

Bygone Times

Newsletter of the

Troutdale Historical Society

February 2008

Please Mark Your Calendar

Feb 17

Annual Membership Meeting
2 p.m. at **Sam Cox Building in
Glenn Otto Park.**

Member of the Year announced
and 40th Birthday Celebration
for Troutdale Historical Society.

March 7

**First Friday at the Depot.
Wine tasting, Artist & More
5-9 p.m.**

March 16

1940s Radio Show by Dennis
Crow. (I apologize, I misspelled
Dennis' last name in Jan. Newslet-
ter). Come remember what it
was like to "imagine."

We need your help!

We have been getting a large amount of emails bounced back to us. If you have changed your email address in the past few months, please call us with your new one or send an email to info@troutdalehistory.org so we can update our files. If you are not receiving our newsletter by email and would prefer it, let us know that also. **Thanks!**

First Friday at the Depot a GREAT SUCCESS



Sarah Lowe Painting
the Lover's Oak



Adrienne Clausen
and
Mary Bryson



Star Simon and Mario Ayala



The Eastwind Jazz Quartet
Chad Pulliam, Lucas O'Connell, Oliver
Tymoshuk and David Handy



Guests at First Friday



Jennifer and
Dave Munson



Paula Goldie,
Steve Kenney
& Dick Goldie

In the event of icy or snowy conditions, our meetings will be automatically cancelled. We will do our best to post a message on the answering machine, 503-661-2164 or you can call Terry at 503-810-0386.

2 From the Director's Chair

by Terry Huston

Well, let's hope the worst of the weather is behind us!

Lots of things happening around THS in the next few months. It is our 25th Anniversary this year, so come have birthday cake at the annual membership meeting on Feb. 17 at Glenn Otto Park. The Member of the year will be announced and the program by Mike Carrick is a very interesting presentation.

For the next First Friday, our "resident" artist (who has done such magnificent paintings in our Barn Museum), Kathi Allegrì will be painting. Kathi has also donated a picture she painted of the gazebo at Harlow House. Tickets will be on sale for a chance to win Kathi's painting and a wall hanging pieced by Judy Norby. The wall hanging has photographs from the THS archives and beautiful stichery. The tickets will be on sale all year long until the Christmas Open House on December 6 when the winners will be drawn. Tickets cost \$3 each.

Also returning for March First Friday is Starlena Simon from Leaning Star Winery in Corbett. The music is yet

to be determined.

The March 16 program will be a fun one. "The 1940's Radio Show" will bring back a lot of memories. If you have an old radio, bring it. There will be a special prize for the oldest and the most unique.

On March 22 there is a Troutdale/Fairview Grade School Reunion at the Barn Museum. The event will start at 5 p.m. and run until ????. Bring your beverage of choice and there will be a donation jar to help pay for the food. Call the Depot (503-661-2164) for more info.

April 19th is the Spring Museum Round Robin and we are going to Phillip Foster Farm, McLoughlin House and Barclay House in Oregon City. It should be a great day. We had 33 on the tour last fall, so I have no doubt we will fill the bus this time out. We have room for 50, so call the office and sign up as soon as possible. The cost for the tour is \$15 which covers the bus and donations at the other museums.

April 20th is an oral history with Sharon Nesbit interviewing Elsie Simmitt. Anyone who remembers shopping at Roy's Troutdale General Store

will remember Elsie. She has a fascinating story about the family and their journey to Oregon.

May 3 is the annual Tea & Tour event at The Troutdale House by the Sandy River. It was one of the original vegetable sheds used to ship the many crops out of Troutdale.

May 17 is the annual Cemetery Tour led by Stan Clarke and Sharon Nesbit. The tour will take us to Fort Vancouver and points beyond. This should be a very fun and interesting day.

At some point this spring, the brothers and I are going to Arizona to help move Mom and Dad back to Oregon. They have been down there for 27 years and they are ready to come "home" to be closer to the family. AND speaking of family, I have recently found out I am going to be a great-grandmother. I don't know whether to be depressed or happy. Take care, have a good month. If you live out of state now, we would love to hear from you.



Volunteer Opportunities

1. Museum Host
2. Grant Writer
3. Museum Host
4. Office Help
5. Museum Host
6. Scrap booking
7. Museum Host

Please call Adrienne Clausen at 503-665-5288 to Volunteer

March 7

First Friday at the Depot

March 16

1940s Radio Show by Dennis Crow. Come enjoy a radio show from the era before we had television. City Hall. 2-4 p.m.

