



BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

January 2006

Please Mark Your Calendars

THS Program/Meeting

Two Pats Great Race

*Sun., Jan. 15, 2006
2 p.m. City Hall*

THS Annual Meeting

**Mike Carrick
L & C Firearms**

*Sun., Feb. 19, 2006
2 p.m.*

Sam Cox Building

THS Program/Meeting

**Judy Bluehorse Skelton
L & C Flora**

*Sun., Mar. 19, 2006
2 p.m. City Hall*

**Lewis & Clark
Commemoration**

*April 1, 2006
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

Barn Museum

Annual Tea & Tour

April 30, 2006

2:00 p.m. ONLY

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1941 Packard Coupe.

Pat and Pat will describe what it was like to compete against some of the biggest names in motor sports, (nearly 100 other racers competed) how they survived a near disaster in Kentucky and were able to recover after everyone else thought they were finished.

The motto of The Great Race is "To Finish is to Win". Pat and Pat did that, and more. They are now searching for a sponsor to compete in the 2006 Great Race from Philadelphia to San Rafael, CA.

Patrick and Patricia live in Forest Hall, the oldest Road House on the Historic Columbia River Highway. Near Bridal Veil, they have hosted numerous THS functions in the past, including one of our teas. Patrick serves on the Multnomah County Planning Commission, the Sheriff's Advisory Board, is a Royal Rosarian, and a past Board Member of THS. Patricia is a Board Member of the Friends of Vista House, and was instrumental in the opening of Vista House this last summer.

Pat n' Pat run a Fund Raising Auctioneering business which helps schools, community organizations, and other non-profit groups raise money for important causes. The Pats competed in the Great Race as a fund raiser for Vista House.

The Great Race is scheduled to arrive in Troutdale on Sunday, January 15, 2006, 2 p.m. at Troutdale City Hall.

Pat and Pat Brothers, members of the Troutdale Historical Society, will describe their experiences in the Great Race with stories and pictures when they appear at our January program meeting. In 2005 the Pats started from the Capitol steps in Washington, D.C., in their stock

Multnomah County Fire Dist. 14 will honor Jim Baker of Aims for 34 years of volunteer service to the Fire District.

The reception will take place on January 15, 2006 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Corbett Fire Station. Coffee and cake will be served. All who know Jim are invited to attend this retirement party.

Mike Carrick, Lewis and Clark Firearms Collector to Speak at Annual Meeting

The THS program meeting on February 19, 2006 brings Mike Carrick, a retired Salem resident to speak about the armament Lewis and Clark and the members of the Corps of Discovery used 200 years ago. Mike has been collecting firearms for more than 20 years. Today, he has one of the most comprehensive private collections of its type in the country. Besides being a collector of weapons, Mike is also a historian. Mike has combined his interest in antique firearms and western history into a project to acquire examples of all the weapons used by Lewis and Clark on their famous expedition. According to an article in the Salem Statesman Journal, his collection constantly evolves as he changes and upgrades his collection.



Mike calls his talk “Tools of Survival—The Weapons of Lewis & Clark”.

In 2001, Mike retired from his company Lightning Powder Company in Salem, Oregon. That firm manufactures Criminalistics Investigation Equipment (CSI) and Mike has visited the police in more than 80 countries in pursuit of business. He has given lectures and training seminars in Russia, Israel, China, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Dubai, Lithuania, and other countries. He is president of the Oregon Chapter of the National Lewis & Clark Historical Association, and he edits a question and answer column in their newsletter. Mike also writes a monthly column in a national magazine for research and identification of antique guns and swords.

In addition to our speaker, Mike Carrick, February brings our Annual Meeting. We will be electing our officers and Board of Directors for 2006.

Remember that February’s meeting is held at Glenn Otto Park at 2 p.m. on February 19, 2006.

Thank yous this month go to the following volunteers:

Christmas at the Harlow House would not happen each year without the hard work of our volunteer cookie bakers, Santas, and hosts. We owe a big thanks to **Bob Mitchoff** and **Scott Cunningham** for sharing their laps and ears to all the children who came to talk to Santa Claus. Both men do a remarkable job of listening to the visiting children.

The Tuesday Ladies, **Jean Holman**, **Mona Mitchoff**, **Barb Welsh**, and **Judy Norby**, along with additional help from **Dorothy Sturges** and **Florence Baker** provided wassail and cookies. **Ray Davenport** hosted Barn Museum for anyone who wanted to visit Quicksand and Condors exhibit.

