UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15
Historic Landmarks in Troutdale
@ The Historic Cedar School
2 p.m. (doors 1:30 p.m.)

January 31
History Night
Missoula Floods - Dr. Scott Burns
@ McMenamin’s Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

February 28
History Night
Edgefield Artists - Tim Hills
@ McMenamin’s Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

March 28
History Night
Cowgirls and Gender Issues
Lynn Richardson
@ McMenamin’s Blackberry Hall
6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

April 4
Half Night THS Benefit
@ McMenamin’s Edgefield Power Station
5 p.m. - Close

2017 - Year of Landmarks

Our 2017 program series, at our January, April, July and October meetings, will focus on the landmarks in our community and what they tell us about our history. Just to make things different, our next meeting, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, takes place in a landmark, the historic Cedar School at 2326 SE Troutdale Road. Please plan to arrive at 1:30 p.m. for parking time.

Happily, owner Colleen Cahill has been working with Multnomah County to recognize the special status of historic buildings in the county and will have her school available as an event space. We get a sneak preview at our meeting. Colleen will be there to talk about the school, the second on that site. We also have Erin Janssens, chair of Troutdale’s Landmarks Commission and owner of the 1895 Troutdale Methodist Episcopal Church, now an apartment building in downtown Troutdale, and David Ripma, owner of Sweetbriar Farm. Dave was the first Troutdale resident to request that his farm be on the city’s historic sites list.

Special parking instructions are necessary. Since the school site is limited to eight cars, please reserve those for handicapped drivers. You are invited to park at Open Door Baptist Church, 27710 SE Strebin Road, and you will be shuttled to the school. (From Troutdale Road, turn east on Strebin Road and travel about a block to the church.)

As to the rest of our Landmark Year: On Sunday, April 23, we hold our annual meeting with a photo survey of area landmarks, inviting our members to comment and remember each site. This will be similar to the building surveys we used to have that gathered so much information in the past. At that meeting we will present the Preservationist Award (a secret), and elect officers for the year.

We are planning a landmarks bus tour through the area in July, maybe a picnic involved. And in October a reunion of those who attended the old area grade schools, Troutdale, Wilkes and Fairview. All those buildings will be torn down and replaced, so this is the time to gather, learn their history and remember these schools.

So, welcome to 2017. Year of Landmarks.
Reynolds/ALCOA Reunion

It was a record crowd for the Troutdale Historical Society on Oct. 16 when about 250 Reynolds Metals workers met for a reunion in Glenn Otto Community Park.

In addition to making the former workers very happy, we were able to gather historic information and artifacts that will someday tell a story about the Reynolds plant for a future exhibit.

We heard some great stories, including how hot in the plant it was in the summer and about one fellow who fitted his pants with ice bags. Many left or gave artifacts to use in the future. And Bob Tackett and the Northwest Labor Council gave us a nice donation to pay part of the $1,000 cost of the event. We have a DVD of the event on sale at the barn for $25.

Bob Strickland, retired Reynolds Metals worker, shows his allegiance to his former employer with a tattoo.

A Harlow House Christmas Enchants Volunteers

All kinds of kids of all ages seem to attend our Christmas at the Harlow House on the first weekend of December.

We have been doing this event since the early 1980s, conceived and launched by the late Dorothy Sturges and Jean Holman and Sharon Nesbit.

This year a "30-something" came in — kind of a football-player type — looked around, a cup of our hot wassail in his hand, and said: "This is magical. Everyone should have Christmas in an old house like this."

Sometimes it takes new eyes to see what we do.

Among our visitors on Dec. 3, was Isaiah Farrouge, grandson of board member Diane Castillo-White, who is the newest kid in the neighborhood, born last summer right across the street. And then there was a mom, who came towing a reluctant 10-year-old for a picture with Santa, because she first came to Christmas at the Harlow House at age 3.

Gerry Nordstrom was Father Christmas this year, wearing one of the original Meier and Frank Santa robes and a pair of tall black boots, that he says are older than he is.

Julie Stewart decorated the Harlow House. She used to work weekends as a department store window dresser in Illinois. And the tree was decorated by our volunteers at a party for them in the Harlow House.

Thank you to Diane Castillo-White, Bettianne Goetz, Margaret Rice and Sharon Nesbit for hosting that day, while Norm and Charlene Thomas kept the doors open at the barn.

