



BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July-August 2002

Events and Exhibits

Granny's Attic

All Summer at the Harlow House

Scrapbooks, Cards, & Granny's Odds-n-Ends, as well as census records from the Troutdale area.

SummerFest

Lawn Party

July 20; Harlow House

Lewis & Clark Auction & Dinner

Sat, July 27;

Brickhaven B&B

See article, at right.

Enclosed in the newsletter is a flyer for the upcoming **Lewis & Clark Auction & Dinner**. We'd appreciate it if you would post the flyer in your area while you're out and about.
Thanks!

We keep promising "Thank Yous" but things keep interfering! This month, the arrival of new computers at the time of print prevented a download of donor & member files to the newsletter. We promise to print them *as soon as possible!*

Meriwether & William's Most Excellent Adventure



The night has almost arrived for the Lewis & Clark Dinner Auction fundraising event, to be held Sat., July 27th. The evening's festivities begin at 5pm with a silent auction and cocktails, followed by dinner and a rousing oral auction at 6pm, conducted by the Brothers 2: Pat & Pat!

Phyllis & Ed Theimann are graciously hosting the event at their breathtaking Brickhaven Bed & Breakfast in the Columbia River Gorge, at 38717 E. Historic Columbia River Highway in Corbett, OR.

The evening's menu features freshly roasted pig along with salads, vegetables and dessert. Also planned is a no host bar, music and many tempting auction items, including vacation packages to Hawaii and the Oregon coast, getaway trips with major attractions in the Columbia River Gorge, a PGE Park baseball suite package, exclusive artwork, landscaping packages, and much more!

Proceeds from the Lewis & Clark Dinner and Auction support the Troutdale Historical Society's Barn Museum Lewis & Clark exhibit, set to open Sept 2003. The Corps of Discovery's journey brought them to our own Sandy River for 6 days, and Troutdale will be one of the featured locations for the Bicentennial events happening along their route to the Pacific

Remember to make your reservation for this fun and worthwhile event! Price per person is \$50.00 of which \$35.00 may be taken as a charitable deduction. There is a limited number of seats, so RSVP quickly!

Checks may be sent to the Troutdale Historical Society, 104 S.E. Kibling Street, Troutdale, OR 97060. To pay by credit card, receive more information, or donate auction items (always welcome!), please contact the Society's office, located at the Depot, 473 E. Historic Columbia River Highway in Troutdale, or call the office at (503) 661-2164. Reservations will be confirmed once payment is received.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lewis & Clark Dinner Auction! ❖

THS Hires New Director

Following is the first "Director's Corner" letter from Marie Miller, our new full-time Director...

Dear Members:

I feel many of you know me pretty well already. I was honored to serve as your Harvest Faire Chairperson a couple years ago, and have been involved with many of the Society's fundraisers and events.

I have just completed a degree in Business Management at Marylhurst University. I serve on the Board of Friends of Vista House as the Vice President and Chairman of the Fundraising/Capital Campaign Committee. I am also President of the Oregon Chapter of Women for Winesense, a National organization that educates people on

the benefits of wine (and there are many; come talk to me about them sometime!).

I live in the beautiful Columbia River Gorge, in the town of Cascade Locks. Driving to work in Troutdale is a pure joy, and one of my easiest commutes...last year I held positions at Concordia University Foundation in NE Portland and Oregon Dental Association near Tualatin. I ZIP to work now!

At the same time I was hired as Director, the THS offices were moved to the Depot, a few blocks north of the Harlow House. We've been busy getting all the "stuff" put in place, but I think we're shaping up very well.

I have many to thank for helping to get me

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☞ Walk the new boardwalk at the Harlow House. Stroll from the gazebo to the original Cpt. Harlow fishponds & the Jack Burns rest stop, which is nearing completion. Also in the works: a handicapped-accessible ramp to the front porch.

☞ Troutdale employee & long-time THS member, Val Lantz, is the new director of parks & recreation in Klamath Falls. Thanks, Val, for taking care of our sites over the last two decades!

☞ Rich & Dorothy Kerslake marked their 50th anniversary in May. The Kerslake family served Saturday at ice cream social. They stem from a Kerslake who came from Canada, where he worked delivering material to the Royal Canadian Mounties who were

fighting Sitting Bull.

