



# BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

October 2006

## Please Mark Your Calendars

### Annual School Reunion

*Sun. Oct. 15*

*2 p.m.*

*Troutdale Elementary*

### Nov. Program Meeting

*Sun. Nov. 19*

*2 p.m.*

*Troutdale City Hall*

### Christmas Open House

*Sat. Dec. 2*

*11 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

*Harlow House & Barn*

**2007**

*Troutdale Celebrates*

*100 years!*

**Official Date:**

*Oct. 2, 1907*

## School Reunion

### THS Invites Alumni For Reunion

A reunion for all those who have ties to Cedar School and Troutdale School will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday October 15, 2006 at the Troutdale Elementary School, 648 SE Harlow, Troutdale, Oregon.

In 1940 the Cedar School district was consolidated with Troutdale and during the war years when Troutdale School was bursting, the Cedar School building was used to supplement Troutdale classrooms. This event is the annual school reunion of the Troutdale Historical Society for all interested alumni from Cedar and Troutdale.

Children and grandchildren that attend also enjoy the old tales and pictures, especially of their loved ones.

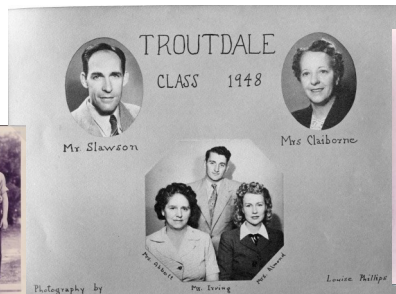
Len Otto, emcee of the Troutdale School Reunion asks that you dredge up memories of summer vacations. Did you work in the fields? Take family trips? Work elsewhere? Just what is it you did during those months off?

Len's curiosity stems from the "agricultural calendar" still in place in most districts across the nation. Historically, summers were a time for school kids to help out on the farm. He did as a child of the "berry era" in Troutdale. What did you do? Bring your stories of summer—and of school—to the reunion.

Cedar School 1968



Recognize anyone here?



Come and browse through our wonderful School Photo collection...and help Walt Nasmyth identify folks.



## 2 Fall Trekkers Experience Vancouver

Despite a bit of a bus problem, the Trekkers were a hearty and cheery group. We thoroughly enjoyed the Clark County Historical Museum in the old Carnegie Library Building, along with a short walking tour of some of the other historic buildings. Box lunches were delivered to us at the Ft. Vancouver picnic shelter, and an interesting movie about Ft. Vancouver was watched at the visitor center.

A rare treat was the tour of the archeological lab in the old fort area. We learned how the digs are done and how the artifacts are collected and stored.

**Cascade Indian photographer, Chuck Williams** has moved his prints from our Lewis and Clark exhibit to the Clark County Historical Museum. He will be doing a slide show on Columbia River Indian history at the CCH Museum on December 7th.

### NEWS FROM THE THS OFFICE

We've started the process of compiling a THS handbook. This handbook will include all of the tasks the organization should perform on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual basis....and how to do each task. It will also include special projects like exhibits.

With a limited budget, it is imperative that we have multiple volunteers, each in charge of different areas, so that we don't put too much of a burden on any one volunteer.

Many volunteers have already stepped up and are leading in critical areas.

**Mary Bryson**, Curating; **David Munson**, Maintenance; **Walter & Vi Nasmyth**, Photo Library; **Helen Wand**, Programs; **Jan Vandiver**, Program Refreshments; **Mona Mitchoff** has agreed to manage and get the Depot museum store going again; **Jean Hybskmann**, Annual Tea & Tour...also Jean and **Marge Schmunk** have agreed to learn the accounting program and help with the bookwork.; **Adrienne Clausen**, Volunteer Host Coordinator; **Penny Balch**, who is feeling much better, has said she's willing to work on Grants for us again.

Most of these folks could use some help. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. We are also looking for volunteers to do: Newsletter; Scrap Books; and organize the library (books).

## Troutdale Will Commemorate 100 Years

The City Council has appointed a Centennial Committee to coordinate and plan events and projects for Troutdale's 100 year birthday.

This committee consists of the following members:

Councilor **Doug Daoust**, Co-Chair

Councilor **David Ripma**, Co-Chair and THS Board Mbr.

**Diane McKeel**, Director, WCG Chamber of Commerce

Along with other historical society volunteers:

**Sheryl Maydew, Ray Davenport, Len Otto, Mary Bryson and Matthew Wand**

**Sharon Nesbit and Rip Caswell** are official consultants.

The committee meets monthly and is encouraging participation from all local organizations, schools, businesses and residents. If you or a group you know, have some ideas, thoughts or would like to volunteer for projects or events, contact:

**Ray Davenport**, 503-695-2771 rayfordd@comcast.net

Or

**Debbie Stickney**, 503-665-5175 (City of Troutdale)

### THINK THEME

The committee is seeking suggestions for a theme for the Centennial. A couple of suggestions so far:

"Troutdale, Celebrating 100 Years"

"Another 100 Years Has Blown By"

...well you get the idea. Please call **Debbie Stickney** at the City, 503-665-5175 with your theme ideas.

### Centennial Arch Project

THS has agreed to set up the fund and coordinate the construction for this 100 year commemoration monument in Troutdale. The arch will span the street and say, "Troutdale" "Gateway To The Gorge". Each base will sport a five foot bronze trout (by Rip Caswell), similar to the ones in Mayors Square. One base will be a bit west of Caswell's driveway and the other one just west of the Quagmire.

The City of Troutdale has pledged \$45,000 towards the project. Currently work is being performed by architects and engineers for design and stability. Bremik Construction is working on the cost estimates and bids, donating their time and talent to this process.

The Centennial Committee will plan and coordinate fund raising activities for the monument.

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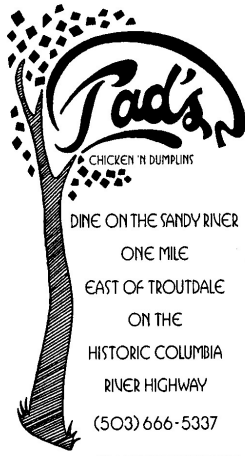
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***A Very Special Thank You to...***

**McMenamins Edgefield**

**McMenamins** provided a booth for THS at the outdoor concert series this summer. Our volunteers enjoyed the setting, the music, and the opportunity to share information about the history of the Multnomah County Poor Farm and the Troutdale Historical Society. Thanks to **Sharon Nesbit** for autographing the books...we sold many, and still have some at the office, if you'd like to buy an autographed book.

***General Fund Donations:***

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