



50 Years BYGONE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3
McMenamins Edgefield Half Night
5pm - close

April 15
Annual THS Meeting
2pm
Sam Cox Hall
Glenn Otto Community Park
1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy

April 24
Edgefield History Night
@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)
Topic: International Art Theft and the FBI

May 12
9am - 4pm
Annual Cemetery Tour
Touring Gresham & Troutdale
Cemeteries
Stan Clarke, Cemetery Historian

May 29
Edgefield History Night
@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)
Topic: A Shared History: Edgefield and the
Troutdale Historical Society

June 26
Edgefield History Night
@ McMenamins Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)
Topic: Garden Like Austen - Plants Jane
Knew and Grew

Troutdale Historical Society - 50 Years Old 1968 - 2018

Our 50th annual meeting, in **Sam K. Cox Hall**, Glenn Otto Community Park, is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 15.

Join us to celebrate our volunteers, our member of the year, and all the people who have kept the Troutdale Historical Society going for 50 years.

We will start, of course, with those charter members still with us: **Louise Dix, Barbara Lampert, Irene Simons, Sharon Nesbit, Al Stoeckel and Kay Struckman**. Interesting that three, Irene, Sharon and Al, all live less than a block from each other. And that three, Sharon, Al and Kay are still volunteering. And that Louise Dix continues to be a faithful member after all those years of donating strawberries for our ice cream socials. Barbara Lampert we just found again, but not too far away. She lives in Sandy and was pleased to be contacted.

We plan to put up our 50th birthday banner, and set it up for pictures. Bring your family to pose underneath it and mark your spot in history.

We also recognize our Preservationists, our Members of Year, our Volunteers of the Year, elect officers and announce new ones. And just when you get tired of clapping and praise, we are going to get out the strawberries donated by Townsend Farms and finish off with strawberry ice cream sundaes to recall all those years of ice cream socials.

There will be special opportunities for family memberships. If your kids aren't members, they should be. We intend to be going strong in another 50 years.



1993 Ice Cream Social - Nancy & Sam Cox



McMenamins Edgefield Power Station
Pub & Theater



Edgefield Manor Power Station
c1975

Dinner & Drinks with Family and Friends
Tuesday, April 3rd
McMenamins Edgefield Power Station
2126 SW Halsey St., Troutdale, OR

1/2 of the nights proceeds benefit the
Troutdale Historical Society

First item of business in April: Dining out at the Power Station at **McMenamins Edgefield** on Tuesday night, April 3, any time after 5 p.m. This is the easiest fund-raiser ever because McMenamins donates half the proceeds of the evening to the **Troutdale Historical Society**. All you have to do is show up with your family, all your kinfolk and friends, and eat and drink. What a sacrifice. We are very grateful to McMenamins for extending this opportunity. The event lasts from 5 p.m. to closing, so it is never too late to show up.

2018 Cemetery Tour - Troutdale & Gresham Area

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018

Departs: 9am

Returns: 4pm

Fee: \$25 (reservation required, limited seats)



With **Stan Clarke** in the lead, we started our cemetery tours 21 years ago. This year's event returns to our own area - Douglass and Mountain View cemeteries in Troutdale; Gresham Pioneer, Escobar and White Birch in Gresham. It will include the usual lunch picnic in a park (bring a sack lunch) and as a finale, end with a visit to the Gresham Historical Society Museum.

Stan, a widely-known cemetery historian, has new sites for us to see and more observations about our local graveyards. Look forward to finding the grave sites of Troutdale's memorable citizens, early pioneers at Mountain View, and in Gresham, the grave of Miyo Iwakoshi, one of the first Japanese to come to this area.

We have a 25-passenger bus, please reserve your seat by calling our office 503-661-2164 or click [here](#) to purchase online. We are able to offer this tour at a reduced price due to a generous donation from **John Gerbish**, Gresham Memorial Chapel.

MUSEUM HOURS

WINTER HOURS

October 1 - April 30

Barn Exhibit Hall

10am - 3pm Wednesday-Saturday

1 - 3pm Sunday

Harlow House

1 - 3pm Sunday Only

Rail Depot Museum

10am - 2pm Friday Only

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN MAY 1**Barn Exhibit Hall**

9am - 4pm Monday - Saturday

1 - 4pm Sunday

Harlow House

1 - 4pm Sunday Only

Rail Depot Museum

10am - 2pm Friday Only

AT THE BARN STORE GIFT SHOP...

We have had many requests for hat/lapel pins from our guests at the **Barn Exhibit Hall**. We now offer our logo, Lovers Oak, on a pin and it is available at the Barn Store and online for \$6.95. Click on the pin to go directly to the THS website store. Or avoid the shipping costs and visit the Barn Exhibit Hall's Barn Store.



