



Troutdale Historical Society

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Mark Your Calendars!

February 20
Program Meeting
Troutdale CCB Building
2nd & Buxton
Love in Bridal Veil
2-4 p.m.

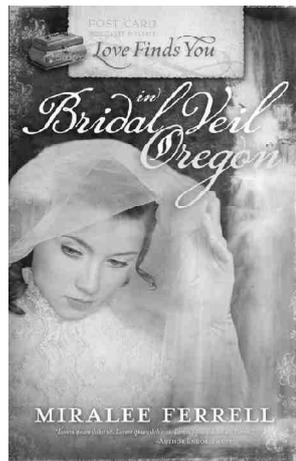
March 20, 2011
Program Meeting
Troutdale CCB Building
2nd & Buxton
Chuck Rollins
"The Loggers"

April 17, 2011
Annual Business Meeting
and Oral History Program
Sharon Nesbit will interview
Richard "Dick" Anderson
who worked at the Handy
Bros. Gas Station and lived
in Troutdale for many, many
years!
Troutdale CCB Building
2nd & Buxton
2-4 p.m.

Saturday, May 21, 2011
Annual Cemetery Tour
Destination TBA

February Program Meeting

Love in Bridal Veil



Miralee Ferrell grew up in small town America, married her high school sweetheart, and has been married 37 years. They live on 11 acres in the beautiful Columbia River Gorge in southern Washington State, where they love to garden, play with their dogs, take walks, and go sailing. Miralee also rides her horse on the wooded trails near their home with her grown daughter who lives nearby.

Her third historical romance with Summerside Press in their Love Finds

You series released Feb 1, 2011. *Love Finds You in Last Chance, CA* (1977) and *Love Finds You in Bridal Veil, Oregon*. (Set in 1902)

Miralee serves as president of the Portland, Oregon, chapter of American Christian Fiction Writers and belongs to a number of writer's groups. She also speaks at women's groups, libraries, and churches about her writing journey.

You can learn more about Miralee as well as see pictures from the real places she writes about by visiting her website at www.miraleeferrell.com.

Love Finds You in Bridal Veil, OR is set against the backdrop of the breathtaking Bridal Veil Falls in a historic Oregon logging community. A schoolteacher finds herself torn between a past love and the man who could be her future. Sixteen-year-old Margaret Garvey had

promised her heart to Nathaniel Cooper the night he disappeared from town. Now, four years later, just as she's giving love a second chance with Andrew, a handsome logger, Nathaniel reappears in town with a devastating secret. While grappling with the betrayal of those she trusted most, Margaret risks her reputation and position by harboring two young troubled runaways who might be involved in the murder of a local man. And as disaster strikes the town and threatens the welfare of its citizens, Margaret will be faced with the most important choice of her life.



January has everyone pledging to "help a cause" in honor of Martin Luther King. President's Day coming up on February 21st and everyone is reminded of service to others and "ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country."

Chances are, your neighborhood has empty homes that have

been foreclosed on or are in foreclosure right now. There are neighbors on your street who have lost their jobs and with it, their self respect.

Small simple acts of kindness are required of us all in this time of trouble in our nation. A smile at an elderly person in the grocery store, a Valentine or a cookie to a

neighbor or offer childcare for someone who is out job hunting. We are all in this together and need to help hold each other up.

There are so many people that hold THS up or we could not survive. To all of our volunteers, board members and committee chairmen, THANK YOU for all you do. And Geoff, I couldn't do this without

your help in the office.

Please be sure to come to the next three program meetings; they are going to be AWESOME!

Let's hope for more snow in the mountains, no East wind and no more late freezing weather that ruined so many crops last year...Happy Spring!

Terry



This year's quilt is a beautiful red, white & blue pattern. Quilt raffle tickets are on sale at the Depot for \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10 or 15 for \$20. Tickets will also be on sale at February, March and April program meetings. Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday's from 10-2. Please call the office, 503-661-2164, if you want to buy tickets with your credit/debit card. The drawing will be at the annual Christmas Open House at Hartlow House on December 3, 2011.