March 22

Troutdale Reunion ~
at the Barn Museum

April 19

Round Robin Museum Tour
Phillip Foster Farm
McLoughlin House-Barclay House

Upcoming Events

April 20

Oral History
Sharon Nesbit will interview Elsie Simmitt

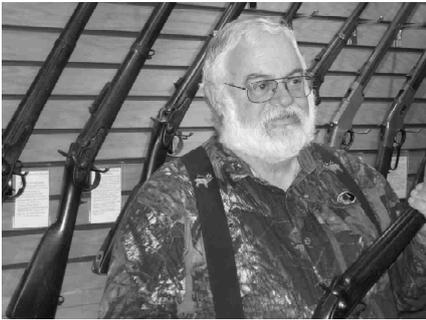
May 3

Tea & Tour at Troutdale House
next to the Depot

May 17

Cemetery Tour
Fort Vancouver & Beyond

Mike Carrick to speak at February Meeting



Mike Carrick

Settling the West 1866-1886: The Firearms

Mike Carrick of Salem, Oregon will be our featured speaker at our monthly

meeting on February 17, 2008. Mr. Carrick has retired from the Lightning Powder Co. in Salem and is an expert in and collector of antique weapons.

He will discuss the firearms that the settlers carried as they headed west after the Civil War. His talk will feature the guns the homesteaders used for protection and hunting and the guns of the cowboys. He will also tell us about the rifles and revolvers the Army used during the "Indian Wars" of the 1870s. In addition to talking about all these firearms, Mr. Carrick will bring examples of the guns for

display during the meeting. The February meeting is the Annual Membership Meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society so a short business meeting will begin at 2 P.M. followed by Mr. Carrick's presentation.

This February marks the 40th anniversary of the Troutdale Historical Society so birthday cake and coffee will be served.

The meeting will take place in the Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Community Park in Troutdale, Oregon, on Sunday February 17, 2008 at 2 P.M. Call the office at 503-661-2164 for more information.

Hello From a new Californian:

Reading about the new exterior paint and Terry's office work at Troutdale's Depot Building reminded me of the nine years that the Depot served as my office. I remember the east wind blowing through the walls. Sometimes, a sheet of ice on the east side of the building would seal the cracks and slow down wind coming through the wall. I worked for the City of Troutdale managing Parks, Facilities, Recreation and Natural areas from 1980 to 2002. I especially valued the interesting Troutdale history and THS members who kept that history alive.

Almost six years have passed since I left Troutdale to go south to Klamath Falls. Since then, my husband, Glenn, and I moved to Alturas, California. Our transition from Klamath Falls to our new home just north of Alturas took 14 months. I lived in a RV trailer or ranch outbuildings in the Alturas area for much of that time while we kept our Klamath Falls place on the market. Our new place offers great potential as a bed & breakfast stop for people who want to explore a scenic and history filled corner of California. Yes, THS members are invited! I currently work at The River Center, a

natural history museum that offers educational natural resource programs and tours to students and the general public. I plan to do more exploring of the Warner Mountains this summer...by horseback, of course! I enjoy receiving the THS newsletter. Keep it coming!
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Troutdale Historical Annual Membership Form

THS Membership

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4 Spring Museum Round Robin set for April 19th

The Museum Round Robin is back. Mark your calendars for April 19!

For the Spring Round Robin we are going to Phillip Foster Farm in Eagle Creek, The McLoughlin House and Barclay House in Oregon City.

At Phillip Foster Farm there is an 1860s barn, an 1883 farmhouse, covered wagons, antique carriages and beautiful heritage gardens.

Philip Foster's 1847 farm was the first real civilization the pioneers encountered after their 2,000 mile trek west. Located on the Barlow Road, the Foster Farm hosted an estimated 10,000 exhausted pioneers. We will explore the house, barn, store, blacksmith shop, and learn about daily chores and activities that were a part of early pioneer life.

The garden is home to the oldest lilac in Oregon, carried by Mrs. Foster on the sea voyage from Maine around Cape Horn.

Dr. John McLoughlin was chief factor of the British Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) based at Ft. Vancouver on the Columbia River. The fur trade brought the first perma-

nent white settlers to the area. When American pioneers arrived on the Oregon Trail, they asked McLoughlin for supplies to help them survive their first winter in Oregon. His kindness to them would eventually cost him his job with the HBC. He had purchased HBC's land claim at Willamette Falls (Oregon City), and he and his family moved into his newly-built mansion in 1846 after being forced to retire. He died in this home in 1857.

In 1909 the McLoughlin House was threatened with demolition but a group of citizen formed the McLoughlin Memorial Association to preserve and protect the house. They moved the house that originally sat by the river to its present location on the bluff.

In 1941 the McLoughlin House was designated by Congress as a National Historic Site (the first in the West). It was added to the National Park System in 2003.

Dr. Barclay came from Scotland to Fort Vancouver as a Hudson's Bay Co. physician in 1840 after a reportedly disastrous voyage into the Arctic in search of a 'northwest passage' and other exploits of his young adulthood.

