

Newsletter of the

Troutdale Historical Society



February 2010

Mark your Calendar

Murder, Morality & Madness

Feb 21 - 2 p.m.
Troutdale City Hall

Mona Bell; Mistress to Sam Hill

March 21 - 2 p.m.
Troutdale City Hall

Oral History with Sharon Nesbit-Annual Business Meeting and election of officers.

April 18 - 2 p.m.
Troutdale City Hall

Cemetery Tour Hood River & Beyond ???

May 22
Leave barn Museum 9 a.m.

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Troutdale Historical Society Presents:

Murder, Morality & Madness

Women Criminals in Early Oregon

The Troutdale Historical Society is pleased to present Diane L. Goeres-Gardner as the featured speaker at the program meeting on Sunday, February 21, 2010.

Ms. Gardner is the award winning author of two Oregon History books. *Necktie Parties: The History of Legal Executions in Oregon, 1851-1905* was released in 2005 by Caxton Press. Her second book, *Murder, Morality, and Madness: Women Criminals in Early Oregon* was released in May 2009. She has a new book, *Roseburg*, due to be released in March 2010.

Ms. Gardner is an Oregon historian and as a Chautauqua speaker from 2007 to 2009 she gave 25 presentations at locations all over Oregon.

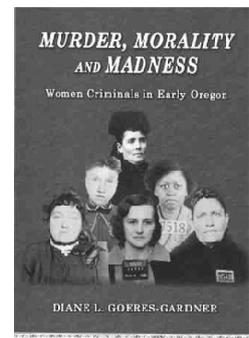
Her book *Murder, Morality, and Madness: Women Criminals in Early Oregon*, investigates Oregon's treatment of women incarcerated in the state penitentiary during the 1800s. In a case-by-case treatment, the book reveals the secret world of good-old-boy politics and gender discrimination. Beginning in 1854 with the case of Charity Lamb and ending in 1900 with the case of Minnie Crockett, "Murder, Morality, and Madness" will eradicate the romantic vision of Victorian women's lives as portrayed by television and novels.

Ms. Gardner will have books for sale and will be happy to autograph any books previously purchased.

Please join us on February 21, 2010, at 2 p.m. at the Troutdale City Hall for this fascinating presentation on frontier justice.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

For more information call THS at 503-661-2164.



I hope you all survived the winter and are enjoying the spring-like weather we are having.

Compared to the rest of the country, we have it pretty darned good.

So many thank-you's this month. Thank-you to **McMeanmins** and **Anna Rosene** for donating books to our Depot store, to **Christine Smith** for coming back to volunteer in the office, to **Dave Munson, Mario Ayala** and **Dave Ripma** for moving stuff whenever I ask. Thanks

to the **City of Troutdale & Mike Alderson, Dick Bohlman** and **Mike Korst** who have been awesome to help get things done at the Depot. Thanks to the **Tuesday Ladies** for keeping the house decorated and clean and for all your work in sorting, cleaning and cataloging all of our artifacts.

I would like to make a correction of a mistake that was in last month's *Bygone Times*. Somehow in cutting and pasting, Florence Baker's first name got

changed to Helen. I apologize for this error.

We received correspondence from Claudell Metzger after the passing of her mother and she asked me to say hello to all of her THS friends.

For anyone who grew up on Jackson Park Rd. or went to Reynolds (my era) you would remember Davey (now Davis) Perkins. I tracked him down recently and he is a rather famous artist living in the Bay Area. He has been working as an EMT for many years

and was called to the big fires in L.A. last summer so was unable to attend the Reynolds Reunion. He just retired in December and is going to travel to foreign countries to share his medical training. You can find samples of his artwork at davisperkins.com.

We have awesome programs for February & March so come to the programs and support THS!

Happy Valentines Day!

Terry

Helen Ferenbacher

Helen Fehrenbacher, long time and much beloved Troutdale and Corbett teacher, died on December 22, 2009 in Portland at the age of 103. She and another Troutdale teacher, Crystal Bailey, rode in the Troutdale Summerfest Parade when Helen was 100 years old.

Helen was born on October 14, 1906 near Dayton, Wash., to Charles and

Agnes (Becker) Strahm. She attended a one-room school in Dayton, completed high school in Walla Walla and then studied at Eastern Washington State College in Cheney to obtain a teaching certificate.

At her first job in Lowdon, Wash. in 1925 she met her future husband, William J. "Bill" Fehrenbacher. She then taught in Rosalind and Centralia. She and Bill

were married on June 6, 1933 in Portland. He had a garage business at Troutdale and she began teaching at Troutdale Elementary School in 1935. She taught the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

Troutdale Historical Society president, Scott Cunningham, regarded her as his favorite teacher and former Troutdale mayor, Vern Rathman, who left school early to enter the military dur-

ing World War II, said she had given him nearly all of the education that he ever had. During the war, she wrote letters to many of her students serving in the military.

The Fehrenbachers built a home on Mershon Road in 1940, according to Corbett area historian Clarence Mershon. Helen taught at Corbett schools from 1943 to 1965.



Please call the office, 503-661-2164, if you would like to use your credit/debit card to pay for dues, raffle tickets, donations or in memory contributions! Tuesday-Friday 8-11:30 a.m. and Saturday 10-2.



