

# BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Add your two-bits at Jan. 8 board meeting workshop

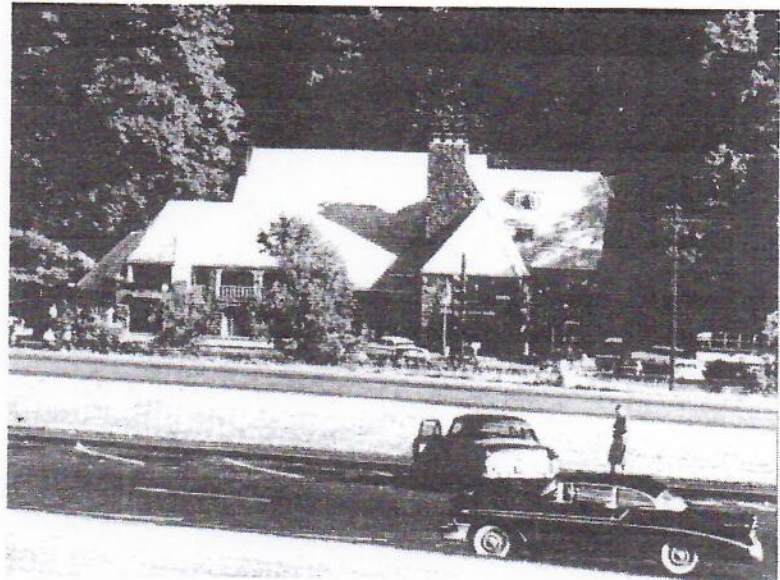
In November, the Troutdale Historical Society board of directors and some committee leaders met for a half-day planning session led by Pat Brothers, who is a management consultant and knows how to do those things.

Using computer-generated data made possible by the bookkeeping system introduced by Treasurer Penny Balch, Pat produced charts and graphs showing us that we make about \$25,000 a year and spend about that much to keep current programs running -- heating the Harlow House and barn, paying our director, processing photos and so on.

We then decided what we'd like to get done in the next five years. We know getting the barn open is a high priority. But other issues surfaced -- \$10,000 worth of work on the Harlow House, catching up on curating our artifacts, continued work in the depot where Ellen Brothers is freezing her toes and more.

Some things we have money for, some we don't. Some need volunteers to lead the project. Some work calls for professionals. "Don't worry about how you're going to do it right now," Pat said. "We'll do that later."

LATER has arrived. We have a list, we've checked it twice. Our board meeting and work on implementing the plan is at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 8. We moved it to Troutdale City Hall so that as many of our members who want to can attend. Join us, please, and get your two-bits worth in.



What's the story behind Multnomah Falls Lodge? Hal Meyerdiere knows.

## Delight your friends, Learn a little lodge lore. Sun., Jan. 19

So, how many times have you been to Multnomah Falls? Oregon's most-visited tourist attraction is a familiar sight to all of us, but how much do you really know about the place, or the lodge that sits at the foot of the famous waterfall?

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Hal Meyerdiere, president of Friends of Multnomah Falls, is a student falls and lodge lore and the perfect person to speak on the subject. Join us in Troutdale City Hall, Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m., to hear the story of the lodge.

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## Troutdale Vision Clinic supports our society

The Troutdale Vision Clinic, in the former Troutdale General Store, gives a 10 percent discount to Troutdale Historical Society members, then they will donate that 10 percent to our organization.

Get new glasses, save money and support us at the same time. Just show your membership card.

And thank them for being new members of our historical society.

<i>winter</i>	<b>Gorge residents know you can't out-guess winter. If driving is hazardous because of ice or snow, our meetings are automatically canceled.</b>

## Santa Veterans.....

### Our list of good guys

A Good Guy on our list is Sharon Nesbit's stepfather, **Rodger Nearhoff** of Apache Junction, Ariz. While he and Sharon's mom were here visiting at Thanksgiving, he secured the glass that covers our Indian artifacts at the Harlow House. He worked out a system of little metal clamps that will it much more difficult to lift the glass and slip an item away.

