Annual Membership Meeting Celebrates THS 40th Anniversary

Munson’s Announced As Members of the Year

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!
From the Director’s Chair  

Please accept my apology for the shortened newsletter this month.

There have been some sad events here at THS that have required our time and efforts elsewhere. My Dad passed away on Feb. 28. While he had not been well for a long time, one is never ready for the passing of a family member, especially a parent who you have looked up to your whole life. It leaves a really big hole in your world as you have always known it.

The other tragedy was the accident that involved Sheryl’s niece and nephew. Her nephew is physically o.k., but deals daily with the fact that his sister is still fighting the fight of her life.

Yesterday, Aimee made some monumental achievements. She ate three solid meals, and because of her eating solid foods she was able to get rid of her feeding tube. She obviously is more relaxed and less agitated. Her walking ability is getting stronger and her vocabulary seems to be improving. Here is the link to Aimee’s update.

http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/aimee10

Homer John Echert Townsend

May 27, 1917-Feb. 25, 2008
Gresham resident Homer John Echert Townsend, 90, died Monday, Feb. 25.

Homer was born May 27, 1917, in Bakersfield, Calif., to Edward Pecos and Louise Green Townsend. He was raised in Troutdale and graduated from Gresham Union High School. In 1949, he earned his master’s degree in educational administration from the University of Oregon, and he completed advanced graduate study at George Peabody College.

He served in the Navy during World War II, rising to the rank of lieutenant commander and earning five service medals and two Bronze Battle Stars.

In 1980, he married Alice Rice. Homer worked as a missionary and educator with the Presbyterian Church. He retired in 1977. Homer was also a member of the Cherry Park Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2005.

BGA Memorial is handling arrangements.

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

Upcoming Events

March 22
Troutdale/Fairview Elementary Reunion ~ at the Barn Museum
5p.m. - ???

April 19
Round Robin Museum Tour
Phillip Foster Farm
McLoughlin House
Barclay House

April 20
Oral History
Sharon Nesbit will interview Elsie Simnitt

May 3
Tea & Tour at Troutdale House by the Sandy River
next to the Depot

May 17
Cemetery Tour
Fort Vancouver & Beyond

June
Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
More info later!

This one’s for you Dad!
March 16th Program
Meeting at City Hall

Bring your old Radio to the 1940’s Radio Show. There will be a contest for the most unique and the oldest! This will be a fun show, so be sure to attend!

The Bulbs are in!

If you ordered gladiolus bulbs at the Troutdale Birthday Celebration last October, they are here at the Depot.
If you did not order and would like to have some, they come in a cloth bag with a Trout print (hand sewn by out Tuesday Ladies) and there are ten bulbs per bag and the cost is $10.

A. D. Kendall and Clarence Parsons were among the pioneers in the flower industry in Troutdale. The Malcom family was also known for their gladiolus. Jack Malcom never got over his love of flowers and owned a flower shop in Gresham for many years.

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