

BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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HARVEST FAIRE -- A CELEBRATION OF FALL

This is your invitation to be a part of Harvest Faire, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24 and 25, at the Harlow House Museum, the Rail Depot Museum and Troutdale Community Park.

What's going on? Frank Grande and his "Slow Possums" will be back to entertain on the park stage, thanks to sponsorship by Reynolds Metals. Also look for a group of line-dancing children called Country Fun Dancers Too.

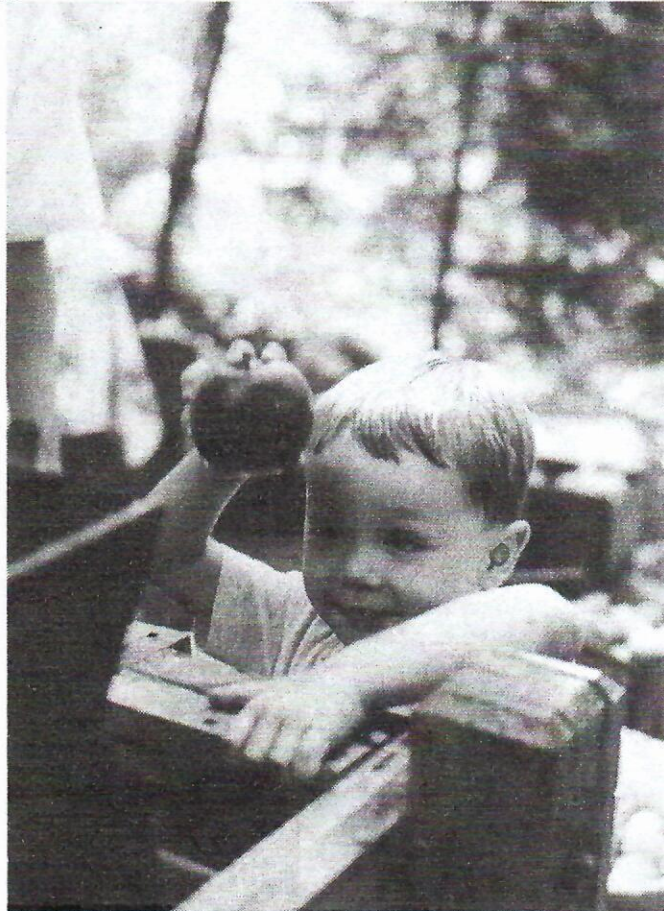
Tad's Chicken N' Dumplins will return with great food, we will have homemade pie from our own historical society bakers; Sandy River Orchards will bring their cider press, the blacksmiths of Fort Vancouver and potter Dan Stevens will work in the park, spinners and weavers will ply their yarn at the Harlow House and we're hoping for a special train display at the depot.

What else? A bunch of creative craft workers will have booths in the park. Antique dealers will sell their good old stuff. And Granny's Attic, a sale of collectibles and good old goods from historical society members, will directly benefit the barn. We plan children's activities. The Lions will sell beer. Sadie Riley will do her famous chili. Mary Hughes has promise a washing demonstration at the Harlow House.

A \$1 donation to the barn is suggested to enter the park.

This will be fun. Join us. Put up the poster in this newsletter somewhere where others can see it--or give it to a friend who'd like to come. Remember that profits from Harvest Faire go to the completion of our museum barn.

How can you help out? Check out the list on Page Two for ways to contribute.



At last year's Harvest Faire, Tony Jones pitched a perfect apple into the cider press and drank the result.

(Photo courtesy of Mac Neely)

TREASURER'S REPORT.....Lynda Harvey, Treasurer

Operating account.....\$ 5,032.26
Barn building account.....11,988.83
Dedicated barn funds..... 616.53
Endowment fund.....16,171.44
Director's fund.....4,644.05

TOTAL.....\$38,453.11

Welcome to new members...

Our recruiters, Helen Towsley and Len Otto will be prowling Harvest Faire to find new members for our society. And did you know that we now have a program to send letters of welcome to each new resident that moves to Troutdale? Naturally, we invite them to join our society.

In the meantime, welcome to new members **Betty Wieprecht, Stan & Loray Zaputil** (they are actually re-enlistments), **Frank & Pamela George, Rick and Alyson Salz, and Dorothy & Polly Self.**

THE TO-DO LIST FOR HARVEST FAIRE....

