



# BYGONE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5, August 2, September 6  
**Barnyard Concerts**  
*Barn Exhibit Hall Lawn*  
 6:00 (6:30) - 8pm

July 20  
**Troutdale SummerFest Parade**  
 Hop It, Hike It, Bike It  
 11:00am

July 30  
**Edgefield History Night**  
 @ McMenamins Blackberry Hall  
*Celilo Falls: Parallel Lives Along N'Chewana*  
 Ed Edmo and Lani Roberts  
 6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

August 27  
**Edgefield History Night**  
 @ McMenamins Blackberry Hall  
*Crash Course: The Portland Air Disaster that Made History and Changed History*  
 Julie Whipple  
 6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

September 14  
**Geology Tour**  
*Silver Falls, Oregon*  
 \$35 members, \$45 non-members  
 Call to reserve your seat(s) 503-661-2164  
 9am - 4pm

September 21  
**Smithsonian Museum Day**  
 Harlow House and Barn Exhibit Hall  
 9am - 4pm

September 24  
**Edgefield History Night**  
 @ McMenamins Blackberry Hall  
*Thomas Jefferson: The Man and His Legacy*  
 Lynn McKee  
 6:30 p.m. (doors at 5 p.m.)

## Troutdale First Friday Art Walk BARNYARD CONCERTS

Free and Family Friendly

Bring chairs, blankets, and a picnic dinner. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Additional parking across from Glenn Otto Community Park - follow the signs.

732 E Historic Columbia River Highway

July 5

6:30 - 8pm

**Micah and Me** is a Portland, Oregon-based **Kindie (kid+indie=kindie)** rock band made of stay-at-home dads who write and play music to inspire, excite and engage kids of all ages and the young at heart. They specialize in working with local venues, museums, city groups and libraries to create upbeat, educational and outright silly shows for **children 0-7** and their caregivers. They also present ukulele classes and workshops.



August 2

6:30 - 8pm

**Barbara Cecil** is having fun and making people happy for 20 plus years in the entertainment industry. Barbara has performed for the past 19 years as the female singer for the Pacific Northwest's Rock n' Roll show band, "Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts!" As a full-time vocalist, Barbara fills her days entertaining at independent, assisted, and memory care retirement homes. Barbara's shows combine her love of older country music and a variety of **nostalgia music from the 50s, 60s, & 70s**. Her shows also include a few of the original music she has penned and recorded.



September 6

6 - 8pm

**Three Together** has performed throughout the Pacific Northwest for the past dozen years. Three Together is loved by audiences for their intricate **3-part harmonies on many songs from 60s and 70s era Folk, Pop, and Rock** artists such as Crosby/Stills/Nash, Peter/Paul & Mary, The Beatles, Everly Brothers and We Five -- "basically groups that we've grown up with." Comprised of Grammy winning guitarist Doug Smith, flutist and teacher Judy Koch-Smith, and guitarist-vocalist extraordinaire Don Mitchell, this trio was awarded the People's Choice Award by the Florence Folk Festival (Oregon), and has played for Vancouver's Noontime Esther Short Concerts in the Park, both the Portland Folk Music Society and Portland's Winterfolk Festivals, many surrounding area Farmers' Markets, and at the FAR WEST Folk Music Festival.



## Presidents Message

Our Annual Board meeting in April brought the official passing of the torch for new Board assignments; I'm honored to be your President for the 2019-2020 year and happy to be a part of this team.

I'm a native Oregonian, graduated from Barlow, studied Fire Science and had the honor of serving over 31 years in the fire service, beginning as a volunteer firefighter with Boring Fire, then in 1988, becoming a career firefighter with Portland, where I spent 28 years. Along the way, my love of architecture and artisanship led me to become the steward of the historic Old Church; built in 1895, it is Troutdale's oldest building and sits on the local and National Historic Registers- which led me to Sharon, and of course, THS. Since retiring, I enjoy volunteering with not only the historical society, but also serve on a couple committees for the city, and continue on the board for the Red Cross. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking, biking, gardening, art, woodworking, catching up on a million projects I lost track of over the years (including a '63 T-Bird), and of course, just hanging out with my dogs.