☞ Orlin & Barbara Huston arrived in town for the summer from their home in Yuma, AZ, in time to pitch in for Ice Cream Social with their daughter & son-in-law, Terry & Milt Belnap, event co-chairs.

☞ We received a donation from Len Otto honoring Connie Purvis, who transcribed a history for Len & then refused any money for the job. Thanks to both!

☞ Paula Goldie has taken on the job of first responder to our museum alarm system. Gracias!

☞ May's cemetery tour had the biggest crowd of grave groupies on record! Jan Healy sent pictures to share. See them & a photo poster created by Doneva Shepard at Harlow House.

☞ Clover & Herb Nasmyth dropped in to donate a set of Ore-

gon centennial glasses Clover found in a cupboard while cleaning. They stopped by on their way to dinner in celebration of their 50-something wedding anniversary. A stay at the beach marked May's 50-something of Walter & Vi Nasmyth.

☞ Sarah Alibabae, 14, came with her mom to join THS. Sarah, who likes history & would like a job in historical work some day, signed up to volunteer at ice cream social.

☞ Paul & Marilyn Toenjes brought their Smith-Memorial Presbyterian Church group to Harlow House on June 15 for tours of all three buildings. Thanks to special hosts, Jim Cook, Jan Vandiver, Sharon Nesbit, Adrienne Clausen, & Jan's two grandsons, Sean & Brandon Knutson, who helped a lot. Paul Toenjes last toured the house nearly 20 years ago on a field trip with one

Lemonade on the Lawn & Pie in the Park!

SummerFest: July 20

Time has arrived again for Troutdale's SummerFest. THS will serve lemonade and popcorn on the lawns at Harlow House, and cheer on the parade participants as the music and floats go from downtown Troutdale to Glenn Otto Community Park.

In the parade will be THS's Member of the Year, Jean Hybskmann. Jean once again chaired the popular and successful Tea & Tour event in early May, and never fails to respond to pleas for help when needed in the Society's projects. Joining Jean in the parade will be Penny Balch, a real hero for THS in keeping our financial books in order, and keeping a general eye on successful steps for our organization.

Please join the lemonade lawn party at Harlow House and cheer

these two special ladies in the parade with us on the 20th!

Harvest Faire: Sept 21-22

Mark your calendar now for Harvest Faire, September 21 and 22. The Troutdale Historical Society will be proudly sponsoring this annual event, held again at Glenn Otto Community Park, along with happenings at Harlow House and Barn Museums.

Plans are underway for entertainment, music, foods (who could resist those homemade pies?), vendors with all sorts of specialties items, arts & crafts, displays and demonstrations, children's games and more!

For more information on Harvest Faire 2002, please call the office at (503) 661-2164, or stop in weekdays from 8-5 p.m. ❖

New Director

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started at the Depot: the fantastic Tuesday ladies, the muscles and patience of Jerry Hybskmann, the kindness and help from City of Troutdale staff, the financial insights from Penny Balch, the cheerfulness and lifesaving work of Mario Ayala as my assistant, the guidance from Dawne Morse, who did such a wonderful job as Interim Director of THS, and my wonderfully supportive Board.

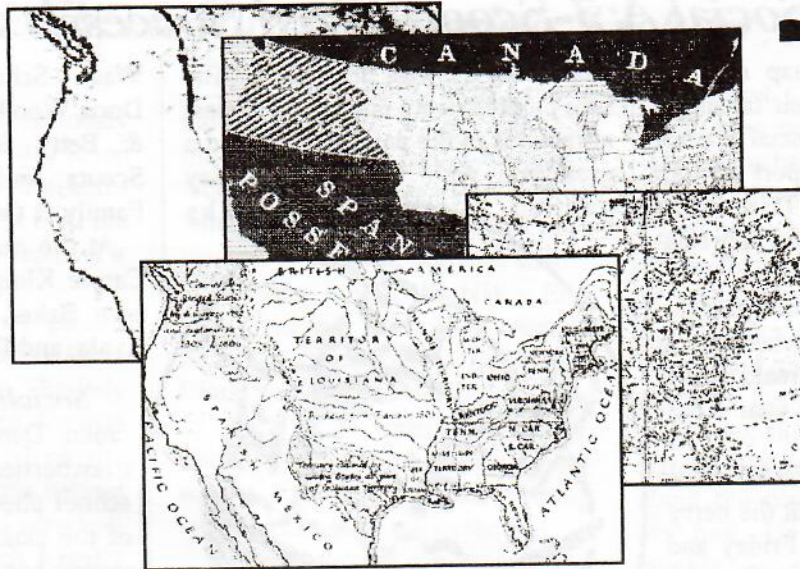
I look forward to serving the members and friends of this organization in my new position as Director. Together, I believe we will achieve many great accomplishments. Please stop in and see the new THS offices at the Depot. Office hours are 8-5 weekdays.

