

# Bygone Times

Newsletter of The Troutdale Historical Society.



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## TROUTDALE GRADE SCHOOL REUNION, OCT. 17....

It is "You-haven't-changed-at-all-time" at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, in the Troutdale City Park Great Hall when the Troutdale Historical Society sponsors the annual Troutdale Grade School reunion.

All former students, teachers, administrators and employees, as well as our own Troutdale Historical Society members, are invited. The afternoon will go like this. We will meet for punch and coffee and general visiting at 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. the society will serve a light supper of stew, hot bread, fresh vegetables and dessert for \$3 a person. If you do not wish to come for dinner, please bring your own picnic or just show up about 4:30 p.m. for the program. We'll have the usual prizes for the oldest, the youngest, the ones who came the farthest, etc. There will be plenty of time for visiting.

We'll have name tags (should memory fail). We hope you will join our society for dues of \$3 apiece to keep up with Troutdale.

## AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TROUTDALE?

We are growing. Ted and Lois Schulte, who keep track of our membership, says we are only 48 short of our goal of 500 members.

We have two museums, the Harlow House and the Rail Depot and we are raising money to build a museum barn out back of the Harlow House as a memorial to East Multnomah County farmers.

## PIE ON THE PORCH...

We made about \$200 for our museum barn fund Sept. 20 at our annual front porch pie social. But we did much more than that. The society brought the first living history performance to East Multnomah County with Cathy Hamme portraying Laura Harlow. "Did you come on the trolley car?" Laura asked her guests.

We had two concerts of organ music by Pearl Doris Ramseth and Maxine Carmichael. They played on an organ restored for us by Moe's Pianos. Remember them when you shop for musical items.

About 20 people went on our walking history tour. And Gene and Nancy Bui reported that nearly 50 visited the depot museum.

Alex Jones pretended to be grumpy about celebrating his 84th birthday that day, but he couldn't help smiling when he picked the green fruit of the card and money tree. The result was a \$70 harvest, which he donated to the barn fund. The tree, incidentally, was found, painted and rigged up by Dick Jones. "Do you know how hard it is to find a dead tree?" he asked.

And, finally, the pies. It was a sunny afternoon and people sat on our front porch eating the best that our bakers have to offer.

Contributors were: Linda Murphy, Sharon Nesbit, Jean Holman, Cathy Hamme, Pam Christian, Donna Johnston, Florence Baker, Lois Schulte, Sadie Riley, Nancy Cox, Sue Davis, Marie Stone, Hazel Webb, Donna Hawkins, Martha Booheister, Lael Larger, Marty Rathman, Barbara Welsh, Clover Nasmyth and Maxine Carmichael. If we left your name off this list, call and let us know and we'll give you a free pie recipe book.

### MUSEUM HOURS...

The last weekend in September marked the closure of our summer museum hours. This year, with help from some super volunteers, we had the depot museum open each Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Our caretaker and hostess, Kim Brewer, opened the Harlow House each Sunday afternoon.

From October through April, the depot museum is closed for the winter. The Harlow House will be open on the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. and for four days, Dec. 19, 20, 26 and 27, during Christmas.

Our summer exhibit at the Harlow House was a collection of the yellow-green vaseline glass owned by Mike and Elaine Dubesa. Thanks to them for an eye-catching exhibit. And our fall exhibit is a treasure trove excavated from the site of the old Henderson Chalet, which used to sit on the hill above Crown Point. In the 1960s the building, with nearly all its contents, was pushed into a gully. Members Arman and Donna Kluehe, with permission of the property owner, dug there and unearthed some things that give clues as to what the chalet was like. Amazingly, they found two intact light bulbs. Their artifacts are accompanied by a photo and brochure of the chalet provided by Steve Lehl, Bridal Veil.

Admission to our museum is free. We are always happy to arrange special tours of the museum at other times.

### KEEPING THE DEPOT ON TRACK...

Thanks to Doris Caramella and her band of volunteers, the depot museum was open two days a week this summer. There is no way to count the contribution we make to tourism in Troutdale by answering questions and being there. Thank you all for your devotion.

The hosts at the depot and the number of times they volunteered were: Pat Albin, Mary Allen, Shirley Anderson, Gene and Nancy Bui, Doris Caramella (6 times), Joyce Cerehino, Sam Cox (2 times), Rankin Davis, Frank and Jean Driver, Mike and Elaine Dubesa, Peter and Rita Giancone (2 times), Cathy Hamme, Evelyn Jacobson (3 times), Donna Johnston, Arman and Donna Kluehe, Steve Kenney, Kent and Elinor Lundergan, Lael Larger, Gladys Norment, Herb and Clover Nasmyth (2 times), Jeanne Pulliam, Sadie Riley (2 times), Hugh and Virginia Ranken, Vera Strebin, Bill and Marie Stone, Ted and Lois Schulte, Lucille Tolbert, Bob Wiggin, Heini Zeigler, Kay and Val Goldader, Martha Booheister, Lenard Cason, Dick Jones and Sharon Nesbit.