Erin Janssens

What I enjoy most at THS is the wonderful community of people Troutdale enjoys; our wonderful volunteers and members like you, all contributing to the greater good of Troutdale, history, and community through the countless ways you give back; through membership; volunteering on a host of interesting projects; being a docent; sharing stories of Troutdale's history; or working on maintenance and preservation efforts. Donations help the important work of not just keeping the lights on, but the critical museum tasks of curation, which are extremely labor (and tech) intensive, requiring high levels of attention to detail, problem solving, and patience. Kudos to our Exec. Director, **LeAnn Stephan**, for her work pulling us into the 21st century in this arena, and also her work in applying for grants to help leverage our limited dollars into realizing important things THS needs. All in all, I believe our esprit de corp is enviable and hope to share that pride, honor and enthusiasm more. Thank you for supporting Troutdale Historical Society.



## Geology Tour Saturday, September 14, 2019

Silver Falls Oregon

**Depart:** 9am, Glenn Otto Community Park  
**Bring:** Sack lunch, no glass or alcohol  
**Return:** 4pm, Glenn Otto Community Park  
**Fee:** \$35 member, \$45 non-member

*T*our **Silver Falls State Park** with our guide **Daina Hardisty**, Instructor of Geology at Mt. Hood Community College. Tour Silver Falls State Park and the surrounding area in a luxury tour bus with on-board restroom and air conditioning. Take short hikes to view geological sites, experience the site of the earthquakes of the Scott's Mills vicinity, and visit a "discovery" by **Daina Hardisty**—the site of a health resort associated with naturally carbonated mineral springs. This was one of the first bottled waters for sale in Oregon. This location alone is well worth the trip! Reserve your seat today by calling LeAnn at 503-661-2164. Reservations required.

## Douglass Cemetery Walkabout

*S*haron Nesbit was surprised to see how many people showed up at 9am at Douglass Cemetery on Memorial Day to help put up the pop-up shelter just in case it rained. However, it is always good to have many hands, so up it went, ready for Nesbit and **Noel Seats** from METRO to meet visitors and hand out the new Notable Burials brochure prepared by METRO and THS. Visit the Barn Exhibit hall for a copy of the brochure. It turns out Nesbit was the only one who hadn't read the email saying that she was going to lead a tour of Douglass Cemetery notable burials.

After that surprise was over, the group had a wonderful walk through of the cemetery, noting the names of old friends and neighbors and finding the burial sites in the brochure. In addition, we saw the new grave marker of **Ike and June Handy**, with Ike's classic quote: "I'll be right back." And we saw the monument to **Penny Balch**, our long time treasurer which bears the insignia of the Lovers Oak. With help from the cemetery map and Noel, we located and talked about the **Douglass** family, a rock musician, the **Harlows**, **Clara Larsson** and her husband, **Roy Meger** and a half dozen others whose lives are described in the brochure. You can get one in our office and explore on your own.

And from **Ginger Harlow Allen**: We were there on Sunday - in fact, maybe you heard, our families had a **Parsons/McNeel** Reunion with about 20 in attendance in the cemetery. **Jeff Parsons** and **Terri Allen** brought picnic tables and everyone brought their own chair and a sack lunch and we partied near the graves of our illustrious ancestors. And, we said we were going to do it again next year it turned out so well. Love, **Ginger Harlow Allen**

## Next Generation Volunteers

If we are going to continue to thrive as a historical organization, we need to engage the next generation. So we are glad that the second generation of **Handys**, **Greg and Sue Handy** and **Gene Handy**, are rounding up material for a display on their family gas station that served drivers on the historic highway. Likewise, in the next generation, **Dan Piluso** will research the history of Jackson Park Road, drawing from our files as well as stories he has learned from his neighbors. Dan grew up on Jackson Park Road...and **Vickie Nesbit** will donate to our museum, the bound copies of the Columbia High School newspapers. Columbia ended 30 years ago when the school was merged with Reynolds. And the **Otto** family next generation, specifically **Len and Mary** have been helping as we curate the beautiful World War II nurses' uniforms worn by their mother **Helen Otto**. We hope to display them in the Harlow House in early fall with the help of curator **Dee Dee Hansen**.