Thank you all for the warm welcome!

Marie Miller

Executive Director, THS

The Troutdale Historical Society Presents...



Meriweather & William's Excellent Adventure!

Gala Dinner & Auction
Saturday, July 27th, at 5 p.m.

The evening's festivities begin at 5 p.m. with a silent auction and cocktails, followed by a fresh-roasted-pig dinner and a rousing oral auction at 6 p.m.

Phyllis & Ed Theimann graciously host the event at their breathtaking
Brickhaven Bed & Breakfast, in the Columbia River Gorge,
at 38717 E. Historic Columbia River Highway in Corbett, Oregon.

Tickets are \$50 per person (\$35 of which is Tax Deductible)
and are available at the THS Office at the Depot Rail Museum,
473 E Historic Columbia River Highway, Troutdale OR 97060.

For more information, or to make a donation,
please call the THS Office: 503-661-2164

Benefiting the Society's 2003-2006 Lewis & Clark Exhibit in Commemoration of
the Bicentennial Anniversary of Their Six Days in the Sandy River Basin Area.

Ice Cream Social A 3-Scoop-Sized Success!

Milt and Terry Belnap and our volunteers loaned us their talents to make the Ice Cream Social a great success. With the support of our friends and members, THS events continue to draw large and appreciative crowds.

Thank you Jim Fujii for your donation of all the strawberries! It would not be the Ice Cream Social without berries and this year's berries were the best.

We also could not have all those wonderful berries without the berry crews who came in on Friday and Saturday nights to clean the berries. Thank-you to all!

Thanks also go to our fantastic sponsors: the Troutdale Antique Mall; Sandra Bennett, DMD; Celebrate Me Home; Multnomah Greyhound Park; A Soothing Touch Salon; Multnomah Falls Lodge; Walsh & Sons Trucking; Tad's Chicken & Dumplin; Port Halling Brewing Company; Wal Mart; Malcom Outfitters; Clackamas County Bank; Troutdale General Store; Oroweat Bakery; Schwan's Ice Cream; and Troutdale McDonald's.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers! To Jean Holman for her work with the vendors and to Adrienne Clausen for signing up the volunteers for parking and working in the kitchen. A huge thanks to Mary Bryson, Dorothy Sturges and Jean Hybskmann for running the kitchen like a well oiled machine. We never once ran out of whipped cream or berries at the serving table and they kept the dogs, chips and sodas well stocked. Thanks to the Kerslakes and Hustons for serving ice cream on Saturday and Sunday. It is a big job and they did it so well. They served ice cream to more than 675 people this year!

Frieda, the decorations were great. Thanks for all your help. The weather was perfect for outdoor music, and Frank Grande and his band

were a big hit with the crowds. The face painters were one of the busiest attractions in the park and they did a great job with the children they painted. Thanks



to Ralph Lorenzen and the scouts from Pack 174 who helped with cleanup both days. Thanks to Sharon Nesbit for her friendship and guidance. Without her, we would have been lost.

We will have a final tally in the next newsletter as well as plans for Harvest Faire on September 21 & 22. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions we would love to hear from you. Please call Milt or Terry Belnap at (503) 661-2680

Who Volunteered Where?

At the park: Scott & Eileen Cunningham & their granddaughter, Sunny, Florence Baker, Adrienne Clausen, Dawne Morse, Helen Wand, Frieda & Dennis Ryland, Jean Holman, Sharon Nesbit, Milt & Terry Belnap, Bob & Maude Winning, David Ripma, Mike Dubesa, Mary Bryson, Jean Holman, Dorothy Sturges, Sharon Petri, Tom Arbuckle, Shannon & Nicole Damon, Sarah Alibabaie, Erica Lee, Donna McCollister, Frank Driver, Vivian Boelke, Marie Stone, Martha Booheister, Lloyd Woods,

Wade Schueller, Barb Ledbury, Doris Woolley, June Nasmyth, Dale & Betty Baldwin, and the Boy Scouts. And, of course, the Huston Family & the Kerslake Family.