The Legacy of Penny Balch

As most of you know, we lost our friend Penny Balch recently. Penny loved Troutdale Historical Society and everything about it. When Penny passed away, she left a monetary bequest to THS and presently the board of directors is deciding how to honor Penny's memory.



Clover G. Nasmyth

Clover Nasmyth, former secretary of the Troutdale Historical Society, died January 13 at the age of 86. She was born Jan 23, 1924, in Edson, Kan., and served in the Waves in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Honored by the Troutdale Historical Society for her military service several

years ago, she remembered that her father did not want her to join the military.

She was married to Herbet Nasmyth, of Troutdale, establishing her long connection with Troutdale and the Nasmyth family.

Clover was a longtime volunteer for our society. In the early days of the Harlow House when hostesses wore ruffled pinafore

style aprons, she made a full set of the aprons for us. It was, she said then, enough to make a person really tired of ruffles.

She and Herb, who survives her, were regulars at all of our events and volunteered at nearly every activity.

She was an instructional aide for Portland Public Schools. Clover is survived by her husband, Herbet



Clover as a Wave in WWII

Art Scofield

Arthur E. Scofield, longtime Troutdale area resident, died December 8 in Bend,



Oregon at the age of 96.

He was born in Mankato, Minnesota, April 29, 1914.

He married Emily Cosby on July 3, 1936 in Vancouver Washington. He and Emily lived on the Sandy River east of Troutdale (Hwy 30) for over 20 years and over 30 years in Sisters, Or-

gon. She preceded him in death on Christmas Day 2000.

The Scofield children and grandchildren had many fun times growing up on the Sandy River in Troutdale. Daughter Rosie remembers the dedication of Lewis and Clark Park and the friends they had on both sides of the river.

“They had many good friends and neighbors; John and Beth Hale, Betty and Harvey Weiprecht., and of course, Tad’s wonderful Chicken and Dumplings. We kids would walk to the restaurant and get a jarful for about a dollar.”

They spent their last years in the “Summit”, a private home facility near Sisters.

Emily & Art with their first grandchild

Arlene Marble

Corbett resident Arlene Frances Johnson Marble, a longtime member of our historical society and an expert on the Oregon Trail, died on Jan. 23. She was 91.

Arlene was born Aug.

17, 1919, in Gresham to Arthur and Geneva (Wright) Johnson. Indian John dined at her family’s table in the early days. She grew up in Corbett on the family dairy farm, and graduated from Corbett High School in 1936. She attended Oregon State University for pre-

nursing and graduated from the nurse’s training program at Good Samaritan Hospital in 1942.

While attending college in Corvallis, Arlene met Harold A. Marble. They were married on Sept. 26, 1942, in Corbett. They resided in Ohio and California

before returning to Corbett in 1964. Arlene resided in Corbett until her death.

As family genealogist, Arlene had a memory for dates and times of Oregon Trail travel and often recounted these events when she traveled on THS treks.

Dickie Reif

Former Wood Village resident and Troutdale Historical Society member Dickie Reif died on Jan. 22, in Oregon City. She was 96. Dickie was born Dickie Moriyasu Nov. 19, 1914, in Tacoma, Wash. She grew up in Carson, Wash., and graduated from high school

in 1932. Dickie and her parents were placed in a Japanese relocation camp in Tule Lake, Calif., during World War II. Dickie met Charles Reif, and they were married on June 29, 1945, in Stevenson, Wash. They resided in Chehalis, Wash., before moving to Wood Village in 1949.

Dickie worked for Reynolds High School as a cook. She retired in 1979, but returned to work as a cook at the Reynolds outdoor school, retiring in the mid-1980s. She was a frequent volunteer at the ice cream social and other events, always happy to help out in the kitchen.

**All
obituary
information
and pictures
gathered
from the
Gresham Outlook
and
family members.**

Frank Driver

Longtime Corbett resident Francis “Frank” Marion Driver died on Jan. 17 at the age of 89.

