

# BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JUNE-JULY, 1995

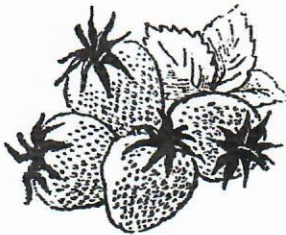
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## ICE CREAM SOCIAL COMES JUNE 10 & 11

The bright pink flyer inside this newsletter, the creation of our member Carolyn Strong, is meant for you to post in your neighborhood, church or shopping area.

We know you won't miss our 27th annual ice cream social. The strawberries. The shortcake. The banana splits. The arts and crafts. The Portland Rug Hooking Guild at the Harlow House. Toy trains at the depot. A chance for the kids to plant seeds to take home and crank homemade ice cream. The music—the mandolin orchestra on Saturday, ragtime on Sunday. And two plant sales, our own on Saturday and the Friends of Beaver Creek sale both days. If you put up the poster above, some one else will have a chance to do all those things. (And make us a buck or two in the process.)

Ice cream social, as fun as it is, is also one of our major fund-raisers of the year and very important to our survival.



That is why we ask you to express thanks every chance you get to our sponsors, Edwin O. Ege Sanitary Service, Handy Bros. Service, Inc., Historic Columbia River Jeweler, and GoldStar Homes, builder of Stuart Ridge and Stuart Meadow subdivisions.

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### WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO TO HELP OUT?

1. PUT UP THE ATTACHED POSTER.
2. CALL FLORENCE BAKER, 665-9656, AND VOLUNTEER TO WORK A COUPLE HOURS. We need hostesses willing to greet our guests. Dining room table washers who can also visit with the guests. (It is a social after all.) Someone to keep the garbage cans emptied. Hosts at the Harlow House, depot and barn.
3. BRING FLOWERS FOR DECORATING ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9, AT 5 P.M.
4. DONATE BEDDING PLANTS FOR OUR SALE ON SATURDAY.
5. SAY THANKS TO MONA MITCHOFF AND HER CREW FOR ALL THEIR GOOD WORK.

## CALENDAR

FOR JUNE & JULY



- May 31, Wed., noon:**  
Friends of the Zimmerman House. Upstairs in the barn.
- May 31, Wed., 7 p.m.:**  
Steering committee for ice cream social and Harvest Faire. Upstairs in the barn.
- June 1, Thurs., 7 p.m.:**  
Meeting committee at the Harlow House
- June 3, Sat., 2 p.m.:**  
Barnstorming session to plan exhibits for the museum barn. All Welcome. Upstairs in the barn.
- June 7, Wed., 7 p.m.:**  
Board of Directors monthly meeting. Upstairs in barn.
- June 9, Fri. 5 p.m.:**  
Set up for ice cream social. Troutdale Community Park.
- June 10 & 11, Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.:**  
Ice Cream Social, park, Harlow House and Rail Depot.
- June 14, Wed., 7 p.m.:**  
Steering committee for ice cream social and Harvest Faire. Upstairs in the barn.
- June 28, Wed., noon:**  
Friends of the Zimmerman House. Upstairs in the barn.
- July 5, Wed., 7 p.m.:**  
Board of Directors monthly meeting. Upstairs in the barn.
- July 15, Sat.:**  
Troutdale Parade and picnic, downtown and in Community Park.

## FIRST BARNSTORMING SESSION YIELDS 82 IDEAS FOR EXHIBITS

People who gathered in the barn in late April for our first barn/brainstorming session on exhibits for our agricultural and loft museums came up with nifty ideas. They ranged from having sounds and smells in the barn museum to discussing farm labor changes -- winos to Hispanic.

There was talk of country gentlemen estates, the Japanese experience in Troutdale, the vegetable and flower industries and of course, East Wind. Join us June 3, 2 p.m., for more work on this exciting project.



# The Director

## Ellen Brothers Says:

Some of our best volunteers have come to us by the simple expedient of asking.

So, why not ask, I said to myself...

Here are a few "help-wanted ads." They don't pay anything, but they are the kind of jobs that have many rewards, chief among them, you can take just as long a coffee break as suits you.

**HANDY MAN WANTED:** A woodworker willing to build, or rebuild, and paint the Harlow House window screens. Call 661-2164.

**ASSISTANT, GIRL FRIDAY, MAN FRIDAY, WHATEVER:** Someone with about four hours a week to develop a volunteer program, maybe do a bit of computer work, occasional envelope stuffing, stamp licking. Call 661-2164

**BURGER CHEF:** Ever run your own hamburger stand? Long to do it again? We need a chairperson to oversee our Troutdale picnic hamburger booth. Workers are consistent volunteers, just need a boss. Call 661-2164

**FINISH CARPENTER:** Credit on the barn beam for hours of work goes to a "jewel-box" carpenter willing to do finish work in the barn. Call Dick Jones, 252-4306.