Our concern came from a warning from **Oregon Museums Association** that the market for Indian artifacts is so high that many small museums have lost artifacts to thieves. (Four Native American basketry items were taken from Oregon Historical Society galleries last September.)

More Good Guy stuff: **Dick Jones** fixed our plumbing leak in the basement of the Harlow House and winterized the faucets. **Frank Driver** And, **TAH-DAH**, here's a photo of the elf munching cookies at the Harlow House....



.....was the first to volunteer for winter painting work in the depot. **Malcolm Boslar** of Bend made his annual shipment of juniper to scent the Harlow House for Christmas. **Dick Anderson**, who weekly purveys our Harlow House garbage can to the street and back, bought and secured a new bungee cord to prevent our garbage can from taking flight in the East Wind. At Christmas, the Andersons brought photos of the cat they found next to the garbage can and adopted.



Nathan and Dinah Brooks have been coming to the Harlow House to see Santa

since Nathan, now 16, was 6-months-old. For most of those years, Ted Schulte, center was Santa.

#### Welcome new members:

**Troutdale Vision Clinic**  
(see story on Page One), and  
**Lottie Hunt**

who notes on her membership application, "My mother (Estella Hatfield) and aunt (Mae Hatfield) and their parents (Isaac Hatfield and Mary Helena Hatfield) lived here in the early 1900s. Mary Helena Hatfield was postmistress here.

#### AND FROM SISTERS...

A.E. (Art) Scofield and his wife, Emily, were members of this society when it was first organized. Because our newsletter often triggered Art to write recollections of growing up in East Multnomah County, we kept him on the mailing list for years after his move to Sisters.

Recently that paid off as he sent another story, (which we print next month). Art also sent \$10 to cover mailing. "Wife Emily and I are in our 80s and growing more feeble in mind and body," he writes.

His stories are as fresh and youthful as ever.

#### Jack Knight, Jo Hewlett remembered by THS

Two valued members, Jo Hewlett and Jack Knight, died last month.

Jo, remembered for her enthusiastic kazoo playing in the Gresham Senior Hot Shots band, was a main-stay for many years until she was confined by health problems.

She and her late husband, Jim, were Dust Bowl refugees from South Dakota, settling first in Troutdale where they made friends instantly.

Jack Knight was a member of our steering committee. He designed and made the signs we use for Harvest Faire and Ice Cream Social and, until last year, put all the signs in place. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and daughter, Myja, who have also been volunteers for us.

A gift to the  
**Endowment Fund**  
in memory of

**Robert King**  
from  
**Pat & Ellen Brothers**

### ***A letter of thanks from Walter Nasmyth***

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the most outstanding teacher the Troutdale Grade School system has ever known. My thanks is long overdue to that outstanding teacher who really cared about each and every student she came in contact with.

My years in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades at Troutdale were truly an enjoyable learning experience. She always had time to help anyone and everyone with a problem, whether it be studies or personal.

The good lady was forever using money from her own pocket to enrich the lives of the less fortunate. Those were the years following The Great Depression when a penny was hard to come by. When a student could not afford a decent set of water colors, she gave him hers. When a student did not have a harmonica, she gave him hers.

When that same ex-student was in later years taking part in the battle for the West Carolines and wrote her, she took the time from her busy schedule to answer his letter. She never knew how much those letters meant to a lonely amphibious sailor.

The same lady is also the one who taught me the magic of reading and the great world of books. I became a voracious reader in my youth, which stood me in good stead in my later years. Thank you again, dear lady.

The list of her contributions go on and on and the only thing I can say at this time is, **Thank You, Helen Fehrenbacher** for making my life richer for having known you."

**Walter Nasmyth**

## ***Troutdale Historical Society Calendar for 1997***

### ***Jan. 8, THS Looks Ahead***

**Wednesday evening, 7 p.m., Troutdale City Hall,** A special board of directors meeting to implement planning strategies in a Troutdale Historical Society five-year plan. All members invited to attend and contribute ideas.

