Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m.
Glenn Otto Park
Annual meeting, election of officers and interview of Women of World War II

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)
Blackberry Hall, Edgefield
“A Woman Alone: Mona Bell, Sam Hill, and the Mansion on Bonneville Rock” by biographer John Harrison

Saturday, May 21
Annual Cemetery Tour with Stan Clarke
A return to the historic burials at St. Paul and French Prairie with a surprise finale. Sign up by calling the THS office 503-661-2164

Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)
Blackberry Hall, Edgefield
History Night: Old Road (Historic Columbia River Highway) panel, presented by OHS President Emeritus Bill Failing and guests TBA

Tuesday, June 7, 3:00 p.m.
Visionary Park Dedication and 100th anniversary of the Historic Columbia River Highway

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)
Blackberry Hall, Edgefield - Matthew Cowan, Archivist, Oregon Historical Society: A Road Suited to the Times: The Columbia River Highway at 100

Using original hand colored mGIC lantern slides from the John Yeon Slide collection at the OHS, projected with a 1940 Bausch & Lomb projector, we take a closer look at one of the greatest roadway projects of modern times.

Our Museums In Summer
(May 1 to September 30)

Barn Exhibit Hall: King of Roads - Historic Highway exhibit, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday
Harlow House: Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.
Rail Depot Museum: Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

APRIL 17 – ELECTION, HONORS, AND INTERVIEW: WOMEN OF WWII

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, we convene our annual meeting at Glenn Otto Community Park. As promised, we have submitted a revised constitution for your vote and it is included in this newsletter.

We will have election of officers as well. If you are interested in serving in an office or on the board, please call our office, 503-661-2164. Among the new candidates we know about at this time, Margaret Rice, a member of our Reynolds Metals reunion committee, will run for secretary of the board. And Bettianne Goetz, Monday volunteer at the barn, will run for the board.

The program will be an interview about the experiences during World War II of Sharon Petri, board member. The story of her mother and Sharon’s childhood in East County during the war is recounted in one of Clarence Mershon’s books.

We unveil Ginger Harlow Allen’s latest family story, “Warts and All,” an homage to her great-uncle, Troutdale gladiola grower Clarence Parsons. It’s long enough to be a little book, so we printed it that way and you can get a copy by attending the meeting. Ginger will be present to sign copies. Many thanks to Len Otto and Vickie Nesbit for printing and graphic work.

We will also honor and recognize our volunteers and enjoy refreshments afterward. Please join us.

ABOUT PAYING YOUR DUES

You will find a membership renewal form on the back of this newsletter. April is our traditional time to pay dues and, consequently, most members have that renewal date. However, if you should happen to sign up for membership later or earlier, you will now receive notice to renew on the anniversary date of your payment. That way, you enjoy a full year of membership until you hear from us again. And, it makes our computer and our treasurer happier.

Board member Sharon Petri is convincing more people to become members of THS at the $100 Lover’s Oak level...and, if you purchase your membership at the Lover’s Oak level, we will send you a free King of Roads tote bag.
AS I REMEMBER GRANDMA’S LIFE STORY: EMMA WOODS DAVIES

by Peggy Barchus — Winlock, WA

Editor’s note: Peggy Jones Barchus is a Sandy High School classmate of Sharon Nesbit. In Christmas cards exchanged over the years, Peggy mentioned that her grandmother worked for the Harlow family and at the Harlow House. This year she put together memories of her grandmother which are excerpted here.

Emma Woods Davies, born in 1888 in Beatrice, Nebraska, came west with her parents who worked for the railroad to pay their way. When the Woods family arrived in Oregon they lived in the poorhouse for a time. Then her father, George Woods, got a job at Bull Run. The family tried to prove up some land at Cherryville, and in the meantime, children kept coming, seven all together.

At age 11, Emma Woods went to work as a cook’s helper in a logging camp. It was there (the specific logging camp is unknown) where she, at age 14, met Lyman Davies, about 16.

Lyman returned to Ohio, but she missed him. One day, as she was ironing, she saw that the iron was made in Ohio and in or near the town where she believed Lyman lived. She wrote him a letter. The post office advertised that there was a letter for Lyman Davies. One of his friends happened to see the ad and informed Lyman. Now that’s when the post office really did their best.

