

BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September 2002

Coming Up...

Granny's Attic

Now at Harlow House
Granny's Odds-n-Ends
and census records
from the Troutdale area

First Friday Art Walk

Sept 6, 5-9pm
Depot Rail Museum
Art, music, food & wine

THS Yard Sale

Sept 7, 9am-4pm
Harlow House

Harvest Faire

Sept 21-22, 11am-4pm
Celebrate fall at Glenn
Otto Community Park,
the Harlow House, and
the Depot

Annual

School Reunion

Oct 19, 2pm
Springdale School with
Crown Point Country
Historical Society, His-
toric Columbia River
Highway, Springdale

Mershon & the Historic Highway

Nov 17, 2pm
A slide show presented
by Clarence Mershon
featuring his book and
research on the historic
highway. Held at the
Troutdale City Hall.

Christmas at the Harlow House

Dec 7, 12 to 4pm

Harvest Faire, Sept 21 & 22 at Glenn Otto Park



On September 21 & 22, from 11am to 4 pm, THS once again celebrates the fall season with our Annual Harvest Faire. New this year among the activities in Glenn

Otto Park will be Port Halling Brewing Company's Beer Garden. Arts & craft booths will be lining the pathways of the park, along with children's activities and games. Live demonstrations of seasonal handicrafts and artwork will be featured all weekend. Music by "Geezer Street" will keep toes tapping from 1 to 4 pm both days.

The Troutdale Historical Society Harvest Faire tradition of providing homemade pies for sale, either whole or by the slice with your choice of ice cream or whipped cream, returns! The Sam Cox Building kitchen will be staffed by eager

THS volunteers serving chili, hot dogs, chili dogs, and beverages. More specialty food items will also be available, including the popular elephant ears.

Door prizes from sponsors and tickets to next year's THS Dinner Auction will be given away both days of the Faire. To enter the drawings, donate a dollar (or more!) as you enter the park. Proceeds from the drawings go toward next year's Lewis & Clark exhibits and displays.

All three museums will be open Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 4pm. Plan to visit the Harlow House and Exhibition Hall, and see the newly laid boardwalk and neatly trimmed gazebo. Don't miss a visit to the Depot, with freshly added exhibits, and our new beautifully furnished offices.

Harvest Faire is a wonderful celebration of autumn that the Troutdale Historical Society brings to the community. Don't miss the chance to enjoy the fun and games on September 21 & 22! ❖

Upcoming Events

Our annual school reunion meeting is moving out of the district to Springdale, where we will visit the Crown Point Country Historical Society's exhibit on Corbett-area schools. Save the date, Saturday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m., at the old Springdale School on the Historic Columbia River Highway just east of Troutdale.

Our hosts will have a slide program and then will give us a chance to tour the exhibit, visit and have refreshments. The exhibit has its origins in a book written by THS member, Dorothy Klock, who spent many months researching the origins of all Corbett's country schools. Please don't stay home because it isn't your school. We all shared the same experiences in these

schools and knew people from all of them.

On Sunday, November 17, at 2 p.m., we meet in Troutdale City Hall for a slide show and presentation from Clarence Mershon on the Historic Columbia River Highway. This stems from Clarence's book, which looks at the impact, the jobs, and the presence of the highway in the local community.

Stay tuned for information on our Lewis and Clark living history series, which begins in January. Helen Wand is putting the details together. ❖

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In the "Seems Like Only Yesterday" Category

☞ In August 1982 Troutdale Mayor Bob Sturges announced that he would not run for reelection. Bob, former president of our historical society, was replaced by the president of our historical society, Sam Cox. Both men served 10 years apiece as mayor. Some members will remember the dinner/roasts we gave for those two at the end of their service as mayor.

☞ Also in August 1982, a new council candidate appeared on the scene. His name was Paul Thalhoffer, now serving as Troutdale's mayor.

☞ And in 1992, Isobel Zimmerman left her family home on Northeast Sandy Boulevard to the

Fairview Rockwood Wilkes Historical Society. It is under development as a Gresham park.

Recent Goings-On

☞ Steve and Betty Kaufman bid on and won an Oregon State flag at the Lewis and Clark auction and gave it to the Harlow House. Thank you very much. Betty Kaufman is a faithful summer host at the Harlow House.

