

BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 2002

Coming Up

Granny's Attic

Now at Harlow House
Granny's Odds-n-Ends
and census records
from the Troutdale area

School Reunion

Oct 19, 2pm

Springdale School,
along the Historic Co-
lumbia River Hwy.
Hosted by Crown Point
Country Historical Soci-
ety. Slide show, exhibit
tours, & refreshments.
FREE!

The Historic Highway

Nov 17, 2pm

A slide show presented
by Clarence Mershon
featuring his book and
research on the historic
highway. Limited prints,
book signing, and re-
freshments. Friends of
Vista House presents
information on the resto-
ration at Crown Point.
Held at the Troutdale
City Hall.
FREE!

Christmas at the Harlow House

Dec 7, 12 to 4pm

Harlow House wel-
comes everyone for the
Teddy Bear Holidays!
Seasonal decorations,
cookies, wassail and
good cheer!
FREE!

Annual School Reunion: October 19th, 2002

THS invites all those within shouting distance (that means everyone!) to our Annual School Reunion, Saturday, Oct. 19th.

We are honored to have this year's program hosted by the Crown Point Country Historical Society, at Springdale School. The program begins at 2pm with CPCHS President, Clarence Mershon welcoming one and all. An informative slideshow on the changes in the school buildings is promised, plus the history of the area and stories of local families.

A brief THS business meeting will be part of the afternoon's agenda to update our members on events and happenings. But the school reunion

program will be mostly filled with tours of the exhibits in the Springdale School, information provided by the CPCHS, social time to visit friends, and some wonderful re-
freshments.

The Springdale School is located in the center of Springdale, along the Historic Columbia River Highway east of Troutdale and west of Corbett. For further directions or information on the program, please call THS's office at (503) 661-2164.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Saturday, October 19, 2002. See you there! ❖



Harvest Faire Continues Legacy of Success

Another successful Harvest Faire has been put in the history books of the Troutdale Historical Society. Final counts are still being taken but all indicators point to a successful event, held on Sept. 21-22.

With 35 vendor booths, music, food and glorious weather, the atmosphere at Glenn Otto Park was festive. Beginning Saturday morning, arts and crafts booths lined up along the park path despite a strong east wind that tried to tear down a few tents!

The fair opened Saturday morning with the kitchen catering to hungry customers. Homemade pies were served and enjoyed, and many appreciative smiles received. Port Halling Brewing Company provided a welcome respite from the sun with their Beer Garden both days of the event.

The music took center stage in the afternoons. A variety of tunes had the crowd toe-tapping along, as "Geezer Street" played their specialty music for all ages.

Children enjoyed game booths, balloons and having their faces painted by a very crafty artist. Information booths from the community's civic clubs and schools provided the public with brochures and handouts, as well as raffles for special prizes.

Donations were accepted at the gate, with raffle tickets for \$1 each. Drawings for prizes were held every hour. The money goes toward the Lewis & Clark Exhibit, scheduled to open next September.

Following are 2002's sponsors and volunteers. We are extremely grateful for their support. We could not have this event without their help. THS thanks them!

Sponsors: Tad's Chicken 'N Dumplings; Troutdale Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.; Clackamas County Bank; Dr. Sandra Bennett; Troutdale Vision Clinic; Troutdale General Store; A Soothing Touch Massage; Creative Edge Salon; Columbia gorge Premium

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Providing Information & Services

Every week (and sometimes every day) THS receives requests for information, help finding a location, or for a photo a family would really like to have.

Here are a few of the recent requests:

①Nancy & Daniel Thayer of Bremerton, Washington wanted to find a photo of the Rail Depot building, with "Troutdale" on the side of the building. Thanks to Sharon Nesbit, a copy of this photo was mailed and happily received, complete with some fond memories shared of their time in Troutdale years ago.

①Connie Meisinger from Pensacola, Florida was passing through the area and called the office, hoping to have help locating her great-grandmothers' gravesite. Our Society's Re-

searcher and Genealogist, Doneva Shepard, quickly responded with information. Connie and her husband were able to visit the location on their trip to the coast, before returning to Florida.

