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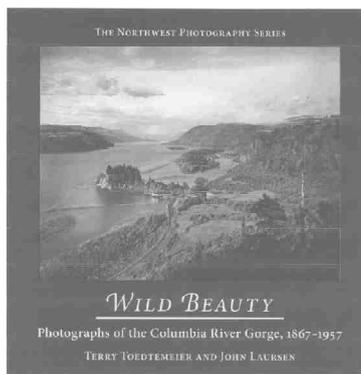
October 2009

Mark your Calendar

November 15

Program meeting at Troutdale City Hall -
2 to 4 p.m.

November's program will be a presentation by John Laursen of beautiful pictures of the Columbia River Gorge 1867-1957. He will have copies of his book (co-authored with Terry Toedtemeier) for sale.





December 5
Christmas
Open House
at Harlow House
with Santa,
cookies and
wassail.
11-4

Troutdale/Fairview Elementary Reunion October 11

This Year's Troutdale/Fairview Elementary School Reunion will be held at the Barn Museum in Troutdale. 2-4 p.m. 732 E Historic Columbia River Hyw. Bring your old photos and your memories. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call the office at 503-661-2164.

Sorry for the confusion on the date in last month's newsletter.

The Flag Pole is Back at Harlow House!



With the H1N1 Flu Season upon us, please stay safe and stay home if you are feeling at all ill.

Also keep in mind the weather. Last year we cancelled a meeting due to a wind storm. One never knows what Mother Nature will throw at us, so if you have any doubt about a meeting or THS function, call the office 503-661-2164 and we will try to keep the message current on our phone. If it has not been changed, call me on my cell 503-810-0386. Thanks, Terry

² *From the Director's Chair* by Terry Huston

A big thank you goes out to **McMenamins Edgefield** for allowing the THS to again have a booth as a 'community partner' at their summer concert series 2009! This year we were able to participate in all 13 concerts. Our booth contained copies of our newsletter, Edgefield history books, perpetual calendars for sale and any and all free Troutdale information we could give away!! A thank you to all the volunteers who risked hearing loss and near drowning in the rain while holding down the fort!!

Thank you **Paula Goldie** for organizing all the concerts, booth info, etc.

Another HUGE thank-you to **Dick Bohlman, Mike Alderson, "Little" Mike, Mayor Kight** and the **City Council, Kelly Graham** and the entire **staff of the City of Troutdale**. The support that THS gets from the city is above and beyond the call of duty. We would not be where we are today if it were not for the support of the city workers.

Another big THANKS! to **Jean Holman** and **Mary**

Bryson for helping and hosting First Friday at the Depot! We had a wonderful crowd, lots of vendors and GREAT food! **Dave & Jennifer Munson** as always, thanks for all you do.

We have lost our wonderful office assistant to another job and hope a replacement from Easter Seals will be even half as good as Christine has been. She is still volunteering two Saturdays a month which is a big help.

Have a Happy Fall!

Terry

Estacada Area Historical Museum

Invites you to a fund raising dinner October 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the Estacada Odd Fellows Hall. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased at *The Country Restaurant, The Art Smith & Curves* in Estacada.

Music for dancing will be provided by *The Why Nots*.

For more information call 503-630-6807

In Memory

Warren G. Howell

Gresham resident Warren G. Howell, 88, died Wednesday, Sept. 9.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Pleasant Home Community Church. Private interment followed at Douglass Pioneer Cemetery in Troutdale.

Warren was born July 10, 1921, in Portland to Lewis

and Gerta (Peterson) Howell. He and his identical twin brother were the youngest of 12 children. Warren was raised in Troutdale and graduated from Washington High School. He attended Oregon State University.

During World War II, Warren worked for Boeing. He then worked as a technician for Hanford Project from 1947-58. In 1959, Warren went into sales for

Westinghouse and worked in both Portland and Boise, Idaho. He retired in 1984.

On Nov. 11, 1956, he married Christine Paulson.

