May 2011

Newsletter of the
Troutdale Historical Society
BYGONE TIMES

Mark Your
Calendars!

May 21, 2011
Third Saturday!
Harlow House, Barn &
Depot Museums open from
10-2.
Come see the ruby glass and
hat display at Harlow House!

Saturday, May 21, 2011
Annual Cemetery Tour
Western Clackamas County
Cost $10 per person. Bus
leaves the Barn Museum at
9 a.m. Call the office to sign
up. You may pay the day of
the tour.

Saturday, May 21st
Appreciation Reception for
Past-President, Scott
Cunningham at the Barn
Museum from 4 to 6 p.m.
Come have some cake &
coffee and thank Scott for
all of his years of dedication
to THS.

2011 May Cemetery Tour
Saturday, May 21 Cemetery Tour ~ Cost $10 per person
Bus will leave the Barn Museum at 9:00 a.m.
Bring sack lunch and drink.

We will visit western Clackamas county this time.
Sisters of the Holy Names
Oswego Pioneer
Sacred Heart
Robert Bird and
Stafford Baptist.
also Meridian in Washington county.

We might be able to toss in a couple of War Memorials. Especially if we go to
Canby for DQ.

Call the Depot office at 503-661-2164 to reserve your spot on the bus which will
leave the Barn Museum at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21st.
Cost is $10 per person. Bring a sack lunch and a drink.

You are invited ~

Who: Scott Cunningham
What: Appreciation Reception
When: Saturday, May 21, 2011 4-6 p.m.
Where: The Barn Museum ~
732 E. Historical Columbia River Hwy in Troutdale.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike Kellogg and his family. Mike we wish you strength
and hope that the outpouring of love and support from the community is a great comfort to you and
your family. We love you! To find out how to donate to the family’s medical bills go to http://mikeandhollykelloggfund.com/donate.html There are also several fund raisers being planned in
the immediate future. Call city hall or stop by the police station to find out more information.
The Director’s Chair

YAHOO! A sunny day in Oregon. (I am writing this on a sunny day at least). Supposed to be 72 today. It may keep us all from developing “root rot”…

Lots going on around here as usual. The April program was awesome and we had a great turn out. Again thanks to Sharon & Dick for a fun program. (Those two would be a party anywhere). And a huge thank you and congratulations to Adrienne Claussen for being named THS Member of the year. Adrienne has worked many years for us as volunteer coordinator. Thanks! Adrienne…

AND speaking of volunteers. Thanks to our board of directors who are all volunteers…. Please come honor our exiting president, Scott Cunningham at a reception in his honor at the Barn Museum on Saturday, April 21 from 4-6 p.m. Has anyone ever seen a cement structure like the one in the picture? I took this picture 28 years ago on the Columbia River where it meets the Willamette. This “thing” had washed up on the beach and was back in the brush. All of the windows were broken out but it was large enough for at least 5 or 6 adults to sit down inside. As I recall, it had some broken dials and control components on one wall. I was not too curious then, but recently ran across this old photo and now, “Inquiring minds want to know”…

We have a good size crowd for the cemetery tour, so call the office and add your name to the list. It is always a fun time…Dave, Mario, & Stan...Need I say more???

Hope everyone had a Happy Mother’s Day! (and Happy Birthday Mom!)…

Terry

Dick Anderson-Oral History Program at April Meeting

Thank you to Sharon Nesbit and Dick Anderson for a great, fun oral history program at the April meeting at Glenn Otto Park. Approximately 80 members and guests attended.
Mark July 30th on your calendar for the 2011 THS Salmon Bake on the Sandy River!

Tickets are on sale now and are $50 per person or $85 per couple. Call the Depot at 503-661-2164 during business hours to pay by credit card or mail your check to THS-104 SE Kibling St.- Troutdale, OR 97060. (Checks may also be dropped off at city hall to be put in our mailbox)

For more information, Call Jean Hybskmann at 503-669-7822

Adrienne Clausen named THS Member of the Year at Annual Business Meeting

Adrienne Clausen was honored as Troutdale Historical Society’s Member of the Year at the Annual Business Meeting held on April 17 at Glenn Otto Park in Troutdale. She has been our volunteer coordinator for more than 13 years and we couldn’t keep going without her. As an added bonus (depending on how you look at it)…Adrienne “gets” to ride in the Troutdale Summerfest Parade in July.

