



BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

February 2004

Please Mark Your Calendars

Valentine's Tea Open House at The Harlow House

Sat. Feb. 14
11 to 4 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting

Topic:
Preserving Family History

Sun. Feb. 15
2 p.m.

Sam Cox Building
Glenn Otto Park

Sacagawea Program

Sun. Mar. 21
Ticketed
Fundraising Event
At Menucha

Oral History Program

Sun. Apr. 18
2 p.m.
At City Hall

Annual Tea & Tour Coming up:

Sat. May. 1

PRESERVE YOUR OWN FAMILY HISTORY

The Troutdale Historical Society's February program/meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the Sam Cox Building in Glen Otto Park in Troutdale. There will be an election for the Board of Directors Officers and an update on the state of the society.

Jennifer Sacco, President of Family Heirloom Preservation, Ltd. will make a special presentation: How To Store And Preserve Family Heirlooms. Jennifer will bring a typical box of "heirlooms" and demonstrate piece by piece how to properly store them. She emphasizes that if you want to store something and have it last a LONG time, you should know about the chemicals and acids that are in plastics, cardboard, etc. that will actually over time destroy your article. She buys archival storage materials in bulk, and sells them in smaller quantities to individuals who would like to buy, and will have information at the program about those products. Jennifer works with many families, corporations, churches and clubs. If you would like to read a bit more, there is an article at LivingAfter50.com, Family Heirloom Preservation is the 'Featured Business Of The Month'.

Doneva Shepard, our volunteer genealogist will have an area set up with research information and resources for those of us who want to learn more about collecting and writing our family history and stories. We've invited Jackie Payne, Clarence Mershon and Walter Nasmyth to join Doneva and be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served. Admission is Free. Open to the Public.

Valentine's Tea Open House



Harlow
House
Feb. 14
11— 4



The Tuesday Ladies have decorated the museum and set up a new exhibit for you to enjoy, featuring a splendid head vase collection.

Troutdale Historical Society Lewis and Clark Lecture Series and Dessert.

Tickets are now on sale at the Depot for \$20. This special lecture by historian Barb Kubik will be about Sacagawea and held in the Great Hall at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. Following the lecture, a dessert buffet will be served in the Dining Room. Menucha is co-sponsoring this program.

The Bruno Family Entertains and Informs about Native Culture



Troutdale, January 18, 2004

By Penny Balch

Against the backdrop of Kathy Allegri's mural depicting the confluence of the Columbia and Sandy Rivers, over 60 THS members and friends witnessed three Native American dances. The music and dancing were part of the January program presented by Clifton and Christine Bruno at the Barn Museum. Their sons – Joshua (17), Thomas (15) and Devin (12) – did the Grass Dance, the Friendship or Circle Dance and performed to the Trick Song. Their colorful costumes were hand made, down to the yarn and ribbon fringe. The bells around their ankles added a cadence to their movements.

The Grass Dance involved spinning and moving in irregular circles which would flatten the plain's high grass. This was done at the beginning of a Pow Wow. After the event, the grass would stand tall once again. In the Trick Song, drummers try to fool the dancers about the ending of the song. Dancers attempt to keep up with the uneven beat, but pause and hesitate, sometimes stopping altogether waiting for the song to resume. The goal is to stop on the last beat of the song, which the boys did. The Friendship dance is simply two circles of dancers, on inside the other, going in opposite directions. As dancers pass each other, they shake hands. Several of the THS members joined the dancers.

While a videotape of fishing at Celilo Falls (pre-1957) played, Clifton Bruno told stories of his father's experiences at the site. When his father was



seven or eight, he was out on a platform helping his family with the fishing. In a series of mishaps, the boy lost his balance and was headed for the fast churning waters. A great uncle saw what was happening, and with quick reflexes, caught Clifton's father in a fishing net. At that time, salmon weighing 100 pounds were common, so scooping up a little boy was no problem.

