



# BYGONE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4

First Friday Art Walk

Historic City Hall

Talk & video every 15 minutes

Presented by Sharon Nesbit

104 SE Kibling Avenue

5pm - 9pm

October 20

THS Program

*Rise Above: The Heppner Flood of 1903*

Glenn Otto Park - Sam Cox Building

Presented by Peg Willis

2pm

October 29

Edgefield History Pub

@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall

"Let'er Fly" The Story of World Champion

Cowgirl - Lorena Trickey

Presented by Chuck Rollins & Steve Lehl

6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

November 1

First Friday Art Walk

Historic City Hall

Presented by Sharon Nesbit

104 SE Kibling Avenue

5pm - 9pm

November 26

Edgefield History Pub

@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall

Portland's Pinball Racketeers

and the FBI's Most Wanted

Presented by Finn John

6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

December 7

Christmas at the Harlow House

December

No Edgefield History Pub

## THS October History Program *Rise Above: The Heppner Flood of 1903*

Presented by Peg Willis

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**  
**2pm**

Glenn Otto Community Park

1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR 97060



Pendleton historian **Peg Willis** who wrote an excellent history of the construction of the Columbia River Highway, had also written on the 1903 Heppner Flood, one of the nation's worst flooding disasters.

She will speak to us on Sunday Oct. 20 about the event that remains the deadliest natural disaster in Oregon.

This excerpt from Oregon Encyclopedia: The Heppner Gazette reported: "Without a seconds warning, a leaping, foaming wall of water, 40 feet in height, struck Heppner at about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, sweeping everything before it and leaving only death and destruction in its wake."

By the time the flood waters receded, most of Heppner's residential area was destroyed and two-thirds of its homes were gone. The town's business district was wrecked with all but three of the town's businesses demolished. Newspaper reports gave disparate figures for the loss of life from the disaster. Early reports placed the death count as high as 500 persons. Eventually, 247 bodies were recovered, though many reports still list the casualty count at 251.

How did people in a remote area manage such a disaster? Peg has the compelling story.

## Presidents Message by Erin Janssens

If you haven't read your mail lately, we hope you'll take a couple minutes to read the letter we sent regarding voting on the November ballot to restore and re-occupy our historic City Hall, built in 1922. Troutdale Historical Society doesn't usually get involved in politics, but City Hall, the center of our community for nearly a century, is an historic mission; just as saving Edgefield was 30 years ago, or preserving the Historic Columbia River Highway, we have never gone wrong saving our history.

Troutdale was incorporated in 1907, but it took five more years to develop a plan to build City Hall. From that time, 10 years of battles ensued over the features and cost of the building before its Grand Opening Thanksgiving night, 1922, when it hosted its first of many dances. With simple grange-style architecture, it is where local government took place, court was held, and where we voted. In addition to housing the local jail and fire engine, it hosted union meetings and dances, laughter, arguments, and some nights, incredible boredom. And, it was in our historic City Hall that the battle to preserve Edgefield played out and a part of history was saved. It now is the last original City Hall remaining in East Multnomah County.

The historic hall served for 90 years until structural damage from a fire decades earlier caused evacuation in 2012. Since that time, the city has been paying \$6000 per month renting space downtown for administrative services.

We think voting "Yes" is the right thing to do for quite a number of reasons, from historical, aesthetic, and financial perspectives. It preserves a building with a rich history that, when renovated, will enhance our small town charm, and it makes financial sense as we already own the site, parking lot, and adjacent property. We hope you'll read our [letter](#) and decide for yourself. And, if you'd like to hear **Sharon Nesbit** share 10-minute informational talks with a slide show by **Len Otto** on the historic City Hall, we will be at Troutdale First Friday Art Walk October 4th and November 1st, outside the historic City Hall, at the corner of the Historic Columbia River Highway and Kibling Avenue.



Erin Janssens

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## Legacy of Our Historic City Hall

**1907**

Troutdale incorporates as a city.

**1911**

City council begins plans for a town hall purchasing two lots for \$650 at the end of Columbia Street (now the Historic Columbia River Highway).

**1913**

Lawsuit filed by city's first mayor Aaron Fox contends that the contractor will profit unfairly from erection of a \$5,000 hall, that Troutdale can't afford it and that it has "no business" using taxpayers' money for a dance hall on the top floor. Legal fees eat up the construction fund, leaving only a partial foundation at the site.