In 1850, he and his wife Maria Pambrun Barclay and their seven children moved to Oregon City, where they became prominent in community affairs. Dr. Barclay served variously as mayor of Oregon City, superintendent of schools and the first coroner in Oregon, as well as a physician. Dr. and Mrs. Barclay are now buried in the Mountain View Cemetery in Oregon City.

The home, built in 1849, remained in the Barclay family until the 1930s, when it too was moved up the hill from the waterfront to sit adjacent to the McLoughlin House. It was added to the National Park System in 2003, along with the McLoughlin House, as a unit of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

We will be meeting at Reynolds High School at 8:45 a.m. and the bus will be leaving at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Bring a sack lunch as we will probably eat at the farm before we go to Oregon City.

This is going to be a great tour and a lot of fun. We have room for 50 people on the bus, so call the office at 503-661-2164 to sign up.

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Troutdale/Fairview Elementary Reunion set for March 22 at the Barn Musuem.

There is going to be a reunion at the Barn Musuem, 732 E Columbia River Hwy in Troutdale, on Sat. March 22 for anyone who attended Troutdale and Fairview Elementary Schools. It will start at 5 p.m. and last until ???

Bring your beverage of choice. There will be a donation jar to cover the cost of the food.

Please pass the word and come to reconnect with old friends.

We need Help with Articles for our Scrapbooks! 5

I would like to ask for your help!

If you see any articles in The Oregonian about Troutdale, The Depot (or any of the museums), please bring them (or mail them) to the Depot office at 104 SE Kibling St. Troutdale, OR 97060. You could also just bring them to our monthly program meetings.

We need to keep up on these things for our scrapbooks. We do get the Gresham Outlook here at the Depot, but not the Oregonian. It is also not just a simple matter of taking the newspaper. We need someone to cut the article out of the paper. It is way too time consuming for someone to sit her and read the newspaper everyday. (While I would love to do that, that is not what I get paid to do). We also need help to organize the things that go into the scrapbooks. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Come to First Friday on March 7th at the Depot and join the fun. Music, Wine tasting and Kathi Allegri painting on site 5-9 p.m.

Plans are forming for an overnight trek in September. Tour would start at the Oregon Garden and the Frank Lloyd Wright House and then head South. (Subject to change). There will be more information in the weeks ahead.

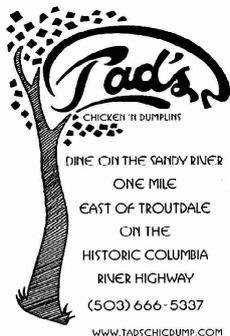
Has anyone you know lost a class ring in the past few years? The year on it is 2006, it appears to be a Bruin design with paw print. It could be Barlow or UCLA. There are three initial on the ring and two stones. Please call the office to identify. We would love to get it back to its rightful owner. The owner had visited the Lewis & Clark Exhibit at the Barn Musuem.

A Special Thank You

To **Mary Bryson, Jean Holman and Mona Mitchoff and Mario Ayala** for a super job of cleaning the Depot for First Friday!!!

The Tiller Hotel

Do you have an old memory or funny story about the Tiller Hotel or any of the Cafe's that have been there in the past. Please call or email them to the office for an upcoming article about the old Hotel.



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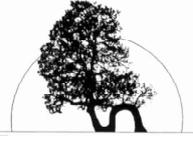
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To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area: To stimulate interest in, and knowledge of, the locality's past.

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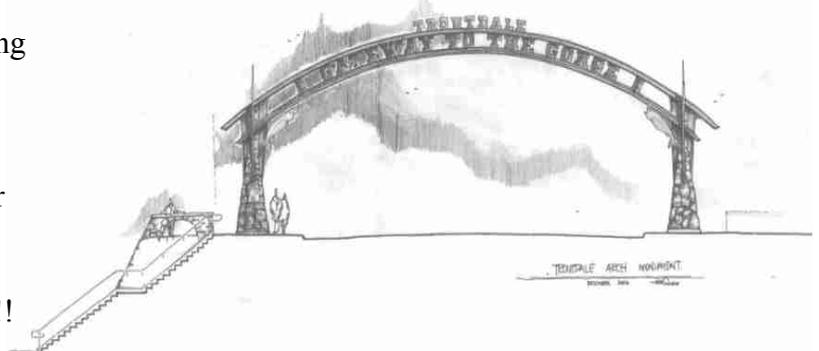
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Thank you to **Mary Bryson**
 for her donation part of the wall hanging
 to be raffled off.

Thank you to **Jean Holman** for the
 donation of a beautiful Oriental rug for
 the Harlow House dining room!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!
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 rodents, fixing the broken things, build-
 ing the new things and all the other
 great stuff that you do. Your contribu-
 tion is noticed and greatly appreciated!



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