## GET A LOAD OF THESE GUYS

Several carloads of Kerslakes rolled into Troutdale park building at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, April 30, maybe as late as 8 a.m., and by 9 a.m. breakfast was ready.

The result of this effort, led by Rich & Dorothy Kerslake and assisted by family members, Mitzi Kerslake, Jean & Jim Rhodes, Margaret Overgaard and an assortment of others whose names we didn't get, is that we made \$712 and fed a lot of contented people. They included a large group from a Portland church who came out after services to eat together.

So, in addition to the Kerslakes, we owe thanks to Dorothy Sturges Sharon Nesbit, Mona Mitchoff, Penny Balch, June Nasmyth, Velma Norman, Ellen & Pat Brothers, Nancy Collins, Gladys Norment, Florence Baker, Jean Holman, Mike Dubesa, Clover Nasmyth, Shirley Yost, Nancy Cox, Florence Happold, Doris Wooley, Martha Booheister and Sam Cox, all of whom brought dishes, or served.

## AND THESE GUYS...

Lending a hand with Harlow House and barn clean up on our April 29 workday: Dick Jones, Roy Hoover, Bob Strebin, Evelyn Jacobson, Donna Hawkins, Al & Joyce Stoeckel, Cathy Hamme, Mario Ayala, Ellen Brothers, Sharon Nesbit and Don McGinnis.

In addition, Evelyn Jacobs has offered to make curtains for the restroom in the barn.

## AND THIS GUY...

T.J. Kimzey, our volunteer Harlow House host and computer hand, was elected president of the Senior Class at Centennial High School.

## GIFTS

### TO THE Barn Fund

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In memory of  
Charles Ellis  
Bob & Shirley Loeffel  
Lois Moller  
Anita Espenel

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### TO THE Endowment Fund

In memory of  
F. Jean Allegre  
Helen Althaus

In memory of  
Jim Kindrick  
Vernon & Marty  
Rathman

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### TO THE General Fund

Mona Loe  
Bob & Shirley Loeffel

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joining the Directors Club are Mike & Cathy Hamme.

Other new members are Mona Loe, Ellen Raber, Stan Hymel, Cindy Sanders & Steve Smith.

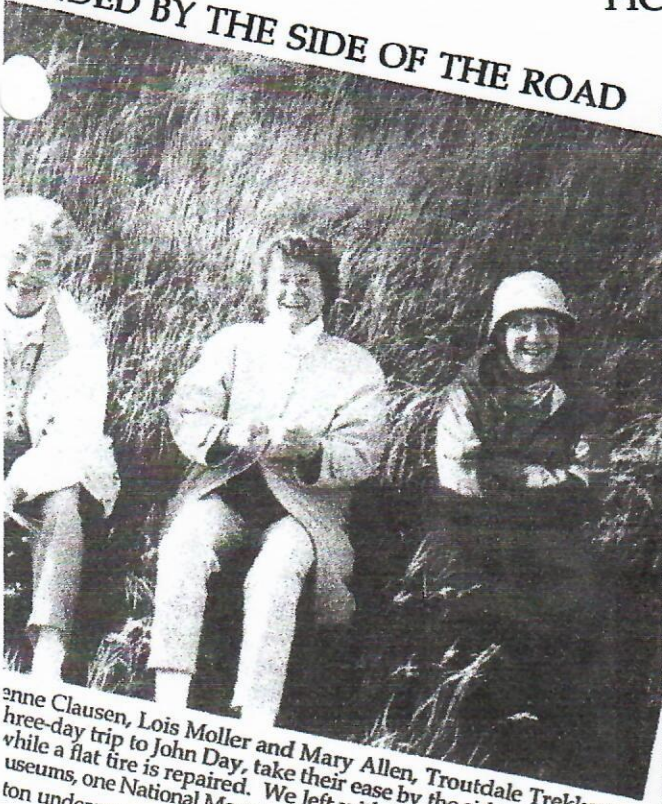
THANKS A BUNCH..... to Peggy Rice who put us in touch with Kaiser

Permanente. We now have a 3-drawer file cabinet, a small refrigerator for the barn, a desk lamp, and 2 desk chairs.