### ***Jan. 19, Multnomah Falls Lodge***

**Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall.** Hal Meyerdierk of Friends of Multnomah Falls on the story behind the historic lodge at Oregon's most visited tourist spot.

### ***Feb. 16, Rock Art of the Gorge***

**Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall.** Returned by popular demand, James Keyser U.S. Forest Service archaeologist speaking on the pictographs and petroglyphs of the Columbia River Gorge. Annual meeting/election of officers.

### ***March 16, Native Americans***

**Sunday, 2 p.m., Troutdale City Hall** Speaker on Native Americans living along the Columbia River Slough from Troutdale to the mouth of the Willamette River.

### ***April 21, Historic Trails and Roads***

**Monday, 7:30 p.m., Troutdale City Hall** Bus Gibson, hiker and historian on the routes through the Columbia River Gorge.

### ***May 18, The Sandy River Delta***

**Sunday, May 18, (Tentative) 1 p.m. hike, 2:30 p.m. meeting Troutdale City Hall.** National Scenic Area official and historian on Troutdale's Thousand Acres, the Sandy River Delta.

### ***June 14 & 15, Ice Cream Social***

**Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Glenn Otto Community Park, Rail Depot and Harlow House.**

### ***Sept. 27 & 28, Harvest Faire***

**Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Glenn Otto Community Park, Rail Depot and Harlow House.**

### February meeting has top speaker, elections

James Keyser, whose talk on rock art in the Columbia River Gorge filled Troutdale City Hall two years ago, comes back again, Sunday, Feb. 16.

Keyser is a U.S. Forest Service archaeologist and author of the book, "Indian Rock Art of the Columbia Plateau." Following him March 16, another Sunday afternoon meeting, is Professor Ken Ames of Portland State University talking about Indians who lived on or frequented the Columbia South Shore.

Our February meeting is our election of officers and annual business meeting, sure to be interesting in the wake of our planning/implementation workshops mentioned on Page One. If you are interested in being a candidate for one of our offices or on our board of directors, call Ellen Brothers, 661-2164 and leave a message.

### Worried about your dues?

Next month, our birthday month, is the time we collect annual dues.

Lola Fellman has already sent her check for the Director's Club, a special membership category that supports the cost of our director, Ellen Brothers. Director's Club Memberships are \$50 a person or \$75 a couple.

You may send dues early if you want. Individual membership is \$8, membership for a couple is \$12, and price for a family is \$20.

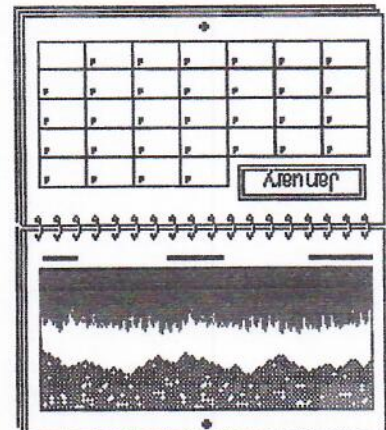
If you owe dues, you will receive an envelope attached to your February newsletter.

*Your gift to our barn will help build an exhibit.*

### namedroppers

Add Frieda Ryland and her clever ideas to the list of people who helped decorate the Harlow House in December... Dick Jones showed up to engineer the lights... Frank Driver was one of those who brought greens... Connie Purvis is in charge of this month's meeting on Multnomah Falls Lodge... Alice Wand is responsible for our February meeting with James Keyser... Questions for our historian/newsletter editor, Sharon Nesbit? Please refer them Director Ellen Brothers for the next six weeks... Interested in summer volunteer work at the Harlow House? Leave a message with Ellen Brothers at 661-2164... Want to bring cookies to a future meeting? Call Alice Wand, cookie booker at 695-5343... Mona Mitchoff, telephone 666-5455, will be gearing up the steering committee for ice cream social and Harvest Faire. Call her if you have ideas or want to join the effort.

Jan. 8 - City Hall planning workshop  
Jan. 19 - History of Multnomah Falls



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