①Two ladies stopped in the Society offices recently trying to locate the Ames School. They shared stories of this 2-room schoolhouse, between Sandy and Corbett, and the families in the area. They were delighted when our books displayed photos of the school, and were given directions to the location to discover again. Thank you to Sharon Nesbit and Clarence Mershon for help with this request. ❖

Harvest Faire

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Outlets; Troutdale Chevron

Volunteers: Bill Payne; Adrienne Clausen; Mona Mitch-off; Betty Kaufman; Florence Baker; Martha Booheister; Sharon Petri; Vivian Boelke; Donna McCollister; David Ripma; Mary Bryson; Mario Ayala; Dorothy Sturges & Family; Jean Holman; Jim Cook; Sharon Nesbit; June Nasmyth; Evelyn Jacobson; Jean Hybskmann; Marvin & Jan Aberg; Paula & Hattie Goldie; Dawne Morse; Pat Smith; Marie Miller; Penny Balch; Frieda Ryland; Sadie Riley; Terry & Milt Belnap; Larry Taraba; Cub Scouts. ❖

Our wonderful Volunteer Coordinator, Adrienne Clausen, has

Volunteer Coordinator "Retires"

service to the Society for many years. She has trained volunteers as hosts in our museums, arranged volunteer schedules for events and fundraisers, and provided picnic lunches to thank her teams of volunteers.

Adrienne has been busy this summer, getting ready to sell her house and seriously downsize! She and Sunny (her ever-present pooch) wish to thank the many members who have given their time and efforts to volunteering.

THS wishes to extend our gratitude to Adrienne for her generous assistance and unwavering support. We appreciate her efforts, and wish her all the best in the future. Thank you, Adrienne! ❖

Director's Corner, by Marie Miller

Sharon Nesbit Resigns

As many of you may already know, our Historian of the Troutdale Historical Society's Historian, Sharon Nesbit, handed in her resignation to the Board of Directors in September this year. Sharon, a longtime leader in the mission of our organization and one of our strongest supporters, has been with the Society for 35 years.

Sharon's extensive knowledge of Troutdale's past has provided the Society with a wonderful resource for our information requests, tours, and events. We

will miss Sharon's immediate response to questions about historical buildings, sites and past families in our communities.

Sharon provided the THS membership with many memorable treks over the years,

endless hours hosting at Harlow House, contributions in our newsletters and publications, event committees, and more projects than anyone can remember.

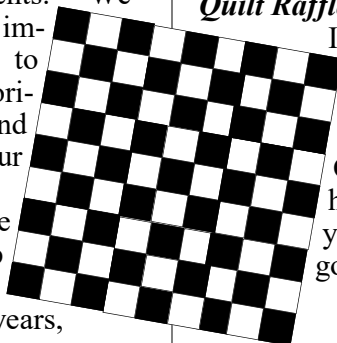
THS wishes to thank Sharon for all her efforts made on behalf of our Society, as well as her continued commitment as a member. We wish her great success with her writing, and look forward to her much anticipated book on Troutdale's history.

Sharon, you did so much for the Society, and we are grateful...thank you!

Quilt Raffle

I'd like to thank the many folks that returned raffle tickets (and money!) for the Quilt Drawing, to be held in December this year. The money raised goes toward our Lewis

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Dear Friends and Members:

Thank you for your unwavering support of the events and activities of the Troutdale Historical Society! Thanks to you, we are able to maintain 2 museums, an exhibit hall, and an active event calendar focused on sharing history with our community.

For 34 years, membership dues have assisted us in our mission to preserve the history of Troutdale, the Sandy River, and the Columbia Gorge. If you aren't yet a member, please fill out and return the membership form. Consider, too, giving the gift of history to a friend or family member, or making a donation to the operating fund or to a specific project.

Consider just a few of the benefits of membership...

- ♦ the preservation of history;
- ♦ discounts at our gift shop;
- ♦ reduced admission to affiliated museums;
- ♦ the Bygone Times.

