

Bygone Times

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CHRISTMAS AT THE HARLOW HOUSE...

It will be a gingerbread house Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. when we meet for Christmas at the Harlow House.

In lieu of our regular meeting, Saturday will be a time to share Christmas wishes, a steaming cup of punch and a plate of cookies. Come anytime during the afternoon. Bring cookies to share with others, and make sure to take some home when you go.

The Harlow House will be dressed in all its Christmas finery and the theme this year will be gingerbread houses. Small gingerbread houses will trim the tree (We'll also have some for sale.) Our special exhibit over the holidays is a display of miniature houses in all kinds of mediums--ceramic, needlework, painted.

Naturally, Santa Claus will be there to greet the youngsters and give away bags of sweets.

AND MORE...

Since the Harlow House Christmas decorations of fresh greens and bright bows are too good not to share we have made special arrangements to have the house open to the public--not only on Dec. 20--but again on Sunday Dec. 21 and the following weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 27 and 28. If you should happen to miss our Christmas party Dec. 20, or if you know someone who has never had the chance to see the Harlow House at Christmas, urge them to attend on these other days.

TEMPERATURE IS GOING UP...

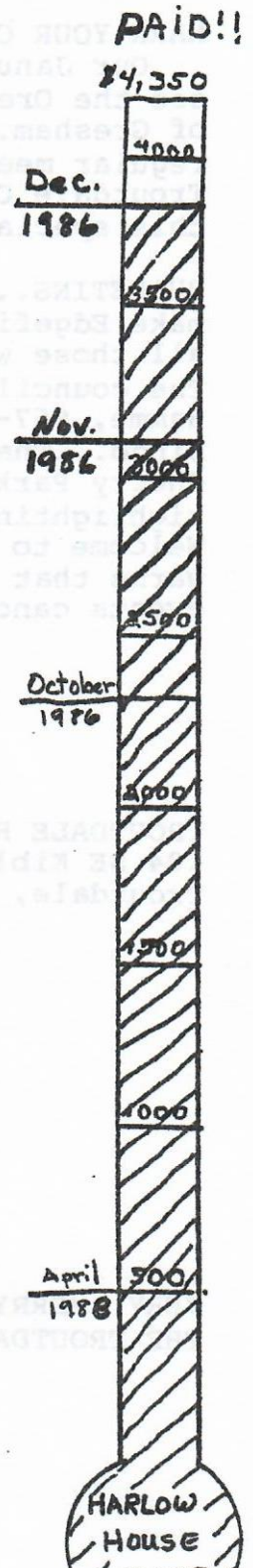
Interesting thing--the colder it gets the warmer the temperature in the thermometer we use to illustrate the race to pay off the Harlow House.

As of Nov. 29 when this letter was prepared, we have only \$550 remaining to pay off the mortgage, if we pay it before Jan. 1 when the new interest accrues. That means that only 6 donors of \$100 each are needed to bust through the top.

We also have heard from a phantom donor who promises that if we get close to the goal, he (or she) will pay the remaining balance.

The nicest part of this fund drive is finding out how many friends we have. Recent donors of \$100 each were Frank & Dot Packard, Robert Strebin Jr., James & Georgene Van Orsow, Sam & Nancy Cox, Homer & Lola Lumsden, Bill & Florence Baker and Harriett Jeckell.

SEE REVERSE SIDE



IN MEMORY...

Nathalie Wilson, wife of late Troutdale celery farmer Russell Wilson, died last month. She was a member of our Board of Trustees and an ardent supporter of this society. Her doll, now more than 80 years old, will stand under the Christmas tree at the Harlow House this year.

Also deceased is Norm Howard, a former state legislator, who grew up on the site of Lewis & Clark Park and was a member of our society.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Our January meeting will be another special event as we will see the Oregon and Barlow trail slides of Ruth and Orson Goodrich of Gresham. Because of this special showing, we have moved our regular meeting from Monday night to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18 in Troutdale City Hall. Plan to be there and invite your friends to this special showing.

BULLETINS...The Troutdale Planning Commission voted Nov. 17 to make Edgefield Manor a historic resource district. Thank you to all those who attended the meeting to support historic zoning. The council will take up the same question on Jan. 13...Cathy Hamme, 667-7760, can always use a volunteer or two to help with bingo...Thanks to Tom Wetherell for his excellent history of Cherry Park Presbyterian Church and especially his work in highlighting the efforts of Nancy Thomas of that church... Welcome to new member John Kirshner...Remember, if the weatherman warns that driving is hazardous consider our historical society events cancelled.

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