



# Bygone Times

Newsletter of the

*Troutdale Historical Society*

September 2008

## Please Mark Your Calendar

**September 5**

**6:30 p.m.**

Dedication at the Depot of the "Jeff Lawry Depot People Waiting Room" in honor of Jeff Lawry who passed away in April.

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**5-9 p.m.**

First Friday at the Depot "Swingali" will be playing their Gypsy Jazz live on the porch. Artists will be Inga Ojala of Norfinn Designs (see bio page 2) and her sister Kym Ojala who does murals and custom fine art.

**October 4th**

Trek to The Dalles and Dufur with a tour and dinner at The Balch Hotel

**October 19th**

Annual Troutdale Elementary School Reunion at the school at 2 p.m.

**November 16**

Program Meeting at City Hall 2 p.m. Veterans of World War II will be interviewed.

## Dedication of the Jeff Lawry "Depot People" Waiting Room will be held on Sept 5th as Part of First Friday for September

There will be a brief ceremony at 6:30 on September 5, 2008 to honor the late Jeff Lawry and the work he did not only on our *Depot People*, but as a volunteer for Troutdale Historical Society. A plaque will be placed in the waiting room at the Depot Museum in his honor and Sharon Nesbit will present a certificate of service and appreciation to Jeff's parents, Jerry and Laura Lawry. Please come and support Jerry & Laura. (There is more about the line up for First Friday on page 2).

## Day Trek Set for October 4 to The Dalles, Dufur and Dinner at The Balch Hotel

Saturday, October 4, 2008

**Cost \$100**

We have been considering a day trip in the fall — Saturday, October 4 — up the gorge to The Dalles Discovery Center, Fort Dalles and on to Dufur to see their log cabin museum and dine and tour the Balch Hotel. Items on the menu could include baked salmon, fresh fruit, bacon wrapped steak, etc. Sharon Nesbit will conduct the tour and narrate sites along the way.

The trick of course, in these days of \$4 gasoline, is to nail down soaring transportation costs. However, we think we have safely hedged on the price of a school bus. The big coaches are way beyond our budget, and we can manage with a school bus since this a short jaunt. If we can assure 20 Trekkers at \$100 each we can pay for the trip and make Troutdale Historical Society a bit of money to cover office costs, etc.

So, we need to know, as quickly as possible how many are interested in the trip. Please call right away — **503-661-2164** — to sign up. **Don't** send money just yet. We'll let you know if it's a "go". Then we would need a check by September 20, to guarantee your seat.

The price would include all transportation, fees for museums and sites, dinner, tour costs and tips. You should bring a picnic lunch, or be prepared to buy lunch on your own at the Discovery Center in The Dalles.

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## <sup>2</sup> First Friday for September 5

Music for First Friday will be provided by the ever popular Frank Grande and the band "Swingali" playing their Gypsy Jazz and wine tasting will be provided by Star Simon from Leaning Star Winery in Corbett.

First Friday artists will be a successful pair of sisters, Inga & Kym Ojala. With connections to the Hollywood film industry, Inga has always simply considered herself an artist. She specializes in paintings of fish and spends many hours fishing and study the outdoors, to put the realism in her paintings. Inga also enjoys carving wildlife and fish in wood, that are used in furniture and wall art. When she is diving, she studies the natural feel of the water and the fish's environment. She paints in many different mediums and adds materials such as sand and grass to the canvas and will sometimes add one of her hand-tied flies or lures to the artwork.

Inga and Kym are daughters of a famous Hollywood gunslinger Arvo Ojala and actress-model Doris Seversen, Inga was born in Seattle, Wash., and is of Finnish and Norwegian decent. Inga and Kym's father, Arvo, is a world-renowned gunslinger, working with such luminaries as Paul Newman, James Garner, James Arness, Marilyn Monroe, and Natalie Wood. But perhaps he is most famous for his work in front of as well as behind the scenes of one of the greatest television westerns, *Gunsmoke*. Mr. Ojala is the man who challenges Marshall Dillon in the opening sequence of each episode.

