



BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

November 2006

Please Mark Your Calendars

Nov. Program Meeting

Sun. Nov. 19

2 p.m.

Troutdale City Hall

Christmas Open House

Sat. Dec. 2

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Harlow House & Barn

Jan. Program Meeting

Sun. Jan. 21

2 p.m.

Troutdale City Hall

2007 Troutdale Celebrates

100 years

Stephanie Flora, Oregon Trail expert, speaks at November program meeting

Do you have an ancestor who arrived in the Oregon by crossing the Oregon Trail? Are you just naturally interested Oregon history? Have you ever wondered how hundreds of people had the nerve to leave their homes in the east, pack up all their belongings, and head west in a covered wagon? If you want answers to these and other questions, be sure to attend the Troutdale Historical Society's program meeting on November 19, 2006. We will meet at the **Troutdale City Hall, 104 SE Kibling St., Troutdale, Oregon at 2 P.M. on November 19, 2006.** Free Admission, Donations Welcome.

Our featured speaker will be Stephanie Flora, an expert on the Oregon Trail and the pioneers who crossed it. Ms. Flora has been compiling information on the Oregon Trail and emigrants to the Oregon Territory since 1987. She has received several awards for her website including the Distinguished Service Award in 2005 from the Oregon-California Trail Association for her contribution to preserving trail history.

In her biography, Ms. Flora states that members of her pioneer family settled in or near Marion County in 1847. She is a member of the Oregon Historical Society, Marion County Historical Society, Polk County Historical Society, and Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

She has created a website to inform the public about the Oregon Territory and its pioneers. Her website is divided into four sections: The Settling of Oregon, The Journey, Emigrant Lists, and Researching the Pioneers. Each of these sections is broken down into many more pieces. Under the settling of Oregon, she lists Native Americans, French Canadians, Explorers, Fur Traders, Missionaries, and Early Government. The emigrant lists range from pre-1839 to 1855. You can access her website at www.oregonpioneers.com/ortrail.htm or www.oregonpioneers.com/marion/index.htm.

In her presentation to us she will include a look at the emigration process and how to find out what train an emigrant traveled on.

Christmas at the Harlow House

It's that time of the year once again. Santa will be making his appearance at the Harlow House Museum on Saturday, December 2, 2006 at 11 A.M. sharp. He will listen to the Christmas wishes of everyone from two to 102 until 4 P.M. that afternoon.

The Troutdale Historical Society volunteers will have the Harlow House decked out in her Christmas finery. In addition to the traditional greens and Christmas tree, this year we will feature snowmen and (women, too). If any of you have snowmen decorations that you'd be willing to lend to us for the Christmas celebra-

tions, please contact the office at 503-661-2164. We can always use fresh greens, too.

The Tuesday Ladies will be serving wassail and home baked cookies to all of our visitors. You can all help by doing a little snow dance the day or two before our open house. Wouldn't it be nice to have just a little dusting of snow on the house and grounds for the festivities? Don't dance too hard, though. For more information, or to offer decorations, please contact Sheryl, Heather, or Mario at the office at 503-661-2164, or contact our website at info@troutdalehistory.org.



Treasures Donated to THS

Thanks to the Gresham Outlook, we have copies for sale at the depot of a rare edition of the Nov. 19, 1891 Troutdale Champion donated to us last year by the Allard family. Copying old newspapers is tricky, and you only want to expose the fragile original to strong light once. However, the folks at The Outlook are fond of old newspapers and took an image of it and ran copies for us on newsprint on their press. They are marked as reproductions. We wouldn't want someone picking one up, yellowing it with tea and selling it on E-bay as the real thing. Others will be placed in our library as research copies where they can be used for free. Money from the sale of the reproductions will go to pay costs of archiving processes.

