



BYGONE TIMES

A Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Warming our scoops for 31st ice cream bash

This is your official ice cream social notice. Inside this newsletter, you will find a poster to give to a guest or put in a prominent spot in your neighborhood so we can get as many people as possible to our 31st annual ice cream social.

At publication time, we are working hard to meet a deadline that will see our new Troutdale historical time line on the barn wall. Will it be done in time? Time will tell. Regardless, the Harlow House will show a collection of calendars, all Y2K compliant, from the artifacts at the Zimmerman House.

The social marks the beginning of summer hours in our museums. Don't miss the new things Marge Schmunk found for the End of the Line Museum store. The plant sale begins in the park at 10 a.m.

both days, goods donated by local growers. We serve strawberry sundaes, strawberry shortcake and banana splits.

Joe Crosby's ragtime piano is Saturday and Snyder & Opdal, folk and traditional musicians, Sunday.

Music times are 1 to 4 p.m. And we have craft booths others offering items of interest in our community.

What can you do?

* * * Thank our sponsors, Waste Management of Troutdale, Handy Bros., Inc., and Tamura Farms.

*** Bring flowers at 5 p.m. Friday, June 4.

* * * Volunteer. We have jobs just your size. Call Adrienne Clausen, 663-0895, or Harlow House 661-2164.

*** Put this poster in a prominent place.

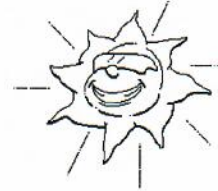


Calendar/June & July

Thur., May 27, 3 to 7 p.m.

Anniversary Celebration McMenamins Edgefield

Annual birthday party at McMenamins Edgefield with Troutdale Historical Society invited to bring exhibits and tape reminiscences.



Wed., June 2, 7 p.m.

Board of Directors in the barn

Sat., June 5

Summer Hours in museums

Wed. to Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Harlow House and Barn and at the Rail Depot and Museum Store.

Sat & Sun, June 5 & 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Annual Ice Cream Social

Glenn Otto Community Park, Harlow House and Barn, Rail Depot Museum and End of the Line Museum Store. (Plant sale opens at 10 a.m.)

Mon., June 7, 6:30 p.m.

Ways & Means Committee

In the barn.



Sat., June 12, 9 a.m. to noon

Annual budget review

Board of Directors.

Sat., June 19, 8 a.m. to noon

Annual firefighters' breakfast

Fire Hall at Corbett with old car procession from Troutdale.

Sat., July 3, time to be announced

Isobel's Birthday

A celebration at the Zimmerman House, 17111 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

Wed., July 7, 7 p.m.

Board of Directors

Mon., July 12, 6:30 p.m.

Ways & Means Committee



Sat., July 17, all over town

Troutdale Summerfest

Old cars, flowers, beautiful tables, lovely hostesses make Tea & Tour a smash hit

Our second annual Tea & Tour, this year at the Bridal Veil home of Pat Brothers and the late Ellen Brothers was lovely and a success, selling out well before the event. It was a pretty party with flowers, pretty food and lovely tables and brought telephone calls and notes of lavish thanks for several days after.

Jean Hybskmann and her nine "tea mistresses" guests offered a lovely meal, a peek at an old house, and a look into the future via tea-leaf reader Paula Goldie and palm reader Tamara Bredemus.

Tea and Tour should tally close to \$3,000 to benefit the Harlow House. Last year's proceeds covered the costs of coordinating volunteers, plus curtains, rug protectors, and all sorts of small items to make life easier in our old house.

Whom to thank? Chairwoman Jean Hybskmann, of course. And tea mistresses: Carole Klinger, Ann Klinger, Mary Bryson, Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges, Tannis Richard, Frieda Ryland and Jean's sister, Jan Falkenstein, who pitched in at the last moment when another hostess fell ill.

We had wonderful chauffeurs, Mario Dow in a 1928 Dodge, George Van Beek in a 1915 Model T, Hurley York



Jerry Hybskmann assists guests at Tea & Tour in a 1938 Hupmobile and Jerry Klinger in a 1930 DeSoto. Two spouses, Penny Van Beek and Judy Dow, came along to work in the kitchen with Christina Balsiger. Jerry Hybskmann moved things, toted things and then put on his cowboy hat and acted as doorman. To make sure parked cars were safe, Chuck Rollins babysat the parking lot.