## Thinking Of Us

Recently City Councilor **Jamie Kranz** provided us with an art calendar of Troutdale scenes done in the 1970s, when we had artists and workers here under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. (More in our next newsletter about that). **Mancel Fox**, whom we met at the Reynolds Metals reunion, hit **Mary Eaton's** garage sale and has shared Troutdale books and documents found there. Good hunting. From **Nona Layton**, scrapbooks of her newspaper clippings on history that she treasured...and from **Molly G. Smith**, a collection of Lewis and Clark teaching material donated to benefit the children at Troutdale Elementary. **Dave Johnson**, our faithful weekend volunteer, donated six bags of soda cans to add to our BottleDrop fundraiser. And the donation of a vintage refrigerator water bottle that exactly matches the refrigerator in the Harlow House.

## In The News

**Sharon Nesbit** was interviewed on a nationwide broadcast of the **Dave Nemo** radio show about our highway exhibit and for a recent story in Alaska Air magazine about the gorge. That article gives our exhibit in the barn a nice mention. Volunteer **Herb Mohn** married **Lorraine Griffey** in March. And **Hazel Webb** and friends dressed like pioneers for the recent history night with **Jane Kirkpatrick**.

## Stained Glass A Rare Treat on Cemetery Tour



Wilhelm's Portland Memorial

Cemetery tour travelers were treated to a gorgeous display of stained-glass windows at Wilhelm's Portland Memorial mausoleum on May 18. Many of the windows were Povey Art Glass and those with Northwest themes were particularly lovely. After lunch at Oaks Park – and no, we did not ride on the whirl-a-gig, we walked Lone Fir Cemetery, following **Stan Clarke**, our cemetery historian.

## Horticultural Expertise



Christmas Cactus at Harlow House

**Bev Law** and **Zinna Jones** came to the rescue of the Harlow Christmas cactus which had a serious case of the droops. It is now repotted and blooming in gratitude. Not exactly horticultural, but **Greg Handy** and **Kelly Broomall** split and removed all the wood that was removed from the side of the barn. And **Bev Knight** and **Bettianne Goetz** have planted the flower pots in front of the barn. Give them a drink if you are on duty.

## SUMMER MUSEUM HOURS

May - September

### Barn Exhibit Hall

9am - 4pm Wednesday-Saturday  
1 - 4pm Sunday  
Closed: Monday & Tuesday

### Harlow House

1 - 4pm Sunday only

### Depot Rail Museum

Closed for Renovation

## 47th Annual Troutdale SummerFest

Troutdale offers a great small-town parade where there is room for everyone along the parade route. Join us for the parade and following events at Glenn Otto Community Park and watch for our Troutdale Historical Society float honoring our volunteers. Parade begins at 11am.

The Harlow House and Barn Exhibit Hall will be open after the parade until 4pm.

Visit [West Columbia Chamber of Commerce](http://www.westcolumbiachamberofcommerce.com) for more information.



## Artifact of the Month: Captain Harlow's Telescope

In working with the Harlow Hotel this month we had reason to get out **Captain John Harlow's** telescope. Harlow was a sea captain who came from Maine, docked his ship in San Francisco, and lost all his crew to the lure of the gold fields. Eventually, though, he and fellow mariner, **Joseph Kibling**, who lived next door to the Harlow House, made a considerable fortune shipping goods to the gold fields.



### Another way to support **TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Pick up a bag from the Barn Exhibit Hall or at an Edgefield History Night - Fill with empty bottles and cans - drop off at nearest Bottle-Drop location or at the Barn Exhibit Hall. Funds will automatically be deposited and donated to THS.



Thank you for the increased interest in our BottleDrop fundraiser. With your support we have received **\$146.80** from the folks who recycle their cans and bottles through Bottle-Drop using one of our labeled bags.

