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Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

January 2007

Please Mark Your Calendars

Jan. Program Meeting

Sun. Jan. 21

2 p.m.

Troutdale City Hall

February 2

First Friday Artwalk

February 18

Annual Membership Meeting (Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Park)

See additional info on calendar, page 4

**2007 Troutdale Celebrates
100 years**

In the event of icy or snowy weather and hazardous driving conditions, our meetings will be automatically cancelled. We will do our best to post such a message on the THS answering machine, 503-661-2164.



GROWING UP IN TROUTDALE IN THE 1950s

Ozzie and Harriet, Beaver Cleaver, and the Leaking Lena were familiar to anyone growing up in the 1950s. Join us at our program meeting, "Growing up in Troutdale in the 1950s" to learn more about these "cultural" icons. **The meeting will take place at Troutdale City Hall on January 21, 2007, at 2p.m.**

Len Otto will conduct an oral history interview with members of the McGinnis and Handy families. Mary McGinnis Bryson and her brother Bill McGinnis, and three "Handy brothers", Gene, Neil, and Greg will be on hand to answer Len's questions. There will be plenty of opportunities for audience participation, too.

Growing up in Troutdale in the 50s was an idyllic time for those of us who were fortunate to do so. Bike riding along Main Street and along the Sandy River with no fear of being hit by traffic, walking "downtown" alone for a forgotten grocery item, and berry picking in the summer all are memories from those times.

Television was just making its way to Troutdale in the 50s and those of us who were kids and had no TV set at home had a creative means of watching our favorite shows. Please join us to find out about this and other memories from this time.

For more information, call the THS office at 503-661-2164. Plan to be there on Jan. 21, 2007, at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

TENTH ANNUAL TEA & TOUR

Saturday ~ May 5, 2007

Please mark this date on your calendar with a big red circle.

We have an exciting day planned for you.

Invitations will go in the mail around March 15th. The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist have graciously agreed to have us sip tea, nibble crumpets and enjoy wonderful fellowship at their Villa in Bridal Veil, this coming spring.

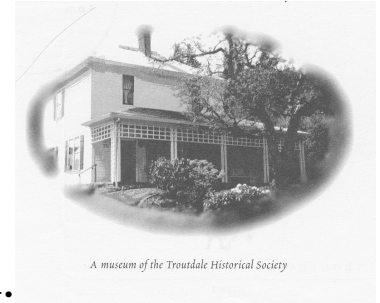
We are so fortunate to be able to share this venue with our members and guests again this year. For those who attended the tea we had there a few years ago, you will agree, it was one of the best. For those of you who missed it, you are in for a treat.

Mother Francine and the Sisters are delightful hosts. If you have not received an invitation in the past and wish to attend, please call our office and leave your name and address with Heather. Office hours are Tues. through Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone is 503-661-2164.

We will add \$5 to the usual price of \$35 to donate to the sisters for their projects. Remember \$30 of the price can be deducted as a charitable contribution. These funds provide THS the ability to maintain our three museums for the year. We count on and appreciate your support.

Harlow House Roof Will Be Replaced

Thanks to the outpouring of support from our caring members we have collected over \$7,500 in donations to replace the Harlow House roof. The donations, together with the insurance money (\$4,500) will allow us to replace the roof and leave our \$2,000 emergency repair fund in tact.



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Barbara and Dennis Grahn and their infant son **Matt**, were the second caretakers of Harlow House. Dennis was finishing his education here in Portland and now is a scientist at Stanford. Matt was definitely the last Harlow baby. We received an email update from Barbara.

"Matt is home from college (Southern Oregon University in Ashland – He is so the Oregon boy at heart). This is his last year! Do you believe it? That little walking boy that we directed around Harlow House so he wouldn't touch anything at 9 months of age. Where did he go?

I'm working at Stanford as a Human Resources Manager and Dennis is still there, too, doing research on core body cooling."



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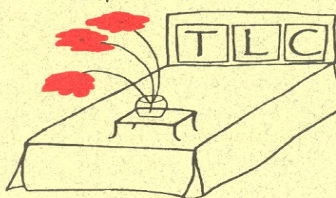
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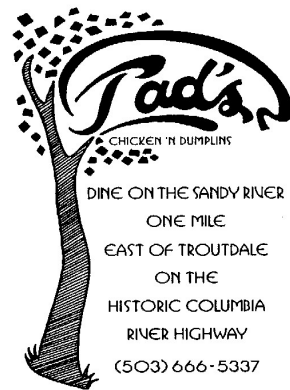
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THS 2007 PROGRAM CALENDAR

Jan. 21, 2007 Growing up in Troutdale in the 1950s

Feb. 18, 2007 Annual Membership Meeting (Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Park)

Clarence Mershon will be speaking about Troutdale History and tell us about his latest books, *Along the Sandy*, *our Nikkei Neighbors* and *Columbia River Highway from the Sea to the Wheat Fields of Eastern Oregon*

First Friday Artwalk Feb. 2, 2007

Mar. 18, 2007 Oral History Program (to be announced)