A note from Sharon Nesbit:

A question came into our historical society website recently from hikers who found these markings on the rock (Troutdale formation) along the Historic Columbia River Highway near Tippy Canoe. What are these engravings, they asked. With help from Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway and especially Bob Hadlow, engineer and highway historian, we learned that they are what the appear to be, old-fashioned tourist graffiti. Hadlow said there are other such sites near Shepperds Dell and Latourell Falls.

This year’s quilt is a beautiful red, white & blue star pattern. Quilt raffle tickets are on sale at the Depot for $2 each, 3 for $5, 7 for $10 or 15 for $20. Starting June 1st, summer hours for the Depot Office and Museum will be Tuesday-Saturday from 11-3. Please call the office, 503-661-2164, if you want to buy tickets with your credit/debit card. The drawing will be at the annual Christmas Open House at Harlow House on December 3, 2011. Tickets will also be available at the Salmon Bake on July 30.
Longtime Troutdale trekkker and member, Dale McDonald Baldwin, Gresham, died Nov. 6 at the age of 92, on a trip to Newport with his daughter, Collyn.

Baldwin and his wife, Betty, who died in 2009, joined us often on our Troutdale treks as always curious and intrepid travelers. She donated her World War II nurses’ uniforms to our society.

His career was with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, was much honored by the tribes with whom he worked. He and Betty were both World War II veterans and met when they were in the military service in Saipan during the war. He was born to James Lynn and Elsie Gordon Baldwin on July 13, 1918 in Newcastle, Penn. The family moved to Portland when he was an infant, living first at Lents and later in Montavilla. After retirement, he and Betty moved from Gresham to a house that they built above the Columbia Gorge near Corbett. They were active in the square dancing community and danced all over the country. He and his wife were Vista House volunteers. As they grew older, they moved back to Gresham, and spent their final years at Fairlawn Retirement Center.

**Recap of Board of Directors Meeting on May 4, 2011**

Treasurer Tom Graves opened the meeting with the treasurer’s report. It was accepted as written.

Pres. Dave Ripma gave a brief report on the agreement between the Oregon Historical Society and Multnomah County concerning the distribution of monies generated by the successful History Tax Levy. One half of the yearly distribution will go to OHS on July 31 and the other half on Jan. 31 for the next five years. OHS will then send on THS’s portion. We will get $17,750 twice yearly for the next five years. The Levy Oversight Committee requires that we give an annual accounting of the way the money is spent. Dave is going to research what we must do to comply with the spending of the money.

There was a short discussion of the way we want to honor Penny Balch for her extraordinarily generous bequest to THS. No final decision was made.

Newly elected board member Len Otto volunteered to present a photo program of the Army Corps of Engineers Building at our January 2012 meeting.

Paula Goldie reported on the “exploration” of the Army Corps of Engineers Building. Paula and Dick Goldie, Greg and Sue Handy, Len Otto, and Mary Bryson toured the building and took hundreds of photos and identified artifacts that we can use in a future exhibit. Paula forwarded the artifact photos to a man from the General Services Administration who gave us permission to have those identified artifacts. We will meet with him at an as yet unknown time to remove the artifacts.

Two changes to the THS charter were discussed and Dave will research those. Jean Hybskmann gave a report on the Salmon Bake. It will be at Bob and Jean Ice’s house on the Sandy River on July 30, 2011 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Terry Huston would like to change the summer hours of operation at the Depot Museum so that it is open later in the day. She would change her hours from 8:30 to 11:30 to 10 to 3.

Terry also brought a possible fundraising project of collectible playing cards with historic photos from our collection. She will do some additional research.

Len Otto volunteered to head an exhibit committee for THS and to start building a partnership with the Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway. We would build an exhibit commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the highway in 2012. It was moved and seconded that Len be the exhibit committee chair.

Greg and Sue Handy gave an update on the McMenamins 100 year celebration of the Multnomah County Poor Farm. No new information except that Blackberry Hall and the Ballroom have been reserved for celebration events. The Tuesday Ladies have selected representative artifacts and are writing text for the exhibit.

Greg Handy reported that the Troutdale Planning Commission approved the historic resources amendments for the Troutdale Development Code. These go before the City Council at a meeting later May.

Terry reported that the new computers will be here on Monday and Sheryl Maydew will start to transfer information as soon as she can.

**THS Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Barn Museum at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.**
Thanks from THS for your Support
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.

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Please, Please, Please!
If you change your email address, mailing address or are traveling for an extended period of time, let us know.
We lose contact with several members every month. Drop us an email at info@troutdalehistory.org and let us know...thanks!

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

Can you give us 3 or 4 hours this summer??? Please call the office at 503-661-2164.
Hosts are needed for Harlow House, The Barn and Depot Museums.