In the meantime, Emma managed one year of school at Troutdale. She talked about a wooden fence along the road and the East Wind blowing small particles of gravel in her face which, on occasion, drew blood. She would get up early and work, run to school and work in the evening.

Emma had, in total, three years of schooling. She worked at the Harlow Store in Troutdale for a short time. She made change a little too slow, so they put her to work as the housekeeper in the Harlow House. (This would be early in the Harlow House history when the home was new and occupied by Fred and Minnie Harlow and their two daughters.) Emma’s piano lessons were part of her pay. She did save enough to buy a sewing machine. And Lyman Davies (who had returned to Oregon) walked 20 miles from the logging camp where he worked to see her once a week.

Emma and Lyman married on her 18th birthday, September 12, 1906. Peggy Barchus added: “I took music lessons from Mabel Evans in the 1950s, and one time Grandma Emma went with us to see the old house once more. She was happy to find the built-in bench by the fireplace was still there, where she and Lyman used to sit and hold hands.”

Emma and Lyman Davies moved to Lusted east of Gresham. He spent one summer helping Lige Coalman guide parties up Mount Hood. They moved to Sandy where he was the constable. For a short time the family lived on the Oregon Coast on the Chetco River but later returned to Lusted.

Peggy Barchus remembers her grandmother teaching her grandchildren to shoot a .22 rifle. Emma hunted for the stew pot, learned taxidermy and painted floral pictures. During World War II she had a business smoking hams and bacon.

She made more than 50 quilts. Jones said her grandmother was good with a hammer and saw. She made toys, boxes and birdhouses. Even made her own cement birdbath with pretty rocks in the bottom. Seemed like she could do most anything except teach Lyman not to spit tobacco juice on the kitchen stove.

Peggy Jones Barchus
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAY 17
If you vote May 17 for the five-year renewal of the Multnomah County levy supporting the Oregon Historical Society in the primary election, it will also shower great benefits on our East County historical societies, who share in the levy proceeds.

The renewed county levy assures that Troutdale Historical Society, and our neighborhood societies in Fairview, Gresham and Corbett will continue to get precious funds to help pay our bills while we improve our local history programs. Multnomah County residents benefit with free admission to our King of Roads exhibit and to the Oregon Historical Society. The cost is small, about a nickel per $1000 of valuation, or $10 for a $200,000 property.

Speaking just for the Troutdale Historical Society, the levy was a lifesaver for the last five years, helping to pay the bills as we raised money for our highway exhibit in the barn. Please vote.

DONATE WHILE SHOPPING
FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD: Go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards — THS gets contributions from Fred Meyer. Please enroll, using our non-profit number 85937.

AMAZON SMILE
Support the King of Roads Exhibit. Go to http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0738777
Simply select Troutdale Historical Society as your charity. Shop as you normally would. THS receives a contribution from Amazon.

BARN ROOF UPDATE
A sincere thank you to Maggie Splawn Colleen Mershon in memory of Clarence, and Stephen and Synda Patten for their donations to our Barn roof fund. All have earned Barn Beam honors. If you have not yet been past to see the new roof, please make it a point to check it out. Not only does it set off the rest of the Barn beautifully, it will outlast all but the very youngest of us.

PRESIDENT’S CORNER
When I became Troutdale Historical Society president last April I emphasized that it was for one year only. Some have tried to convince me to continue as president, but there are solid reasons I need to step down.

I had two goals as president. First, the need for a new Barn roof was obvious: Shingles were breaking off and flying all around. You, our members, helped us pay for the roof in the most amazing ways, from five and ten dollar contributions to thousands of dollars. Suffice it to say that the roof has been entirely paid for. Thank you from my heart!

A second goal was to get a new constitution in place. The revised constitution appears in this newsletter starting on the next page. While it is not the most exciting reading I encourage you to note the changes. I believe this constitution is worthy of your support, as it corrects a few problem areas. Please join us for our annual business meeting on April 17th when you not only will be able to vote on the constitution but also hear Sharon Petri’s memories of living in this area during WWII. She has vivid memories and a delightful way of telling them.