At the museums: Sharon Nesbit, Carole Klinger, Sharon Petri, Florence Baker, Vivian Boelke, Mario Ayala, and Dawne Morse.

Socializing at the Social

John Denison stopped by after strawberries to look at our book of school photos. He'd like a picture of the class of 1928, 8th grade, if anyone has one to loan.

John said his graduating class contained only four students, so R. D. Hewitt took the entire class to the Broadway Theater in Portland for a movie. Denison recalled that his father was manager of the Multnomah County Farm from 1910 to 1940, a time when the farm produced food enough for the residents of Edgefield, as well as other county institutions. John will be 90 this year and his family video-taped his life story.

Also over ice cream social weekend, Harlow House got a professional call from Ace Safe Cracking, aka Bob Mitchoff. Bob came to rescue our records from a keyless file cabinet that managed to lock itself. He drilled and disemboweled the entire lock mechanism and left us with a filing cabinet that, happily, will never lock again.

Doneva Shepard spent the day putting finishing touches on our "Granny's Attic" exhibit in Harlow House, which displays lots of scrapbooks, cards, and odds and ends such as Granny might have put aside in her attic. Come sit at the table and view copies of the original census documents for the Troutdale area. Or the wonderful colored prints in one of our big scrapbooks. Harlow House is open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, 1-4 pm, throughout the summer. ❖

A Tongue in Cheek Journal: Spring Trek to Astoria

By Jim Workman

I took Sharon Nesbit seriously (which one should *never* do) when she said, "Last call for the bathroom or forever hold it." I held the bus up 5 minutes. I later realized it had its own bathroom.

On Washington I-5 we passed many ancient autos headed for a rendezvous in Clatskanie. The lady across the aisle refused to disclose the make and model in which she lost her virginity. The man behind me read all the signs and noted all the sights out loud, which I really appreciated. Being a macular degenerate, I kept wondering where we were and what was whizzing by so quickly.

We headed through Clatskanie and another lady said we were near the farm on which she grew up. She said something about not being able to go on her honeymoon until she milked the cows.

Sharon frequently went back to harass the folks in the rear. She might have been trying to escape from the bus driver, Wilberforce, who was threatening to wash somebody's mouth out with soap.

The pest house, the NW's Ellis Island, is just across the Astoria Bridge in Washington. Lewis and Clark landed here but didn't have to check in (it wasn't built yet!). The group and the local half-weiner dog examined the landing spot and headed back to the bus.

I wanted to take a picture of the house next to the pest house and was greeted by the brother of Nancy, the curator. Again, Willis, the bus driver, was waiting for me and honking loudly.

At the Seafood School, four bowls of chowder went down easily. The salad was also good.

Wimbly, the bus driver, says Fort Clatsop, a reproduction of

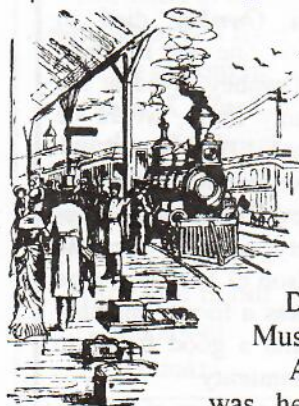
Lewis and Clark's winter encampment, may not be correctly situated. The Corps brought along Dr. Rush's Channel Blaster (the Corps called it "Thunderbolts"), a laxative laced with mercury. Waldo, the bus driver, says when the toilet pit is found traces of mercury will also be found and that will be the correct place for Fort Clatsop.

The ex-sheriff in charge of the Astor Tower was apprehensive about the rowdy crowd getting off the bus. He herded us back as quickly as possible making sure there were no stragglers.

