Events and Exhibits
Harlow Douglass Photo Exhibit
All Winter at the Harlow House
The Romance of Tea
The exhibit will be up through February. Join us for an Open House with tea & cookies on Sat, Feb 16 11 to 4 Harlow House

Annual Meeting
Sun, Feb 24th
See Article at Right
Keith McCoy:
L&C Living History
Troutdale City Hall
Sun, Mar 17, 2 pm
Asian History:
Live Interviews
Sun, April 24
Details TBA
Tea & Tour 2002
Sat, May 4
See Page 7 for Details
Cemetery Tour
Sun, May 19
Details TBA
Weather Notice
When roads are icy or otherwise dangerous, meetings and events are automatically canceled and the museums are closed.

THS President
Friends & Members of THS:
If you’re wondering how THS is doing, you have the answer in your hands. Inside, you’ll read about new exhibits in all three buildings, annual events coming along right on track, and volunteers hard at work to make it happen.
You’ll also see your yearly membership renewal form, including an option to give the gift of history to a friend or family member.
None of what we have accomplished or are planning could happen without you, our friends and members. Thank you to all who have remembered us in their thoughts or with gifts of time, talent, and financial support.
Your President, Dave Ripma

Harlow Douglas on the Highway (Pt 2)
Point from this place is beautiful in any weather so she borrowed the driver’s tripod for the necessary time exposure and proceeded to take a beautiful picture of a small bush that happened to get in front of her camera.
Between Chanticleer and Crown Point, Rooster rock was seen in a beautiful pose with a background of purple water.
At Crown Point, the lunch box took a time exposure while set on instantaneous—producing one of those fuzzy-wuzzy pictures of a beautiful scene such as modern artists rave about.
Down the Figure Eight one sees young virgin forest and also “No Parking” signs with no place to park.
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Mark Your Calendar: Annual Meeting, Sunday, Feb 24th
Come for all or part of the festivities as the Troutdale Historical Society celebrates its 34th anniversary and annual meeting.
Included in the afternoon’s activities will be a festive Mardi Gras luncheon followed by recognition of Ed Ashley, our Preservationist Award winner, and announcement of the Member of the Year.
After lunch, Lewis and Clark historian Barb Kubik will speak on the Corps of Discovery’s six days in the Sandy River Basin. Copies of the Lewis and Clark Exhibit Committee’s plans will also be available for review.
See you there!

Also scheduled are our Annual Business Meeting and election of officers followed by recognition of Ed Ashley, our Preservationist Award winner, and announcement of the Member of the Year.
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Sunday, Feb 24th
Sam K. Cox Building
Glenn Otto Community Park
1:00 Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers
1:30 Member Recognition
2:00 Mardi Gras luncheon (only $7.00 per person)
2:30 Lewis and Clark historian Barb Kubik

To reserve your place at the Mardi Gras table, call 503-661-2164. Please leave your name, phone number and the number of guests.
Plans for New Displays and Exhibits Underway

Harlow House Valentine’s Exhibit: The Romance of Tea

The Tuesday Ladies are at it again; they’ve planned yet another seasonal exhibit you won’t want to miss! Thanks to the generosity of Delta Klinski, and others who donated the use of their tea pots and cups, the Harlow House will be home to a Valentine’s open house featuring historic cards, quilts, and the romance of tea.

Tea pots, cups, and sets old and new from England, Japan, and America will be on display. The exhibit will run through the month of February. You won’t want to miss the special Valentine’s Open House with tea and cookies on Saturday, Feb 16, from 11 to 4.

Lewis and Clark: The Corps of Discovery in the Sandy River Basin

The “Barn Committee”, doing business as the Lewis and Clark Exhibit Committee, has been hard at work under the leadership of their able captain, Ray Davenport.

The entire team has been involved in countless hours of research and the concept for the exhibit has been outlined in a project proposal report designed by Dan McGraw. Copies of the report will be available at the Feb 24th Annual Meeting.