1980s Tug o' War - Troutdale vs Gresham



There was no more mischievous mayor than **Sam Cox**, Mayor of Troutdale for 10 years. It was Sam who challenged Gresham to a tug of war at the Troutdale picnic, and this image shows Sam and city administrator **Pam Christian** at the rope. Just back of them in the striped shirt is **Paul Thalhofer**, who would later be Mayor of Troutdale. The picture comes from the early 1980s and is part of a collection of **Sam Cox** material recently donated to the historical society by **Tori Cox Muck**.

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Kelly Broomall on ladder
Q Madp holding shutter

What's Bugging You?

All it takes is a bug or two.

The Harlow House, with its south-facing white wall is a haven for pesky box elder bugs, which sooner or later, creep into the holes around windows and doors to shelter in the house. The problem is so bad that we keep a small vacuum handy so volunteers can suck up the bugs before guests arrive.

This winter, when **Julie Stewart** was creating the menswear exhibit now showing in the house (go and see it if you haven't already) she was fighting bugs, so **Kelly Broomall** decided to take them on.



He has removed the shutters and storm windows at the back of the house, and is literally rebuilding and repainting them, all while stopping up as many crevices and cracks as he can.

Old houses need a lot of work. The next task is the repair of the front porch planned for May by **Kelly** and **Greg** and **Sue Handy**.

Historic Ground Breaking

April 7, 2018 @ 11am

36901 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Corbett, OR

The Crown Point Country Historical Society will be breaking ground for the construction of their Crown Point Country Museum.



OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS AND DONORS

Forgive the pun, but **Troutdale Sand & Gravel Company** has been the foundation of **Troutdale Historical Society** since way back in the 1970s when we added on to our little museum in what is now Glenn Otto Community Park.

It didn't hurt that longtime Troutdale Historical Society volunteer **Ted Schulte** had worked for the company, then on the Sandy River where the RV park is now. Schulte knew most of the cement truck drivers and when a bit of cement was left from a job, Schulte knew how to get his hands and a trowel on it.

One of the oldest sand, gravel, and ready-mix concrete companies in the greater Portland area, it was founded by another historical so-



ciety member, **Richard Knarr**, who was also mayor of Troutdale for a time. When Knarr came back from World War I, where he was a sailor on a minesweeper, he borrowed his dad's truck and started hauling sand from the family property on the Sandy River, shoveling it on and off the truck by hand.

Later as the business grew, sand and gravel materials were dredged from the river and sold at the plant. Concrete was delivered to various

job sites with sack cement and a portable mixer. After World War II, three Ford mixer trucks were purchased.

The company was sold in 1955 and during 1959 the batch plant and dispatch office were relocated to Southeast 190th and Division Street. In 1982, it moved to its present location on N.E. 244th Avenue in Wood Village (but with a Troutdale address, which in our book puts Troutdale Sand and Gravel back in town.)

Brian Moran is the current owner and has been a loyal supporter of our society. The floor of the Barn Exhibit Hall is material from Troutdale Sand and Gravel.



Russ Akin, Jr - c1966

Richard (Dick) Knarr, sailor on the USS Housatonic The Second, (1899-1918) where he served as a mine planter for the 3rd Naval District during WW I.



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•**Sharon Bennett, Kelly Broomall, Len Otto, Norm Thomas, and Hazel Webb** for helping with a last minute tour group.

•**Kelly Broomall** for all the maintenance work to keep the Box Elder bugs out of the Harlow House.

•**Hunter Chartier** for your assistance with the online store.

•**Kathy Foidel, Dee Dee Hansen, Christy Johnson, Carla Robertson, Julie Stewart, and Julia Warner**, for their patience in learning the new procedures for Past Perfect.

•**Erin Janssens** for assembling the new bench.

•**Q Madp** for assisting **Kelly Broomall** in re-installing the shutters on the Harlow House.

•**Margaret Rice** for compiling a 40-page THS history time-line document by extracting dates and information from 50 years' accumulation of newsletters.

•**Sherwin-Williams** for donating paint to repaint the shutters and window trim on the Harlow House.

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Board Members

Rich Allen, Corey Brooks, Kelly Broomall,
 Diane Castillo-White, Rip Caswell,
 Erin Janssens, Jon Lowell

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Sharon Nesbit, Len Otto, Dave Ripma



Hunter Chartier - Intern from Reynolds Learning Academy updated our online store. Click [here](#) to visit our store and see his work.

343 MEMBERS OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Help us reach our goal of **500** members for our **50th birthday!**

Are you a member? Give a gift of membership to the next generation or become a member by clicking [here](#).