It has been an honor to serve as your president. It has been an honor to work with a board as talented as THS’s. I am humbled by how differently people are able to think, and when they speak on an issue I understand the things I have missed in my own thinking. Thank you, THS Board. You are awesome!

And thank you, our members, for trusting me to lead this wonderful organization for this past year.

Len Otto

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HISTORICAL STUDIES DONATED
Sally Donovan of Hood River has worked in the historic preservation field for 30 years and consulted with Troutdale and the U.S. Forest Service on historical research in our area. She recently donated her files to the Troutdale Historical Society, which include studies on Troutdale historic sites, McMenamins Edgefield, the Sandy River Delta, the dam on the Sandy River Delta, the Hicklin Farm, along with pictures and maps. We are grateful for her thoughtfulness. It will be a great help to researchers in the future.

GREAT SUMMER EVENTS COMING
There are good reasons to pay your dues and keep up with the Troutdale Historical Society. Join us on the back lawn of the Harlow House on summer evening First Fridays - in July, August and September - for a series of “Barnyard Concerts,” with crooner Tom Arbuckle already signed up. And our annual bus tour to historic cemeteries, led by historian Stan Clarke, is on May 21. On Sept. 17, we plan a geology tour through the Columbia River Gorge.

April–June 2016

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 — NAME/PURPOSES/TITLE OF CORPORATION
Section 1. NAME
The name of the corporation is Troutdale Historical Society and shall be referred to herein as the "Troutdale Historical Society" or "THS" or, "the Society."

Section 2. PURPOSE
The Troutdale Historical Society is organized and shall be operated exclusively to gather, preserve and make available, museum, record, and other material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge, and nearby areas; to stimulate an interest in, and knowledge of the locality's past. More particularly, its object shall be:

1. To discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of Troutdale and the surrounding area;
2. To assist in the preservation of such material and for accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it; to cooperate with officials in ensuring the preservation and accessibility of all records and archives collected; to conduct archeological investigations of aboriginal or pioneer sites in the area; and to bring about the preservation of historic buildings, monuments or markers; and
3. To disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by publishing historical material; by holding meetings with speakers and lecturers; and by marking historic buildings, sites, and trails.

Section 3. TYPE OF CORPORATION
The Troutdale Historical Society is a public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE 2 — MEMBERS
The Society shall be composed of active members enrolled as such in the Society records upon payment of the membership dues as established by the Board of Directors. Membership shall be open to any person interested in the purpose and mission of the Society.

ARTICLE 3 — DIRECTORS
Section 1. POWERS
The Troutdale Historical Society shall have a Board of directors (the "Board"). All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of or under the direction of the Board, subject to any limitation set forth herein.

Section 2. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS
The Board shall consist of not less than six (6) and not more than twelve (12) members who shall be known as directors, with the number of directors to be determined from time to time by action of the Board. Any decrease in the number of directors designated by the Board shall not shorten an incumbent director's term.

Section 3. MEETINGS
1. The Board may hold regular or special meetings in or out of the State of Oregon.
2. The Board shall fix the time and place of its regular meetings at its discretion, provided, however, that board meetings shall be held at least quarterly.
3. The Society shall hold regular meetings, at times and places established by the Board, where speakers or programs will be presented related to the purposes of the Society.

Section 4. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
The Annual Business Meeting of the Society shall be held on the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Society after January 31st. The Board shall have the discretion to designate a different annual business meeting date for any year provided that the date so designated is within 90 days of the date specified in the preceding sentence. At the business meeting, the members shall elect officers and directors of THS, consider reports of the affairs of THS, and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. Twelve active members of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETINGS
Special business meetings of the Society and special meetings of the Board may be called for any purpose or purposes by the President, by the Secretary, or by three directors, or by any ten members of the Society. The person or persons who call a special meeting of the Board may fix the time and place of the special meeting. Elections and other business of the Society shall be conducted only at the annual business meeting, or at a special business meeting of the Society.

Section 6. ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICE
Directors shall be elected by a vote of the members at the annual business meeting or at any other business meeting of the Society. The terms of all directors shall be for one year or until the next annual business meeting of the Society.