First Friday Artwalk Mar. 2, 2007

Apr. 15, 2007 Sharon Nesbit will be speaking about Troutdale history and about her Troutdale History Book, *It Could Have Been Carpdale*

First Friday Artwalk Apr. 6, 2007

May 19, 2007 Annual Cemetery Tour (St. Paul, Oregon)

First Friday Artwalk May 4, 2007

Annual Tea and Tour May 5, 2007

June No program meeting

First Friday Artwalk June 1, 2007

July 14, 2007 Ice Cream Social in conjunction with Troutdale's Bite and Blue Grass Festival

First Friday Artwalk July 6, 2007

August No program meeting

First Friday Artwalk Aug. 3, 2007

Sept. Day to be announced Walking Tour of Troutdale

First Friday Artwalk Sept. 7, 2007

Oct. 21, 2007 Annual Troutdale School Reunion

First Friday Artwalk Oct. 5, 2007

Nov. 18, 2007 Troutdale area history slide presentation by Clarence Mershon

First Friday Artwalk Nov. 2, 2007

Dec. 1, 2007 Annual Harlow House Christmas Open House

First Friday Artwalk Dec. 7, 2007

All Program meetings begin at 2 p.m. at Troutdale City Hall unless otherwise noted.

**THS will have an information booth at all First Friday Artwalks with information about Troutdale's
100 years of history and the Troutdale Centennial Arch Monument project**

In Memory

Lois Schulte, former Gresham-Troutdale resident, died in Milwaukie on Dec. 1.

Lois was a longtime member of the Troutdale Historical Society and played Mrs. Santa to her late husband Ted who played Santa at Harlow House museum for more than 25 years. She also had been membership secretary of the historical society and was once honored as member of the year.

Lois married Ted in Sandy in 1973. He preceded her in death in 2000. She worked at the shipyards during World War II and was a secretary for Standard Insurance in Portland for many years. She later worked for the City-County Council on Aging.

Lois was also a member of the Troutdale Lions Club and St. Henry's Catholic Church.

Judge Truly Wright passed away on Dec. 2 at the age of 96. She was once Troutdale City hall's only worker and also served as the city's municipal judge. She shared space on the lower floor of city hall with the jail and the city tractor.

In 1965 when she began work, the late Glenn Otto was mayor and Troutdale had 450 residents. When she retired in 1974 the population in Troutdale had grown to 2,365 and the city hall staff had increased to 9. Truly and her husband Acil lived in Wood Village for many years. Later in her career the city council appointed her judge, gave her an official title and a black robe.

Betty Wieprecht died at her home on Dec. 3rd. She and her husband Harvey are longtime members of the Troutdale Historical Society.

Betty was born and educated in Portland, graduating from Jefferson High School in 1943. She later earned her nursing degree from what is now Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center and graduated first in her class for the entire state of Oregon. She worked at Emanuel for more than 30 years and retired in 1987.

Betty was also a member of Smith Memorial Church, Job's Daughters and the Mazamas. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels and Camp Fire USA.

Sally Lindholm, longtime beloved teacher at Troutdale Elementary School died in Boise, Idaho on Dec. 12. She began teaching in Troutdale in the early 1940s and continued to keep in touch with several of her former students through the years. She retired in the mid-1970s.

Sally married her husband Arthur in 1938. He worked and retired from the postal service in Portland. He preceded her in death in 1993. Her son Eric died in 1998 and her daughter Tina and family live in Boise. She was a member of musical group, the *Postal Notes*, consisting of postal employee wives. They became very popular and played many venues as far away as Seattle.

Sally volunteered for the U. S. post office for many years answering letters to Santa Clause. When she moved to Boise in 2001, they had no "Santa" program in place in the Boise area. She wrote to the post office in Portland and they sent her an average of 100 letters, which she continued to answer by hand until Christmas of 2004.

Don Hessel died in Gresham on Dec. 6. He and his wife Mary Jo opened Main Street Grocery in downtown Gresham in 1982 and operated the business in the old Miller-Kidder Hardware Store location. He retired for health reasons 18 years later.

Don was a fourth generation member of a family that originally settled in Gresham in 1908. He was very active in community affairs as president of the Gresham downtown boosters and its Spirit of Christmas event. He volunteered for meals on wheels, listened to children read in the Heart tutoring program and volunteered with the Portland Jazz Festival, just to name a few. Don was a longtime member of Troutdale Historical Society offering many years of goods and advice.

Anniversary

Orlin and Barbara Huston, longtime Troutdale residents, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 14th in Yuma, AZ. They will have a celebration with family when they come to Oregon next summer.

They met on a blind date in August of 1946 and went dancing at the pavilion at Blue Lake Park. The couple lived most of their lives in East County including Wood Village, Corbett and then Troutdale.

Orlin retired from the Troutdale Post Office in 1980 and Barbara retired from Nationwide Insurance in 1981. Barbara also played piano for Reynolds School District for many years. They moved to Yuma in 1981 and then worked several summers in Yellowstone National Park. Barbara plays organ for their church in Yuma and Orlin enjoys shooting pool.



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