1. CALL UP FLORENCE BAKER, 665-9656, AND VOLUNTEER A SHIFT IN THE KITCHEN, PIE BOOTH, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, HARLOW HOUSE OR DEPOT.
2. PUT UP THE ENCLOSED POSTER IN A PROMINENT PLACE.
3. FIND RIBBON, RICKRACK, BUTTONS AND TRIM FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS. LEAVE AT HARLOW HOUSE.
4. CLEAN OUT CLOSETS FOR COLLECTIBLES FOR GRANNY'S ATTIC. LEAVE AT HARLOW HOUSE. (Do this now. Committee members need time to sort and price.)
5. LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT SPACE FOR CRAFT OR PRODUCE BOOTHS CAN BE RENTED BY CALLING NANCY HOLLAND, 665-3696.
6. PLAN ON BRINGING PUMPKINS, CORNSTALKS, FLOWERS OR OTHER FALL STUFF FOR DECORATING ON FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 23.

TIME TO SAY THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS IN BUSINESS....

It has been our good fortune to have support from a number of Troutdale-area businesses in the things we do. Recently, regular as clockwork, came a substantial annual gift from Jack Burns of **Burns Brothers**. That firm has made donations well in excess of \$10,000 to our barn project. At this moment they are paying the cost of a tourism sign at their Frontage Road truck stop to tell travelers about Troutdale and our museums.

Add to the list of solid supporters Judy Jones and the people from **Tad's Chicken N' Dumplins** who each year give nearly all their profits from Harvest Faire back to the barn.

Reynolds Metals is a regular sponsor at Harvest Faire. And **Edwin O. Ege Sanitary Service** does the same for ice cream social.

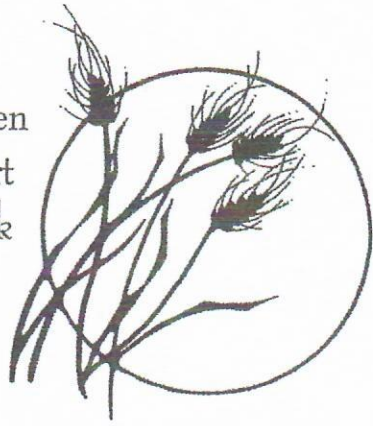
Roy Meger and Elsie Simmitt at **Troutdale General Store** keep a fruit jar on their counter for historical society donations. The last harvest from that little jar netted \$32.

McMenamins Edgefield will once again give 25 percent of the profits from the Powerstation Pub on Oct. 24, as well as offering space at no charge for our school reunion.

Troutdale Historical Society presents

HARVEST FAIRE

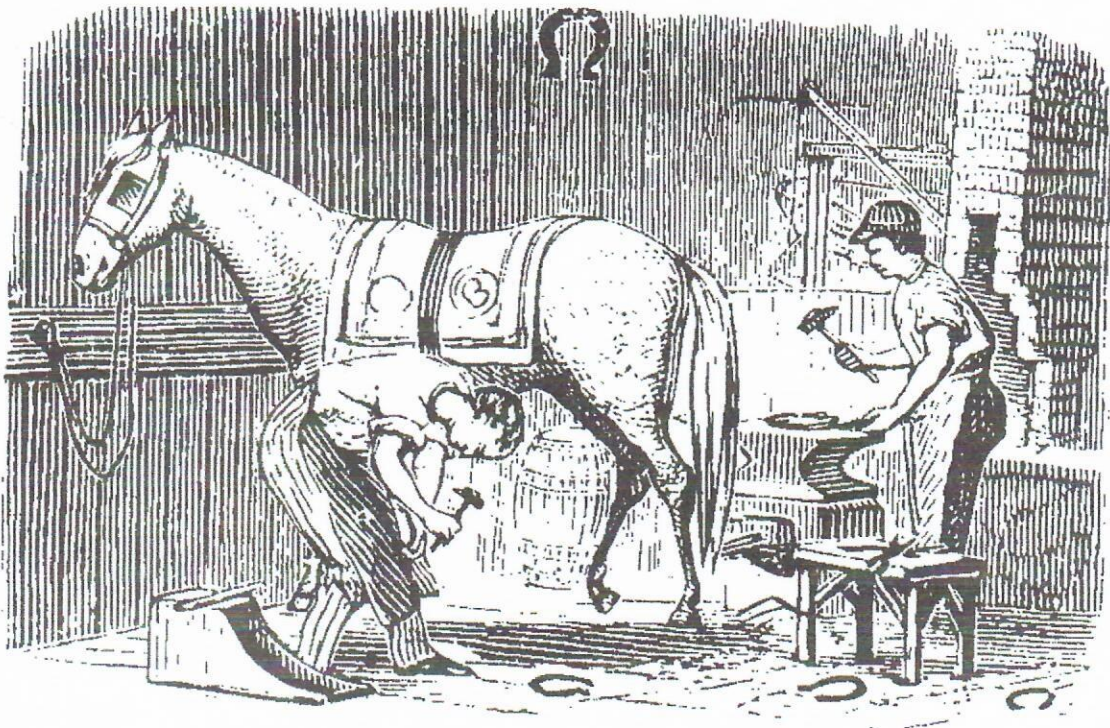
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SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH

