



BYGONE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THS EVENTS

Now thru March

Destination Troutdale

Noon - 3pm (Thursday - Sunday)

January 17, February 21, March 20

Yarn at the Barn

10am - Noon

February 12

McMenamins Edgefield History Pub

Topic: TBD

6pm (doors), 7pm (program)

\$5 at the door

February 18, 2024

Restoration of the HCRH

Jeanette Kloos

2pm

March 11

McMenamins Edgefield History Pub

Topic: TBD

6pm (doors), 7pm (program)

\$5 at the door

April 30

Friends & Family Night

50% of nights proceeds benefit THS

5pm - close

Troutdale Historical Society presents RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY



Jeanette Kloos, President
Friends of the Historic
Columbia River Highway

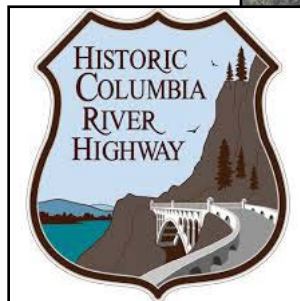
Jeanette Kloos, retired Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area Coordinator for ODOT, will present some of her vast knowledge about the Historic Columbia River Highway (HCRH) and its restoration.

Kloos, in charge of the HCRH restoration efforts for 18 years at ODOT, has since founded and been president of the Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway. That is over 35 years of her life that she has dedicated to the historic highway! Come join us for an inside look at what it takes to restore an artifact as large as a highway.

When: 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 18, 2024

Where: Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Community Park
1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR

Cost: FREE! Donations gratefully accepted.



West Portal, new Mitchell Point Tunnel;
note the year carved in the keystone

Original Mitchell Point Tunnel



East Portal, new Mitchell Point Tunnel



Yarn at the Barn by Jamie LaCour

Thank you to all the talented fiber artists who have attended Yarn at the Barn as well as to **Julia Warner & Twila Mysinger** for helping with set-up and take down each month. A thank you also to **Dwain Munyan** for his very informative and fun tours of the Harlow House, which he has conducted in period appropriate attire during and directly after Yarn at the Barn!

When you arrive at Yarn at the Barn you can expect to find plenty of seating, a few work space tables, a variety of crochet and knitting supplies for attendees, access to the Barn Exhibit Hall and Harlow House Museums, and an open gift shop and an event table. The event table showcases some examples of different types of crochet projects and stitches, printed patterns, a web resource page, and offers bottled water and a light snack. Most importantly, you'll find fellow fiber artists to create with!



A group of happy fiber artists.

It's been a pleasure to meet so many new and interesting folks who share a passion for the fiber arts, as well as get to visit with some of my fellow volunteers. **Margaret Rice** and I worked on reclaiming her crochet skills so she can finish up some washcloths, with borders, that she crafted so long ago. **Sharon Munyan** and I talked about the formula for working in a round and the various methods used for doing so; her focus is on baby hats. **Janis Allen** brought in an old crocheted blanket that had a large tear in it, and I was able to show her how to repair it. Janis also brought in a couple of school aged girls, and I was able to teach them chains and single crochets; they were building washcloths. The entire room lit up at the sound of one the girls suddenly exclaiming, "I got it! I got it!"

Whether you want to learn/restore crochet skills, network with other fiber artists (mostly knitters and crocheters so far, however all fiber artists are welcome), finish up those stored away projects, do repair work, or even give a presentation related to fiber arts, we welcome you to join us for future Yarn at the Barn events. January through April of 2024, Yarn at the Barn will be held in the Barn



Passing it on...

Exhibit Hall on the third Wednesday of each month from 10am-12pm. During this time, the gift shop will also be open.

Editor's note: Yarn at the Barn (Y@B) has been organized and run by **Jamie LaCour**, who is very shy about taking credit, yet deserves a huge "Thank you!" She has done a multitude of things to make the events successful, including (but not limited to) making flyers, donating materials, spending endless hours promoting Y@B, attending other textile events to let people know THS also is offering one, and much, much more. It not only is a fun event for the attendees, THS gets great exposure in the community through her efforts. As Margaret Rice comments, "Jamie is amazing!" Thanks, Jamie!

Happy New Year!

We've been wishing each other a happy new year for eons, and often with a beautiful card like this one in our collection. It belonged to Arline Shaw Seidl and is postmarked 1913.

We often review our past year at this time and think of improvements we'd like to make. Giving back to our communities is often a topic – and one we can help you with!

We've always been a predominantly volunteer enabled organization since our inception in 1968. We've had paid staff, and are recruiting a Director at this time, and those are key contributions. The reality is it takes way more than 40 hours a week to run our organization so much must be done by volunteers.

The beauty of being part of a historical society is the vast array of volunteer opportunities! It's hard to think of a skill we don't need from gardeners to board members to social media posters and everything in between.