☞ Descendants of Sherwood and Izzy Davis, Corbett settlers, met for a reunion this summer to mark the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Sherwood and Isabel in East Multnomah County. "It was a nasty November night when they arrived at the Troutdale train depot in 1902 and it was too late in the day to send word to Sherd's sister, Luella Lasley, who lived on

Loudon Road southeast of Corbett. The station master, Mr. [A.D.] Kendall, who lived on the second floor of the station had mercy on them and took them in," wrote Dave Davis, Corbett. Dave Davis obtained pictures from our historical files to show the station where the Davises arrived in Troutdale.

☞ When the new overpass over the railroad was built into Troutdale, the Handy family rescued the very nice art deco metal rails that were once on the bridge. They have offered them to the historical society for use in some project. We are looking for a spot. ❖

The Chapel, by Walt Nasmyth

There is a small dell on the old highway [Historic Columbia River Highway] on the east side of the river, just south of the last house east of the highway. Most of the year, drainage from the fields above creates a small but lovely waterfall in the dell.

During the 1950s and 1960s an old gentleman from the County Farm set up a makeshift pulpit where he conducted services. The old gentleman could be seen at his pulpit from early spring until well into the fall, weather permitting.

On many occasions as we trav-

eled the old highway we would see him at his pulpit as he gave his sermon to his imaginary flock. There could not have been a more private or lovelier chapel in the world than that small dell in the spring with all the wildflowers in blossom.

One summer's day in the early 1960s the pulpit was missing, as was the old gentleman. He apparently had gone to meet the one he had prayed to so devoutly through the years.

When we traveled the highway following the disappearance of the old gentleman, we always felt saddened when we passed the small dell and did not see him at his pulpit. Today the dell remains and my wife and I often wonder what happened to the preacher and his chapel. ❖

Hilltop Produce

Hilltop Produce on 302nd Ave. at the corner of Kerslake Road, owned by Ken and Sharon Kerslake and their son, Kurtis, was recognized at the Oregon State Fair as one of 17 Oregon Century Farms and Ranches.

The 40-acre farm site, launched 109 years ago by Canadian Robert Kerslake, (great-grand-pappy of our Springdale Kerslakes, too), has remained in the family for four generations. The home place, as well as leased acres here and in Hermiston, produced tons of vegetables sold to Safeway, Fred Meyer and other produce buyers.

The rolling hills of the home farm are beautiful, but the Kerslakes say they'd just as soon that great-grandpa had bought flat land...it's easier to farm. ❖

If we haven't called to ask you to help host the house or greet visitors, please call us at 503-661-2164. We'll find you a job!

Lewis & Clark Witness Fallout of Eruption



Glen Kirkpatrick, Lewis and Clark historian and secretary of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, recently turned his eye to the expedition's exploration of the Sandy River. Excerpted below are some of his findings about the river and the volcanic eruption noted by the explorers.

Most now know the story of Clark walking the Oregon shore of the Columbia River on Nov. 3, 1805, and finding the (then) two mouths of the Sandy River "which appeared to Scatter over a Sandy bar, the bottom of which I could See quite across and did not appear to be 4 Inches deep in any part; I attempted to wade this Stream and to my astonishment found the bottom a quick Sand and impassable." The same day

Whitehouse noted that the "mouth of the (river) was filled with quick Sand So that we could run a pole 6 or 8 feet in it, and it emptyd in at several places thro a verry large Sand bar which lay at the Mo. [mouth]" Kirkpatrick notes, "Although the explorers did not realize it, their descriptions of the Quicksand (Sandy) River delta with massive sand bars and soft sand are part of the evidence found in the journals which document that they had arrive a few years after an eruption of Mt. Hood. The vast delta complex formed in a manner similar to the mouth of the Cowlitz River after the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens. Thousands of cubic yards of mud and volcanic debris flowed down the Sandy depositing the massive delta complex...Lewis later provides further documentation of the eruption by making the com-

parison of the Quicksand (Sandy) river to that of the Labish (Hood) River, when he writes on the return trip on April 14, 1806, "the bed (of the Columbia) is principally rock except at the entrance of Labuish's (Hood) River which heads in Mount hood and like the quicksand river brings down from thence vast bodies of san." A final piece of corroborating evidence is found on Clark's detailed maps of the Columbia that show massive sand bars that are first observed at the mouth of the Labish (Hood) river and further downstream in the Columbia." ❖

This article is first in a series of three. Watch next month for the second installment.