Museums On Ice

We have observed that when the historic highway has ice on it, we have fewer visitors at our museums. But then, so does the highway.

Winters can be slow in the Barn Museum. New volunteer Herb Mohn solves that by bringing a book for his tour of duty as host.

And when ice and then snow came in mid-December, it was no time for a picnic. (See the photo of our picnic table.) However, when Allen Wand called and asked about shopping in the Barn Store we said yes, but warned that he would need to tramp through the snow to get in. He brought his own snow shovel and cleared the walk. Can’t have a better customer than that.

Picnic Bench at Barn Museum, December 2016
Photo courtesy of Sharon Nesbit

GIVE A GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE

Troutdale Historical Society
Caboose Gets a Face Lift

Thanks to a city grant, combined with money and many volunteer hours from THS, our 1975 Union Pacific caboose is painted in bright yellow and red, and even glows in the dark.

In late fall, painters from Georgia came to restore the exterior of the caboose. Treasurer Marilee Thompson led the operation with help from Kelly Broomall, Stan Clarke and Jon Lowell. Clarke chased down and found a way to get new reflective decals, which is why it glows in the dark.

Next the "Caboosters," those listed above and a few others, including new volunteer Charles Arnet, are looking at the interior. Gerald Stephan will sandblast and restore the stove. LeAnn Stephan’s brother, Steve Mackley of Beaverton Auto Upholstery, has reupholstered all the chairs and benches, a gift of $2,600.

We need to clean up and restore the exterior of the rusting refrigerator. We want to extend electricity to the caboose so we have lights and heat. The interior will require a careful cleaning and some paint touch up, the windows need polishing with a special compound, ditto the aluminum window frames. We plan to leave the interior as it is. It has wonderful stenciled instructions explaining how to run a caboose and the autographs and other signs of use that occurred over the years. "It is a museum," says Clarke, who has done much of the research.

The depot is open each Friday, hosted by Kelly Broomall. While we can’t host tours inside the caboose right now, you are most welcome to come by and find out how things are going. If you have help to offer, even better.

Troutdale Historical Society Honors Dedicated Volunteers

THS is blessed with over 20 docent volunteers, several special event volunteers, maintenance specialists, and an all voluntary Board of Directors. Over 2200 volunteer hours were donated by the docents, special event volunteers, and maintenance specialist. Our Board of Directors work tirelessly, without much fanfare, devoting countless hours to make the operation of THS seem effortless.

A big thank you to the Board of Directors - Sharon Nesbit, President; Bettianne Goetz, V. President; Margaret Rice, Secretary; Marilee Thompson, Treasurer; Board Members: Rich Allen, Rip Caswell, Diane Castillo-White, Jon Lowell, Sharon Petri, and Norm Thomas; Past Presidents: Len Otto, Dave Ripma, and Scott Cunningham.

At our December Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon we celebrated these volunteers to show, in a small way, how vital they are to the success of the Troutdale Historical Society. Among our many docent volunteers are the top two in hours spent at our museums, Kelly Broomall and Andrea Heim.

Kelly devoted 193 hours to the Depot Rail & Caboose museum. He is there every Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. without fail. Not only is he available for visitors and school children tours, but he makes sure the 1907 Rail Depot does not fall apart.

Andrea devoted 169 hours of her time mostly at the Harlow House on Sundays and filled in at the Barn Exhibit Hall whenever needed.

We welcome our new volunteers - Sharon Bennett, Herb Mohn, and Charlie Arnet. Many, many thanks to all our volunteers!
**NEW MEMBERS**
- John & Rebecca Kirkland
- William & Marge Kitchen
- Cindy Lunceford
- Steve Mackley, Beaverton Auto Upholstery
- Bev Reeves
- Bonnie & Ron Vaughn
- Patricia Wand
- Jim & Pam Wheat
- Paul & Judy Wilcox

**RENEWING MEMBERS**
- Beverly Christman
- Sandy & Ronald Evans
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- Marilyn Howell
- Larry McGinnis
- Mark & Andrea Mershon
- Clay & Rayleen Nelson
- Marlene Parker
- Darline Payne
- David Rees
- Evelyn Schmidt
- Virginia Selberg
- Marilee Thompson
- Robert Winkler
- Lori Vencill
- Debbie Schoeppper

**WINTER HOURS**
October 1 - April 30

**Barn Exhibit Hall**
10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
1-3 p.m. Sunday

**Harlow House**
1-3 p.m. Sunday Only

**Rail Depot Museum**
Friday Only 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

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**Terry & Jody Smoke & The General Store in Troutdale** for the plate of sandwiches, delivered yet, for our Harlow House volunteer party on Dec. 1st. You made our volunteers, who give many hours to keep the museums open on this end of town, feel appreciated.