Our urgent need is for friendly people to host our three sites – the Depot, Harlow House, and King of Roads. These are three hour shifts currently from Thursday through Sunday, we'll pair you with a veteran docent until you're comfortable, and even provide hot coffee or tea!

Please contact us at troutdalehistory@gmail.com or 503-661-2164 for more information and we hope you have a happy 2024!



Santa at the Barn



Bryant family from SE Portland



Jeff Neiger and Helen Wand

This year we made a location change for Santa's annual visit, from Harlow House to the Barn Exhibition Hall. The transition was very successful. Fragile house furnishings and decor in close quarters are now spared potential harm, and the Barn is much more spacious for visitors.

On December 2nd from noon to 3:00 Santa (**Tom Slyter**) greeted a steady stream of families with kids of all ages, including several tiny babe first-timers. **Kelly Broomall** was on hand to greet visitors with, "Have you been naughty or nice this year?" Many guests, even locals, had not seen the current exhibit King of Roads, all about construction of the now-called Historic Columbia River Highway (AKA "Scenic Highway") from Troutdale to Hood River. We were so pleased to see both adults and kids enjoying the displays...with cookies and hot cider table ahead...and Santa sitting by the Christmas tree right around the corner.

Although the Harlow House was not the main event venue, it was open for tours with our much admired and beloved **Sharon Nesbit** who also kept busy with small groups of visitors throughout the afternoon.

Many thanks to THS volunteers who planned, purchased supplies, decorated, set up, cleaned up, kept up refreshments, crocheted and prepared candy cane ornaments, welcomed guests, took family photos, guided Harlow House visitors, ran the Gift Shop register, and helped with parking. Thank you also to award-winning author **Helen Wand** who had books available for sale about her Corbett family ancestors.

SAVE THE DATE: April 30 (5pm to close) - Friends & Family Night at McMenamins Edgefield Power Station

A Troutdale Historical Society benefit night. THS receives one half of the proceeds from the evening! It's a wonderful, fun, and enjoyable way to benefit THS while having some good food, a beverage or two, all while visiting with friends or your family. Please join us!

**WINTER
MUSEUM HOURS
OCTOBER - APRIL**

Barn Exhibit Hall
Thursday - Sunday 12pm - 3pm
Closed: Monday - Wednesday

Harlow House
Thursday - Sunday 12pm - 3pm
Closed: Monday - Wednesday

Depot Rail Museum
Tuesday - Wednesday 9am - 3pm
Thursday - Monday 9am - 5pm

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**Do you think we had it bad
January 12th - 16th, 2024?**



Troutdale, Oregon - 1921
Troutdale Bank, corner of Troutdale Rd and the
Historic Columbia River Highway.
Man, unknown. Photo courtesy of Mary Wright.

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From the Archives:

We have a number of Valentine post-cards in the collection, including this one from 1915. It was mailed to **Mrs. Will Wheeler (Margaret Canny)** in Boring from Colusa, California.

Margaret was just a few months from giving birth in 1915 to her first child, **Dorothy Wheeler Klock**. Dorothy would publish Crown Point Country Schools in 1973 with photos and stories from 1874-1974.



THS President's Message

Now that it is the end of 2023, I give special thanks and acknowledgment to Troutdale Historical Society's volunteers and contributors whose efforts and financial contributions got us through the year. Their steadfast and loyal support in dues and donations kept our lights on and our museums open.

We are so grateful for the efforts of our volunteers. The museum docents greeted not only local visitors, but guests from the Deep South, New York, the Heartland and other States across the Nation. Volunteers worked in the office assuming administrative duties and supervised facilities maintenance. A special thanks goes to the folks who collected those sticky bottles and cans for us. Even the City of Troutdale employees pitched in.

During the time when we were without a paid Director, volunteers assumed daily operations functions and brought us programs, special events, and represented THS at the Edgefield Concerts. It is not possible for me to list all the volunteers who helped THS through a challenging year (I would leave out too many deserving people), but I must especially thank our curation/collection team, **Julia Warner** and **Twila Mysinger**, who stepped in to help with so many essential tasks. THS simply could not have made it through 2023 without all the help and support.

As far as 2024 goes, there is excitement about the new Yarn at the Barn series, started by **Jamie LaCour**, which we have hopes will introduce new people to THS, and some new volunteers. We also look forward to several THS programs next year, new Barnyard Concerts, and other events. We will continue with our facilities maintenance projects as both the Harlow House and the Barn Exhibit Hall need some work. We are intending to sharpen our communication outreach through social media.

Thank you all for keeping THS thriving, and best wishes for the coming year!



Dave Ripma, President

Another way to support
TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pick up **BottleDrop** blue bags at the Barn Exhibit Hall. Look for the box of bags outside on the bench - Fill with redeemable empty bottles and cans and drop off at any **BottleDrop** location. Funds will automatically be deposited and donated to THS.