A special thanks should go to Doris who rounded up all the volunteers, sent out notices and spent so much time there she ought to be in a member of the trainmen's union. Donna Kluehe also made us a sign to mark our museum entrance.

### MARRIED AT THE HARLOW HOUSE...

Gresham resident Perry Baker and Dena Jane Davis were married in a ceremony at the Harlow House, Aug. 1. Lisa Ontiveros is in charge of this program and if you have a special event, a tea, wedding or small reception, that you would like to have there, call her at 243-6627 days. Assisting at the wedding and picnic reception that followed were hostesses Connie VanCleave (who was married there last summer), Else Larson and Pat Graham.

### ABOUT OUR BARN...

John Nasmyth and Sam Cox always sing the same soulful chorus when they get together. They sing: "I want to get that barn built before I die of old age."

For those of you who are new to us, we are in the process of raising \$86,000 to build a museum barn in back of the Harlow House.

OUR BARN (CONT.)...

Old-timers will remember that the Harlow place was a farm and had its own barn for many years. (Chim Howell says it collapsed when it was struck by lightning.) In any event, a barn is a most appropriate addition to a rural farm house and ours would offer us a chance to display old farm equipment currently scattered all over the countryside. We have a doctor's buggy and a mowing machine and enough corn planters and grain cradles to make it look just exactly like a barn. Upstairs, where the loft would be, we plan museum display rooms with space for antique fire equipment, Native American and Oregon Trail artifacts and other material. That would free up the bedrooms at the Harlow House for actual bedroom displays.

To get this all done, volunteer Curt Kaiser has filed applications for grants to the following foundations: The Collins Foundation; The Chiles Foundation; Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation; The Murdock Charitable Trust; and the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust. If you know anyone on the boards of directors of these foundations, please talk to them in our behalf.

And a note--the grants are not easy to accomplish. It took many hours of work on Curt's part, as well as major contributions from Sharon Nesbit and Ted Schulte to gather the necessary material. Schulte, whose job it was to figure up our annual budget, said he ran up 36 feet of tape on the calculator to get it done.

RECIPE BOOKS ARE READY...

New packets of recipe cards, this time for pies and cookies, will be for sale at the reunion.

The packets, which contain 12 recipes each all ready to slip into a card file, sell for \$1 apiece.

Thanks to Clover Nasmyth and Cathy Hamme for the typing. And to Pat Albin for assembling them.

AND MORE THANKS...

A couple of important names were left off our list of picnic workers. How about Cathy Hamme and Bill Nesbit? Ironically, those two won honors at our May meeting for contributions to the society. Bill was presented with our Chief Mole Hunter's award for doing battle with the furry fellows who dig up our lawn at the Harlow House. Cathy was named our Member of the Year for her incredible work on the Harlow House gardens, which looked better than ever this summer. Our other award winner in May was Sadie Riley, given the Dishpan Hands award for always being the last one out of the kitchen.

And then we owe thanks to Clyde and Edith Gage who gave us an electric can opener to use in events at the park. We suspect it was Edith's idea. She always works in the kitchen at the June ice cream social and she may be tired of prying open cans with her teeth.

SMALL NOTES...

Caswell Grave, who lives at 623 Cinco Terrace, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 32548, is looking for anyone who has an idea of the whereabouts of the family possessions of his brother Thomas T. Grave, a Gresham resident who died May 31, 1987.

And Jeanne Berg is putting together a wonderful reunion of former Reynolds and Columbia High School band members on Oct. 31. They will get together and play at the homecoming football game that afternoon and follow it up with a social event and a discussion of the sour notes they hit. Call her at 233-6310 for more information.

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FIRST CLASS PUTTERER...

Those of you who visit the Harlow House should take a close look at the two screen doors on the front porch and you will get an idea what kind of first class putterer Dick Jones is.

The doors look like new, but they are the old ones. They have just been restored. Dick's handiwork is all over the house.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events. Our November 16 meeting will be a slide show on Williamsburg, Va. Dec. 19 will be our Christmas celebration at the Harlow House, which will be decorated in a cinnamon and apple theme. Our January and February meetings will take place on Sunday afternoons, Jan. 17 and Feb. 21. The January meeting will honor Troutdale businesses, and one in particular. And the February meeting will be a humdinger--our 20th anniversary.

Gene and Nancy Bui are working on plans for a road trip to some historic sites in the spring and we have tentative plans for another program on the Columbia River Gorge. Stay tuned.

NAME DROPPERS...Many members who live too far away to join us at our regular events, but keep in touch anyway. One of those is REID HANSON, Salem, who writes, "My great grandfather settled in Troutdale in 1850, taking out a Donation Land Claim where the airport is now located." ...EDNA BRAMHALL ELLIS, Hermiston, was in Troutdale for a visit this summer. She attended the 75th annual reunion of her father's family. Her husband, Charles, is not in good health but has a fund of good stories to tell. Is anyone going in the direction of Hermiston who could stop and visit them and get a tape recording of the visit?..And IKE and JUNE HANDY celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer. We love the story of how they used to live in the gas station and had to step out front and around the corner to use the restroom.

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