#### Drop off locations:

Wood Village Redemption Center  
23345 NE Halsey Street  
Wood Village, OR 97060

Gresham Redemption Center  
1313 E Powell Blvd.  
Gresham, OR 97030

## Zimmerman House Sunday, July 7 10am to 2pm

East County Historical Organization (ECHO) is hosting a vintage/antique car show on the grounds of the Zimmerman House.

Visit [echohistory.org](http://echohistory.org) for more information.

Sunday, July 7, 10am - 2pm

17111 NE Sandy Blvd, Gresham, OR 97230

## Save The Date - Sunday, October 20, 2019

Mark your calendars for a very special program at Glenn Otto Community Park, 2 p.m., Sunday Oct. 20, on the Heppner Oregon Flood by **Peg Willis**, Pendleton.

The 1903 Heppner Flood destroyed a large portion of that community on June 14, killing 324 people, the deadliest natural disaster in Oregon and the second deadliest flash flood in U.S. history. Peg has researched the event and the community's response to it.

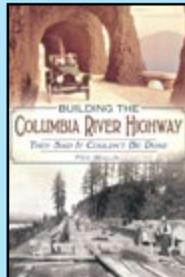


T.W. Ayers home, Heppner, Oregon

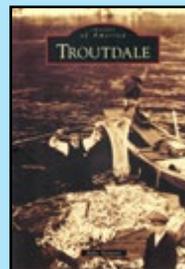
Her book on Building the Columbia River Highway is a best seller in our Barn Store gift shop located in the Barn Exhibit Hall.

## AT THE BARN STORE GIFT SHOP...

### Local Authors Great Gift Items Sold Here (Members receive 10% off)



Book, paperback  
**Building the Columbia  
River Highway**  
Peg Willis  
**\$19.99**



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Troutdale**  
Julie Stewart  
**\$21.99**



Book, paperback  
**Women of  
World War II**  
Clarence Mershon  
**\$20.00**

Available online [troutdalehistory.org](http://troutdalehistory.org)  
Avoid shipping charges and visit the Barn Exhibit Hall Gift Shop  
732 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR

## River Readings by Len Otto

In the late 1950s or early 1960s, a man knocked on the door of the **Otto** household in Troutdale, a knock that would change the **Otto** family morning routine for as long as we lived by the river. The man, from the National Weather Service, had a request to make of our mother, **Helen Otto**. "It would," he said, "be a wonderful educational experience for your children to take river readings for the NWS. Furthermore," he added, "it would help us, the National Weather Service know how the river level correlates to rainfall amounts in the canyon."

That is how it came to be that on the Troutdale Bridge sits a river gauge, used by the **Otto** children to measure river levels from roughly the late 1950s to 1977 or '78 when youngest child **Neal** went off to college. The reading was done by lowering a brass weight on a cable until it touched the surface of the water, at which time we noted the number on a little meter and took it back to the house to be recorded on a spreadsheet, sent in monthly to the NWS by Mom. The reading, to the tenth of a foot, probably helped all of us with decimals later. There was only one block of time when the readings were missed, and that was when we had to evacuate in December of 1964 during what we now refer to as the Christmas Floods. During that event, however, Mom had us take river readings about once an hour right up to the point we were forced to evacuate due to the river rising too high. She dutifully called in the readings to the man who set up the gauge in the first place. He was very, very excited about the data he was receiving from Mom during that period, though he also was concerned about us. Around December 23rd we were forced to evacuate; that's another story for another time.



Sandy River Gauge



Sandy River Gauge

**Mary** does not remember making readings regularly, though she knew how to do it. It is likely that she was called into service on occasion. She refers to younger sibling **Neal** as a "very capable boy," perhaps because he saved her from having to go out in the cold, windy mornings. From about 1969 until he left for college in the fall of 1978, **Neal** did take the readings; he notes, though, that it is being very generous to say they were regular. He felt it was a pain in the rear to take the river readings, and by the time he was in high school, some VERY large gaps appeared in those spreadsheets. As a guess, he heard a lot about that from Mom, who took "duty" very seriously, being the former Army nurse that she was. Or maybe it was the Catholic guilt thing.

