

BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

June, 1996

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Strawberry time again, June 15 & 16, City Park

Inside this newsletter you will find a flyer, suitable for placing in a public place near you, so that all your friends and neighbors will know about our Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social, this year on Father's Day weekend. What a way to treat dear old dad. Please post the flyer or give it to a friend who would like to come.

Come both days to hear our music. On Saturday the Portland Mandophonic Orchestra, our friends with the mandolins, will play from 1 to 4 p.m., outside in the park if weather permits. On Sunday, a ragtime band, Dill Pickles, will play. This group is the nucleus of the popular Swipsey Cakewalk Ragtime Band, except, in the absence of pianist John Bennett, the lead will be a banjo player.

We will have strawberries, of course, and ice cream, as well as shortcakes, banana splits, arts and crafts, a showing of old cars, an exhibit of Columbia River Highway memorabilia in the Harlow House and fun things for children.

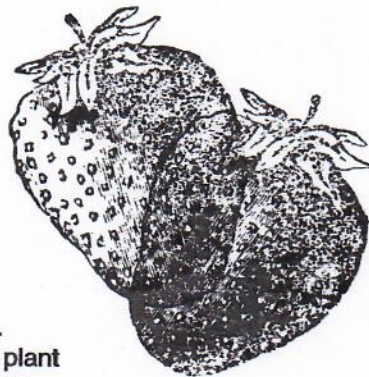
Then there are the plant sales -- our own as well as the native plant sale by Friends of Beaver Creek.

This is our 28th annual ice cream social. To find out how you can help, see the items to do, **Page Two**.

Bingo ends Thursday games after decade of volunteering

Our Troutdale bingo game, which turned 10 years old in April, closed down May 23 after a long and successful run. The game faced fierce Thursday night competition, and despite wonderful help from volunteers, we could not generate the players needed to make it profitable.

Thanks to Mona Mitchoff for running the game since January and to all those who worked it for so long.



CALENDAR For Summer



Events

June 15 & 16, Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.:

Glenn Otto Community Park, 28th annual
Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social

July 20, Sat., 11 a.m.:

Annual Troutdale Parade & Picnic, plus
dedication of Glenn Otto Community Park

Barnstorming

Normally, first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.:

In the barn. Call Bob Strebin, 665-2756

Board of Directors

Normally, first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.

In the barn. Call Ellen Brothers, 661-2164

Steering Committee

Normally, second Monday of the month, 7 p.m.

In the barn. Call Mona Mitchoff, 666-5455

Harlow House

June 1 thru Oct. 31, Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Depot Museum & Store

June 1 thru Oct. 31, Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Barnstorming committee names Tommy Griffin, exhibit designer

Exactly a year ago this newsletter reported that our first barnstorming session -- a committee to brainstorm an exhibit for our museum barn -- had met and come up with 82 ideas for exhibits in the museum.

This group, Chairman Bob Strebin and Len Otto, David Ripma, Dick Jones, Alice Wand, Mike Dubesa and Sharon Nesbit, have experienced a remarkable year. We literally sat down and told Troutdale's history to each other, sorted out the high points of the story -- chapters we call them -- and in the early part of this year, began interviewing designers to help us make sense of our exhibit.

Last month the committee unanimously agreed to contract with Tommy Griffin of Presentation Design Group, a fellow who can teach as well as do. We have isolated about five major chapters and will begin work in July on the first story to be told in the barn.

Award honors Mona Mitchoff member of year

Ways to help for Ice Cream Social

Antique Cars

Call Barbara Mabry, 661-8704, offer your antique vehicle for viewing at the Harlow House or Depot.

Sponsors

Say thanks to **Waste Management of Troutdale, Handy Bros. Service, Inc., North Star Industries, Inc., Troutdale Chiropractic and Tom Miller, Massage Therapist, and Geriatric Vision Care**, the people who are moving into the Troutdale General Store.

Volunteers

Florence Baker, 665-9656, is awaiting your call.

Plants & Flowers

Bring flowers for decorating on Friday night, June 14. Call Marge Schmunk, 666-7706, to donate items for the plant sale.

Signs

Got a good spot for a sign? Call and leave your name and address at the Harlow House, 661-2164. We will regard that as permission to place a sign.

Mona Mitchoff,

who became active in our historical society when she joined the steering committee was named Member of the Year at our meeting on May 19.

Her award, a picture of her at work at Harvest Faire, toting a scare crow, is an indication of the way she pitches in. Since that first time at the steering committee, which organizes and runs our Ice Cream Social and Harvest Faire, she has assumed leadership of the group, run bingo for the past six months and joined our Board of Directors as vice president. Congratulations!



Treksters complete tour, but park still a mystery



Twenty-two people with a spirit of adventure -- or a lack of good sense, or both -- joined Leader Sharon Nesbit, May 18, for a Mystery Trek, which turned out to be a tour of the northern Willamette Valley, Mount Angel Abbey, Cooley's Iris Gardens, the State Capitol, a visit to the historic town of Dayton, a browse through the Lafayette School Antique Mall and then to Newberg for an Italian dinner.

Treksters guessed destinations along the way and received a host of tacky prizes.

Willamette Mission State Park is still a mystery, however, because Nesbit misread the map and discovered that it was on the other side of the river.