Meet Our Project Volunteers

by Margaret Rice

THS is fortunate to have a small army of dedicated volunteers who keep our organization running. We truly could not operate without them. In addition to our knowledgeable and friendly museum docents, talented maintenance guys, and active board of directors, we have volunteers working on projects vital to maintaining our artifact, photo, and reference collection. With the guidance of Executive Director **LeAnn Stephan**, Objects Curator **Dee Dee Hansen**, and Photo Curator **Julie Stewart**, these ladies are preserving history.

Julie Stewart

Julie has been the photo librarian for 8 years. The THS photo collection contains over 6,000 photos from the late 1800s to current day. The original photos are kept in special preservation binders and have been scanned into digital format, now on the museum computer hard drive. Julie is very appreciative of the extra hands working on all these projects, especially for achieving consistent identification labeling, methodical storage, and easy retrieval for photos and artifacts. "As long as we all do things the same way, it will be wonderful." Julie concentrates her time entering the new photos that have been donated and troubleshooting problems that pop up.

Christy Johnson

Christy assists Julie in reconciling that each photo is entered accurately in the museum computer database; correcting discrepancies, and confirming the location of original photos. It is painstaking work that will make photo retrieval faster and easier. We use these photos in THS newsletter stories, press releases, and event announcements. All our photos are available to the general public and used by journalists, writers, authors, researchers, historians and genealogists. A most rewarding occasion of sharing these photographs is to successfully assist a descendant seeking family records with not only information but also maybe a photograph of a never-seen relative.

Dee Dee Hansen

After many years without an Objects Curator, Dee Dee joined the effort. She was tasked with an overwhelming accumulation of artifacts that had not yet been accessioned (formally added into the collection). As she began her training, inconsistencies were discovered making training confusing and difficult. Luckily, she did not run away screaming. With her background as a teacher and librarian, she found this to be a challenge and became excited to get started.

Julia Warner & Kathy Foidel

Julia and Kathy assist Dee Dee and work with the 50-year old card catalog of artifact records of the THS collection. Their first task is to standardize the data entry formatting for items already in computer files so the reference codes are consistent. Then, working from the old original reference records, they enter information on items into the database. When all the artifacts are entered in the system, a specific storage shelf location will be determined for every single physical item and noted in the database. The ultimate outcome is to be able to look up an artifact by name, descriptive words, code number, or even donor, and go straight to it in a storage aisle and shelf space location. Julia has been working on this project 2-3 days per week for three months. She says, "I am very excited about contributing to the artifact project and supporting THS!"

Carla Robertson

As the Eagle Creek Fire neared Troutdale last fall, concerned volunteers boxed up and took to safety the contents of six big file drawers of irreplaceable reference materials known respectfully as "Sharon's Brain." The fire danger defined and accelerated the urgency for us to protect this resource electronically, accumulated over 50 years by Sharon Nesbit, THS historian, Gresham Outlook columnist, and author of three books on local history. These include newspaper and magazine clippings, biographies, wills, obituaries, maps, notes, letters, architectural drawings, sketches, and photos. When Carla was asked about digitizing this important collection, she said "Scanning? Sure! I can do that...on two new scanners with great computer equipment. Sure!" She works about 4 hours a week, scanning each document that she labels for computer filing. Digitized documents will be retrievable in a few keystrokes by topic name, word, phrase, or date. Now three months into the project, Carla estimates it will take a year to complete. She commented recently, "Little did I know what world was opening to me. 'Sharon's Brain' is a treasure trove of goodies. Each piece of paper is a bit of history about the wonderful town that has been my home for over 25 years. Each day at the museum I learn and want more. The stories, the pioneers, the experiences of the early leaders . . . all so very interesting. It is humbling to observe the contributions others have made with little or no recognition – just for the love of community and each other. It is a 'feel-good' project and I'm thrilled to be included in the work."

Laureen Lucero

Laureen has been with us just over a year and enjoys learning local history and talking with museum visitors. While she is on her weekly docent shift at the Barn Exhibit Hall, she does double-duty as a clipper. She reads the bi-weekly Gresham Outlook newspaper and cuts out articles on topics of local historical significance. These are filed by topic for easy access. Before she could concentrate on the recent editions, Laureen spent months sorting through two large boxes of back issues. Her tenacity has all the clippings caught up and filed. Alas, her work is not done. Other research boxes need her attention and expert filing skills.

Joy Beldin

In addition to her longstanding role as THS proofreader par excellence, Joy has taken on a new weekly task of entering volunteer hours into a database. This information is important for grant requests and THS planning. Says Joy, "I was delighted when LeAnn approached me to enter the volunteer hours. I'm always eager to learn something new as we all know how important it is to exercise our aging brains. A little training on the computer and I felt ready to tackle a new task. Knowing I am contributing to an important part of this community gives me much enjoyment."