One positive thing we all remember about taking the river readings was the early morning wildlife that we saw, the ducks, the fish, the blue herons, an occasional otter, and many other cool critters.

My strongest memory related to the gauge, next to the flood of 1964, was one of the east wind. I had gone out to take the river reading on a cold, cold morning, near freezing (or maybe it only felt that way), all bundled up in my warmest. My warmest included a faux-fur lined cap with ear flaps. I was emotionally bonded with that cap; it was like a favorite sweater, only worn on my head. Perhaps too much information, but it even smelled like me. Anyway, on my way back to the house, the wind ripped the cap right off my head, where gravity took over, dropping it into the river below. I remember clambering from the walkway over the railing to the roadway, a piece of cake for a reasonably fit young lad. I watched my beloved cap float downriver and out of sight. I guess I hoped that the cap somehow would catch in an eddy and reach the shore; it was not to happen. I was devastated, perhaps an overreaction, but one not uncommon for an adolescent teen bonded with a piece of clothing.

Not many outside of the **Otto** family ever knew what that box on the bridge represented: a piece of scientific instrumentation provided by the National Weather Service, and thousands of pieces of data gathered by the **Otto** children. While it sometimes was a chore, there always was a sense of the river readings being done for science. Somewhere within the archives of the National Weather Service sits a log of those readings, written in the childish scrawl of Joann, Ken, Len, Mary, and Neal Otto. And, sitting in a closet of our (Len & Gloria Otto's) house in rural Clackamas County, Oregon, in the Sandy River Canyon no less, sit the original carbon copies of that data.

## NEW MEMBERS

Rick Larson  
Judy Matsumoto  
Marge Stewart  
Gay Sutton  
Tracy & David Woodsworth

## RENEWING MEMBERS

Dick Anderson  
Laura Anson  
Leona Balch  
Joyce Belcher  
Jo Callister  
Louise Dix  
Jean Driver  
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Steve & Kathy Green  
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Kathleen Forrest & Michael Orelove  
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Wade Schueller  
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Glenn & Diane White  
Diane Wingerd  
Tracy & David Woodsworth

## LIFETIME MEMBERS

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Ed & Vera Ashley  
Joan Benner  
Judith Bergan  
Nancy Callister Buley  
Stan Clarke  
Betty Cook  
Jason Cawood  
Patricia Currier  
Terry Ege  
Charles Ellis  
Georgia Erdenberger  
Kyle Fritzsinger  
Bettianne Goetz  
Joe & Peggy Gorciak  
Mel Harmon  
Lynda Harvey  
Karl & Bette Hays  
John Hillyard  
Steve & Kim Kenney  
Lael Larger  
Steve & Judy Lehl  
Shirley Jean Loeffel  
Deanna Maughan  
Doug & Elise McGuire  
Brian McMenamin  
Mike & Mary Alice McMenamin  
Merle McNeil  
Colleen Mershon  
Sharon Nesbit  
Sadie Riley  
David Ripma & Mario Ayala  
Ione & Harry St. Clair  
Robert Strebin  
Kay Struckman  
Marilee Thompson  
Martha Wheeler  
Mike Weyhrich

DONORS TO OUR  
GENERAL FUND

*M*any thanks to **McMenamins Edgefield** for another successful friends and family night on April 23 and to all of you for dining out that night giving us a total of **\$3106** without having to wash a single dish.

Jo Callister  
Joe & Peggy Gorciak  
Sue O'Halloran  
Chris Meinicke  
Network for Good  
Madeline Grimm  
Erin Janssens  
Sharon Petri  
Debbie Schoepper  
Wade Schueller  
Linda Simkovic  
Marge Stewart  
Ray & Renae Summers  
Carl & Tina Tebbens  
Norm & Charlene Thomas  
Marilee Thompson

DONORS TO OUR  
MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Sally King  
Len & Gloria Otto

In Memory of Lois Moller  
Charles & Shannon Ellis

In Memory of Harold Schofield  
Rosie & Larry Puderbaugh

In Memory of Paul Toenjes  
Marilyn Toenjes

In Memory of Bernard Winkler  
Leona Balch

In Memory of Bill Winkler  
Leona Balch

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## Historic Harlow Hotel

While we think of **John Harlow** as one of Troutdale's founders, he first left his imprint in Portland. Family records say he had two homes in Portland (one with the first wall to wall carpeting in the city) before he moved here in 1860 creating his trout ponds and naming his farm Troutdale.