Warren was a member of Pleasant Home Community Church, the Grieg Lodge Norse Hall in Portland, the Troutdale Historical Society and the Multnomah County Republican Party. He also served on the Lusted Water District board. When Warren

was younger, he enjoyed flying small engine aircraft, mountain climbing and photography. He also enjoyed gardening and caring for his small blueberry farm.

His son, Thomas Howell, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Christine; sons, Jonathan Howell and Eric Howell, both of Portland; daughter, Lisa Lafrenz of Gresham; and four grandchildren.

The West Columbia Gorge Chamber is on the Move

by Sharon Nesbit

The Kendall/Lampert house, which will be the new office of the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce beginning in October, was built on the sloping site at 226 W. Historic Columbia River Highway in about 1928, though family member Ignatius Wand thought that construction might have been earlier in the decade.

It was built by a well-known Troutdale builder, Harry Bramhall, for Union Pacific Station agent A.D. Kendall and his family. Bramhall's own home still stands on Troutdale Road.

Just below the Kendall house on the street level is a small building that has served at various times as a restaurant and a fruit stand and is now being restored as a pub. Ig Wand opened a fruit stand there in the 1920s and Troutdale resident Walt Nasmyth remembers it as Curly Tharp's, which in the

1930s "served the best hamburgers in the West."

The Kendall/Lampert home is of Art and Crafts style and unique because it is stucco, embedded with cracked glass. It is unusual in this area, and the few other homes finished in that manner have been painted over.

The first occupants of the home were A.D. Kendall and family. Kendall arrived in Troutdale on June 14, 1907, according to his own account, and at 6:30 a.m. He was a railroad man, after all. He and his wife and four daughters first lived in upstairs quarters of the original Troutdale rail depot, which burned later that summer, resulting in construction of the present depot, which has been relocated at 473 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, where it serves as museum and office for the Troutdale Historical Society. Kendall retired from his job as station agent Oct. 16, 1940.

Kendall also was involved



in the gladiola industry and had an interest in the bulb storage house at the corner of 2nd and Buxton downhill from the city's conference center.

The second occupants of the house were Kendall's daughter, Evelyn Kendall Lampert, and her husband Julius, who was born on the Lampert homestead on Cabbage Hill just east of Troutdale. They were married Aug. 10, 1922. Evelyn Lampert continued to live in the home for a time after his

death in 1976.

The original sink of the Kendall/Lampert house, a classic pedestal sink, was given to the Troutdale Historical Society in the 1980s for use in the Harlow House. It was removed from the Kendall Lampert house during a remodeling, but Evelyn Lampert couldn't bear to throw it away, so she was happy to see it go to the Harlow House, where it was refinished and installed to replace a modern sink that was then in place.

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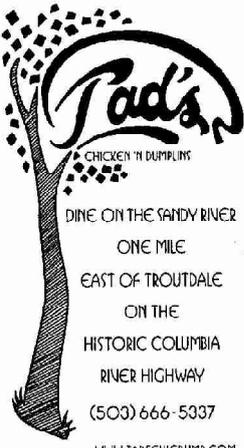
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 To stimulate interest in, and knowledge of, the locality's past.

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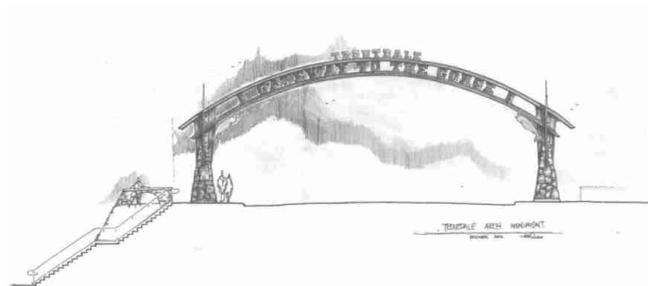
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**Centennial Monument
 Update**

The City of Troutdale has agreed to finance the rest of the funds needed for the Arch. At press time it is believed that the only thing stopping construction are final approvals from the county for a structure crossing over a main highway. Construction of the Arch will only take 120 days from start to finish (approximately) so we hope to see some action sometime this fall.

**Volunteers needed third Sat. of the month for
 hosts at Harlow House and the Barn Museums!**