Please Mark Your Calendar

April 4
First Friday at The Depot
Local authors Sharon Nesbit, Tom Cowling and Alice Mitchell will be signing their books. Wine tasting by Leaning Star Winery in Corbett and Music by the Easwind Jazz Quartet also from Corbett.
5-9 p.m.

April 19
Museum Round Robin
Phillip Foster Farm
McLoughlin House
Barclay House
9-5 All Day Event

April 20
Program Meeting 2 p.m.
Oral History
Sharon Nesbit will interview Elsie Simnitt at City Hall

May 3
Tea & Tour
11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Barn Museum

May 17
Annual Cemetery Tour
Sharon Nesbit and Stan Clarke will lead this year’s tour to Fort Vancouver and beyond

“Hi Ho Silver, Away”

Dennis Crow and Charlie McCarthy took us on a trip back in time at the 1940’s Radio Show presented at March’s Program Meeting.
From the Director’s Chair

by Terry Huston

The Troutdale/Fairview Elementary Reunion has taken on a life of its own. As I sit here on Friday morning, the day before the event and wonder how much food to buy, the phone is ringing off the hook with people who want to come. It sounds like it is going to be a big success and a lot of fun. I think we are at somewhere around 150 and growing. More on that next month.

This year’s Tea & Tour is going to be at the Barn Museum in honor of Troutdale’s 100th Birthday. Invitations are in the mail, so if you have not received yours, call the Depot. We had to turn people away last year, so it is important that you get them back to us with your money right away.

I am enclosing a picture of my dad in this issue, but I cannot write an obituary and keep the personal out of it. He was a son, a brother, a soldier, a husband, a father, a friend and one of the kindest, most laid back people on the planet.

To me as a child, he was safety. I used to hit my brothers (just because I could) and run really fast and sit on Dad’s lap. I was safe there. It didn’t take me long to figure out that Dad went to work the next day and my brothers were still there. He will be missed forever and always. Thank you to all of you who attended his service, sent cards, letters, flowers and money in his honor to the historical society. He would be pleased.

The death of Orlin Huston reminds me of a wonderful box of artifacts that Orlin and Barbara sent to the Harlow House museum years ago after they retired and were thinning out things. Among those items is one of my favorite Harlow House artifacts, a beautiful chrome toaster from the 1920s designed in an art deco style with a clever hinge mechanism so that you could flip the toast to the other side. I love showing it off when I am hosting the house.

I usually add a story from the letters in our collection from Irene Douglass Waldo. Irene, who grew up in Troutdale, left town before the rural part of our city got electricity. She went to work as a school teacher in Eastern Oregon where they were much more advanced and actually had electric power. She wrote her mother that the woman she boarded with had a single light descending from the center of her kitchen ceiling and that she could take out the bulb, screw in a plug and operate her electric toaster. The toaster sat in the middle of the kitchen table enabling them to have warm toast made right in front of them.

Irene was so taken with this modern amenity that she wrote her mother and said, “Isn’t that grand?”

~ Sharon Nesbit

Volunteer Opportunities
1. Electrician
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

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May 17
Cemetery Tour
Fort Vancouver & Beyond

June 7
Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the barn Museum
More info later!
Farmers Market comes back to the Depot parking lot from April 5th through October.

This card by Sarah Lowe is available at the Depot Store.
Mission Statement:
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.

Thank you for your donations:
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In Memory
of Ike Handy
Ken Otto

In Memory
of Orlin Huston
Bob & Louise Dix
Ken Otto

Our Thanks...from THS...to the following for their support

Centennial Monument
We have taken penny jars to Troutdale and Sweetbriar Elementary so the kids can get a plaque on the arch. Watch this space next month to see how much they raised! If you have pennies to add to their jars, please drop them by the Depot.