Bygone Times
Newsletter of the
Troutdale Historical Society
May 2008

Please Mark Your Calendar

May 2
First Friday at The Depot
Sarah Lowe will be here at the Depot painting and Star will be here from Leaning Star Winery in Corbett. Music TBA

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

May 11
Mother’s Day
Come into the Depot Store and get some great recipe books for Mom! $1.50 each (three to choose from, or buy a set)!

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

June 7
Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
11-4
Barn Museum

Troutdale-Fairview Reunion a Success

Franke Grande and his band “Swingali” performed at the Troutdale-Fairview Reunion

Part of the Troutdale Elementary class of 1965 from left to right; Kathy (Morton) Duncan, Steve Duncan, Frieda (Walker) Riegelmann, Ken Otto, Terri (Springer) Best, Larry Parker, Teri (Callister) Herzog, Terry Huston and Greg Handy.

It is with great sadness that I must report that Dennis Crow passed away last Sunday. Those who attended the “1940’s Radio Show” will remember him, his smile and his love of life. Our condolences go out to his family and the Sandy Historical Society where Dennis served as a board member. He will be greatly missed.
From the Director’s Chair

by Terry Huston

A good time was had by all at the Troutdale-Fairview Elementary School Reunion held at the Barn Museum on March 22nd. With more than 100 former classmates from many classes in attendance, it was a really good event. I would like to thank Frank Grande and his band “Swingali” for performing. A special thank-you to Linda Adams (Shaw) and George Klinger for manning the reception/donation table at the door.

Spring/Summer is our busiest time here at THS. April 19th was the 2nd Round Robin with 35 people visiting three different museums.

Do you have any books you want to donate???

Bring in all those books sitting on the shelf, or in the boxes in the garage or stashed in the basement. (even the ones you just never got around to reading). Don’t forget the Cemetery Tour on My 17th. This year Sharon Nesbit and Stan Clarke will be taking us to Old City Cemetery, Vancouver Barracks Post Cemetery and Vancouver National Park Cemetery. (See last month’s newsletter or call the office for more info or to sign up. This trip is always a good time). Bus leaves the Barn at 9:00 a.m.

Please come out and support the local artists who are donating their time, efforts and products to our First Friday events at the Depot. We have had around 50 people each month and it is a really good time.

We need someone in the office at least one half day a week. If you are interested in volunteering to answer phones, take messages, possibly some data entry on the computer and greet visitors, please call me.

Also, we are going to start opening Harlow House and the Barn on the third Saturday of the month, the same as the Zimmerman House. We need volunteers for those third Saturdays from 10-3.

We will be having an informational booth at this year’s Bite’n Bluegrass. We will be having a coin toss. We need your old plates, cups and glasses.

Here’s hoping you all have a healthy happy Spring (if it ever gets here)!

Harlow House Needs Paint

Last year everyone rose to the occasion when our beloved Harlow House needed a roof and that has been accomplished. This year, we need to ask for donations for painting the old house. We need to protect our roof investment by protecting the house.

A special fund has been set up for donations for the painting project. The estimate for the project is $5240 which includes power washing, scraping, prep and painting. That price also includes the gazebo.

With prices increasing on petroleum products every day, the contractor will only guarantee that price for the rest of this year.

Tea & Tour May 3

At press time there were limited spaces still available for this year’s Tea & Tour at the Barn Museum. Cost is $35 per person ($25 is tax deductible).

The Barn was chosen to showcase the 100 year exhibit “What Went By.” Call the office at 503-661-2164 to see if there are still spaces available for you and a special guest.

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Fort Vancouver & Beyond

June 7
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Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

THS needs an electrician who is certified and is willing to donate some time to the historical society. We need some more power to the shop/kitchen area so we can hold functions at the Barn Museum. Please call Terry at the Depot 503-661-2164.

Also, if anyone is remodeling a kitchen or knows someone who is, we could use the old cabinets and countertops at the Barn. We need storage for all the paper supplies and dishes we use for Tea & Tour, Ice Cream Social, etc.

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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 to Dave Ripma!
Dave has been working really hard to get the corporate sector involved in the building and completion of the Centennial Arch Monument. If you are planning a donation to get your family listed on the permanent plaque, get those checks in the mail.

A HUGE thank you to Anthony Rask (and Robbie) at Troutdale Dairy Queen for their donation towards the ice cream parties at Troutdale and Sweetbriar. Another HUGE thank you to Marc Lisak and staff at Gresham Wells Fargo Bank and Dan Kreamier and staff at Oregon First Community Credit Union for counting thousands and thousands of coins for the schools.

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

Centennial Monument
The penny jar fundraiser for the Arch has been an amazing success. Troutdale Elementary raised $1440.49 in one week. Mrs. Morse’s first grade class raised the most and received a “Dilly Bar” party from Troutdale Dairy Queen.

Sweetbriar Elementary raised $1052.36 with Mrs. Hager’s class winning the ice cream party for their efforts. We thank both schools for getting so involved with this community project.