The decorations for the Harlow House take a lot of planning and work. The following people helped out with both: **Mona Mitchoff**, **Jean Holman**, **Heather Hutzenbiler**, **Mario Ayala**, **Marge Schmunk**, **Adrienne Clausen**, **Dave and Jennifer Munson**, **Judy Norby**, **Barb Welsh**, and **Dorothy Sturges**. Some of the angel decorations were made by **Brownies Troop 1308** led by **Heather Mitchoff**.

The Christmas tree for the Harlow House was donated by **Judy Norby** and the one for the Depot was donated by **Mario Ayala** and **Dave Ripma**. A big thank you to all.

In addition to Christmas, we have volunteers who help out throughout the year. **Jan Van Diver** takes care of the refreshments for all of our program meetings.

Tom Graves donates numerous hours helping to prepare our yearly budget, balancing the books each month, and taking care of all our accounting needs. Thank you Tom, for keeping us out of jail!

Our monthly meetings are scheduled and coordinated by our program chairs **Helen Wand** and **Doneva Shepard**. Without their inquiring minds we would not have such fascinating meetings.

Two Tuesday Ladies, **Jean Holman** and **Judy Norby** spent a recent Tuesday cleaning and generally spiffing up the Depot Museum.

THS 2006 Programs & Events

Sunday, January 15, 2006

2 p.m. Troutdale City Hall

Pat 'n Pat Brothers

The Great American Auto Race

Sunday, February 19, 2006

2 p.m. Glenn Otto Park

Sam Cox Building

Mike Carrick

**“Tools of Survival-the Weapons
of Lewis & Clark”**

Sunday, March 19, 2006

2 p.m. Troutdale City Hall

Judy Bluehorse Skelton

**Native Perspectives on the Plants
from Lewis & Clark's Journals**

Saturday, April 1, 2006

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lewis and Clark Commemoration

The Barn Museum

Sunday, April 16, 2006

2 p.m. Troutdale City Hall

**1948 Flood. Bring Photos and
Stories**

Program will be videotaped

Sunday, April 30, 2006

2 p.m. ONLY at Menucha

Annual Tea & Tour

Saturday, May

Annual Cemetery Tour

Date and time TBA

Saturday, June 3, 2006

Mayor's Square

Ice Cream Social

September 2006

Dates and times TBA

Two treks scheduled

Sunday, October 15, 2006

2 p.m. Troutdale Elementary School

THS School Reunion

Sunday, November 19, 2006

2 p.m. Troutdale City Hall

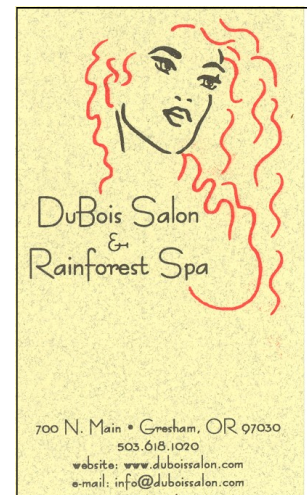
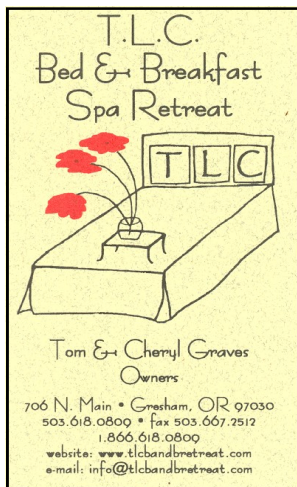
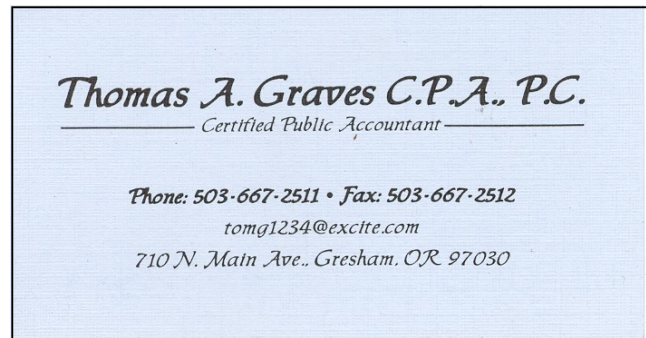
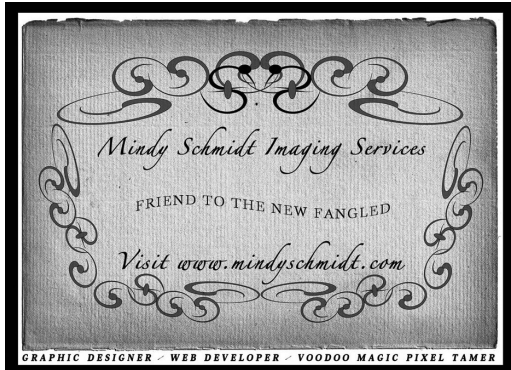
THS Program (topic TBA)

December 2, 2006

The Harlow House Museum

Christmas Open House

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John Snively presented a fascinating November Program on the formation of the Columbia River Gorge.