11 AM TO 5 PM

TROUTDALE COMMUNITY PARK • HARLOW HOUSE
RAIL DEPOT MUSEUM



ART: The blacksmiths of Fort Vancouver, weavers, spinners, potters, and craft booths

MUSIC: The Sly Possums DANCE: Country Fun Dancers

FOOD: Tad's Chicken & Dumplins, Sandy River Orchards and Mom's Apple Pie

GOOD OLD STUFF: Antique Sales and Granny's Attic

OUR SPONSORS:

Reynolds Metals • Tad's Chicken n' Dumplins

IT WAS A REAL PICNIC...



The smiling faces at left are of Helen and Kaz Tamura, grand marshals of the Troutdale parade. As usual, we operated our hamburger booth, making about \$445 and satisfying the craving of about 250 people for fried Walla Walla sweets. The folks who need to be thanked for their work on the booth are: Sharon & Bill Nesbit, Ted Schulte, Carole & George Klinger, Dick & Adam Jones, Dave Ripma, Mario Ayala, Phil & Heidi Wilson, Dorothy Sturges, Jean Holman, Edna Nearhoff, Herb & Clover Nasmyth, John Nasmyth, Lucy Tolbert, Judy Jones, Ellen Brothers, Sam Cox and Carolyn Taylor.

Dave Ripma put together our float with sign work provided by Mona Mitchoff. Caryn Coyle was the baton twirler who preceded it. Florence Baker and Nancy Holland were among the float riders. And Steve and Judy Lehl offered their old car to parade our member of the year, Clover Nasmyth and husband, Herb.

GIFTS TO OUR SOCIETY FROM OUR FRIENDS, FOR OUR FRIENDS...

To the endowment fund:

In memory of Glenn Otto from Rose & Keith Bernhardt

In memory of Melvin Traxler, father of our barn-builder Dave Traxler, from Sam and Nancy Cox and Troutdale Lions Club.

To the general fund from Troutdale General Store.

IN MEMORY...

Leah Skinner, 99, died in August. A former Wood Village resident, she was a self-employed beautician and a former member of our society. Her husband, Seth Skinner, died in 1981.

YIPPEE! A COMPUTER FROM JOHN AND JUNE NASMYTH...

In August after our annual Board of Trustees meeting, John and June Nasmyth went home and kicked around some ideas. Subsequently, John called President David Ripma to say that they will buy a new computer with desktop publishing capabilities for the purpose of doing our newsletter and a Troutdale history book.

Thanks to technical and shopping advice from Terry Weiner and the Gresham Outlook's Kevin Schaffer a computer has been selected and ordered. John and June specified that it be as up-to-date as possible and capable of meeting our future needs.

This gift solves a real problem for our society, forces the editor to clean her office and will produce a newsletter (when all the bugs are worked out) that our members deserve.

HEY, WE CAN SEE THE GAZEBO AGAIN...

At left, on a particularly hot and sweaty August day, Patti Polly, right and her two teenage workers, Erik Reglein and Clint Martin, fill a dumpster with weeds pulled from the grounds around the gazebo. What is not apparent in this photo is Ray Reglein, lending a hand, and the fact that Ege Sanitary donated the dumpster for the job.

Polly secured money from the city park budget to restore the gazebo grounds, kill of the weed, rototill the site and plant a covercrop. The long range plan will be to plant native plants and build a board walk too and from the gazebo. Patti made the proposal, outlined the plan, campaigned for the budget and now, as you can see, is working on the sweat equity.



NAMEDROPPERS...Mike Dubesa was the fellow who donated \$40 worth of donuts to the ice cream social...Dick Jones has installed the utility sink in the barn and is now putting tile board in the restrooms...Larry Rea and Pat Brothers have the Harlow House computer system working. Director Ellen is very happy...Sharon Nesbit, Dorothy Sturges and Jean Holman all got Food Handlers' licenses for future events...A group of officers and members traveled to Sherman County for an inside look at the construction of that historical society's newest exhibit. That trip is preparation for building an exhibit in the barn...Wally Balmer brought photos of land at the corner of 257th and Stark Street that his family farmed...For those who worked on it and those who enjoyed it, the profit from the May brunch was \$470....Our ice cream social earned about \$3,650...And those faithful workers at bingo brought in \$700 in the second quarter.

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