**LANDED BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD**



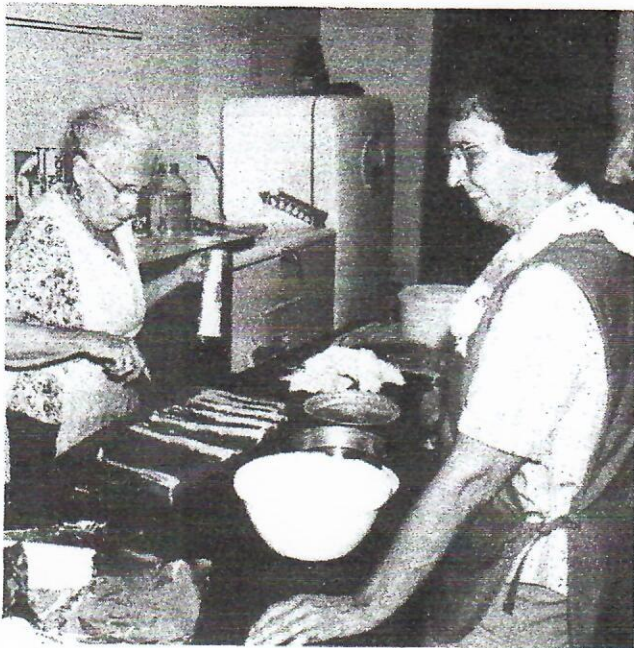
enne Clausen, Lois Moller and Mary Allen, Troutdale Trekkers hree-day trip to John Day, take their ease by the side of the while a flat tire is repaired. We left with 22 Trek members, saw useums, one National Monument, a buggy company and the ton underground and didn't lose a single soul. Sharon Nesbit photo

**NO FANCY LIGHTS OR FLOWER BASKETS**



This photo, likely taken in the 1930s, shows a cow and a friendly dog on the grassy north side of the historic highway at Troutdale. The building at the upper left is a Willys-Knight dealership, gone now. The site will be a city plaza. The scene is a far cry from our new sidewalks, fancy streetlights and flower baskets, just out this month. Troutdale Historical Society photo donated by John Nasmyth.

**ERSLAKES BRING HOME THE BACON**



margaret Overgaard (left) and Dorothy Kerslake chat over breakfast preparations at our Welcome to May brunch, which earned \$712 for the barn. Dick Jones photo



**NAMEDROPPERS**

Overheard at the brunch from savvy second grader, **Brandon Muck**, grandson of **Sam & Nancy Cox**: "I know that is Santa Claus," he said, indicating **Ted Schulte**, "because I recognize his voice."....What did **Bob Strebin** do on the very first day of his retirement? He came to a Harlow House work day and brought his gold watch, just for show. Bob is the head of our barn exhibit committee...**Rip Caswell** who welcomed us so graciously to Caswell Gallery in January has been given 500 copies of an official potato shed history by **Alice Wand** to distribute to visitors...Congratulations to our friends at **David Douglas Historical Society** who are opening their museum exhibit to students at 1400 S.E. 135th Ave...And from **Helen Althaus**, we hear that the music of a song mentioned the Oregon Trail book, *A Letter Home*, has been found. The song is "Araby's Daughter."

**STAN HYMEL TALKS ON PLANNED GIVING**

Stan Hymel, one of the newest members of our society, met with the Troutdale Historical Society board of directors last month to talk about planned giving.

What that means is that a little planning ahead can save your estate money and benefit our society, as well. That is certainly what happened in the case of Gresham nurse **Susan Fry** who left more than half a million dollars to non-profit organizations in Gresham.

Stan offered us some ideas on how we can remember the historical society in our wills and through other estate planning methods. We'll be printing some of those in weeks to come.

*In memory....*

**Geneva Johnson**, pioneer member of the **Wilkes** family and a lifelong resident of this area, died this month

**JOYCE STOECKEL, BARN BUILDERS WIN HONORS**

Joyce Stoeckel, who every month folds, staples, labels and mails our newsletter, and takes care of membership cards, is our 1995 Member of the Year.

Her work is as dependable as the seasons. She is often assisted by her husband, Al, and her children, Lauren and Mark.

Her award as well as recognition of outgoing officers **Treasurer Lynda Harvey** and **Secretary Helen Towsley** was announced at our May 21 meeting. Joyce received a plaque with a photo of the Harlow House and will ride in the Troutdale parade representing our society.

Five special guys, all dedicated volunteers for our Saturday barn-building days, also won awards. They were: **Sam Cox**, **Bob Strebin**, **Roy Hoover**, **Bill Stone** and **Frank Driver**. Each received a photo of the barn with a plaque attached.

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**Oh, How Sweet!**

**The Troutdale Ice Cream Social, June 10 and 11**