**1922**

Troutdale residents vote 56 to 17 to build the City Hall – with a dance floor – issuing a contract for \$3,700. The hall opens the night before Thanksgiving with a celebratory dance. City offices and a library were on the ground floor. *"There was an elderly couple -- though I was a kid and they might have only been in their 40s -- who taught dancing in City Hall, the waltz, the two-step, the Lambeth walk. There were always too many boys in Troutdale so if the Lambert girls didn't come down from*

*Corbett, usually I was dancing with Wayne Espenel."* -- **Vern Rathman**, former Troutdale mayor

**1926**

Improvements to City Hall: a kitchen, dining room, check room, ladies' restroom and lounge, gentlemen's room with smoking chambers, footlights and a curtain on the stage making it "one of the best halls of its kind in Eastern Multnomah."

**1946**

A kitchen fire after a union meeting damaged the roof of City Hall. The council first wanted to sell the damaged building, but citizens objected demanding repairs. City Hall business was conducted in a single office on the ground floor street level. The ground floor also housed a small jail with the only toilet and parking for the fire truck. *"When the City Hall caught fire in 1946, the fire truck was in the basement. But nobody could find the keys to the truck."* -- **Vern Rathman**.

**1965**

City business in the early 1960s required only one small room on the ground floor. Juries deliberated in the kitchen. The council met downstairs unless a crowd assembled forcing a move upstairs. In the

late 1960s the city tractor was evicted to make room for office space.

**1968**

Troutdale Historical Society held its first strawberry ice cream social in the hall and the Windy Whirlers square dance club was still meeting there. Election board members kept hot soup brewing in the kitchen as they minded the ballots and voting.

**1977**

The basement space was excavated and gradually government crept upstairs usurping the dance floor, claiming the stage, the smoking area/bathroom and the little ticket booth. Office space expanded from 800 square feet to 8,500.

**1989**

Another addition was added to the east side for more office space.

**2011**

City Hall was vacated and employees moved to rented offices because inspectors claimed the building would not hold up under the next snow storm.

**2019**

Troutdale City Council votes to restore the building and return it to use as City Hall.

## Making Law in the City of Troutdale

*P*aul Wilcox, a city council meeting regular, was researching city ordinances recently when he came across several ordinances of interest in Troutdale records.



Paul Wilcox

In 1942, the city had an emergency ordinance banning the use and parking of bicycles on city sidewalks. The best guess here is that with the start of World War II and fuel shortages, more people took up bicycling. Troutdale's sidewalk (there was only one on the south side of what is now the Historic Highway) was very high, in some cases requiring two steps to descend to the street. So getting a bike on and off the sidewalk would have been tricky. As a result, people were likely parking their bikes in front of stores creating a traffic jam. The ordinance was signed by **Mayor Art Matches** with **Jessie Overstad** as recorder. (Historical note: **Jessie Overstad** conducted correspondence with many Troutdale soldiers during the war and kept a scrapbook which **Kelly Broomall** scanned. It is now in our files.)

It would be interesting to read the council minutes in 1949 to figure out just why the city council and **Mayor Art Matches** decided to deem it necessary to stop people from hitching, standing or placing "any horse or team of horses, or any mule or team of mules, or any cow or kine (this is correct term for cows) on Columbia Street, a part of the Columbia River Highway for a period longer than five minutes." By 1949, with World War II over, nearly everyone had an automobile and horse teams were rare. The fine was a maximum of \$10 or one day in the city jail. The jail was a small barred space in the basement of city hall which also contained that floor's only restroom. So having anyone in custody was a great inconvenience for the city recorder.

It wasn't until 1953 that Troutdale passed a law preventing creation of an outside toilet or privy within the city limits of the town. Though Troutdale did not yet have a sewer system, most houses must have had some kind of septic system. Outside facilities were declared to be a nuisance, detrimental to the health and safety of residents and inhabitants in the town of Troutdale. **Mayor Richard Knarr** signed the ordinance.