The entire team also gave substantial input for a recent grant proposal. The proposal, which has been submitted to the National Parks Service, seeks a substantial portion of the exhibit’s funding.

Thanks go to the team members, all of whom have invested a substantial number of hours researching, planning, and grant writing.

Depot Rail Museum: All Aboard for an All New Look!

Currently under development is a fresh approach to interpretation at the Depot Rail Museum. The project will include life-sized “patrons” and a reversion of the gift shop back into the Depot’s waiting area. Whimsically lifelike and decorated in the style of the early 1900’s, the exhibit will more closely portray the hustle and bustle of a small town train depot and the activities surrounding operation of the railroad.

The first major improvements are scheduled to arrive at the station late winter, 2002, compliments of the father and son team of Jerry and Jeff Lawry. Jeff, who spent part of the summer working at the Depot, was inspired by the letters of Newt Parsons, Depot station-master, to bring the museum alive for our patrons. His father, Jerry, a retired store display designer, joins him in concept development and the hands-on design work of the new layout.

Harlow Douglass on the Highway

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Lattourelle Falls is as beautiful in rainy weather as when the sun shines for the sun cannot reach it often. There is still some ice at the side which shows blue to brown lines. Nature played a trick on herself here by washing a tree to the top of the falls and then some other drift trash causing a small dam in the center of the stream. Now there is two falls side by side.

There are a number of little falls scattered all along the gorge that are only seen in winter and spring for they dry up when summer comes. At present some of them are as beautiful as the larger ones. Way up on the side of a mountain one of these little falls can be seen. It appears to come from so high up that one wonders where the water comes from, it drops two or three hundred feet to disappear again, still high up on the mountainside.

Sheppard’s Dell with the light color of the concrete bridge contrasted against the winter brown with a scattering of dark green fir trees and wet shiny rocks is even more beautiful on a rainy day than one would imagine.

Bridal Veil Falls is as faded as a bride on her golden wedding day. This falls was once as beautiful as a young girl could be until white men came with an insatiable lust for dollars and seared its face with a lumber plant.

The beauty of Mist Falls is enhanced many folds by wet weather in late winter and early (Continued on page 4)
Grant Funds

We are actively searching for grant funds to help us carry out our mission...here’s an update on our most recent proposals...

Oregon Heritage Commission: We recently received an OHC grant of $5,000 for “Q is for Quicksand”, a children’s book to be written by Sydney Stevens of Oysterville, WA. Sydney, who has written numerous books using the A-B-C format, promises an alphabetical romp through Lewis and Clark’s discoveries in the Sandy River basin.

Mary Wright: We are seeking an $8,000 grant to fund a traveling exhibit of the late Mary Wright’s photos. The portable display will be designed and created by a team of her family members, led by her daughter, Lorraine Scott.

Depot Renovations: Also in the works is a request to the Murdock Trust for renovation of the currently unused eastern end of the Depot for office and gift store space. The renovations would link the new office and store facilities to our existing exhibit and renovated Depot waiting room.

Oregon Museum Grant: We also applied for a small grant which allot about $250 each to run our museums on an annual basis. We have received this grant several times in the past.

Lewis & Clark Exhibit: We also applied for a National Park Service grant to help pay for a major portion of our Lewis and Clark exhibit, which will be housed in the Barn.

Annual Tea & Tour Set for May 4th

The fifth annual Troutdale Historical Society Tea and Tour will be held May 4th at Pamela and Richard Simion’s home on Larch Mountain Road.

The home, built in 1924 as a summer retreat, was greatly expanded in 1934. Every window overlooks the Columbia River Gorge, and the spectacular view will enhance the experience as you sip your tea in this natural wood and stone beauty.

Invitations will be sent to previous Tea and Tour attendees in late March. If you haven’t had a chance to join us in the past, call the Troutdale Historical Society at 503-661-2164 and we’ll place your name on the invitation list.