The record for shopping goes to Donna Hawkins who bought an antique table and brought it home on the bus.

Burns Rest Stop at Harlow House

It was a pleasure on Sunday, May 19, to give something back to Jack Burns and our friends from Burns Bros.

In honor of the firm's generous gifts to our barn -- ever since that day in 1988 when they bailed us out of trouble by giving us \$7,500 to complete the roof -- the board of directors has been hunting a project to honor Jack Burns.

Sunday we invited Jack, his family and Burns' executives to the Harlow House for a luncheon and special presentation.



In the photo at left, Sam Cox congratulates Jack Burns. Above Sharon Nesbit tells how Burns Bros. put a roof on the barn.

When landscaping is complete at the Harlow House, Jack Burns and Burns Bros. will be honored with a special bench, overlooking the ponds, to be marked with a bronze plaque declaring it to be the Burns Rest Stop.

the director:
ellen brothers

THANKS to people who try not to say no, we have put together a corps of volunteers to run our Harlow House and Depot museums during our summer museum season.

This is especially important this year, because we plan to open our Depot museum store, which we need to offset losses from closure of our bingo game. The result, however, of keeping the depot museum open on the same basis as the Harlow House has been a need for more volunteers. We have the folks we need as we go to press. We can always use more for those inevitable emergencies.

Special thanks to Pat Brothers, Penny Balch, Adrienne Clausen, Carolyn Taylor, Bob Strebin, Sharon Nesbit and Sam Cox for coming May 20 to pack up the depot museum for painting.

Look for the museum store to open in mid-June.

Looking toward fall and Harvest Faire

A fortuitous meeting of our inspired program committee has led to a theme for Harvest Faire on Sept. 28 and 29, as well as to a series of programs for our next winter meeting schedule.

Though confirmations must be made yet and much advance work done, we hope to focus on a Native American theme for both events. If you know of people with skills in bead work, flint knapping or such who would be willing to share with our Harvest Faire guests and at our future meetings, please call the Harlow House and leave a message. The number is 661-2164.

Still needed:

A museum display coordinator; someone to paint the front porch of the Harlow House on Monday or Tuesday of any week; a "mom" or a "dad" to watch over the Harlow House; a person who likes old stuff to work in our curating process.

Do you have a Harlow House Key?



If you are not working this summer as a host and have a Harlow House key, please mail

to Ellen Brothers, 104 S.E. Kibling, Troutdale, 97060

Are you on the net?

The computer-able who wish to communicate with Troutdale Historical Society may E-mail:

SNesbit@aol.com

Pats on the back for all, please

Thank these people when you next see them: **Mary Hughes, Judy Bronkey, Don McGinnis, Nancy Bui, June Nasmyth, Adrienne Clausen, T.J. Kimzey, Mario Ayala, Cindy Hammond, Janet Vandiver, Donna Hawkins, Lynda Harvey, Gina Giesbrecht, Florence Baker, Vera Eichler, Jean Hyskmann, Sharon Nesbit, Barbara Mabry, Penny Balch, Georgia Erdenberger, Jack & Roberta Burns and Dione Pugh.**

Why? They are our summer Harlow House hosts, greeting visitors and telling them about our history. No point in having a museum if you can't open the doors. A similar squad, **Sam Cox, Bill Jackson, Carolyn Taylor and Marge Schmunk** will work in the depot.

Namedroppers

Congratulations to **Herb & Clover Nasmyth**, marking their 50th wedding anniversary with an Alaskan cruise... and **June Nasmyth & Evelyn Jacobson** whose mutual birthday was the day before our trek...and to **Adrienne Clausen**, recently retired from her nursing, recipient of a bedpan full of flowers...to **Alice Wand**, off to Germany to see folks in the old country...to **Malcolm Boslar**, Bend, supplier of our Christmas juniper, profiled in the newsletter of The High Desert Museum, where volunteered to tell visitors about the Homesteader's Cabin... to **Lorne & Kim Mitchell** who gave us items from the estate of Lois Mitchell and goods from the home of Jo Hewlett, now in a nursing home... to **Beverly Welker** who finished a careful cataloging of our historical library...welcome to **Vera Eichler**, new member, compliments of a gift from **Sharon Nesbit** and to new members, **Deb Cook** and **Gary & June Houghton** ... more Green Stamps, this time from **Doris Woolley** and **Mary McDonnell**.

We apologize and we're still looking

On the front of last month's newsletter we promised a story about grandmother's hands by **Jean Hybskmann**, one our new Harlow House volunteers.

She also supplied us with a charming picture of her grandmother, which we copied put carefully away until we needed it and which, we cannot presently find.

We promise to keep looking. Be patient. Rome was not built -- nor were its desks cleaned in a day.

A Roadside Attraction:

Next time you are at Burns Bros., go to the back hall, the route to the restroom, and see the sign created by Burns manager **Curt Price** and **Sharon Nesbit**. It was the suggestion of **Jack Burns**, who wanted to tell tourists a little bit about Troutdale and our museums, as well as how to get to the Columbia River Highway

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Take dad to the Troutdale Ice Cream Social on Father's Day weekend -- shortcake, instead of shorts.

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