In 1956, the Troutdale City Council decided to combine two positions, city marshal and maintenance, into a single job. Counting the City Recorder **Jessie Overstad**, that made two, possibly part-time, employees in city hall. Troutdale had a marshal since the beginning days of incorporation in 1907, largely to control the saloon business in town. Early records show that most maintenance and repair jobs were "hired out" but likely by the time the city got a water system there was enough work for a man (they were all men in those days) to be salaried. With the saloons shut down during prohibition and very little crime, the marshal's job was significantly diminished. **Emil Carow** was the last marshal/maintenance man to work for the city, and even learned in early days in the 1970s how to run the city's sewer treatment plant. **Mayor Walter Norment** signed the document.

Note: Troutdale Historical Society has photos of all of the city's mayors, ready to install again when we have a City Hall.



c1910 Helming Saloon, **Bill Hess** with dog. Note high sidewalks. Historic building is adjacent to Mayors Square, currently owned by **Karen Schaaf**.



c1914 **Louie Helming** behind bar in his saloon. Man on right, **Bill Hess**. Other man unknown.



After 1915 prohibition enacted in Oregon, Helming Saloon turned Confectionery. Helming family on left, **Billy Swain** on right.



**Louie Helming** at his Confectionery counter.

### WINTER MUSEUM HOURS October - April

#### Barn Exhibit Hall

10am - 3pm Wednesday-Saturday  
1 - 3pm Sunday

Closed: Monday & Tuesday

#### Harlow House

1 - 3pm Sunday only

#### Depot Rail Museum

Closed for Renovation



Sharon Nesbit & Darline Payne - 2018

## The Oldest Living Member of THS

LeAnn Stephan, Executive Director

*Darline Payne* walked into the Barn Exhibit Hall explaining that she had cans in her car to donate. Worried that they may be soup cans, I asked, "What kind of cans?" She bashfully said, "Beer cans." We chuckled and walked to her car to retrieve them. As I helped her to the driver's seat, she explained that she was the oldest member of the Troutdale Historical Society. Not one of the charter members, but the oldest living member at the age of 102 years old, born April 17, 1917.

## Artifact of the Month: Rose Petal Beads

A strand of rose petal beads was recently added to our artifact collection. The rose petal beads were handmade by **Alice Wand** and strung interspersed with black glass faceted store-bought beads to make this necklace. It is most fascinating to note that we have a video of Alice demonstrating how to make the beads. Her technique is far superior than what you may find on the Internet. The rose petal beads obtain their black color when they are placed in a cast iron skillet.



## 2019 Geology Tour Silver Falls State Park & Scotts Mills

Twenty travelers spent the day rocking out with Mt. Hood Community College geology instructor **Daina Hardisty** on our geology tour along the road to Silver Falls. Hardisty took the tour to some astonishing places -- Wilhoit Springs, where its carbonated water drew visitors just after the turn of the century, (we all got a bubbly sip), Scotts Mills where Oregon's recent earth quakes have centered, and then to Silver Falls. No rocky paths for us -- turns out the rocks she wanted us to see were used in the park's historic buildings.

Daina Hardisty dipping into Wilhoit Springs



## ITEMS AT THE BARN STORE GIFT SHOP

### Unique Gift Items Sold Here

(Members receive 10% off)



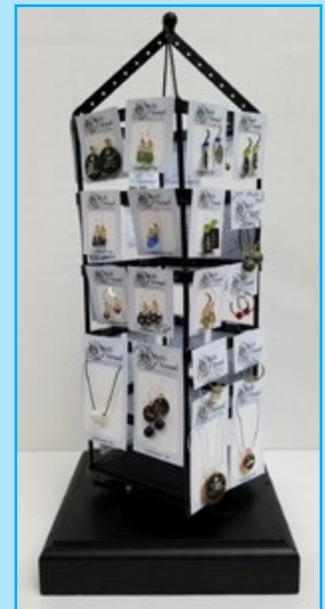
### Mystic Nomads Handcrafted Jewelry

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Avoid shipping charges and visit the Barn Exhibit Hall Gift Shop  
732 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR



### New Item! Mystic Nomads Jewelry Earrings and Necklaces Prices Vary

## Another way to support TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pick up a bag from the Barn Exhibit Hall or at an Edgefield History Night - Fill with empty bottles and cans - drop off at nearest BottleDrop location or at the Barn Exhibit Hall. Funds will automatically be deposited and donated to THS.