THS President Scott Cunningham opened the Sunday, November 20th meeting of the Troutdale Historical Society by introducing the afternoon program, the formation of the Columbia Basin and the famous Bretz Floods, presented by John Snively. John Snively grew up in the Willamette Valley where he earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Portland State University. In 1975, after earning his degrees in biology, he began teaching science at Clackamas Community College. Shortly after beginning his teaching career, John returned to the classroom as a student and received a degree in the geological sciences. He held up a rock he found on the family "stump farm", (as he described it) when he was 12 years old, that inspired him to pursue his career in geology. Being able to present a complete analysis of the events that took place over the past several million year, in an hour and a half, takes a unique individual; John Snively was able to do that. To an audience of laymen, he started with the fact most of the changes happen very slowly over a long period of time, but the Bretz Floods (at least 65 of them) happened with Cataclysmic force and changed an enormous amount of land in a very short period of time, geologically speaking. The descriptions he provided us allowed us to envision the floods that came out of Canada with a 500 foot wall of water traveling 60 miles an hour and that the thundering roar of the water could be heard at least an hour ahead of the flood's arrival. He also told us that the water was 200 feet higher than Crown Point. That is hard to imagine! Thanks to John Snively, THS members have a much better understanding of the forces of nature that formed the Columbia River Gorge and surrounding lands.



Christmas Open House at the Harlow House



Star of the Show



Noble Fir Donated by Judy Norby



Brownie Hands & Feet



Mike hoping to win Quilt



Santa gets hug from Sean



Angels On Display



Rachel draws the Quilt Raffle Winner.... Congratulations to Jean Ice.

Troutdale Historical Society is Extremely Grateful

Thank you to **David Ripma** and **Sharon Nesbit**, who donated their trustee fees from the Strebin Charitable Remainder Trust to the historical society in order to fund a part time employee. The money is in memory of **Vera Strebin** and honors her son, **Bob Strebin**, who finished our barn and helped get the first exhibit up.

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THS has very own Santa

We are extremely fortunate to have **Dave Munson**, THS member, step up and volunteer to be our "handyman". In November's Bygone Times, we included a plea for a volunteer helper. Dave very graciously (and very quickly) called the office and volunteered. Of course, we quickly accepted his offer. Since then, Dave has repaired the leaky faucet in the back kitchen of the Harlow House, replaced all the burned out track lights in the Barn Museum and Harlow House, winterized all the faucets, replaced the furnace filters, and made sure that the buildings are prepared for the East Wind's wintry blasts. Just this week, he and **Max Maydew** have spread tarps in the attic of the Harlow House to protect the ceilings from the leaky roof. Part of the HH roof blew off in the East Wind, but that's another story.

In Memory...

Louise Braim, Troutdale, died at age 92 in December. She was the widow of Roy Meger, longtime owner of the Troutdale General Store.

Our Thanks ... from THS to the following for their support:

Donation from Albertsons Community Partners

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Thank you to **Walt and Vi Nasmyth** and **Sharon Nesbit**. Every Wednesday they diligently work on the historic photos and so far have catalogued over 1700 photos! A special thanks to **Walt & Vi Nasmyth** for purchasing and donating a new printer to the library.

Congratulations to Sheryl and Penny. THS has just received word that we have been awarded two grants for work to be done in 2006. Congratulations to **Penny Balch** and to **Sheryl Maydew** for writing and receiving those grants.

Penny wrote an Oregon Heritage Grant for \$4500 to support the "Preserve Archives and Records Through Digitization Project". These funds will help cover costs of digitizing our entire artifact collection. We have already purchased the software that supports this process.

Sheryl applied for and received a grant from the Oregon Historic Trails Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation in the amount of \$680. The funds will be used for the replacement of the weather-damaged interpretive sign at the Harlow House which describes the immigrants traveling over The Oregon Trail. Kudos to both Sheryl and Penny for their great work!

THS Board

Scott Cunningham, President
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Tom Graves, Treasurer
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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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