Bygone Times
Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society
October 2008

Please Mark Your Calendar

October 3
First Friday at The Depot
Artist will be Sarah Lowe, music will be Jensen Graham and his “Delta Blues” and Star Simon from Leaning Star Winery in Corbett will be presenting her wines for wine tasting.

October 4
Trek to The Dalles, Dufur and dinner at the Balch Hotel. Leaves the Barn Museum at 9:00 a.m.

October 19
Troutdale Elementary Reunion
Come re-connect with old friends at the Elementary school from 2-4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Enter through the Gym doors this year.

November 16
Program Meeting at City Hall, 2 p.m.
World War II Veterans will be interviewed. This will be a good one. Light refreshments will be served.

Jeff Lawry Dedication Ceremony at First Friday

Jerry and Laura Lawry with Sharon Nesbit after the dedication of the Jeff Lawry “Depot People” Waiting Room at First Friday on Sept. 5.

Plaque placed in honor of Jeff Lawry for his dedication to the Troutdale Historical Society and his Depot People Exhibit on display in the Depot Museum.

We now have a credit card machine at the Depot for purchases in the store, membership dues and reservations for Treks and Tea & Tour. This is a GREAT asset. We lost several big sales in the store over the summer because we did not have a machine for credit cards. Now we do!
From the Director’s Chair

by Terry Huston

As I reflect on this time of year, I think of going back to grade school and the excitement of new crayons, pencils, tablets (that is an old fashioned bunch of papers glued together at the top) and a shiny new lunch pail.

I think of football season and the year (1965-66) that Reynolds went all the way to state. I think of pumpkins, trick-or-treat, new sweaters and the crisp bite in the air. I think of my Grandpa Atterbury and his excitement over another Oregon State Football season. (He would really be proud of last weeks game against USC). Grandpa was 4’ 11” and always wanted to play football. He was small enough; he could have been the ball. He and Dee Andros, the “Great Pumpkin,” were quite a sight to see side-by-side.

As this fall is well upon us, I look forward to kids and grandkids birthdays, (there are so many, I can’t escape even one month in the year). I look forward to the holidays, lots of football, basketball and family. I look forward to settling in with a good book on rainy days and Kahlua or brandy in my coffee.

We have skunks under the Harlow House. Does anyone have any ideas on how to get rid of them?? We know they don’t like moth balls, but they just dig another hole. If anyone wants to live trap them and haul them out of Troutdale, knock yourself out! The City of Troutdale has an ordinance against trapping (to kill) so they have to be caught alive and moved. Any suggestions would be GREATLY appreciated by all (especially the Tuesday ladies who work at the house).

This has been a busy summer with Ice Cream Social, Parade, Summerfest, First Fridays and Farmer’s Market in front of the Depot each Saturday. (They are only here until Oct. 25, so if you haven’t come down to see what products are available, you are missing out).

I look forward to our program meetings starting up again and seeing those members who attend. Hope you and yours are well and happy.

Happy Fall! Terry

Dorothy E. Larson

Troutdale Historical Society Lifetime Member Dorothy E. Larson, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 5.

A memorial service celebrating her life was held on Aug. 14, at Corbett Community Church. Interment was at Douglass Pioneer Cemetery in Troutdale.

Dorothy was born Dec. 12, 1926, in Troutdale to Frederick and Florence Hoecker. She attended Victory Grade School, which no longer exists, and graduated from Gresham High School.

In 1944, she married Robert Wallace Larson Jr.

Dorothy lived in the Troutdale and Corbett areas her whole life, and she was a homemaker. She loved sewing and working in her garden. She was a volunteer and member of the Crown Point Country Historical Society and the Troutdale Historical Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1977.

Survivors include her daughters, Janet Ferries of Kendall, N.Y., and Bobbie O’Connell of Bend; son, Fred Larson of Troutdale; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Hood Hospice, P.O. Box 1269, Sandy, 97055.

Volunteer Opportunities
1. Museum Host
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.

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 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.
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:
Leslie Johnson
Bill & Betty Edgett

Mark Struckman Memorial
Kay Ward-Sauve
Juanita Sauve

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

If you are wondering what happened to the Troutdale Centennial Arch, it looks like it will be built this fall. The final engineering drawings are complete and have been filed with the city. Multnomah County is reviewing the drawings and plans now, and the permit to start construction should be issued in early October. The steel fabrication will be done by Albina Steel in Portland. Because of the long delay in construction, there is still time to donate and get your name on the plaque. Any donation of $1000 or more received by October 15th will be included on the plaque.