Thank you for the increased interest in our BottleDrop fundraiser. With your support we have received **\$311.95** this year from the folks who recycle their cans and bottles through BottleDrop using one of our labeled bags.

### Drop off locations:

Wood Village Redemption Center  
23345 NE Halsey Street  
Wood Village, OR 97060

Gresham Redemption Center  
1313 E Powell Blvd.  
Gresham, OR 97030

## Caretakers of the Harlow House



Dennis & Barbara Grahn, Harlow House kitchen, December 21, 1982

Former Harlow House caretakers **Barbara** and **Dennis Grahn** stopped by in July to say hello.

They were the last caretakers of the Harlow House. We had three different sets of caretakers in the early days of the house before we got alarm systems and other means of keeping it secure. Barbara and Dennis were the last and came understanding no children were allowed. But, as these things tend to happen, they had their son while they lived there and then went on to California to the academic world. Now the Harlow House "baby" is in his 30s and has a four-year-old of his own. The Grahns split their year between Port Orchard, WA and Lake Tahoe. Dennis has just retired as a senior research scientist from Stanford.



Dennis & Barbara Grahn, Harlow House porch, September 17, 2011

So, our caretakers are now grandparents. Another story to add to tales of the old house.

## Barnyard Concerts Movers and Shakers

Dancing broke out at our August 2 barnyard concert when singer **Barbara Cecil** was reeling off irresistible tunes. First one couple, then another filled the sidewalk in front of the barn. Next, **Kelly Broomall** says, we may need a dance floor. About 90 people attended the concert on a fine, warm evening. Board member **Diane Castillo-White** puts those fun evenings together.



August 2 Concert - **Barbara Cecil**



September 6 Concert  
**Three Together**

The fun continued at our last concert of the summer on September 6 when over 175 attended the concert performed by **Three Together**. Thanks to our outstanding THS Volunteers for accommodating the large group, **Nick Moon** for loaning his sound system, and **Jere Hudson** who saw a need and manned the popcorn machine.



Jere Hudson serving popcorn

Many thanks to our Barnyard Concert donors.

## Volunteer Appreciation Party



Bev Law, Hazel Webb, Melba Klinker

Nestled on the banks of the Sandy River, **Bob & Jean Ice** opened their home to our volunteers. They enjoyed great food, great company, and beautiful scenery in celebration of the many hours dedicated to THS. Our society runs on volunteer power. We could not do it without them. Thank you volunteers and thank you **Bob & Jean Ice**.



Record number in attendance - over 175

## NEW MEMBERS

Catherine Crabb  
 Gary & Cheryl Fessler  
 Aaron & Eden Hill  
 Larry & Greg Holtz  
 Lynne & Mike Johnson  
 Larry & Sue Lovenstein  
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 George Stevenson  
 Terry Walker  
 Tony Zindel

## RENEWING MEMBERS

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In Memory of Harold Scofield  
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## Troutdale Historical Society Board Members

Executive Board

President: Erin Janssens  
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 Secretary: Bettianne Goetz  
 Executive Director: LeAnn Stephan

Board Members

Rich Allen, Joy Beldin, Kelly Broomall,  
 Diane Castillo-White, Rip Caswell,  
 Jason Cawood, Jon Lowell, Sharon  
 Nesbit

Past Presidents

Bettianne Goetz, Sharon Nesbit,  
 Len Otto, Dave Ripma

# WORKING LIKE THEY OWN THE PLACE (which they do)

## Community Barn Painting

Just what we needed... the offer from **Ethan Holmes** to paint the exterior of the Barn Exhibit Hall for his Eagle Scout Project. THS has had this on the to-do list for a few years. With a grant from the **City of Troutdale's** Community Enhancement Project and the 38 volunteers who arrived early on a Saturday to paint the barn in a day, we now have a beautifully painted Barn Exhibit Hall ready to withstand the next ten years or more of Troutdale weather. Among the volunteers were Scouts from Troop 286, a FedEx employee, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, THS Volunteers, Troutdale civic leaders, and the Troutdale community. Contributions were made by **Rodda Paint**, **Orient Electric**, and photographer **Q Madp**. THS is extremely pleased with the work and appreciates the many hours devoted to this project. A special thank you to **Kelly Broomall** and **Greg Handy** for their hard work repairing and prepping for the new paint. Also, a big thank you to **Erin Janssens** for the meticulous work painting around the mural.