Frank was born Jan. 21, 1921, in Portland to Herbert and Edna Mae Driver. He graduated from Milwaukie High School in 1939.

Frank joined the Navy in August 1939. He was on Corregidor Island in the Philippines when the Americans surrendered to the Imperial Japanese forces on May 6, 1942. He joined thousands of prisoners of war at Camp Cabanatuan before being shipped to Manchuria for forced labor in a machine tool factory.

“I never did know what we were making, but we did what we could to foul it up,”

Frank told The Outlook in a profile story in April 2007.

After three years, three months and 10 days as a prisoner, Frank was among the POWs who were liberated by the Russians at war’s end. He was shipped to Saipan and later to Guam for medical treatment.

After his discharge in March 1946, Frank returned to Portland and worked in the shipyards until they closed. He then worked as a stationary engineer at Good Samaritan Hospital, where he met Jean McKillop, a nursing student. They were married May 10, 1947, in Seattle and built their home just outside Springdale. They endured “some of the worst winters ever” in 1947 and 1948 while building the house.

Frank and Jeanie’s stories are featured in Clarence Mershon’s book, “Women of World War II.” (Jeanie’s picture is on the cover.)

Frank was a Boy Scout leader and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He helped organize the Corbett fire department in 1949 and served as its board chairman. After his retirement, Frank helped with Meals-On-Wheels and volunteered at the Barn Museum in Troutdale and as a docent at Vista House. He and Jeanie also started growing daffodils commercially with Murray and Stella Evans, Corbett’s pioneer growers, which sparked an interest in travel around the United States and Europe.

Frank’s health began to deteriorate in 2007. In 2009,

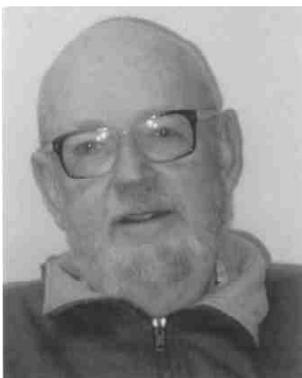
he moved with his dog, Pixie, to Clare Bridge care facility in Troutdale. He continued to flirt with the girls and enjoy daily visits from family and friends.

His son, Frank Stuart Driver, preceded him in death in 2002.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Catherine Driver of Sherwood and Laurie Ledbetter of Lahaina, Hawaii; and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made to the Corbett Education Foundation’s Driver Scholarship, 35800 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, Corbett, 97019; or to the Helping Hands Food Program, 37493 N.E. Grange Hall Road, Corbett, 97019

Jack Matches



Former East County resident Jack Ronald Matches died on Dec. 6, in Redmond, Wash. He was 80.

Jack was born May 20, 1930, in Gresham to Arthur and Marjorie Matches. He was raised in Troutdale and attended Gresham High School, graduating in 1948.

Jack served in the Army during the Korean War. He then attended Or-

egon State University, where he received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. He received his Ph.D. in microbiology from Iowa State University in 1963. Jack was a professor at the University of Washington and taught in the College of Fisheries for 30 years.

Jack was an avid hunter, fisherman and horseman. After retire-

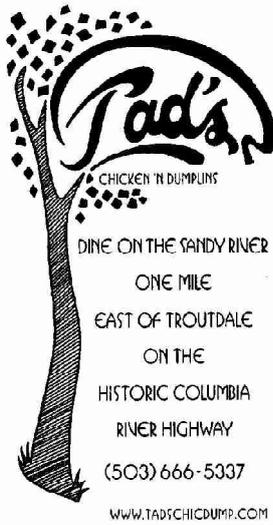
ment, he and his wife, Esther, traveled the country on their Honda Goldwing motorcycle.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years; son, Keith Matches of Sammamish, Wash.; daughter, Lou Ann Matches of Yakima, Wash.; brother, Arthur “Jerry” Matches of Lubbock, Texas; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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