The Portland Tribune had a story recently about the restoration of the Harlow Hotel, 732 Northwest Glisan St. in Portland. The new owners, **Ganesh and Pinky Sonpatki**, are restoring the building with hotel rooms on the top floors and businesses on the ground floor.

Described as an Italianate, three-story brick masonry structure, it was built by **Harlow** in 1882. He died in Troutdale in 1883. By that time he had his famous experiment with carp, accidentally introducing the pesky fish into Pacific Northwest waters.

Originally known as the Grand Central, the hotel was operated by **Harlow's** widow, **Celestia**, though not without a squabble with other family members over just who owned it. The ground floor contained a saloon, restaurants, a grocery store and other businesses. Later in life **Celestia** sold out. New owners spruced the place up as the Park Hotel for the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition. For a long time, both before and after World War II it was a Japanese hotel. The last restaurant in the building was the Galley Café, which closed in 1951.

The information above comes from the building's nomination to the National Register in 1980.

**Trina Ganis**, Front Desk Supervisor for the Harlow Hotel visited THS for historic photos and stories of the **Harlows** in Troutdale. We are happy to work with them to enhance tourism in our shared history of **Captain John Harlow** and his family.



Harlow Hotel, Portland, Oregon  
Courtesy of Pamplin Media Group

## WORKING LIKE THEY OWN THE PLACE (which they do)

### 2018-2019 Volunteer Recognition

These volunteers were recognized at the 2019 Annual Meeting for dedicating a specified day to hosting the Barn Exhibit Hall, Harlow House, and/or Depot Rail Museum in 2018-2019. We appreciate their dedication to the Troutdale Historical Society.

**Kelly Broomall, Joyce Belcher, Joy Beldin, Charlotte Freeman, Pam Dykstra, Andrea Heim, Dave Johnson, Sally King, Jeanette Kloos, Lauren Lucero, Sharon Lucky, Marge McDevitt, Sharon Nesbit, Norm & Charlene Thomas, Hazel Webb.**

These volunteers were recognized at the 2019 Annual Meeting for dedicating their time to specific jobs.

**Diane Castillo-White** (Barnyard Concerts), **Stan Clarke** (Cemetery Tour Guide), **Matt Leamy** (Edgefield Concert Volunteer Coordinator), **Lauren Lucero** (News Article Clipping), **Margaret Rice** (THS History Time lines), **Carla Robertson** (Digitization), **Al & Joyce Stoeckel** (Cleaning museums)



Andrea Heim

*A*ndrea Heim agreed to learn a new skill on the computer and help out by titling hundreds of images of the Depot Rail Museum artifacts that are now searchable and ready to be placed into our database.

### 2019 Member of the Year

*Julia Warner*



*Y*ou might have noticed at our annual meeting that we skipped right over Member of the Year because the honoree, Julia Warner, did not make it back in time from a Sunday bike ride to be at our meeting.

So, nearly all members of the board hustled to the barn the following Monday when she was expected to work on her endless project of entering our card system into the computer. We surprised her there with a plaque and gift of a hanging fuchsia for her many hours of labor.

## Friends in History Remembered

### Lois Moller - b. December 16, 1932 d. March 5, 2019

Longtime member **Lois Moller** died March 5, 2019, of causes related to age. She moved to Troutdale when she was 10 because her father worked for the railroad. She graduated from Gresham High in 1951 and married Bill Moller in 1956. He died in 2016. They operated a wholesale nursery business.