David Klopp, Zach Hudson family, Keith Biggs  
Community Volunteers



Community Volunteers, Boy Scouts,  
and THS Volunteers



Irving Salano



Chandler Hill, Ben Klopp, Boy Scouts



Erin Janssens, THS President



David Wheaton, Community Volunteer



Joel Rendon



Jason Cawood, THS Board Member



Chris Kurtz, FedEx Employee



# WORKING LIKE THEY OWN THE PLACE (which they do)

## Northwest Youth Corps Volunteers

*I*t's always a good day when you pull into work and find people weeding the grounds at the Harlow House. These unexpected youths spent two days - one rainy and one hot - pulling unwanted plants from the flower beds.



## Old Glory in Lights 31 years in the Making



Harlow House, September 2019 - Q Madp Photo

*T*he Harlow House flag pole was dedicated to **Alex Jones** in 1988. Jones served as THS President for 4 years and Vice President for 13 years. Since that dedication, it has been an aspiration of many THS Board Members to place a light on the pole to allow the flag to be flown at night. In July 2019 that dream became a reality thanks

to modern technology (solar-powered LED lights), Orient Electric for the use of their bucket truck to reach the top of the flag pole, and the tenacity of **Kelly Broomall** for making it happen.



1987 - **Alex Jones**, City Hall custodian, raised the city flag for over 20 years.

## Storage Unit - Granted

*I*n 2015 the THS office moved to the Barn's maintenance/storage room. Since this time the office has shared the space with rakes, shovels, paint, concert chairs, etc. A couple of years ago, **Bettianne Goetz** (then THS President) suggested we get a shed. Thanks to the City of Troutdale's Community Enhancement Project Grant, Tough Shed, and MB Installers, we now have a storage unit. The office and its staff are breathing a sigh of relief. **Kelly Broomall, Greg** and **Sue Handy** worked hard to accomplish this goal.



Shed installation begins



Matt Penfield & Ben Chevalier MB Installers, LLC



Storage Unit built in a day - September 4, 2019



Sue & Greg Handy finishing off the interior - next step, shelving



## 2019 Oregon Museums Association Conference

*F*inding Common Ground is the theme for this year's OMA Conference in John Day, Oregon. **Bettianne Goetz**, THS Secretary, **Margaret Rice** and **Abbey Nickerson**, THS Volunteers, attended the conference. They became immersed in the culture as they visited the Kam Wah Chung Apothecary and learned to rope a "steer" from two local rodeo award-winning teens.

Photos courtesy of Margaret Rice



Kam Wah Chung Apothecary



Abbey Nickerson (left) and her roping instructor.



Bettianne Goetz roping a "steer".

## Mary L. Eaton

*M*ary L. Eaton, daughter to John & Mary Ray, lived in this home for many years. Mary worked as the Troutdale City Court Clerk for 24 years.

She stayed in Troutdale after moving from this house until recently when she needed to move closer to family. A note added with her membership



Fraley/Eaton/Paz House "decorated house"



Eaton Family (l to r) John William, John, Mary, Elly, Mary Ray

dues spoke of her fondness for Troutdale and her time living in the "decorated house" on Hensley Road. If you would like to send her a note, her new address is 39625 Baptist Church Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355-9443. Mary will turn 86 years old this year.

You may recall an article we did on the Fraley-Eaton-Paz House history in our January-March 2019 edition of the *ByGone Times Newsletter*. If not, click [here](#) to review it from our website.

## Kraft Cheese Boxes of Bridal Veil, OR

*T*here was a time that Kraft Cheese came in a wood box. Some of those boxes were made in Bridal Veil, OR. When the lumber mill shut down, they re-purposed the building to produce these cheese boxes. **Sharon Petri** remembers when her mother, **Josephine Klingbile Palmateer** worked there in the 1940s. Later ammo boxes for WWII took over the production line at the mill.

Memories returned to Sharon when **Charles Edwin Kraft** recently passed away. He was the son of **Leonard J. Kraft** who ran the operation at the Bridal Veil mill for the Kraft Foods company.