**Dear Santa (Gerry Nordstrom):** When I close my eyes and envision a Santa in the historic old Harlow House, I see you. Thank you for your kind and gentle work, Dec. 3rd.

**Bonnie Rust, BOKI Vinyl,** for pulling off a last minute store “sale” sign.

**William White** for his continued contribution to our history files.

**Joyce Belcher** for our new coat rack.


**To our 2016 Event Volunteers:** Jan Ackley, Joan Benner, Diane Castillo-White, Sharon Nesbit, Margaret Rice, Jan Vandiver, Helen Wand.

**To our 2016 Maintenance Specialists:** Leroy Judd, Len Otto, Gerald Stephon, Norm Thomas, Steve Yost.
Joy Beldin, THS Volunteer, Remembers Rural Childhood

Regarding The Barn closing...I am sad to say it is a sign of the times. My generation and possibly half of the next generation are what is left of those who appreciate and enjoyed wide open spaces and wonderful farms reaping the best of the best in fresh produce. We also valued hard work and the responsibility of caring for the land.

I grew up, along with my three siblings, in the 1940s and 1950s on SE 148th Avenue and Stark Street. Our dad had a feed store next to the Happy Landing Tavern (which, ironically, is still there) and we loved our summers helping him deliver hay, alfalfa and chicken feed. Many times he would barter with farmers, exchanging livestock feed for produce and meat products to put food on the table.

As kids, we caught the berry bus and picked berries (and later, beans) for our spending money, and the apples, pears, cherries and plums we picked on our acreage were loaded into our wagon and sold door to door to our neighbors. We raised chickens and gathered the eggs. We took turns cleaning the coop and were better for it. We played in the dirt...and probably ate dirt, which I believe has contributed to our healthy immune system. I loved that time in life.

I will continue to seek out fresh produce at farmer's markets and patronize Spada, Giusto, and Fujii farms in East County for as long as they are in existence. I'm sad for those who have not had and will not experience a much simpler life in rural America where our farms were so essential to our existence. I will miss The Barn just up the road. A final word, or two...food trucks? Really? Joy Beldin, Glendoveer. Reprinted from Mid County Memo, October 2016.

Joy is the Friday afternoon host at the barn and our best proofreader. Joy's parents, Harold and Ellen Beldin, who passed away in 1987-89, were active volunteers in the Wilkes/Reynolds school districts as well as many community events.

Friends in History Remembered

Sally Donovan, historian from Hood River, died Nov. 19 of pancreatic cancer. Though she lived in Hood River in a wonderfully restored historic house, she was a treasure to Troutdale because she did much of the research on the Sandy River Delta for the U.S. Forest Service. She shared all that material with Troutdale Historical Society, generously giving us credit for some of the information. Knowing that she was critically ill, she sorted out all her research papers related to Troutdale and sent them to us for our collection. She was always a careful historian and leaves a great treasure of information.

You can read her full obituary here http://www.hoodrivernews.com/obituaries/2016/nov/22/sally-donovan/.

Leland Johnson, husband of Mary Lou Welsh Johnson
Nobu Uyetake, Nobu and her husband were neighbor farmers to late historian, Clarence Mershon, who wrote a comprehensive book on the Japanese Americans in Corbett.
Roy Hoover, born in 1922, died November 3, 2016. A longtime Fairview resident, he and his wife, Nancy, faithful members of the Troutdale Historical Society, gave much of their time to gathering the history of Fairview. Roy was a longtime volunteer at the Zimmerman and Haslin House museums in Fairview.
Vera Robbins, a member of the THS since 2001.
Jean Ridings, a longtime supporter and generous donor to the barn roof.
Eileen Cunningham, became a member of THS in 1999. Her husband Scott Cunningham, served as the President of the Board of Directors, 2003-2012 and continues to attend meetings and share his experience.
Mary Jean Mohn, a member of the THS since 2004. Her husband, Herb, is one of our newest volunteer docents.

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Troutdale Historical Society sponsors free programs in Glenn Otto Community Park in January, April, and October.

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

Troutdale Historical Society's logo, the "Lovers 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.