



Bygone Times

Newsletter of the
Troutdale Historical Society

July/August 2009

Mark your Calendar

Bite 'n Bluegrass

July 11

Has been cancelled for this year.

Summerfest Parade

July 18

10:00 a.m.

Come to the Barn Museum for lemonade, popcorn and parade watching. Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. Come early to beat the blocking of the street.

Sandy Historical Society's

11th Annual Quilt Show

July 17-18-19

Sandy Union High School

Fri. & Sat 10 - 5

Sun Noon - 4

For more info, call Shirley at
503-665-3436

July 31st & August 1

Reynolds All-Lancer

Reunion-Classes '58 to '89

Friday Night-Winks Pub 6-10

Sat. Reynolds Middle School

10-4 with Sock Hop at MHCC

in the gym from 7-11 p.m. Call

Terry at the THS office for
more info 503-661-2164

Wheels and Wings

August 1

Troutdale Airport

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Car show-music-planes

&

Rotary Club Fundraiser

Pancake Breakfast

8:00 a.m to 1 p.m.

www.gorgewheelsandwings.com

Salmon Bake

August 15

**We still have some tickets
left for this GREAT event!**

Authentic Native American
cooked salmon & fry bread
and tribal dancing. \$50 per
person. Only 150 tickets will
be sold. Call THS office for
more information.

503-661-2164

Baked Salmon on the Sandy



Quartz Creek Drum and Dance Group

The Quartz Creek Drum and Dance Group is a Native American family group of the Warm Springs Tribe. They will be performing at the August 15 Salmon Bake hosted by Bob & Jean Ice on the Sandy River. The group provides the entertainment, as well as education of their culture, from historical legends/stories/dance to the popular contemporary dance. Tickets are \$50 per person and 50% of the cost is a tax deductible donation. Call the Troutdale Historical Society office at 503-661-2164 to reserve your tickets. This is our major fundraiser for the year, replacing the Tea & Tour (we have run out of historic homes to showcase), so please call to reserve your tickets and support THS!

Cemetery Tour Turned Out to be a GRAVE Situation

"We had the most incredible time on the Cemetery Tour!!!"

Sharon and Stan put on such an entertaining trip for everybody... I was DELIGHTED to see so many people! And the weather was perfect, couldn't have been better."

Doneva Shepard

by Sharon Nesbit

Our trip on May 16 took us to the Estacada area with a bus driver, Trish, who has been with us before. "And can you believe she wanted to come again?" said Sharon Petri.

We had a beautiful lunch spot at Philip Foster Farm, punctuated by bursts from Civil war reenactors on site. And to finish was a hike, uphill unfortunately, Philip Foster Cemetery to see the grave of the keeper of the Barlow Trail. Ann Kracke came prepared to read us a story of two little girls who died at

Foster Farm after gorging on fresh fruit when they arrived there. And, just for an added bonus, the famous lilac that Mary Foster brought over the Oregon Trail was in full bloom.

Our game for the day, was to devise appropriate epitaphs for cemetery expert and guide Stan Clarke who personally toured more than 400 Oregon burial grounds and helped prepare "Big Blue" a guide to all of the state's cemeteries.

Two winners emerged: Sharon Petri's "Here lies Stan-he was a grave man" and Jill Ford's "Chances are pretty

blankety-blank good this isn't my first 'visit'!"

The truth is that Stan, who conducted our 11th cemetery tour in as many years, plans to have his ashes placed in a wall at Portland Memorial. That prompted Wade Schueller to write: "Died Has Stan, Body too Big for a Can, So After All They Stuffed Him in a Wall."

Stan Clarke is already thinking of next year's trip. As David Ripma wrote: "To visit the dead, the man with the plan was Stan."

Please plan to join us next year, you won't be sorry.

Father's Day and Dad's birthday have come and gone, both on the same day this year. Time goes so fast. He has been gone for a year and a half. He is terribly missed.

The reunion is the end of the month! This has been a very long journey for Randy, Jay, Bernie and I. It certainly has been a labor of love. We have had more than 48 meetings in the first six months of this year (and they are not over), held a major auction event at McMenamins in March that raised more than \$3000 and the donations keep coming in. We have raised more than \$8000 so far.

The proceeds from all the events are going to an ongoing

scholarship for Reynolds graduates to attend Mt. Hood Community College.

We are encouraging all classmates, parents and teachers from the years of 1958 to 1989 to attend the reunion events. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime event (at least for me 'cause I'm not doing it again).

I hope you are having a great summer with lots of travel, family and fun! With the passing of Ed McMahon, Farrah Fawcett and Michael Jackson this week it really shows that no matter how much money we have or don't have our time on this big twirling ball is limited, so go out there and make the

most of it.

I want to thank the Tuesday ladies (**Mary Bryson, Jean Hybskmann, Jean Holman, Mona Mitchoff, Judy Norby, Barb Welch and Heather Mitchoff** for getting the Depot Museum back into shape after all the construction.

The new blinds are in, the new carpet is down, the wall has been taken down in the store everything is painted and the new windows are in, so please stop by at take a look.

A BIG thank you to **Gary Law** from Crown Point Country Historical Society for stepping up and volunteering at the Depot Museum

on Wednesday afternoons. It really makes a difference to be able to keep our museum and store open.

The Centennial Arch construction should begin in the next few weeks. YAHOO!

I hope to see you on July 18, parade day, at the Barn Museum. Come early or you won't get through before the traffic is stopped.

Sharon will be at Harlow House serving lemonade and popcorn after the parade.

