

# Bygone Times

A Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



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## BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATED AT OCT. 20 DINNER AND REUNION

Our first meeting of the fall season will be a potluck dinner and school reunion beginning at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Great Hall at Troutdale City Park.

Those who attended or worked at Troutdale Elementary School are invited to join us for dinner and a program. We plan to set up a few props on the stage--a flag and picture of George Washington, of course--and, with the help of a panel of experts, reminisce about the old-fashioned school day. Crystal Bayley, who kept order in many a school room, and Dick Jones, who caused disorder in many of the same, will both be part of the panel.

The evening begins with visiting and dinner. Bring a vegetable dish, potato or pasta dish, salad or dessert. The society will provide baked ham as an entree as well as beverages. You may bring your own dinnerware or use the disposable goods provided.

If you know anyone who attended Troutdale School, bring them along. Our school pictures will be on display. And bring some of your own.

## REAPING A HARVEST AT HARVEST FAIRE...

At this writing (a day after the Sept. 29 and 30 Harvest Faire) we all are still soaking our aching feet but elated at the profit made at our Harvest Faire and Auction.

Treasurer Marge Schmunk had to take the money to the bank in a shoe box. Thanks to your donations and that of local businesses, our event reaped \$4,749 in the auction, \$1,446 in the flea market and \$1,020 in the food booth for a total of \$7,215.50. The final accounting may vary by \$100 or so, but it is not too soon to say that Harvest Faire was the biggest fundraiser we have ever had.

Thanks must go to event chairwoman Janet Renfro along with Heidi Wilson, organizer of the auction donations and the art contest, and Lynda Harvey who put together two days of pioneer craft demonstrations at the Harlow House. (Donations there were more than \$250.)

Because this newsletter is short, a complete list of volunteers must wait, but three stars of the performance were Marge Schmunk who ran the flea market and organized the auction, Sadie Riley who ran the food booth and Barbara Welsh who did the decorating. Faithful lieutenants were Dorothy Sturges, Jean Holman and Sharon Nesbit, and a gang of toters and fetchers. (Frank Driver has taken to hiding behind bushes for fear someone will make him haul one more thing around.)

We'll try for a complete list of volunteers next month, but for now a few stories. The crush of hungry people depleted the supplies of Tad's Chicken n' Dumplins. Owner Judy Jones turned up Sunday with the only paper plates she had left, yellow scalloped ones with storks on them.

The Royal Chinook Inn's smoked salmon was a hit. Our supply of pies gave out an hour before closing time. Sadie Riley's chili was great and the Sandy River Orchards sold more cider than they have ever sold at an event. More than 450 people signed the book at the Harlow House and it is estimated that another 400 didn't bother.

The goal of this effort, of course, is our barn. The board of

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

A mass mailing to all residents of Troutdale has resulted in a number of new members. Welcome to THOMAS and SARAH THOMPSON, JOHN PARIS, ROBIN and CINDY LEHMAN AND FAMILY, RAYMOND and BARBARA DECAMP, GARY and DIANE HANSON, PATRICIA R. SMITH, JIM RANDLE, and SIGRID CHAMBERS AND FAMILY.

We received as well a barn donation from RUTH H. DAVIS in memory of her husband, FLOYD DAVIS, plus an additional barn gift from the Lehman family mentioned above.

Also welcome to new member JULIE SULLIVAN, who visited the Harlow House and decided to become a part of our group.

A NEW COAT OF PAINT...

RICK RUSSELL, neighbor to the Harlow House, did his good deed in the neighborhood by painting the Harlow House for about half what it would ordinarily cost. Our thanks to Rick whose business is Rix Handiwerks. He does painting, wallpapering, home maintenance and chimney sweeping. You may contact him at 666-9191.

TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND...

Gifts to our endowment fund in memory of Marie Britton have been contributed by ALEX JONES, VERNON and MARTINE RATHMAN, SHARON NESBIT, VERA and BOB STREBIN and ROBERT AND LOUISE DIX.

MUSEUM HOURS:

Beginning this month our Troutdale Rail Depot museum is closed for the winter. It will open again in May. The Harlow House museum has new winter hours. Beginning Oct. 6 it is open each Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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GREAT HALL, TROUTDALE  
CITY PARK, OCT. 20.