July Recap: SummerFest Fun; Lewis & Clark Auction Raises 15K

SummerFest 2002

The Troutdale Historical Society was well represented at this years' SummerFest on July 20th. In the parade was our own President of the Board, David Ripma, with a "float" and friends waving to the crowd.

THS Member of the Year, Jean Hybskmann, was driven through the parade route by her husband, Jerry. Both sported some snappy hats! And our Volunteer of the Year, Penny Balch, was escorted through the parade by her mother, Leona Balch.

We had great help with the crowds at Harlow House during the parade. We passed out lemonade & popcorn, and everyone cheered for the members as the parade passed by. We hope you enjoyed SummerFest in Troutdale this year, and look forward

to seeing everyone again in 2003!

Lewis & Clark Fundraiser

The Lewis & Clark Dinner Auction, "Meriwether & William's Most Excellent Adventure", held on July 27th at Brickhaven Bed & Breakfast in Corbett, was a tremendous success. The crowd of over 100 people enjoyed a wonderful evening of delicious food, silent and oral auctions, and fun festivities.

The dinner auction was the fundraising kick-off for next years' Lewis & Clark Exhibit, scheduled to open to the public September 1, 2003. The total raised from the dinner auction reached nearly \$15,000. THS was very grateful for the support from our guests, contributors, and volunteers, who made this event so successful. Most importantly, we thank our hosts, Ed & Phyllis

Theimann, for their incredible generosity and effort!

Action in the auctions was fast and furious! There were many happy winners bidding for the 43 silent and 14 live auction items. THS's package of a hayride & BBQ will be enjoyed by lucky bidders from the event next summer on July 20th.

Plans are already underway for next years' auction, planned for July 12, 2003. There will be a salmon bake-off, chef contests, live music, and more wonderful auction items. Mark your calendars for July 12, 2003 and plan to enjoy another great event! ❖

Special Thanks to Our Donors, Friends & Members!

It is because of the generosity of our Donors, Friends, and Members that the Troutdale Historical Society is able to make great strides in its efforts to preserve and share the history of our community and greater surrounding areas. The following is a list of donors and members for the current year. Our deepest thanks to each of you!

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Director's Corner

Marie Miller, Executive Director

The only constant is change. Does this phrase sound familiar to you? Here at the Troutdale Historical Society we have seen many changes over the summer.

The most obvious change is in the appearance of our offices. The Depot is sporting new carpeting, and additional shelves & display areas. In the museum, we are adding more exhibits to our railroad collections. And in the offices, we have some of our research library available for viewing, as well as gift shop items for sale. Troutdale Historical Society members receive a discount on purchases!

At the beginning of July we renamed the Barn Museum "Exhibition Hall". The new name reflects plans to display changing exhibits in the years to come. Ex-

hibition Hall will be receiving some renovation, with the lower level the centerpiece of next fall's Lewis & Clark Exhibit.

One of our outstanding volunteer staff members, Doneva Shepard, had a job title change in August from Photo Archivist to Researcher & Genealogist. Her office was relocated from Exhibition Hall to Harlow House, where she shares space with our curator, Mary Bryson.

We have numerous upcoming activities, as well. First Friday Art Walk, Sept 6, 5-9pm, will have the Depot hosting a talented artist and music, again with food & wine, welcoming Depot People and open hours in the museum. The next day, Saturday, Sept 7, 9am-4pm, there will be a THS Yard Sale on the Harlow House porch & lawns. I've seen some

wonderful treasures planned for this sale, provided by several families.

There are two quick and easy ways you can help Troutdale Historical Society, and they don't hurt a bit! Fill in your name, number and address on the raffle tickets in the envelope attached to this newsletter and send them back to the Society with your \$5.00 raffle donation. Mary's quilt can be seen here at the office and it's truly a treasure! The money raised in this drawing, to be held in December, goes toward our Lewis & Clark Exhibit.

The other quick way to help Troutdale Historical Society is by using your Albertson's card. If you don't have one, please pick one up in the Depot Office. Each time you purchase items at an Albertson's store, money comes back to Troutdale Historical Society. And you pay nothing for the card. SUCH a deal!