The cost of attendance is only $35.00 ($25.00 of which you can itemize as a charitable donation). The experience includes a hosted tea with traditional tea fare (finger sandwiches, scones, and other delights), an history of the home, and a tour.

Space is limited to 100 guests, and those spaces go quickly, so return your invitation’s reply card as soon as possible.

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Many thanks: To Kay Struckman who shared her non-profit financial management experience at our last board mtg. Also to Penny Balch, who is preparing controls for our financial operations.


Black History in the Pacific Northwest

African Americans have a long history in Oregon. Did you know...

♦ The first person of African descent known to have set foot on Oregon soil was Marcus Lopez, who arrived in 1788 with Capt. Robert Gray.
♦ Although the 15th Amendment granted voting rights to Black Americans in 1870, attempts to remove the Oregon Constitution’s ban on black suffrage failed in 1883, 1895, and 1916. It wasn’t until 1927, 57 years after federal law afforded African Americans the vote, that the Oregon Constitution was amended to remove the clause denying them that right.
♦ Oregon’s law prohibiting interracial marriages was repealed in 1951.

For fascinating facts, biographical sketches, and a timeline of Black History in the Pacific Northwest, visit the “End of the Oregon Trail” website at www.endoftheoregontrail.org.
Harlow Douglass: The Columbia River Highway

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dling, and chow up the bank where to their delight they found the only dry ‘rainy day’ camp spot provided by nature in Multnomah County that is near a paved highway. The south wind never blows here, in fact the wind is left behind.

Wah-keena Falls has a beauty at this time of year that surpasses both winter and summer for it has a combination of both which cannot be matched. Stopping the machine at the next rest station and walking a few feet to the bridge which crosses Waukena Creek brings a beauty to light which resembles Alaska. From the railing of the bridge the camera will show a creek running on a bed of rock the same as in summer with a canopy of snow and ice over head. In the canopy is seen a window and in the distance the light falls off giving the affect of an under ground stream.

Here the driver of this joy party put his large camera in action. Then “monkey see, monkey do”, everybody took one, setting their little ones as they had seen the driver do with his and gave the same exposure. The result was the lunch box produced a good picture and the little camera in the lady’s back pocket produced several, one of which was good...

The wind blown beauty of Multnomah Falls was unimpaired by the winter weather. The snow and ice are nearly gone. When a breeze hits Multnomah Falls, the water is blown about which multiplies the

beauty of a falls which already has an unsurpassed reputation which was not made in a beauty parlor.

Wood can easily be found near the camp. Green trees will burn very slow with lots of smoke but dead wood burns well even though it is wet on the outside. Dry kindling should be taken from home. There is a law against destroying living plants and trees but the use of dead ones helps remove the danger of summer forest fires. The Columbia River contains large quantities of driftwood and is nearby.

A fire was built, a spot leveled off and everybody was happily seated on the auto cushions and blankets. Water was brought from Oneonta Gorge for the coffee. After dinner three of the party took a nap. The driver could not resist the temptation so he got the large camera into action again. He must have been ashamed of his face for he hid it under a black cloth while he made a picture of their peaceful slumber, the camera was unable to record the snoring.

The trip back to Portland was made after dark. The play of the auto head lights on the snow drifts and road way through the drifts produce a beautiful effect which no car owner should miss seeing. Machines shake down an occasional rock but light cars do not as a rule, especially on a wet rainy night.
Our Business is Old Business at the Troutdale Historical Society

Not sure if you’ve already renewed? If your newsletter mailing label has a star by your name, it’s time for you to renew. No star? You’ve already renewed.

Friends and Members:

Membership renewal time... another opportunity to show your support for the preservation of history and the events and activities of the Troutdale Historical Society.

For thirty-four years, members have assisted us in our mission to preserve the history of Troutdale, the Sandy River, and the Columbia River Gorge. Whether you have previously joined as an individual, family, Director’s Club, or other type of member, you have played an invaluable part in planning for history’s future.

Consider just a few of the benefits of membership...