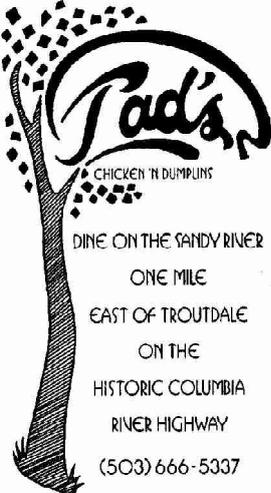
Mary Bryson has donated this beautiful red, white and blue quilt for a raffle. Thank you Mary!!!

The tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5, 7 tickets for \$10 and 15 tickets for \$20. There are 15 tickets included in this newsletter, so send half of the ticket back with your name and phone number (so we can read them please) for your chance to own this wonderful quilt.

Drawing will be held at Christmas Open House in December. We have additional tickets at the Depot and will have them for sale at program meetings throughout the year.

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2010 BUDGET EXPENSES: Part time staff \$10,400, Utilities, Alarms, minor repairs \$7,000, Office telephone, computers, materials, supplies, etc. \$4,000 (appr. 330 per month), Programs, cemetery tour, etc. appr. \$1,200, Archival materials budget, \$1,000, Newsletter printing and postage \$3,000.

TOTAL EXPENSE \$25,600

2010 BUDGET INCOME: Dues \$7,570, Salmon Bake \$3,000+, Donations \$13,266 (includes \$9,000 from Sharon & Dave), RR 2009 event admin. fee \$1,200, Store, program, and raffle sales \$1,000.

TOTAL INCOME \$26,036

GOALS & PROJECTS: for this year include: maintain the museums and artifacts; open and host museums on a regular basis; provide educational programs; continue archival processing; plan and hold fundraising events; produce monthly newsletter.

GRANTS to find, identify and apply for: Educational grants to help with educational programs & tours; a grant to help with reprinting "It Could Have Been Troutdale"; a grant for Exterior Paint for the Harlow House. Because most grants are matching, we need to figure out how to raise the matching funds, too.

PROBLEMS: As utilities increase, and donations and dues steadily decline, at some point we might not be able to pay someone like Terry, the small amount we pay now. We are working on a chart, identifying the daily, monthly, weekly duties that need to be done and could be done by volunteers. We need to rally and organize our volunteers! **If you would like to help out and volunteer for a task or project or committee, please check the box on the dues envelope.**

VOLUNTEERS: **Terry Huston**, is our director. We compensate her some, but much of the work she does is volunteer. **Mary Bryson** is our volunteer curator. She receives and catalogues donated artifacts, and maintains the artifact collection. With the assistance of the **Tuesday Ladies**, she also maintains and refreshes the Harlow House exhibits. **Adrienne Claussen** is our volunteer host coordinator. She keeps the museum host schedule, trains new hosts, and coordinates tours. **Jennifer Munson** is our volunteer librarian. She catalogues and organizes the books in our library. **Sharon Nesbit** and **Penny Balch** have been working on our photo library. **Helen Wand** is our Program Chair. Her committee identifies speakers and arranges the monthly programs. **Jean Hybskmann**, **Jean Ice** and the **Tuesday Ladies** are working on the preparations for our big fund raising event this year, the Salmon Bake. **Dave Munson** tends to our minor repairs and fixes at the museums. **Sheryl Maydew** is our volunteer bookkeeper. Our Treasurer, **Tom Graves** donates time and staff to balance our books and file all necessary reports and tax forms.

DONATIONS to THS are tax deductible. In addition, if a matching donation is made to the Oregon Cultural Trust, the State of Oregon gives a tax credit. Donors can save up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for joint filers, or \$2,500 for Oregon C-corporations.

QUILT RAFFLE: **Mary Bryson** has generously donated a beautiful quilt to be raffled throughout the year. The lucky winner's ticket will be drawn at Christmas Open house. You don't have to be present to win the quilt drawing.

THS Museums Open Third Saturday of Each Month

The Harlow House, Barn Museum and Depot Rail Museum will be open on February 20, 2010.

The Troutdale Historical Society will have all three of the museums open on the third Saturday February 20, 2010, from 10a.m until 2 p.m.

The Harlow House will feature a display of the society's vintage Valentines.

The Barn Museum exhibit is called "What Went By" and illustrates the history of Troutdale from its beginning as a city in 1907 until its centennial celebration in 2007.

Among the exhibits, visitors will find text panels, antique farming tools, a slide show of vintage pho-

tos, and murals by local artist Kathy Allegri.

As an added feature this month and next, Kathy will be in the Barn Museum teaching her watercolor class and she also will be available to discuss the murals she has painted in the barn. Kathy has taught watercolor classes

throughout the Pacific Northwest, California, Hawaii, and Provence, France. Her paintings and murals are in private, corporate, and civic collections in mainland United States, Hawaii, Asia, and Europe. Her mural *Once upon the Quicksand* is in the Barn Museum.

Kathy has also done a beautiful painting of the gazebo at the Harlow House and has donated the painting for an auction to be held in August at our fundriasing Salmon Bake on the Sandy River.

A wonderful collection of railroad memorabilia and tools is on display in the Depot Rail Museum.

The Depot store is open ev-



Kathy Allegri



Cold Fall Morning

ery Saturday from 10-2.

Also at the Depot Museum for February's Third Saturday, a Northwest favorite, Inga Ojala who spe-



Inga Ojala on a fishing trip.

cializes in paintings of wildlife and fish will be on hand to discuss her work and to answer questions. She does a lot of fishing and studies the outdoors and actually studies the fish that she catches, to put the realism into her paintings.

When she is diving she studies the natural feel of the water and the fish's natural environment.



Gazebo at Harlow House



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