ON MARCH 20, A CONVERSATION WITH FAYE HARLOW...

Join us at 7:30 p.m., Monday evening, March 20, in Troutdale City Hall for a live interview with Faye Harlow. She came to Troutdale in 1912, with her father and mother, Newt and Mary Parsons, and brother Dale. Her father worked in the railroad depot that is now our museum. She married the only surviving son of Lou and Laura Harlow. Faye, now a resident of Tigard, will tell us about living in Troutdale during the Spanish influenza epidemic of 1919 and of life among the Harlows. Afterward we’ll have refreshments provided by Dorothy Larson and Alice Wand.

AND ON MARCH 12, A BRUNCH...

The brunch with the Columbia Grange and the Crown Point Historical Society that was postponed last month because of bad weather will take place in what we hope will be a milder March.

Our society is a co-sponsor of a fantastic breakfast -- from bacon and eggs to salads and desserts -- to be cooked by Rich and Dorothy Kerslake at the grange hall at the corner of the Crown Point Highway and Littlepage Road, just east of the Corbett firehall. The event will last from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prices are $5 for adults, $2.50 for children ages 12 to 6, and children under 6 are free.

ON MARCH 15, A HEARING ON EDGEFIELD...

Multnomah County Commissioners have said that they are willing to participate in a task force to attempt to sell Edgefield Manor to a private developer who could restore it and put it to use. Should the task force fail to find a buyer, the county wants to have a demolition permit ready to exercise at the end of a year. At 7 p.m. on Wednesday March 15, the Troutdale Planning Commission will consider the county’s action as well as a proposal to make Edgefield a historic landmark in the city.

This would be a good time to attend and make your feelings known.

AN APRIL FOOL’S FROLIC...

Our historical Pied Piper Gene Bui has organized another trek of the society, this time an April 1 jaunt to Salem to explore four old houses and a historic woolen mill.

Cost is $15, and that includes transportation and all admission fees. You may bring a lunch or buy one at a deli in the Mission Mill complex. Our group will depart Troutdale City Hall by bus Saturday at 8:45 a.m. We plan to be at the historic Mission Mill at 10 a.m. where we will explore the old woolen mill as well as two fine pioneer homes. There will be time for lunch and a bit of shopping in the mill complex and then we will move on to the historic house and garden of Deepwood and from there to Bush House. We should be home by 5 p.m.

Just send $15 a person, as well as name, address and phone number to the address on the back of your newsletter and we’ll sign you up for the April Fools Frolic.

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MORE THINGS COMING UP...

Spring cleaners, please set aside a box of good old stuff for a rummage sale we plan for this summer or early fall. Boxed or bagged rummage can be left on the porch of the Harlow House.

Plan to attend a dramatic performance and a joint meeting with local historical societies at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening, April 17, in the Great Hall at the Troutdale City Park.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES...

Don't forget to pay your dues. If you have lost the envelope, just send them to the address on the back of this newsletter. Among our new members are: MERLE COONS, DICK ANDERSON, DON WARMAN, CHRISTOPHER & LYNN MCALLISTER and SUSAN AND HARRISON WETHERILL. New lifetime members are JOHN KIRSHNER, DORIS CARAMELLA AND GENEVIEVE FROMMELT.

NAMEDROPPERS...ALEX JONES and SADIE RILEY recycled paper to make a $15 donation for the society...ELSIE FARRIS sent a $20 gift along with her dues...VIRGINIA RANKEN gave $50 to the endowment fund in memory of her husband, HUGH RANKEN...HARRISON & SUSAN WETHERILL donated a book of pioneer women's diaries....CATHY SIEBOLD gave a number of items from PEG ABBOTT'S estate...new at the HARLOW HOUSE (Open each Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.) Indian souvenir items and dolls loaned by DONNA KLUEHE. Donna and SHARON NESBIT recently prepared a new bedroom exhibit at the house. Be sure to see it. DICK JONES donated a mattress for the bed...BARBARA WELSH is our new secretary. A complete list of officers in the April newsletter.

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