The many uses of cedar trees were explained to the group. We think of canoes and longhouses made from trees, yet the inner bark of the cedar can be used to make rope, string, baskets, cooking pots, fishing lines and straps for braiding. It can be pounded to separate the fibers to create clothing and blankets. Baskets as old as 500 years still survive today.

After the presentations, members viewed photographs and postcards of the Native Americans that lived in the Columbia Gorge. One exhibit explained the plant and animals available for food throughout the year. Articles about the tools used to carve canoes were on display. The Bruno boys showed the use of tools and answered questions. Brandon (21) gave a demonstration on making a rock bowl.

The Troutdale Historical Society received a glimpse of life along the Columbia River for the Native Americans. Lewis & Clark stated in their journals that the Columbia River was the most populated area on their trek. A map of the river indicating the location of Indian villages will be included in the exhibit commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery's great expedition to the Northwest coming soon to a barn museum near you.



Dates To Put On The Calendar

Strawberry Ice Cream Social Sat. June 5
Harvest Faire Sat. & Sun. Sept. 18 & 19

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Based on the recommendations of the Finance Committee, the THS Board of Directors made several key decisions at the last meeting:

Membership

Because we do not have a paid director, nor the sustainable means to pay a full time director, it was decided that the Directors Club should be rebuilt and renamed. The name chosen is "Lovers Oak Club". Any individual or family that donates \$200 or more in a year automatically becomes a THS Member at the Lovers Oak Club level, which includes the invitation to the annual Lovers Oak Club party/picnic in September, held at Sweet Brier Farm to especially thank these members.

Also new will be a business sponsor level of membership. A business who contributes \$250 or more will receive the benefits of THS Membership at the Lovers Oak Club level and we will display their business card in the newsletter. The regular THS Membership dues for an individual will remain \$20 and for a family \$30.

Events

The Ice Cream Social will be scaled down to a one day social in downtown Troutdale at Mayors Square—serving strawberry shortcake and ice cream sundaes with fresh strawberries....and we will be calling it Strawberry Ice Cream Social. Harvest Faire will become our major annual fundraising event. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday at Glenn Otto Park, with the various vendors, and we will extend the hours Saturday evening and add an auction, chili dogs and beer. It will be informal, inexpensive, open to the public. THS hopes to find sources and be able to sell some fresh local produce at the Faire and we also hope to have Granny's Attic.

We are seeking a volunteer event coordinator and have a few possibilities, but if you or someone you know is interested, please call the office.

2003 has been a wonderful year for THS

We've done a good job at both fund raising and friend building. Many members have stepped up to serve on boards and committees, volunteer in the office, and as museum hosts.

Our bank account is healthy and we've managed our buildings and artifact collections. The funding is in place and the committee is hard at work building the Quicksand & Condor exhibit to open in 2004.

Thanks to all of the members who have donated time, money and items to history—preserve, display, stimulate & educate.

If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to volunteer on a committee, or in the office, or host a museum, please write or call the office.

THS Budget For 2004

Beginning Bal. Operating Fund	25,897
2004 INCOME	25,400
2004 EXPENSES	23,000
Beginning Balance for 2005	28,297

Included in the budget are the 2004 items from the five year Master Plan:

- Building maintenance reserves
- Artifact archival supplies
- New signage and display funds for the Rail Depot Museum and Store
- Harlow House floor covering

Beginning Balance Other Funds 2004

Quicksand & Condors Exhibit	
Exhibit Fund	27,258
Grant Funds We Can Draw	25,000
Oregon Community Foundation	
Endowment Fund	49,521

THS Needs a few more museums hosts.

If you can donate three hours once a month...

please call 661-2164.

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In Memory...

Marie E. Tomlinson Stowell Cowles died January 1 at the age of 97 in San Andreas, California. Marie was a long-time devoted member, who treasured her association with the McGinnis family. She was the niece of Morris & Gladys McGinnis and her cousins are June Nasmyth and Morris McGinnis. Though living out of state, Marie shared an association by mail and she often wrote little notes with family memories and other items.

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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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