Section 7. VACANCIES
1. A vacancy on the Board shall occur upon the death, resignation, or removal of any director, or upon an increase in the number of directors.
2. A vacancy that will occur at a specific later date, by reason of a resignation effective at the later date or otherwise, may be filled in accordance with this Constitution before the vacancy occurs, but the new director may not take office until the vacancy occurs.

Section 8. RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS
A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary. Unless the notice specifies a later effective date, a resignation is effective at the earliest of the following: (a) when received; or (b) five days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed postage prepaid and correctly addressed.

Section 9. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS
A director may be removed with or without cause. A director may be removed only at a Board meeting called for the purpose of removing the director and the meeting notice must state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of the director.

Section 10. QUORUM AND VOTE
A majority of the directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the directors present, in the absence of a quorum, may adjourn from time to time but may not transact any business.

Section 11. ELECTORATE
The membership of the Society shall determine the number of directors by the annual business meeting; provided, however, that the number of directors shall be increased or decreased only by action of the members at a meeting of the Society.

Section 12. TERMS OF DIRECTORS
1. The terms of office of all the officers and directors shall be 1 year, but may be renewed for successive one-year terms, up to a maximum of three (3) terms. A part-year term served by appointment to fill a vacancy in the like shall not count against the maximum number of terms.

business at the meeting; ii) the director's dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or iii) the director delivers written notice of dissent or abstention to the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or an officer of THS immediately after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a director who votes in favor of the action taken.

Section 13. ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING
Action required or permitted by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board, or at a meeting of a committee of the Board, may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all members of the Board. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by each director and included in the minutes or filed with the corporate records reflecting the action taken. Action taken under this section has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

Section 14. TELEPHONIC MEETINGS
Directors may participate in Board meetings by telephone, and shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting, if a speaker phone or similar device is available by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other. Telephonic meetings of the Board may be conducted through use of any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, for example, a telephone conference call.

Section 15. COMPENSATION
Directors shall not be compensated for their services as directors. Upon approval by the Board, directors may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their official duties.

ARTICLE 4 — COMMITTEES
Subject to applicable law and this Constitution, the Board may appoint such committees as may be necessary from time to time, consisting of such number of its members and shall have such powers as the Board may designate. Each such committee shall have one or more members, who serve at the pleasure of the Board.

ARTICLE 5 — OFFICERS
Section 1. DESIGNATION/ELECTION
1. The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers as the Board shall from time to time designate. The same individual may simultaneously hold more than one office in THS. All officers are members of the Board and may vote as such.
2. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in this Constitution. The Board may fill a vacancy by appointment for an interim period until the next business meeting of the Society, or the annual business meeting, at which time the members shall fill the vacancy by election.

Section 2. TERM OF OFFICE
1. The term of office of all the officers and directors shall be one year, but may be renewed for successive one-year terms, up to a maximum of three (3) terms. A part-year term served by appointment to fill a vacancy in the like shall not count against the maximum number of terms.
Any officer or director may serve again after an absence from the Board of at least one year.

2. The Board may remove any officer at any time, either with or without cause.

3. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary of THS. Unless the notice specifies a later effective date, a resignation is effective at the earliest of the following: i) when received; ii) five days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed postage prepaid and correctly addressed; or iii) on the date shown on the return receipt, if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the addressee. Once delivered, a notice of resignation is irrevocable unless revocation is permitted by the Board. If a resignation is made effective at a later date and the Society accepts the future effective date, the Board may fill the pending vacancy before the effective date, if the Board provides that the successor shall not take office until the effective date.

Section 3. PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he or she is present. The President shall, subject to the control of the Board, have general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of THS. The President shall be ex officio member of all committees of the Board and shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office president of a corporation, and shall have such other powers of duties as may be prescribed by the Board or this Constitution.

Section 4. VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence or disability of the President, the President's duties and powers shall be performed and exercised by the vice President.

Section 5. SECRETARY

1. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of THS or such other place as the Board may order, a book of minutes of all meetings of directors and of the business meetings of the Society showing the time and place of the meeting, whether the meeting was regular or special and, if a special meeting, how authorized; the names given, the names of those present at directors meetings and the proceedings of such meetings.

2. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given such notice of the meetings of the Board as is required by this Constitution. The Secretary shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or this Constitution.

Section 6. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall ensure that needed financial records, procedures and systems of THS are being properly maintained; shall compare actual income and expenses with the approved budget, being properly maintained; shall compare actual income and expenses with the approved budget, and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of the Board.

Section 7. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

The Board may, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, authorize any officer or agent of THS to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Society. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board, or unless inherent in the authority vested in the officer under the provisions of this Constitution, no officer, agent, or employee of THS shall have any power or authority to bind THS to any contract or engagement, or to pledge its credit, or to render it liable for any purpose or for any amount.

ARTICLE 6 — CORPORATE RECORDS / INSPECTION

Section 1. RECORDS

THS shall maintain all records required by law. All such records shall be kept at its principal office, registered office, or at any other place designated by the Board, or as otherwise provided by applicable law.

Section 2. INSPECTION OF RECORDS

The records of THS shall be open to inspection by the directors or the directors' agents, at the request of any member or any committee requested by a member, and to the extent required by applicable law.

Section 3. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.

All checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to THS, shall be signed or endorsed by such person or persons and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of the Board.
REYNOLDS METALS REUNION

A committee to organize and gather attendees for our October 16 Reynolds Metals reunion grows by leaps and bounds.

It now includes Jan Ackley, former RMC employee; Joan Benner, former RMC employee whose husband Ed worked there also; Sharon Nesbit; Margaret Rice, wife of former RMC employee, Mike; Annette Steele, whose father, uncles, husband and brother were all former RMC workers; Jan Vandiver; and THS program chairwoman Helen Wand.

If you know someone who might want to attend, phone the THS office with contact information, 503-661-2164.

HISTORY PARTNERS WITH ART

Board member and sculptor Rip Caswell has opened new opportunities to use art to share our history.

The most recent example was the dedication on February 27th of the trout sculpture with a plaque identifying Troutdale’s trout ponds on the Harlow House grounds. We celebrated with sculptor Jordan McGee and with trout cookies (photo below) made by volunteer Cherie Wallace and her granddaughter, Haley.

But wait, there is more: At 3 p.m. on June 7 is the 100th birthday of the Historic Columbia River Highway and dedication of Visionary Park with Rip’s bronze figures celebrating highway builders Sam Hill and Sam Lancaster. It is right at the bend of the highway just south of the Harlow House. Our society and the City of Troutdale have partnered with Rip and other sponsors.

Now comes news that the City of Troutdale has Community Enhancement funds that might be used for city art projects, so our board of directors has formed a subcommittee, Troutdale Historical Art Committee, chaired by Rip to apply for grants for artworks in the city that relate to the history of the community. These will be new opportunities to tell Troutdale’s story.

ONE DAY ONLY SALE!

Where: Troutdale Depot Museum
Who: THS
When: Friday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Why: Benefit for Troutdale Historical Society (THS)
What: To dispose of things in the "no longer needed" category. Surplus gifts, refrigerator, microwave, window air conditioner, posters, books, shelves, etc.
Call Diane White (503-888-1405) for more information. Thank you!

RENEWING MEMBERS

Joyce Stewart
Clay & Rayleen Nelson
Gerald & LeAnn Stephan
Donna Brown
Louise Blohm

NEW MEMBERS

Carla & Ray Robertson
Gary Rulifson
William White
Robert Adams

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS:

Longtime Troutdale/ Sandy River resident Richard Unis died at age 87 in February. He was a former Oregon Supreme Court Judge and lived on the Sandy River for more than 30 years. And we remember MaryJean Mohn who died in January, wife of Herb Mohn. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. July 23, at the Gresham Elks Lodge. Please RSVP to mohmhmj1@frontier.com

The Hamlin Johnson House in Gresham and Fairview City Jail were recommended by the state for National Register status recently. And Multnomah County is moving ahead at request of Colleen Cahill of Cedar School to create a list of historic sites and landmarks in Multnomah County.