Food? Say thanks to Tori Muck, who made little cheesecakes for us late into the night after digging ditches during the day. To cookie bakers, Sharon Nesbit, Dorothy Sturges, and Jean Holman. To Jean Hybskmann and Christina Balsiger who made a jillion tiny sandwiches.

And to Pat Brothers and a host of his friends who helped him prepare Forest Hall for the event, which remembered Ellen Brothers and her hospitality in the historic home.

Events of summer include a Whatzit? display, float

With ice cream social near, we look to events of summer.

With some regret -- who can forget sizzling Walla Walla Sweets on the grill? -- we decided to give up our hamburger booth at the July 17 Summerfest, our city parade and picnic. It was fun, but labor intensive, and offered only a small profit. Now there are businesses in Troutdale willing to take on a hamburger concession.

Instead, we look forward to a parade float marking the 100th birthday of the Harlow House in 2000, a booth with items from The End of the Line Museum Store, and a portable display of historic gadgets so obscure that children and adults must guess what they are.

If you are interested in helping fashion a portable exhibit for our Whatzit? display, we can use help and know-how. We're thinking of a hinged board. Or if you can help create a float -- we envision a Harlow House 'cake' with candles on the roof --give us a call.

Treasures, came and went

The AT&T Treasures of Oregon van couldn't have arrived at a worse time for us, because it coincided with the last-minute flurry of activity leading up to and including our May 1 Tea & Tour.

It is a credit to our volunteers, that the big mobile museum van arrived and spent two days and that our museums were open as well. Paula Goldie coordinated the school tours. Oregon Historical Society provided us with great materials for students and the staff members of the van said that each of school group coming through was with it, knowing who John McLoughlin was and having a good idea of why they were there and what they were seeing.

Bob Strebin said the same was true of their visits to the smelt exhibit in the barn. Credit must go to the fourth grade teachers who participated, Laurie Fenn & Karen Anderson of Wilkes, Cathy Blunt of Troutdale, and Len Otto and Margie Christy of Sweetbriar. Good job all around.

Vinegar Pie subbed for lemon in a pinch

Pat Smith's recent search for a vinegar pie recipe (she misplaced her grandmother's recipe) is a reminder that once was not to get such things as lemons or other fruits and vegetables.

Lacking a fresh lemon, or unable to afford one, a woman could make vinegar pie as a substitute.

If you have such a recipe, send it to us. And how about other substitute foods? Cracker pie instead of apples? Let's see if we can make a collection.

*** We have no trouble finding volunteers to provide cookies for our meetings, but we need a coordinator to make a few phone calls and set up future refreshment volunteers. Telephone, 661-2164. (And you don't need to begin this job until October!)

*** Summer volunteer hosts for the Harlow House are needed. Relish a quiet afternoon on the porch catching up on the Sunday funnies and greeting visitors? Call 661-2164.

*** Want more action? You can get it by volunteering in the rail depot this summer. A chance to play ambassador to travelers and to run our depot store. Call 661-2164.

*** Got a bright idea for a program for the year 2000? Call 661-2164.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund

In memory of
Roy Meger

Elsie Simnitt
Jo & Vaden Callister
Bruce & Helen Towsley
Sharon & Bill Nesbit
Bob & Louise Dix
Betty & Harvey Wieprecht

Fred Harlow sells pigeon 3 times

A recent find by Steve Lehl tells us a bit about Fred Harlow, builder of the Harlow House. A canny man with money (family members say he likely embezzled the money that broke the Harlow bank) he was the subject of this April 10, 1905, story in the *Oregon Journal*.

"Fred E. Harlow of Troutdale, is the owner of a beautiful white pigeon that has been used at grave yard services so often that it has become a feature of the funeral ritual of the Woodmen of the World. Mr. Harlow has a large flock of pigeons, but the most conspicuous is the snow-white one that is fast becoming invaluable

According to the ritual that is observed at funerals by the order of the Woodmen of the world, a dove is released at the grave when a member is buried. The ceremony has a significance that is known only to members of the order. But doves, and especially white ones, are hard to obtain, so pigeons are most frequently used.

