

# Bygone Times

A Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



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## APRIL FLOWERS FEAST...

This newsletter comes early to give you plenty of time to plan for our April Flowers Brunch, Sunday, April 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Great Hall at Troutdale City Park.

Rich and Dorothy Kerlake will once again cook a breakfast feast supplemented by salads, desserts and other brunch goodies from historical society cooks.

Price is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Children under 6 are free.

Steve Kenney will display historic postcards of the Columbia River Gorge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please join us for a festive feast on bright tables decorated with the flowers of spring. To help us publicize this event, keep the newsletter for your own reference and clip off the poster on the back page to give to a friend or place in your neighborhood.

All proceeds from the brunch go to our barn fund.



## AN EVENING WITH KAZ AND HELEN TAMURA...

Kaz and Helen Tamura, owners of Tamura Farms on Troutdale Road, will take a break from spring work and be the subjects of a live interview at our monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 16, in Troutdale City Hall.

The Tamuras are third generation Troutdale farmers. Their family farm was founded by Kaz Tamura's grandfather, Minekichi Tamura, a Japanese immigrant who knew nothing about farming when he came to Troutdale in 1924. Kaz attended Cedar School with "Billy" Baker, among others. We hope Cedar School classmates will take this opportunity to attend and enjoy a small reunion.

## ADMISSION TO BE CHARGED AT HARLOW HOUSE...

The society's board of directors decided that the time has come to charge admission to Harlow House museum. Beginning June 1, the fee will be \$1 for adults. Children, however, will always be admitted free.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

BEVERLY CHRISTMAN, Portland, is a lifetime member of the society. New members are: NANCY HOOVER, DONALD HILLYARD, GINNY BROBECK and EILEEN CUNNINGHAM.

## AND THANKS TO THESE BARN-RAISERS...

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC made a \$500 contribution to our barn fund. Many thanks to the people at PGE. IRENE BRADFIELD is dropping her membership in our society to join the Gresham Historical Society. But she said goodbye with a check: "Since you folks do such a good job I want to help a little by sending a contribution to your barn fund."

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THE DICK JONES WORKSHOP...

At our March meeting a surprise presentation was made by the board of directors to volunteer barn superintendent, Dick Jones. At the same time that the board voted to name the loft of the barn in honor of John Nasmyth, (a presentation made in February), they said the workshop of the barn should carry Jones' name, because of the tremendous amount of work he has done on the building.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH -- MARY EATON...

For the first time in approximately eight years, Mary Eaton did not print this month's newsletter.

Thanks to a partnership with the City of Troutdale, we have printed our newsletter at city hall. And Mary, a city hall veteran of 18 years, did the work after hours. Because of the increased number and pages in our newsletter that arrangement ended this month, and we have turned to professional printing.

It is high time to acknowledge Mary's efforts, which began with the city mimeograph machine. Troutdale's court clerk, she has given at least two and one-half hours a month to do our printing.

A resident of Troutdale for 46 years, she came here with her parents, Mary Ray Eaton and John Williams Eaton. Her family home on Hensley Road is now owned by Rick and Linda Paz. Mary lives here in Troutdale with her brother, John, and is the employee with the longest tenure at city hall.

Thank you, Mary, and thank you, City of Troutdale, for your help.

IN MEMORY...

BOB HUGHES, a longtime member and resident of the Sandy River Gorge, died this month. A donation was given by GLENN and HELEN OTTO.

NEWS FROM OTHER HISTORIANS...

The OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY says May 31 is the deadline to file a Century Farm designation if your farm has been operated continuously in the same family for 100 years or more. Call the society, 222-1741.

FRIENDS OF DEEPWOOD, a lovely historic house in Salem, will have a Discover Deepwood Open House, Sunday, April 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. for Earth Day. Deepwood is located at 1116 Mission Street S.E.

A FALL FESTIVAL...

New member JANET RENFRO, a professional events organizer (who, incidentally, is looking for a job in that field), is making good use of free time. She will chair a fall Harvest Faire and Auction, tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 28, 29, and 30.

This is the time to plant the seeds for a fall harvest that will benefit our barn. If you own a business, can you donate goods or services? Are you retired? How about a collectible or an antique that would draw people to the auction. Have an antique car? How about offering a chauffeured drive in it? Own a vacation place? Would you give a weekend's use? Do you do special crafts, quilting, embroidery, baskets, weaving? Please consider donating a gift of your hands.

More information next month on this event.

HARLOW HOUSE NEEDS NEW COAT...

It is time to paint the Harlow House, a job we hope to accomplish this summer or this fall.

This is a costly process that must be done by professionals because



# APRIL FLOWERS BRUNCH

**Sunday, April 8  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Great Hall, Troutdale City Park**  
On the Columbia River Highway at the Sandy River  
Troutdale, Ore.

A bountiful meal in celebration of spring. Cooks Rich and Dorothy Kerslake will prepare a sumptuous spread of breakfast specials, salads, fruits and desserts.

**Adults, \$5    Children 12 to 6, \$2.50**  
Children 6 and under, free.

A benefit for the Troutdale Historical Society.