

Bygone Times

Newsletter of the

Troutdale Historical Society

August - September 2008

Please Mark Your Calendar

August 1

First Friday at The Depot

Bring out your grass skirt, your Hawaiian shirt and a lawn chair! Hawaiian music, hula dancers, spam, pineapple, artists, vendors and wine tasting are on the agenda for First Friday. It is going to be a Hawaiian celebration.

August Flicks in the Park

August 9 ~ City Slickers
August 16 ~ Bee Movie
August 23 ~ My Dog Skip
August 30 ~ The Wizard of Oz
Movies shown in Columbia Park,
1900 SW Cherry Park Rd. West
of Reynolds High School.

September 5

Dedication of the Jeff Lawry "Depot People" Waiting Room at the Rail Depot Museum.

Please come and show your support to Jeff's family and enjoy the First Friday festivities.

Aloha! From Troutdale Historical Society

Francis Doo, a native Hawaiian has been singing, dancing and playing Hawaiian music for most of his life...he has been living in the east county area for over 24 years...he has been the leader of his group "Hawaiian Charm" for over



Francis Doo

10 years...in 2005, at the insistence of friends, he put together his own group of hula dancers...since then, all of his dancers have performed throughout the area at public and private functions. Francis' music is traditional and contemporary Hawaiian as well as original songs. He enjoys sharing and perpetuating the culture of his home state...so, come and enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of Hawaii.

There will be three artists showing off their artistic abilities at First Friday in August. Our resident artist, **Sarah Lowe**, will once again be painting and talking to visitors. Her artwork is on display in the Rail Depot Museum Store. **Susan Jensen** is a wonderful artist and has just shown her work at the Gresham Artwalk. **Chris Tymoshuk**, from the Spingdale Gallery will be displaying some of her tin-can art. The **Waffle Guys**, who were formerly at Troutdale Farmer's Market will be on hand to share their wonderful waffles filled with a Hawaiian flair. The wine tasting for August First Friday will be furnished and sponsored by Grocery Outlet in Gresham.

You are invited!

A dedication of the third completed Confluen Project site, the bird blind at the Sandy River Delta. This is a free public event.
Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Take a family-friendly one mile walk to the completed elliptical bird blind on the Sandy River Delta. Following the walk, there will be remarks by artist Maya Lin and other participants and an old fashioned ice cream social.

2 From the Director's Chair

by Terry Huston

So much going on. THS members, friends, families and some new folks enjoyed ice cream and strawberries at this year's Ice Cream Social. We have had tours through all three museums (thank you ladies). THS was represented in the Summerfest Parade by Dave & Jennifer Munson, our Members of the Year. Thank you to Mario for driving them. Thank's

to Paula Goldie for her willingness to brave a nasty summer cold in 95 degree heat to man our booth at Bite 'n Bluegrass and again at Summerfest.

Plans are in the works for an all-school reunion for the original Reynolds High School (classes 58-89). It will be held on **August 1, 2009** at the "old" school, now the middle school.

Mom is here visiting from AZ., we had a family reunion in The Dalles and then there was the Lynyrd Skynard Concert at Edgefield, not to mention I have become a GREAT-grandmother, Yikes.....Have a fantastic rest of your summer!

Terry

From Sharon Nesbit:

Irene Laurenzio Boitano died July 5 at the age of 89.

Though Irene moved from Troutdale in 1942, she grew up here, and about 10 years ago made a trip out to the Harlow House to share her family story with the historical society. In doing so, she left us some idea of the heritage of Italian-Americans in our community. Her parents, Maggiorino Laurenzio and Ermelinda (also known as Lena or Linda) Barberis were both born in Italy, married in Oregon in 1915, and are buried at Douglass Cemetery in Troutdale.

Maggiorino sailed from France in 1911 and arrived in Portland when he was 21. His passage of \$30 was paid in cash by an uncle, Anselmo Bosso of Gladstone. He lived with his mother's sister, Antoinette Bosso, and worked for Swift and Company in Kenton.

Sometime after Irene's birth in 1918 the Laurenzios came to Troutdale to farm,

where she grew up and remembered her school days. We have some photos of she and her sister in our photo collection. On the day that Irene came to the Harlow House to visit, she showed Sharon Nesbit a remarkable piece of art work. It was a charming sketch of Irene as a child. The artist was Pietro Belluschi who would later be a world-famous architect. Irene remembered that he came to their Troutdale home, drawn by her mother's cooking.

We hope that somewhere in her legacy, that art work is protected. Irene married Mario Boitano in 1942. They owned City Sanitary Service. He died in 1985. Her service was at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her son, Joe.

Ferry Book Is Published
The ferry across the Sandy River at Troutdale is listed in a just-published book, "A History of Oregon Ferries Since

1826," by Charles F. Query of Santa Cruz, CA. Query, who was born and raised in Salem and is a retired engineer from IBM, took it on himself to document Oregon's river ferries before the information was lost. To do that he got in touch with many historical societies in Oregon, including ours. We know from documents that Capt. John Harlow got permission to operate a ferry at the approximate area of the Lewis and Clark boat ramp in 1862. We have several pictures of the ferry in our collection, but the question of just when the service ended is unknown.

The best we could every figure out is that Troutdale had a ferry "until the old bridge across the river was constructed." The old bridge was replaced in 1912 by the bridge we now have. But no one we c was ever able to tell us just when Troutdale got a bridge across the Sandy. We do know that one was torn down to make way for the 1912 bridge, but that's all we have.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Museum Host
2. Grant Writer
3. Museum Host
4. Electrician
5. Museum Host
6. Scrap booking
7. Museum Host

Please call Adrienne Clausen at 503-665-5288 to Volunteer.