**Charles Edwin Kraft** - b. December 6, 1935, d. June 12, 2019.

These boxes are on display at the Harlow House Museum, open Sundays 1-3pm.



Kraft Cheese Boxes

## Friends in History Remembered

### Barbara Kathleen Huston - b. May 9, 1928 d. June 21, 2019

*Barbara Kathleen Huston*, mother of former Troutdale Historical Society director **Terry Huston**, died June 21, 2019. She passed away peacefully at her son's house in Culver, Oregon where she had lived with Stan, his wife Mae and their daughter Kathrine (her main caregiver) for the past year.

**Barbara** met **Orlin Huston** on a blind date in September of 1946. They married on December 14th of that year. She helped Dad, a mail carrier in Troutdale, deliver mail that Christmas. She died on Orlin's birthday. Barbara and Orlin had four children while living in Wood Village, Corbett and Troutdale. She played piano for Reynolds School District for many years accompanying choirs, orchestras and special singing groups in all of the schools. Barbara and Orlin retired to Arizona. They worked in Yellowstone in the summer and lived in Yuma in the winter. She continued to play organ at their church in Yuma. She remained an avid reader and loved to play her video games on her tablet. She is survived by her four children Alex (Pam), Terry, Stan (Mae) and Bob (Karen), 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.



Barbara Kathleen Huston



Meg Campbell

### Marguerite "Meg" Campbell - b. January 2, 1923 d. June 5, 2019

*Marguerite Wright Campbell*, eldest child of Troutdale-Springdale pioneers, **Bill Wright** and **Mary Bourgeois Wright**, died June 5 at the age of 96.

Marguerite, called Meg, was instrumental in helping Troutdale Historical Society secure the original glass plate negatives, photos of local life and construction of the historic highway, that her mother photographed when she was a girl. The Wrights raised their three daughters near the Sandy River.

Meg graduated from Gresham High School in 1940 and received a Bachelor's of Arts in Home Economics from Oregon State College in 1945. During World War II, she worked in a lumber mill and for Camp Fire Girls of America in Portland. All the Wright girls learned to fish and hunt and accompanied their parents to eastern Oregon for the annual deer hunt. Meg and her sisters, with their

respective mates and various children over the years, carried on that tradition into their 70s.

Meg met **Homer J. Campbell** in 1946, and they were married in 1947. They had been married for 55 years when Homer died of cancer in 2002. She designed the house that she and Homer built in LaGrande, where their first four children were born. In 1956, the family moved to Corvallis so Homer could complete his Master's degree at OSU.

With seed she brought from Peru in the early 1970s, she started one of the first alstroemeria (Peruvian lily) gardens in the valley, selling bouquets to local florists and at the Corvallis Farmers' Market.

Camping and hiking were integral activities throughout Meg's life. Through the years, Meg participated in many organizations that dealt with local causes she believed in: Corvallis Men's Homeless Shelter, Philomath Community Response Team, Marys Peak Natural Resources Interpretive Center, Troutdale Historical Society, and the Benton County Historical Society, among others. She was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church. Meg is survived by her children, David Campbell (Mary), Linda Campbell, Robert Campbell, Kate Campbell (Karen Chase), Janet Cornelius (Kevin). A memorial service was held July 21.

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# Troutdale Historical Society

Preserving The Past, Embracing The Future

Membership includes free entry to all our museums, 10% off Barn Store gift shop merchandise, quarterly newsletters by mail or email, and \$10 off membership for the Oregon Historical Society.

- \$20 Individual Membership
  - \$30 Family Membership
  - \$100 Lovers Oak Club
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  - \$250 Business Sponsor (includes interactive link of your logo on THS website and online newsletter)
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- \*\$15 Gift Membership given by \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member Name)

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## Thank you for your support!

Troutdale Historical Society sponsors free programs throughout the year.

**\*Current Members** can give an *Individual Membership* to a friend or family member for only \$15 for the first year.

### Edgefield History Night

The last Tuesday of every month (except December) the Troutdale Historical Society co-sponsors a speaker at McMenamins Edgefield Blackberry Hall, 6:30pm (doors at 5:00 p.m.) Free for all ages. Food and drink are available for purchase.



**Mission Statement**  
 To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area; to stimulate interest in the knowledge of the locality's past.

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