Who has roses? Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway would like to have rose petals for girls to spread before the June 7 Historic Highway centennial event. If you could collect fresh or dried petals for the event please call the THS office and leave a phone number and name for Jeanette Kloos.

Because of our members who have signed up for the Fred Meyer Community Awards program, we got a check for $30.39 last month. We could earn more if you would sign up. See the process in another part of this newsletter.

Thanks to Sisters Twitchell and Arbon (Mormon missionaries) who will inventory and sort the railroad artifact collection in the Depot in preparation for remodeling there... and to Joy Beldin, who, in addition to hosting the Barn exhibit, has proven to be an excellent proof reader.

The August, 1980 cover from the Reynolds Metals in-house publication, AlumiNews

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Jordan McGee and his bronze trout
LEANN: A NEW FACE IN OUR OFFICE

LeAnn Stephan, our new administrative assistant in the historical society office, started work with our society last summer using her considerable graphic skills to create exhibit placards on the history of the Harlow family.

After the resignation in January of former employee Nell Simien, LeAnn came to work for our society as Administrative Assistant.

That seems to include husband Gerald, who volunteered to update and renew all the programs on our computers. They have been married 33 years and moved to Troutdale from Portland in 1987 so he could attend Mt. Hood Community College. They have lived in their Troutdale home 20 years and have two daughters, Ashley and Nicole, who attended Troutdale Elementary, Walt Morey Middle School and Reynolds High. Both girls are married. Ashley and her husband, Daniel, live in Gresham. Nicole and her spouse, Andrew, attend Brigham Young University-idaho in Rexburg, Idaho and recently produced a first grandson, Jackson, who has already visited the Barn exhibit and won hearts.

LeAnn’s specialty is historic architecture, inspired years ago in a visit to a 1900s Queen Anne house in LaGrande. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in interior design from Marylhurst in 2011 and worked as an intern/colleague with Bo Sullivan of Arcalus Period Design in Portland. She has a home-based business, Stephan Detail & Design, as an independent contractor and can do amazing things on a computer. In between design jobs, she has an online eBay store selling antiques/collectibles, books and gently-used clothing.

Most recently, she has been hired for the time left in her day by Rip Caswell doing administrative work in his gallery. She is Gresham Stake Primary President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, working with 11 Ward Primary Presidents to teach gospel principles to children of the church in this area.

She served two years with Sharon Nesbit as a commissioner on the Troutdale Landmarks Commission and became the society’s volunteer coordinator in January.

LeAnn says, “I am truly amazed at the level of commitment and expertise by the volunteers of the Troutdale community. I am honored to be a part of the Troutdale Historical Society and witness firsthand the amazing work they have accomplished and have planned for the future to preserve Troutdale’s history.”

MORE NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS:

Thanks to Diane White and the Troutdale Antique Mall for giving us space to sell Rail Depot surplus. We made $394.29. And to Kelly Broomall who put the names on the Barn beams of our roof donors... Gerald Stephan, husband to LeAnn Stephan our new THS office person, who updated all our computers so that soon they will be running the same programs and will be able to talk to each other...

Welcome new Barn volunteers Joyce Belcher & Linda Simkovic... And thank you to Joyce and Al Stoeckel who donate cleaning services to the Barn and Harlow House... And to Andrea Heim and Joanne Losinger who help keep the Harlow House open on Sunday afternoons... to Julie Stewart who is setting up a clothing exhibit in the Harlow House.
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With membership in the society you receive quarterly newsletters to keep up with all of our activities. Membership privileges include a reduction in membership cost for the Oregon Historical Society and free entry to our all our museums.

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(aka the 'Barn Museum')

Thank you for your support!

Troutdale Historical Society sponsors free programs in Glenn Otto Community Park in January, April, and October. Details are on the front page of this newsletter.

Remember also the last Tuesday of every month (except December) Troutdale Historical Society co-sponsors a speaker at McMenamin's Edgefield's Blackberry Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the free program begins at 6:30. Food and drink are available.

Troutdale Historical Society's logo, the "Lover's Oak," stood on the floodplain of the Columbia River until the Columbus Day Storm of 1962. It was a popular gathering place for locals and was an instantly recognizable landmark.