And speaking of lovely treasures that come our way, Roy Fall of Rockwood recently stopped by to donate a beautiful souvenir book on the Columbia River Highway that is in such fine condition that it still has the original \$1.00 price tag inside. We have one other such book in our collection, but not one like this that is as good as new. Roy, who has lived in Rockwood since 1955, is taking excellent care of the last effects of Harold and Eleanor Bangs. The Bangs, both deceased now, were regular volunteers in the kitchen at Harvest Faire and Ice Cream Social. He was a fine photographer and a mountain climber, and as a result, Roy has seen to it that we have some of Harold's photos that relate to our area. Of particular interest is a set of pictures he had taken at Bonneville Dam when it was under construction. Many thanks to Roy for being such a good steward of fine old stuff.

Thanks to Terry and Jodi Smoke for donating the Strebin Farms of Troutdale burlap bag.

Thanks to Bud and Ruby Mathieson for donating 7 framed sketches of historic Troutdale buildings in memory of Sid and Marie Britton.

Thanks to Steve Lehl for the Rose catalogue for Mountain View Floral Nurseries, Inc., of Troutdale, OR 1936.

Changes Proposed to Sandy River Delta channel

The Forest Service invites comments on a proposal to remove a small dam near the mouth of the Sandy River. Historically, the Sandy River channel split into two courses at the Sandy River Delta; the easterly flowing original channel, and a northwesterly flowing overflow channel known then as the "Little Sandy River".

In the 1930s, a small dam was placed across the original channel of the Sandy River, and the main channel was routed into its present course in the historic "Little Sandy River".

The Forest Service has several proposals for Sandy River Delta projects. You may view an overview of these projects at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/forest/projects/SRDBulletinBoard.htm>.

The proposed changes include removing the dam, removing 55,000 cubic yards of sediment, removing four acres of vegetation, constructing a bridge for utility maintenance vehicles and a single lane road to access the ends of the bridge and removing and restoring about 1,000 feet of existing road to native plants.

Comments will be accepted until November 20, 2006. Email comments to: sandyriverdelta@fs.fed.us or mail to: Virginia Kelly at W902 Wasco, Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031...or contact Virginia with any questions at: (541)308-1720.

Volunteer Opportunity...Interested in video taping programs...documenting our valuable oral histories? Please call the THS office. (505) 661-2164. Even if you don't know how or don't have the equipment.....but would like to learn, we can work with Metro East Community Media (formerly MCTV) to get you up and running. For a very minor cost, classes are available on equipment training to learn running the video camera and how to do the editing. Also, we have wonderful footage in the archives that could be put together for a program for the public broadcasting to air for Troutdale's Centennial year. We just need a couple of folks interested in learning and working on these projects.

When you see them, please thank them...

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In Memory...

Our Condolences to Nev Scott and her family...

Longtime Troutdale Historical Society friend Bob Scott, died in a single-vehicle accident near Cascade Locks, Oregon, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 22. Bob and Nev Scott have been residents of the Springdale-Corbett community for the past 40 years. Bob served as a volunteer for 33 years in the all-volunteer department, Fire District 14.

Our Condolences to Marilyn Neubarth...

On the death of Alvin F. "Bud" Neubarth, who died Oct. 12 at the age of 89. Bud and Marilyn joined our historical society in the 1990s and were regulars on our treks. No one will soon forget Marilyn's peanut butter cookies, which helped to fuel many of our expeditions.

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

A Very Special Thank You to...

Marge Schmunk as major instigator and organizer and to the Tuesday Ladies who with Marge have managed to completely organize and clean the back porch/kitchen of the Harlow House...it looks WONDERFUL. They are now tackling the stairwell area to the basement. The ladies have spent several weeks cleaning and polishing at the Harlow House and extra thanks to **Barb Welsh** for taking all of the curtains home and cleaning and re-hanging them. Thanks to **Dave Munson** for power washing the HH walkway and removing the dangerous slimy, slippery stuff. Dave also fixed the toilet, which included re-seating the wax ring.

A special thank you to **Len Otto**, for arranging for use of the school and for leading the annual school reunion.