President's Message...

Where did the time go? My term as president of the Troutdale Historical Society is coming to an end soon. At our annual meeting on April 15 we will elect another set of officers. It has been such an honor and a privilege to have served in this capacity this year. With an outstanding Board of Directors who always work hard and follow through with their responsibilities it has made my job easy. A big thank you to all of you who have been on the Board this year.

We are having fun this year celebrating our 50th year as a historical society. At our annual meeting come and enjoy our celebration of the six surviving charter members and several of our long-standing members. We will be celebrate in July with a float in the Summerfest parade. (If you would like to help with that give us a call!). And then at our October meeting we will reminisce about 1968, our founding year. What were you doing in 1968? What were you wearing? Get ready to have a lot of fun. Thank you for all of your support this year. See you April 15, Glenn Otto Community Park, 2:00 pm.



Bettianne Goetz, President
Troutdale Historical Society

Friends in History Remembered

Lee Ann Tegart Labby (November 19, 1952 - January 11, 2018)

Labby died in January at age 65 of MSA, a rare neurological disease. Born on Nov. 19, 1952 in Houston, Texas, she was adopted at birth by William and Harriett Tegart and grew up on the Tegart family farm in East Multnomah County. She went to elementary school in Troutdale, followed by Catlin Gabel High School. She attended Mills College and received her BA and MA degrees in Art History from the University of Denver. She worked at the Oregon Historical Society from 1979 through 1987, designing and curating for their exhibit department.

About a year before her death she arranged for transportation to the Troutdale Historical Society, bringing family items especially selected for our collection. Her father was on the Troutdale School board and among the items is a drum that he, as a student at Troutdale, used to summon children to school.

On the Tegart farm on Sandy Boulevard Lee Ann had horses, dogs, cats and lots of cows to look after and loved going to horse riding camp every summer in central Oregon. Her family traveled the world before it was easy or popular. In high school, she drove an old taxi cab imported from London, commuting from Troutdale to Catlin Gabel, and would pick up other students along the way.

She married Paul Labby in 1979 and worked at OHS until shortly after the birth of their second child. During her time there she loved to go to small historical societies throughout the state, helping them with their collections and bringing artifacts back for exhibits.



Tegart Dairy Home

Edward Benner (October 19, 1932 - January 20, 2018)

"Ed Benner, Along with his wife Joan, were long time members of the Society. Ed had a way of making the best of any situation and a great sense of humor." Crown Point Country Winter 2018 Newsletter

Correction:

Our story in the January edition of our newsletter regarding the death of Neil Handy scrambled the birth order of the four Handy brothers. The first born of Ike and June Handy is brother Dale, who lives in Minnesota.

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Bealey Academy - Boys' School

Steve Lehl, who keeps an eye on such things in antique markets, gave THS a small brass button from a uniform worn by a cadet at the Troutdale's Bealey Military Academy. It was an educational institution in Troutdale from 1921 to 1935, a private school for boys offering study, sports, and military drill. Students rose to "Reveille" and went to bed with "Taps."

The academy was located in the former Cedars, an institution that opened in 1918 (where Multnomah County Animal Services is now located) for care and rehabilitation of "sportin" women, intending to get women of ill repute off the streets of Portland. In 1925 the facility, a rather grand affair with white pillars built in the Federal Colonial style, took a curious turn and became a boys' school run by Major Walter de Vignier Bealey, a spit and polish World War I veteran of the British military.

The 31 acres of the site "on the great world-known Columbia River Highway," offered outdoor life, swimming in the Sandy River, camping, as well as polo, tennis, and target shooting. The scholars all wore uniforms (the source of the button), and enjoyed buildings that had electricity, gas for cooking, central hot water heating, a private phone system, and telegraph communication. In short, more than what most Troutdale residents had at the time.

The price was \$675 per student per year. In addition to marching in local parades, cadets enjoyed dances in a "beautiful chandelier-ed ballroom with live bands, Maids dressed in black with white or-gandy aprons stood behind a linen-covered table filled with refreshments."

With the Depression in 1931, the academy failed. Major Bealey and his wife bought property on the hill above the county farm, later owned by Bob and Dorothy Sturges. The building was torn down by the WPA (Works Progress Administration) and the wood was used to build what is now **Ruby's Spa at McMenamins Edgefield**.



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Thank you for your support!

Troutdale Historical Society sponsors free programs throughout the 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. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the free program begins at 6:30 p.m.
Food and drink are available.



Troutdale Historical Society's logo, the "Lovers Oak," stood on the floodplain of the Columbia River until the Columbus Day Storm of 1962. It was a popular gathering place for locals and was an instantly recognizable landmark.

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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