- The preservation of history;
- Discounts at our gift shop;
- Reduced admission to affiliated museums;
- The Bygone Times.

If you haven’t yet renewed or you aren’t yet a member, take a moment to fill out and return the membership renewal form. Consider, too, giving the gift of history to a friend or family member, or making a donation to the operating fund or to a specific project.

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In order to continue providing you with quality programs and services, it would be helpful if you would take a few minutes to fill out the following survey and return it with your membership dues. Thank you for your support of the Troutdale Historical Society!

Newsletter:
If we were able to do so, would you be interested in receiving your newsletter via email?  □ No  □ Yes

Volunteer Opportunities:
Are you interested in volunteering as a museum host?
□ Not at this time  □ Yes... at the Harlow House & Barn Museums
□ Yes... at the Depot Rail Museum
Are you interested in volunteering for event planning or helping out on the day of an event?
□ Not at this time  □ Yes... helping plan the Ice Cream Social  □ Yes... at the Ice Cream Social
□ Yes... helping plan Harvest Faire  □ Yes... at the Harvest Faire
Not sure if you’d like to volunteer or not, but you’d like more information about volunteer opportunities?
□ Not at this time  □ Yes, I’d like to learn more

Programs/Facilities
In the past year, how many times did you visit:
Harlow House □ None □ 1 to 3 □ 4 or more
Barn Museum □ None □ 1 to 3 □ 4 or more
Depot Rail Museum □ None □ 1 to 3 □ 4 or more
When hosting out-of-town guests, do you make the THS museums part of their visit?  □ No  □ Yes
How many Sunday programs have you attended in the past year?  □ None □ 1 to 3 □ 4 or more
Which other THS events did you attend in the last year?
□ Ice Cream Social  □ Harvest Faire  □ Spring Trek  □ Fall Trek □ Board Meeting
□ Annual Mtg (2001)  □ Cemetery Tour □ Cedar School & Victory Too Reunion
□ Other: ____________________________

Do you have ideas for future programs you would like to see offered?
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Other Suggestions
If you have concerns, compliments, or suggestions, please let us know...
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Remembering Ernie Cereghino...

Ernie Cereghino, who started farming with a horse and wagon on Troutdale Road in 1921, passed away Dec. 26 in Portland at the age of 84.

Ernie was a youngster when his family (his father, an uncle, and their wives and children) left Portland’s “Little Italy” for 25 acres of the former Douglass donation land claim south of Troutdale where they shared the land and a home. Eventually, he purchased his uncle’s half of the farm.

Ernie, who kept farming longer than most in Troutdale, continued to produce crops on his 12 acres through the 1990s. Over the years he raised berries, corn, cabbage, cauliflower and some of Troutdale’s famous celery, once praised as the best in the nation. In a 1988 Gresham Outlook story, he was described selling fresh corn at the side of the road, the ears upright in a bucket of water. “They can buy it from me or they can order it from a warehouse, but when they get it from me they know it was picked that morning.”

Cereghino, who did all his own seeding, hoeing, cultivating and watering, preferred motorized tools, and he and his tractor were a familiar sight on Troutdale Road. “Sitting up on a tractor all day, that isn’t any harder work than driving down a freeway,” he said.

As farms became subdivisions, Ernie proved himself to be a good neighbor, taking his tractor to till new yards and give rides to children. In 1980, his new neighbors in the Beavercreek subdivision gave him a surprise party, a gold watch and penknife, and their compliments.

He never got rich, he said, but he liked being his own boss and didn’t want to quit. “I don’t fish and I don’t hunt any more. Killed the last Jackrabbit here in the mid-50s. I hate the beach. I like the mountains, but I wouldn’t want to live there. And I’ve got two left feet so I can’t dance,” he explained.

In 1990 Cereghino platted a subdivision on the farm, but retained his Troutdale Road home. He was a longtime member of our historical society and always a delight to listen to. His stories of his years at Troutdale Grade School and his fun on the basketball team—short as he was—are part of our history.

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