## Bygone Times

## Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.

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A TRIP TO THE POOR FARM ...

Since our next meeting falls on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, why not take a little outing? And wear a bit o' green?

Because our society has a special interest in the Multnomah County Farm and especially Edgefield Manor, our March meeting will be a tour of Edgefield. We will meet at Troutdale City Hall for a brief business meeting and then carpool to Edgefield. Patrick McNurney, a nice Irish boy who is working with McMenamins Pubs and Breweries in the restoration of Edgefield as the new Edgefield Gardens Village, will be our guide.

A warning, if you are offended by graffiti and ugly words, consider confining your visit to the new brewery and winery. Dress warmly

and wear low-heeled shoes.

As our tour will take us away from our usual meeting place, we will not plan refreshments for this meeting. But it has been hinted that a sample of the McMenamins ale might be offered.



Those of you who have feasted before at the wonderful spring brunches cooked by Rich and Dorothy Kerslake will need to know nothing more except the date, time and place -- Sunday, March 24 (that is Palm Sunday) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Great Hall at Troutdale City Park.

The price is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages 12 to 6, and

children 6 and under breakfast for free.

Your job is to take the enclosed poster and put it up in your church, or some other place where hungry people gather. If you would like to help serve or set up that day, call Sharon Nesbit.

Rich and Dorothy cook this brunch each year as a benefit for the

barn.

ON TO ASTORIA, YOU LANDLUBBERS...

It is time to get your money and reservations in for our Saturday,

April 6 all-day trek to Astoria.

We have seats left on a very comfortable bus which leaves Troutdale City Hall at 8:30 a.m. The price of \$50 a person includes transportation, visits to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, the Clatsop County Historical Society's Flavel House and either the Heritage or new Firefighters museum. Time may allow an optional side trip. Lunch will be on your own in downtown Astoria with time for shopping or just poking around. Dinner, which is included in the ticket price, is at the Sanctuary, across the Astoria Megler Bridge in Chinook, Wash. The Sanctuary is a gourmet restaurant in a turn of the Tentury church. Finally we have arranged a sunset on the way home!

If you plan to attend, send your check, name, address and telephone number to Troutdale Historical Society Trek, 104 S.E. Kibling Street, Troutdale, Ore. We will assign the remaining seats on a first-come,

first-served basis, so don't delay.



THANKS FOR THE MONEY ...

It is a warm fuzzy feeling to open the dues payment envelopes and find an extra gift tucked in. So many in fact, that we have formulated thank-you-letter policy. In the interests of economy and our postal bill, it is not practical to send a thank you letter for a donation of less than \$5. Please accept our thanks in this newsletter. The larger donations will warrant a formal letter of thank you from our secretary, Barbara Welsh.

And while we're at it, thank you to DOROTHY EVANS, who sent along a gift especially for the newsletter. And to CATHERINE MOE of Ellensburg, Wash., who made a donation to our endowment fund in memory of her cousin, the late Arline Seidl. "Knowing your society was one of Arline's many interests, I am quite sure this would meet with her approval," wrote Mrs. Moe. FRANK and JEAN DRIVER, BOB and MAUDE WINNING, ALICE HARTJE, JIM and LYNN LEAHY, and GERY GUSTAFSON made donations to the barn museum.

Also sending a gift to the barn in memory of her husband, Bob, was MARY HUGHES.

HAROLD and MYRTA WEATHERHEAD gave a contribution to the endowment fund in the name of her mother, CORRA STARKS, whose wonderful history of growing up in Troutdale was printed last month. WILBUR and VAL RATHMAN made a gift to the endowment fund. Gifts to our operating fund came from BARBARA HAM, JEANNE PULLIAM, and CECILIA and TOM PAVLIK.

Gifts continue to come in from all the friends that Homer Lumsden made over the years. Donations were made by: BILL and MARIE STONE, LOLA FELLMAN, WEIR and MARIE OWENS, HELEN TILLER, LOLA LUMSDEN, TED and LOIS SCHULTE, MIKE and PAULINE MORROW, and MR. and MRS. FRED BAUMAN.

Also, we have received donations to the endowment fund in memory of Marjorie Matches from HELEN TILLER, ANITA ESPENEL, TED and LOIS SCHULTE. And to the Barn Fund in Majorie's name from ZELMA SUTHERLAND.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS ...

Joining us are: CARLA WILSON, Portland; LARRY BOYD, Portland; TOM PAVLIK, Troutdale; ELLEN BROTHERS, Bridal Veil; BEN PEARSALL, Troutdale; BOB ADAMS, Corbett; ANNE WALKER, Portland, RICHARD PAZ, Troutdale, ELIZABETH BALDWIN, Corbett; PHIL SIMPSON, Portland, BOB BURLINGAME, Troutdale; VAL RATHMAN, Troutdale; CLAUD and JOYCE FORQUER, Troutdale; HARVEY WIEPRECHT, Troutdale; LEWIS and FLORENCE CARROLL, Gresham; GLYNN LEAHY, Portland, and ALLEN HOUSE, Portland.

And we have three new Lifetime Members, DAVID T. DUNNE, Portland; TERRY EGE, Troutdale; MARJORIE KASCH, Quincy, Wash.; and ALICE KERSLAKE, Corbett.

Our first business member is D & D Manufacturing, Troutdale. Their \$125 business membership helps support our newsletter. In exchange they get a monthly mention in our newsletter. If you are interested in a business membership, contact Joyce Stoeckel, membership secretary, 665-0026.

AND WE GET LETTERS...

Writes Laura Nasmyth Lord of Downey, Calif: "I enjoy the newsletters very much and read every one. It would be nice if the married women who write in would include their maiden names so everyone would know who they are." Good idea.

And from John Denison, Tigard, comes word that his father was manager of the Multnomah County Farm, Edgefield Manor, for 26 years

and John grew up there.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH ...

Lenore Thomas deserves recognition as our most loyal member of all. She writes: "I had paid three years dues in 1990 through 1992. The flyer indicated that the dues were raised \$1 a year. Enclosed is a check for \$2 to cover the increase from the rate I had paid."

In addition to being thoughtful, Lenore is a frequent visitor to our museum and has worked hard on identifying some of the items that

we have never had names for.

SPECIAL PEOPLE, SPECIAL JOBS...

HEIDI WILSON and LYNDA HARVEY have created an Easter display in the rear parlor of the Harlow House. Stop by and see it. The museum is open Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. After several years as a Harlow House host, SADIE RILEY'S work schedule forces her to resign. Her replacement will be MARY HUGHES. Elves with a cherry picker on their truck have returned the gold ball to the top of the Harlow House flag pole. They prefer not be mentioned by name. Chief elf DICK JONES and his wife, VALORA, donated dishes to our Harlow House kitchen. During Sharon's Nesbit's vacation, ALEX JONES, was the fellow who dealt with the flood of daily mail. And how can we thank outgoing board members GENE BUI and RANKIN DAVIS for their years on our board of directors?

PLEASE, WEAR NAME TAGS TO OUR MEETINGS. IT IS SO MUCH EASIER ON THOSE OF US WHOSE MINDS ARE GOING.

WANTED: Volunteers willing to give one Saturday or Sunday each month, May through September, to greet visitors to the depot museum. Pay is awful but the rewards are great. Call Sharon Nesbit, 665-0423.

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