Harlow House Needs Paint

Last year everyone rose to the occasion when our beloved Harlow House needed a roof and that has been accomplished. This year, we need to ask for donations for painting the old house. We need to protect our roof investment by protecting the house.

A special fund has been set up

for the painting project. The estimate for the project is \$5240 which includes power washing, scraping, prep and painting. That price also includes the gazebo.

With prices increasing on petroleum products every day, the contractor will only guarantee that price for the rest of this year.

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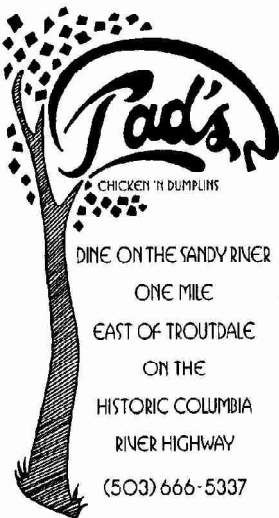
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4 Jeff Lawry to be Honored at September First Friday



Troutdale Historical Society will honor Jeff Lawry at the Depot Museum on Friday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. Jeff and his dad, Jerry made the “Depot People” that patiently wait for the next train to stop by the depot. The waiting room at the Depot Museum will be dedicated to Jeff and become the *Jeff Lawry “Depot People” Waiting Room*.



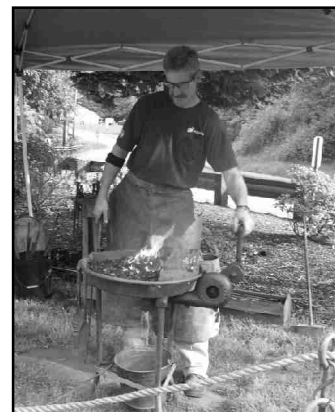
June First Friday, A Blast From the Past!



David, Wilson, Director of the Tigard Historical Society and Antique Appraiser came to appraise the many items brought into the Depot.



Mary Bryson brought in this unique table for appraisal.



Gary Lewis, blacksmith, showed his skill and sold his wares at June First Friday

We are having some real issues with email addresses. Please, please, please, if you change your email address, let us know. Once they bounce back, we have no choice but to take them out. If you start receiving a snail mail copy all of a sudden, it is because we could not reach you by email. Thanks for your help!

B-r-r-r Berry Smoothie

(recipe from Jamba Juice)

¾ cup cranberry juice
½ cup plain yogurt
1 cup strawberries (fresh or partially thawed)
½ cup bluberries
1 cup raspberry sherbert
½ cup ice

Add ingredients to blender and blend until smooth.

As jobs, go, this one is GREAT! This Blue Heron stopped by for a visit one day at the creek right behind the Depot. He wouldn't sign the guest book, so my son, Allan, took this picture



Mark Struckman

July 17, 1959 - June 23, 2008

Mark Henry Struckman, 48, died at his Troutdale residence on June 23. A memorial service was held Friday, June 27, at Life Christian Church in Portland.

He was born in Portland to Marlin and Kay Struckman. He was raised in the Troutdale area, attending Troutdale Elementary School and graduating from Reynolds High School in 1977.

Mark attended Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls where he met Alison Bernhardt. They were married in 1988 and resided in East Multnomah County living at Oxbow on the Sandy River.

He was employed as a truck driver for the Multnomah Education Service District, Kienows Grocers and United Grocers before opening and operating

two businesses of his own, both based in the Troutdale and East Multnomah County.

All his life he was an avid fisherman and sportsman and loved the Sandy River.

He is survived by his daughter, Chelsea Struckman of Troutdale, sister Kaia Struckman-Childers of Gresham, mother Kay Struckman of Troutdale and a nephew and niece. He was preceded in death by his father, Marlin Struckman.

Memorials for a bench or benches overlooking the Sandy River at Glenn Otto Community Park in Troutdale may be sent to the Mark Struckman Memorial, Troutdale Historical Society, 104 S.E. Kibling St., Troutdale, OR 97060.



Mark caught this fish on June 19

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Mark Struckman Memorial Fund

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The family also wishes to thank Ann Duffy and Doloras Martton who donated to other sites in Mark's memory.



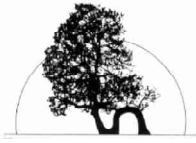
Jean Hybskmann serving ice cream to Diane McKeel at June 7th Ice Cream Social at the Barn Museum

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that helped make Ice Cream Social such a fun day! Thank you to the ladies who helped with all the work.

A special thank you to **Judy Jones from Tad's Chicken 'n Dumplings** for donating the ice cream and **Billy Townsend from Townsend Farms** for donating the strawberries. And another thank you to **Eric & Gail Johnston at the Troutdale Mixer Shop** for donating a check to cover the cost of plates, napkins, forks, cups etc.

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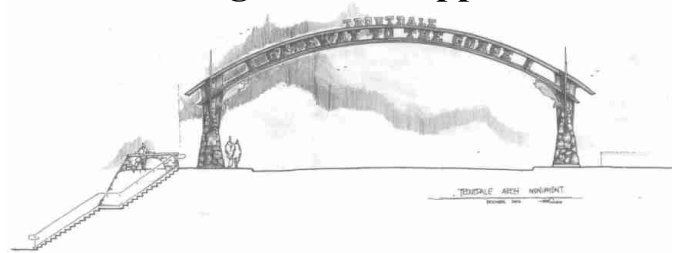
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 • **Construction should start sometime in August.**