And be sure to call the office or send in your check to get your tickets to the Salmon Bake. Have a great rest of your summer.

Terry

Alfred M. Staehli

Preservation architect Alfred M. Staehli died on May 4 at the age of 79. He did a lot of big work in Oregon, helping to save Crater Lake Lodge from demolition and with the restoration of Kam Wah Chung in John Day. But he also helped in Troutdale with McMenamins Edgefield. At the point in time when Troutdale Historical Society was trying to push the old county poor farm through the preservation process, it seemed unlikely that the

Troutdale Planning Commission would approve the complex as a city historic site. (You will not find many now who will admit they opposed Edgefield, but there were a lot of such folks back in the 1980s and most were on city staff and the planning commission.) When it began to look like Edgefield was going down at planning commission level, Sharon Nesbit called Al Staehli, who was a volunteer with the Historic Preservation League of Oregon, and asked him to come

out to talk to the Troutdale planning commission at its hearing. (Like they say: An expert is someone 50 miles from home, or in this case 15 miles.) Al's confident voice carried that meeting, convincing city planners that the crumbling pile of buildings on Halsey Street was historically important.

He then helped Sharon Nesbit prepare a nomination to the National

Register for Edgefield, writing all the important architectural descriptions,

while Nesbit did the narrative. When the decision came back from the State Historic Preservation Office that Edgefield was indeed historic, it started the preservation process for the poor farm. There were many hurdles to clear after that, but Al Staehli started the process and he never got a dime out of it.

In 2004 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Architectural Heritage from the Bosco-Milligan Foundation.

Jack Malcom

Excerpts from June 13 Outlook article by Calvin Hall

John "Jack" Perry Malcom, a longtime Gresham resident, florist and owner of Flowers by Malcom, died Monday, June 1, at his home. He was 85.

For 47 years, Jack's flowers and bouquets were sure to accompany significant events in the community: a new baby, a death, a reunion, a prom or a wedding.

Jack grew up amid the flowers. He was born March 2, 1924, in Gresham to Roy and Lytha (Perry) Malcom. Roy, a Wyoming cowboy and World War I veteran with an eighth-grade education, and Lytha, a schoolteacher, had moved west in 1922 hoping

for a homestead. That didn't work out, so the Malcoms settled in Troutdale and became involved with the local gladiola growers. Jack, then only age 5 or 6, used to ride along with his father as he drove his truck all over the metropolitan area, selling the flowers to florists.

Jack graduated from Troutdale Grade School in 1938 and Gresham High School in 1942. He was in college when he enlisted in the Navy during World War II.

Jack was honorably discharged in 1946 and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1947. He then went to work for American President Lines, a job that matched

his wanderlust. However, Roy grew ill with lung problems, and Jack returned to Gresham to help with the family business. Jack, working with his parents and sister, Mary Allen, opened Flowers by Malcom in November 1953.

Jack took an active role in the business and arts community, and he served on the boards of numerous organizations in East Multnomah County and in the florist industry. He was a member of the Gresham and Troutdale historical societies. He also

taught a class in flower shop management at Mt. Hood Community College.

Jack was an avid world traveler, having visited every corner of the world at some time. He was known for his trademark fisherman's caps acquired on his travels. He attended the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and while in India, he met Mother Teresa, being sure to bring the nun a bouquet of flowers.

Jack was a gentle spirit and a great friend to THS. He will be missed.

Len's Lens by Len Otto will return with another great photo preservation tip in the next issue of the Bygone Times or as space allows.

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Pat Albin

Longtime Troutdale/Gresham resident Pat Albin passed away on April 30th. Pat was born on Feb. 7, 1930 in Strassburg, N.D. to Jophn and Elizabeth (Materi) Burgad. She married Russell Albinin Fargo, N.D. in 1948 and they moved to Troutdale in 1956. Russell was a Troutdale City Councilor in the 1960's.

Pat worked at Flavorpak Cannery and later for Electroinic Specialties for 25 years. She retired in 1991 as a production supervisor and moved to Gresham in 2000.

Pat was a member of St. Henry's Catholic Church, the VFW Women's Auxiliary Gresham Post and the Troutdale Historical Society where she was a volunteer host in the Rail depot Musuem.

Russell preceded her in death in 1976.

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A special thank you to Keith Strand of Strand's Windows who stepped in and saved the day by installing the new windows at the Depot. He did an incredible job and went above and beyond to help THS out.



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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, and knowledge of, the locality's past.

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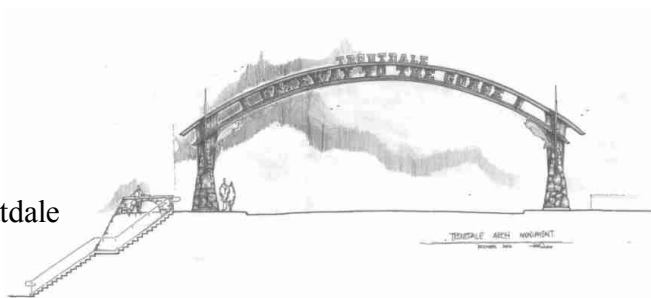
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**Centennial Monument Donations:**

Your name can still go
here and on the arch!

**Volunteers needed third Sat. of the month for
hosts at Harlow House and the Barn Museums!**

It is not too late to get your name on the Arch at the \$1,000 level or higher. The deadline has been extended to July 15th. You can mail your check to the Troutdale Historical Society, 104 SE Kibling St., Troutdale, OR 97060