Name(s) _____	
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Type of Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$20) <input type="checkbox"/> Director's Club Individual (\$75) <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family (\$30) <input type="checkbox"/> Director's Club Couple (\$100)
Gift Membership <i>Please send a THS gift membership to the following:</i>	
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Donations <i>In addition to my membership, I'd like to support the events and programs of the Troutdale Historical Society by making a donation to the following:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Operating Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Depot Rail Museum
<input type="checkbox"/> Harlow House	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition Hall (Lewis & Clark)
<input type="checkbox"/> Director's Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> To Be Used As Needed
My donation is in the amount of: \$ _____	
Enclosed is my:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Visa or Mastercard	Card # _____
Name as it appears on card _____	
Expiration Date _____	
<i>You may also call or fax in your credit card information. Phone your information to 503-661-2164 or Fax it to 503-674-2995.</i>	

Please return top half of this page, along with your payment, to: THS, 104 SE Kibling St, Troutdale OR 97060.

More Director's Corner

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& Clark Exhibition beginning next year. Thank you for showing your support in this project.

Share Your Story

I would like to invite our members and friends to share your stories with us in future newsletters. It's been so interesting to hear from you the tales and experiences of family histories, and I'm sure others would enjoy hearing them also. Please feel free to submit articles for upcoming newsletters. Simply send or bring in your submissions. We can be reached via email too: theths@earthlink.net.

Volunteers

Finally, a huge thank you to all the volunteers over the past month. They make this Society the success it is! And we need

more of you – and there are opportunities for everyone! Please consider helping with...photo library, historical preservation, volunteer coordinating, finding out about becoming a Board member, event staff, museum hosting, office & clerical help, bookkeeping, exhibit or program planning.

Please call me at the office or stop in soon to find out more. Thank you...your help is truly appreciated! ❖

Yard Sale

On Saturday, September 7th the Tuesday Ladies held a yard sale on the grounds of Harlow House and Exhibition Hall.

Part of the proceeds were dedicated to THS. The sun shone bright and clear, the crowds of people were interested in the collections displayed, and the ladies had brisk sales for their event!

We wish to thank the Tuesday Ladies for their contribution for the Yard Sale, and for their efforts on behalf of the Society. ❖

If we haven't called to ask you to help host the house or greet visitors, please call us at 503-661-2164. We'll find you a job!



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Change Service Requested

Harlow House & Exhibition Hall

726 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy
Hours: Sat & Sun, 1 to 4 p.m.

Depot Rail Museum & THS Offices

473 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy
Hours: Office M-F 8-5 (Call for Tours)

Our Thanks for the Support of Our Friends & Members...

THS wishes to thank the following for their generous support...

Financial Contributions

Lois D. Coons, in memory of Merle M. Coons; Sharon Petri, for her generous "down payment" on the new water heater for Harlow House; and Merlyn Troska and Alice M. Cornwell for their individual contributions to the operat-

ing fund.

Memberships

George and Millie Swanson; Dale and Elizabeth Baldwin; Thomas and Pamela Fenton; Bonita L. Jenkins

Artifacts

Steve Lehl for the 1951 Troutdale's Kitchen Secrets cookbook; and Lois D. Coons for two home-

made crocheted throws.

Without the support of our members and friends, we could not provide our services to our community. The Troutdale Historical Society is very grateful for your continued assistance. ❖

When you maintain historic buildings, repair work provides

A Matching Challenge from Sharon Petri & THS!

unique challenges! For the last few months, THS has attempted to replace the water heater at Harlow House. After several inspections and numerous bids, we are almost ready to install a new electric heater.

Thanks to a generous donation by member Sharon Petri, we are well on our way to paying for this cost-efficient

heater. Sharon has given the Society \$200, and issued a challenge to our members to match (or even exceed!) her donation.

\$+\$ = New Water Heater

Winter is coming and a new unit is greatly needed to replace our faulty water heater. The

Troutdale Historical Society thanks Sharon Petri for her generosity and spirit, and we look forward to reporting on this matched donation in the next newsletter! ❖