing to run for the Board of Directors.

Terry Huston, Exec. Director told us that she had learned from David Ripma that Multnomah County will distribute the History Tax Levy Money for this year in two payments, one in July and one January 2012.

Helen Wand—Program Committee Report for this year's programs

April 17—Sharon Nesbit will interview Dick Anderson (The meeting will be held at Glenn Otto Park)

May 21—Annual Cemetery Tour

Sept.—Trek

Oct.—Annual Grade School Reunion

Nov.20—Tom Cowling

speaking about Bridal Veil Dec. 3—Annual Christmas Open House at the Harlow House

Greg and Sue Handy are still meeting with representatives from McMenamins about the July 2, 2011 100 year birthday celebration for the County Farm.

Mary Bryson reported that she had met with Donna Erwin and Marsha from the Chamber about using the Barn Museum for the Fall Foliage Art Celebration. After some discussion, the Board decided to let the Chamber use the Barn for the Artists' Gallery from 10-5 Oct. 14 through Oct. 23. The Historical Society will need to have a volunteer host present each day.

Paula Goldie informed the Board that the Corps of Engineers Testing Lab building at the Troutdale Airport will be sold. The Corps has offered any equipment, photos, maps, in fact, just about anything in the building for the Historical Society. Paula understood from Charlie Warren that everything needs to be removed ASAP. She will contact Charlie tomorrow and find out the particulars and inform the Board via email.

Discussion of the Goal Setting Retreat was postponed until the May meeting when we hope that Tom Graves, Dave Ripma, and Sheryl Maydew will be able to attend.

THS Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Barn Museum at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Please, Please, Please!

If you change your email address, let us know. We lose contact with several members every month. If you change your email address, drop us an email and info@troutdalehistory.org and let us know...thanks!

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To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area: To stimulate interest in, and knowledge of, the locality's past.

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We need help with the Newsletter. If anyone wants to write stories or take pictures at THS events, please call the office at 503-661-2164. Leave a message if no one answers!