### Sally King - b. October 19, 1941 d. April 26, 2019

*Sally*, Queen of the Vista House or heart of the historic visitor center on Crown Point, passed away April 26, 2019. Either title worked for the woman who swept her hair up into a crown working every day for 31 years at a humble desk in a downstairs storeroom of the landmark building. **King** coordinated volunteers, helped with the gift shop and spent considerable time coping with leaks in the basement. When Vista House celebrated its 100th birthday, **Teresa Kasner**, first manager of the Vista House Project, described her relationship with **King**: "I was the head and she was the heart..." In 2006 she was recognized for an estimated 10,000 volunteers hours by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and later won the department's Stewart Volunteer Award for her contributions to the site, which is an Oregon State Park. She retired in 2015.



Sally King

Until shortly before her last illness, **King** also volunteered in the museum of the Troutdale Historical Society. **King** had mobility issues and did not like to volunteer alone anymore, but arranged for friends to share her volunteer shift, said **LeAnn Stephan**, Troutdale Historical Society executive director.

A resident of Latourell Falls since the 1970s, **King** was twice evacuated for fires in the Columbia River Gorge. She was featured in The Outlook in September 2017 when she, as well as a single mother and two children living with her, along with three dogs fled the Eagle Creek Fire. **King** spent a week in the Red Cross shelter at Troutdale hoping that her home, along with batch of wandering chickens and the feral cats she fed, would survive. Firefighters saved the structures at Latourell and she was able to return to the house she and her husband built in the 1970s.

A lifelong resident of the area, she was born in Portland on Oct. 10 1941, to **Evelyn** and **Carl Kruger** and attended Pleasant Valley Grade School graduating from Gresham High. She was one of three siblings and is survived by her brother, **Kip Kruger**, Happy Valley, as well as foster daughter, **Dallas Wilkie**.

**Sally** met her husband, **Ivan King**, at church. He was an outdoors man, rock hound, fisherman and hunter and she hunted deer and elk in Eastern Oregon with him. "After 15 years he finally realized she would never shoot one," wrote **Margaret Rice** in a profile on **King** in the Troutdale Historical Society newsletter last year. **Ivan King** died 22 years ago.

**Sally King** remained active all her life in the Bridal Veil Community Church, and was also a member and officer of the Portland Women's Forum.

The family suggests gifts to the church in her name.

**343 MEMBERS OF THE  
TROUTDALE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**500 members!**

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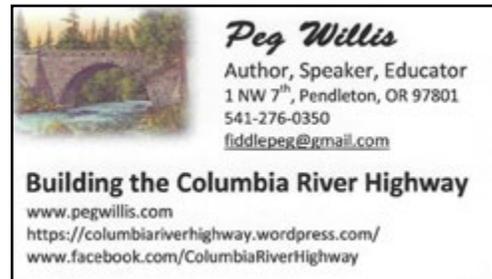
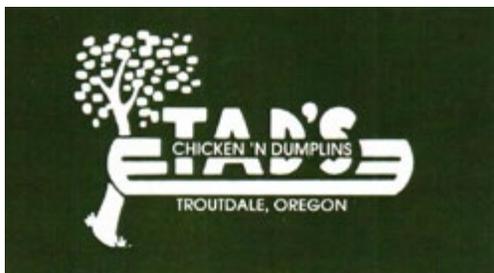
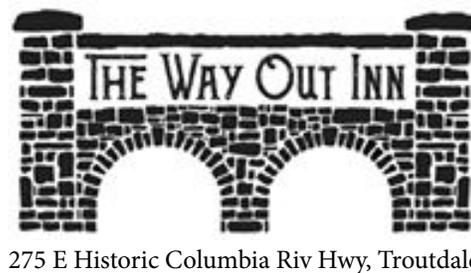
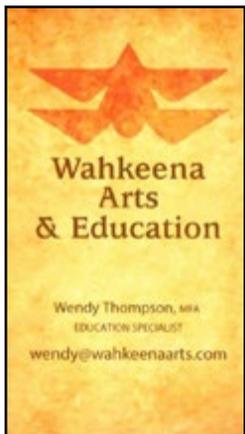
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**Mission Statement**  
 To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area; to stimulate interest in the knowledge of the locality's past.

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