It was a long time ago that the Woodmen first had occasion to use a pigeon and a committee at once began a search for the right sort of bird. They were directed to Mr. Harlow, and there they selected the beautiful white pigeon. At the grave it was released and mounted high into the air. Then it disappeared.

A short time later the Woodmen again required a pigeon and proceeded to the home of Mr. Harlow. They asked him if he had a white pigeon; he had. The bird was taken to the graveyard and released. It soared high into the air and disappeared.

A third time the committee went to the home of Mr. Harlow with the same results.

The fourth trip, the committee made to Mr. Harlow's home, they were astonished to learn that he would not sell that particular pigeon they wanted. It was a beautiful white one, similar in appearance to the others that had been used, but he refused to sell it. However, he would lend it, he said, and since that time, has loaned the bird to the Woodmen regularly and has refused to accept pay for its services.

'Selling a bird once isn't so bad,' he remarked, 'but selling it three times ought to satisfy any one, and those who have bought it three times certainly have a right to use it whenever they please.'



Trekkers bear up

At publication time 19 Troutdale Trekkers were getting ready for the spring jaunt to Yakima, Leavenworth, Lake Chelan, Stehekin, Grand Coulee, Soap Lake, Vantage and home.

Travelers were: Alice Wand, Florence Baker, Evelyn DeYoung, Alice Cornwell, June Nasmyth, Doris Woolley, Geneva Kellogg, Jeanette Alpaugh, Adrienne Clausen, Vivian Boelke, Donna Hawkins, Margaret Maggy, Marie Stone, Frank and Jeanne Driver, Bob Strebin, Rose Reiter, Laverna Snell and Sharon Nesbit and Jean Holman.

Big things happening in Rail Depot museum

A conversation that had its inception in our Ways and Means committee (Members are Sheryl Maydew, Penny Balch, Scott Cunningham, Kim Cook, Susan Tissot and George McDade), could bear fruit this summer.

Our frustration that we can't keep the museum and store open as much as we would like coincided with the need of the Troutdale Area Chamber of Commerce for a more suitable office and visitor center. Simultaneously, the City of Troutdale bought the old post office at Second and Buxton (currently a church) and is moving the parks department from the depot freight area to that building.

Our society and the chamber will share the depot, combining forces to give visitors information and offer a historical perspective of our town. It permits us to keep our store open longer and that benefits our treasury, which, in turn, makes Ways and Means happy.

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Society
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**Our 31st
annual ice cream
social**



June 5 & 6

**Florence Baker named
member of the year**

Hardly an event takes place in our society that does not include in some way the help and attendance of Florence Baker.

Worried that we take her faithful help for granted, the historical society's board of directors this year gave Florence our Member of the Year award at our May 16 meeting.

Longtime co-chairwoman of our volunteer calling committee for both Harvest Faire and Ice Cream Social, she is on our board of directors and one of our good, you can count on her, hosts at the Harlow House.

A Troutdale Trekker, ready to go at the drop of a suitcase, she applies good sense and her long memory of this community to all she does for us.

Thank you, Florence. It is an award, long overdue.

**Welcome to the
Director's Club:**

Evelyn Jacobson and
Dennis & Mary Bryson

**Father's Day Breakfast
set this year June 19**

Corbett's volunteer firefighters will host their Father's Day weekend breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon, June 19.

The event includes a lot of old car activities with a visit from a car club touring the Columbia River highway. Antique fire engines will meet the old cars at the Stark Street Bridge about 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, 10 and younger. The event honors Ferd Riehl, pioneer member of the department and helps fund a scholarship in his name.

NAMEDROPPERS

Our sympathies to **Bonnie Townsend Irwin** and **Homer Townsend** on the death of their brother Bob. The Townsend family lived in the Cedar School area...Thanks to **Jim Galloway** of the City of Troutdale for attempting to find the stump of the Lover's Oak Tree near the Sandy River. Galloway led a hunt for the tree with historian **Sharon Nesbit**, hoping to save part of the wood to incorporate into the new Troutdale sewer plant to be built on that site. The two poked in every blackberry bush, but did not find a trace of the tree, which blew over in the 1962 Columbus Day Storm...The late **Sam Cox** was remembered in April at the annual volunteer appreciation dinner given by the City of Troutdale.

Numbers you need:

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You can FAX the Harlow House
at the same number

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