The Lewis and Clark salt works at Seaside, a visit which replaced our anticipated ice cream cone, was not like I remembered 50 years ago. I thought there was one big kettle, but no, it was a tunnel of heat with five kettles on top. With a warning to "hurry" from Walter, the bus driver,

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New Depot Exhibit Toots Its Own Horn, Raises \$1450



Ice Cream Social was our first official opening of the new Depot People exhibit at the Troutdale Depot Rail Museum.

A premiere was held May 29th with at least 94 people joining us for a ribbon cutting conducted by the Troutdale Chamber of Commerce, a round of speeches, congratulations and presentations by President David Ripma, and special gifts for exhibit creators Jeff Lawry and parents, Jerry and Laura. The event concluded with Mayor Paul Thalhoffer auctioning off sponsorship for each of the 16 depot people figures.

"Starrs" of the show were George Starr, who came in his conductor's uniform (which still fits just fine) and retired railroader Merlyn Troska, who said, on meeting Starr in his uniform, "They wreck'em, we fix'em."

Top bidders were Frank and Jeanne Driver who dedicated the life-sized figure of a World War I doughboy to the memory of their late son Frank Stuart Driver. The Tuesday Ladies, who spent weeks painting and cleaning the new depot offices, bought two figures, including Freddy the Hobo, who meets guests at the door with his hand out. He collected about \$30 that night!

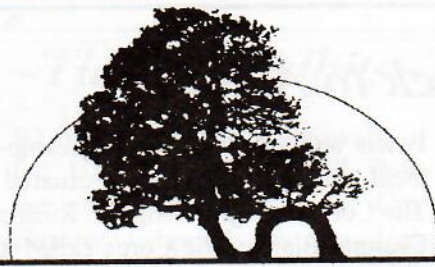
Vi and Walter Nasmyth, who recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary, purchased two of the depot figures, a sharp looking salesman and a cute little blonde.

The legend on both inscriptions suggests that the two take a trip to Pendleton. Bet there's a story there.

Other successful bidders were: Marty Bennett, Nick and Barbara Welsh, Maria Trejbal of Gallery G, Jack Malcom, Ray Davenport, Laura Lawry, Mona Mitchoff, Joyce Dacklin, and Dawne Morse.

The total income from the event, which helps to fund the costs of the exhibit, was \$1,450. We also thank Norman and Louella Webb who made a gift to the depot last year providing seed money for the exhibit and to Home Depot, which donated materials for the office renovation.

If you'd like to arrange a tour of the museum, or are interested in hosting, please call our museum office, (503) 661-2164. ❖



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Spring Trek

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several trekkers walked out to the beach.

On the way home, David Ripma's songbook came out along with two boxes of wine. It's a well-known fact that with a few sips one can hit the high notes, stay in tune, and know all the words to each song. It sure didn't take long to get back to the barn.

Editor's Note: While Jim was bemoaning the injustice of the ice cream vote, Dale Baldwin absorbed a history lesson on the expedition's letter of credit from Pres. Jefferson, which they hoped to use, like a credit card, to buy goods from a passing ship.

"If they'd had a credit card, I know which it would have been," Baldwin mused. "The Discover Card." ❖

D. Morse Writes

Friends and Members:

I am happy the Board found someone as competent and dedicated as Marie to join THS full time. She has the skills and experience needed to meet the opportunities and challenges THS will face in the near future.

While I am no longer working as your Director, don't think you've seen the last of me! I'm still working on the newsletter and the Lewis & Clark Exhibit (and hanging around to bug Mario!).

Thank you to all who helped and supported me and THS during my months as your Interim Director. Special thanks to Mary Bryson and Jean Hybskmann, who always have the best advice!

*Looking to the Future,
Dawne Morse ❖*

In Memory...

Edith Wilson Ownbey died in May. She was 99. She and her husband, Clarence Ownbey, lived at the Multnomah County Farm, where he was administrator.

Helen Carlson, member and officer of the Fairview Rockwood Wilkes Historical Society, wife of the late mayor Fred Carlson of Fairview, died in June. Helen was a former member of our society and a good friend to history in the community.

Edwin Arnold, member of our society, died in June. He lived on Troutdale Road, a neighbor to Florence Baker.

Richard Read, former affiliate liaison at Oregon Historical Society and a good friend to all our local historical groups, died in the May 30th mountain climbing accident on Mount Hood. Read had been to our museum several times and was available often when we had questions. ❖