I am thankful I have the support of so many in my work. They make the changes manageable (and fun!). So happy to hear from Val Lantz that she found the move to Klamath Falls agreeable with lots of history there too! And to all that stop in to visit, thank you for your generous help. ❖

~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~

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Tea & Tour 2003!

May 3, 2003

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist have graciously offered their Villa in the Gorge at Bridalveil for T&T 2003.

Mark your calendar!

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You

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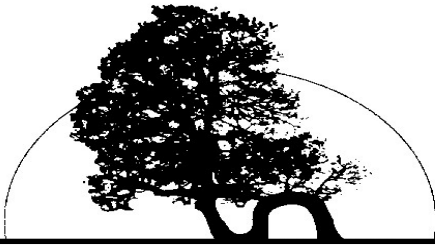
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Thank you for your unwavering support of the events and activities of the Troutdale Historical Society! Thanks to you, we are able to maintain 2 museums, an exhibit hall, and an active event calendar focused on sharing history with our community.

For thirty four years, membership dues have assisted us in our mission to preserve the history of Troutdale, the Sandy River, and the Columbia River Gorge. If you aren't yet a member, please take a moment to fill out and return the membership renewal form. Consider, too, giving the gift of history to a friend or family member, or making a donation to the operating fund or to a specific project.

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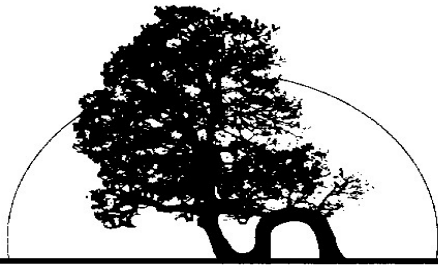
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Depot Rail Museum & THS Offices

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 Phone: (503) 661-2164
 Hours: Office M-F 8-5 (Call for Tours)

Traxler Retires

THS member & much appreciated volunteer Dave Traxler, originally a contractor, is heading into retirement from his job as City of Troutdale building inspector.

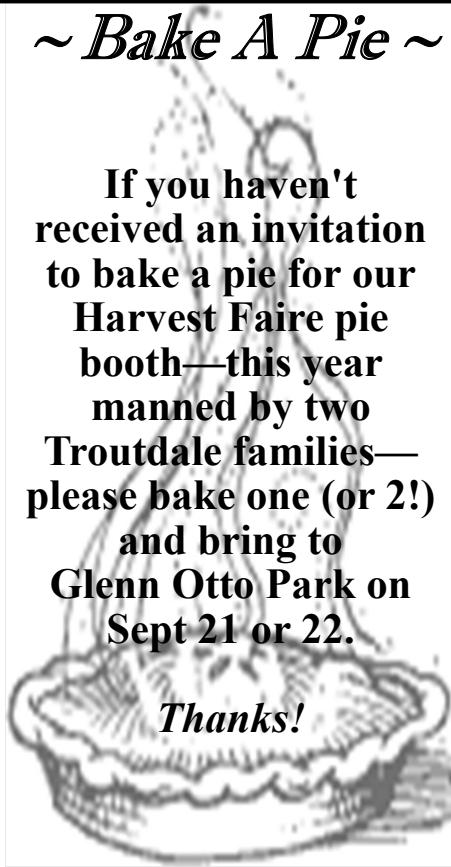
The first summer of our barn-raising at the Harlow House, he gave us his and his crew's time to launch, build and enclose the building before winter. The monetary value of that gift has never been calculated, but must be many thousands of dollars. Upon our completion of the barn ten years later, he, as city building inspector, had the privilege of signing our occupancy permit.

We remember the day he nailed up a barn wall, placing nails about two inches apart. "It won't blow over," he quipped, "but it just might sink into the ground." ❖

~ Bake A Pie ~

If you haven't received an invitation to bake a pie for our Harvest Faire pie booth—this year manned by two Troutdale families—please bake one (or 2!) and bring to Glenn Otto Park on Sept 21 or 22.

Thanks!



In Memory...

Lou Ella Berney

Lou Ella, once a nurse in the tuberculosis sanitarium at Edgefield, died Aug. 3 at the age of 93. She was the wife of Ted Berney of Springdale. The Berneys were longtime members.

Homer Campbell

Also deceased, Homer Cambell, Corvallis, husband of Marguerite Wright. Evelyn DeYoung remembers what a handsome lifeguard Homer was at Blue Lake Park. ❖