Total Donations for 2023

\$1039

Thank you for continued support in our **BottleDrop** fundraiser.

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Efforts in Historic Preservation Recognized by the DAR



At the October 2023 THS Program, the Oregon Trail Chapter of the **Daughters of the American Revolution** (DAR) representative (and THS member) Desiree Smith presented THS with their award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. **Marilee Thompson** accepted the award on behalf of the Troutdale Historical Society.

Founded in 1890, the DAR has the "...mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism." It is a "...nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization..."

While we, the Troutdale Historical Society, know we do a good job preserving our history, it is always heartwarming when another such organization recognizes us in a tangible way.

Thank you, Oregon Trail DAR!

Wand Wins Will Rogers Medallion Award Bronze Medallion

Helen Wand, long time member of the Troutdale Historical Society (THS) and presently Board Member and Program Chair of the society, traveled to Fort Worth, Texas in October and was presented with the Will Rogers Bronze Medallion Award for her historical novel, *Echoes of Forgotten Places* in the category of Western Fiction – Modern.

This national contest has twenty-two categories with three winners each. The number of writers entering the contest never is disclosed; however Wand did learn that the category with the most entries contained seventy-three titles.

The WRMA contest judge's comments were as follows: "Our next category is Western Fiction – Modern and the bronze medallion award winner is Helen F. Wand for *Echoes of Forgotten Places*, published by Luminare Press."

"This is a well written saga documenting the life of a true western pioneer family," one judge noted. "It shed light on the joys, as well as the struggles of those early settlers who dared to head west. Wand gives us a clear picture of her family in those early Oregon days."

Another judge wrote, "*Echoes of Forgotten Places* is told with charm and simplicity. It's reminiscent of the Little House books, the early days of Oregon, spanning 1897-1916, come vividly to life through the eyes of those who lived them."



Helen Wand, author

Echoes of Forgotten Places, along with the companion book *Where Eagles Nest*, is for sale in THS Barn Exhibit Hall gift shop and on the THS website, www.troutdalehistory.org.

Friends in History Remembered

Bethel "June" Bates Law Kirby - b. February 4, 1925; d. October 17, 2023



Bethel "June" Bates Law Kirby

Bethel "June" of Springdale passed away on October 17, 2023 after a short illness. She was ninety-eight years old. June was born on February 4, 1925 to Harley and Hazel Bates in Corbett, Oregon. After June graduated from Corbett High School in 1943, she moved to Portland to work for Fuller Paint Company, where she met her husband, Ridge Law. They were married in 1945 and were married for fifty-two years before Ridge's passing in 1997. In 1999, June married Floyd Kirby of Corbett. They were married thirteen years until Floyd passed away in 2012.

June was predeceased by her parents, a sister and three brothers, a nephew, and many other loved ones. She is survived by son Gary (and Bev) Law of Springdale, daughter Lynne (and Ron) of Springfield, and daughter Becky (and Kevin) of Myrtle Creek, as well as nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

June loved dogs, so in her memory the family asks for donations to Fetch Fido a Flight, a nonprofit organization that saves sheltered pets. Their address is PO Box 1166, Edmond, OK, 73083. Their website is [Fetch Fido a Flight](http://FetchFidoaFlight.com).

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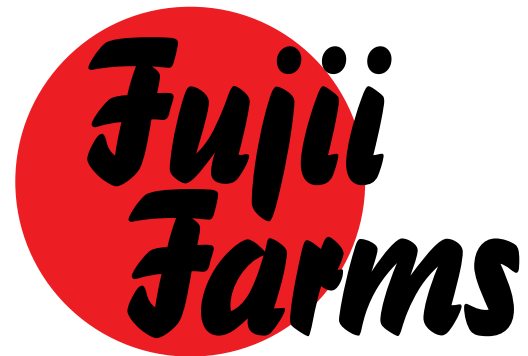
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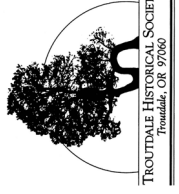
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Edgefield History Pub

The second Monday of every month (except December) the Troutdale Historical Society co-sponsors a speaker at McMenamins Edgefield Blackberry Hall, 7:00pm (doors at 6:00 p.m.) Entrance fee at door. Food and drink are available for purchase.



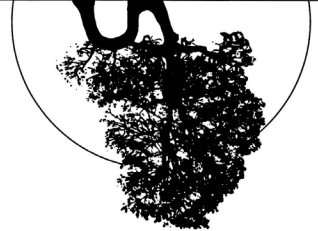
Mission Statement
 The mission of the Troutdale Historical Society is to meticulously gather, safeguard, and offer access to a comprehensive collection of historical materials encompassing the community of Troutdale, the meandering Sandy River, the captivating Columbia River Gorge, and the proximate areas. We are committed to not only preserving the past but also igniting a profound interest in the diverse and captivating history of our locality among individuals.

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