Inga, a horse trainer and expert marksman, has worked on films as a stunt coordinator or even performed the stunts herself. She has been in many films - including parts in *The Wild Life*, *The Man with Two Brains*, *Protocol* and *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* and television programs, such as *Love Boat* and *Fantasy Island* and many more.

But in the midst of this hectic acting career remains her great love of art, which led to create Norffinn Designs, in which she can display her talents in creating murals, faux finishes, scrimshaw, leather engraving, fresco and trompe l'oeil as well as hold classes to pass on her skills to all ages this information can be seen on her website.

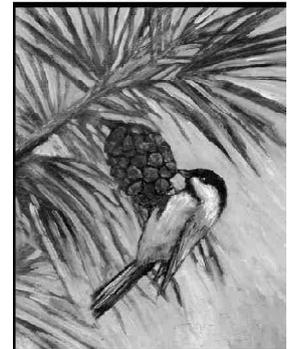
Inga's work can be seen in not only commercial establishments but also residential homes, throughout the United States. In addition she is an Art Director and Set Designer.

Kym Ojala was born in Burbank, California across from Disney Studios. Kym works out of her Oregon Studio, and shows her paintings throughout the United States. With a background of acting in films and television her love is in painting. Her inspiration is in color, which is seen in her paintings.

Kym teaches art to young and hopeful artists. She has inspired many to paint and has a very large following. She loves to study the old west as many of her paintings reflect. Kym has studied art since she was a small child, and has developed her own unique style. That style has become widely known in the United States and Europe. She also, enjoys photographing the Oregon landscapes, from which Kym creates her beautiful paintings that come to life.



Fish painted by Inga Ojala



Bird painted by Kym Ojala

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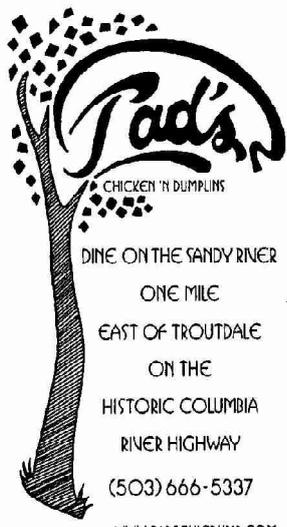
Please call Adrienne Clausen at 503-665-5288 to Volunteer

### Upcoming Events

We have mailed out more than 75 letters to local schools in the area to bring students to our wonderful museums on field trips this coming school year. If you would be available on a one-time basis as host or hostess at one of the museums, please call the office at 503-661-2164 and let us know. We will always have more than one person at each museum, so you wouldn't be alone. We can also arrange transportation if needed.

There is going to be an all-school reunion for Reynolds High School next summer (August 1, 2009). This is going to be a huge event and ALL proceeds from the event will go to a scholarship fund for future Reynolds students. The organizers are looking for business sponsors who want to help with the event and take part in the scholarship program. Please call Jay Jacobsen at 503-705-6116 or Bernie Guisto at 503-730-0621 to donate to a great cause. You can also find our more information about the reunion by going to the website at [www.reynoldslancerreunion.com](http://www.reynoldslancerreunion.com) and to see what sponsors have already contributed.

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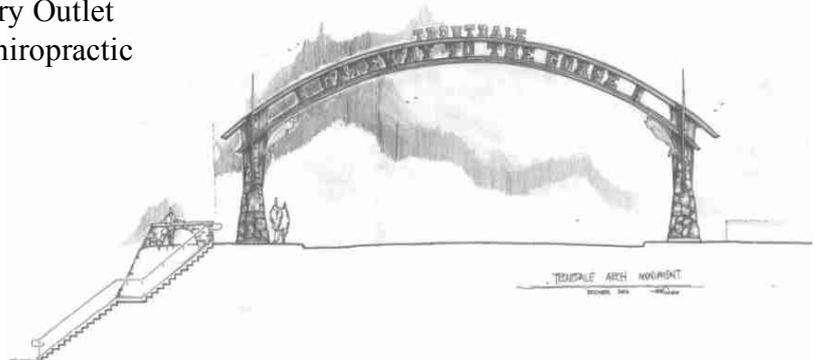
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