



# BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the Troutdale Historical Society

January 2004

## Please Mark Your Calendars

### Valentine's Tea Open House at The Harlow House

*Sat. Feb. 14  
11 to 4 p.m.*

### Annual Membership Meeting

Topic:  
Preserving Family History

*Sun. Feb. 15  
2 p.m.*

**Sam Cox Building  
Glenn Otto Park**

### Sacagawea Program

*Sun. Mar. 21  
Ticketed  
Fundraising Event  
At Menucha*

### Oral History Program

*Sun. Apr. 18  
2 p.m.  
At City Hall*

### Annual Tea & Tour Coming up:

*Sat. May. 1*

## LEARN ABOUT NATIVE CULTURE

**January's Program** will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18th at the Barn. This program will feature Clifton & Christine Bruno and Warm Springs families and friends. Here is an opportunity to learn about the culture of our native folks, both historic and present day. Did you know that the cedar bark was used to make clothing? The program includes a Celilo Falls video and a dance performed by the "boys". This is also a good chance to view the mural by Kathy Allegri and learn about the upcoming Lewis and Clark exhibit, "Quicksand and Condors".



Bruno Boys May 2003

## PRESERVE YOUR OWN FAMILY HISTORY

Plan to attend the annual meeting and program February 15, 1 p.m. at the Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Park. We have two guest speakers lined up. Jennifer Sacco, President of Family Heirloom Preservation, LTD. will be on hand to demonstrate how to preserve and store our family heirlooms, photos and collections. Jackie Payne will show us how to write and assemble a family history in a way that is interesting and informative, rather than just the dry facts.

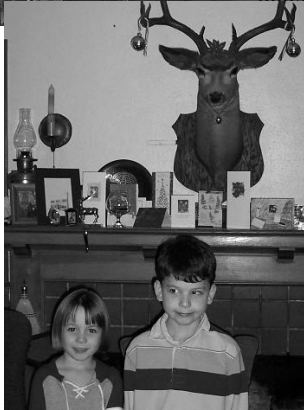


**Harlow House Museum & Barn ...  
Taken January 6, 2004**

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

**If driving conditions are hazardous, all Troutdale Historical Society meetings are automatically cancelled.**

## Christmas 2003 in Pictures



Thank you to the Tuesday Ladies for the Harlow House Christmas and hand made Santa ornaments.....and Thank you .to David Ripma and Mario Ayala for the Christmas Open House at Sweet Brier



**Log Blessing Ceremony performed by Bruno family and friends from Warm Springs.....a necessary step in the canoe carving project. Thank you all very much.**



Vi Nasmyth with new great grandson,  
Master Ryley Arthur Stooke

### Members Remembered

No one would be more pleased with our new Troutdale Historical Society library in the basement of the depot than **Viola Brander**. Viola was an early member of our society, and though she had no long established Troutdale origins, she liked all kinds of history and believed that it needed to be preserved. She began by donating books to our Troutdale Historical Society reference library, and those were big donations in the days when every \$10 purchase had to be closely scrutinized.

Her full name was Viola Haack Brander, and she lived just east of Troutdale at 1105 SW Halsey between the "y" intersection and the county farm (now Edgefield). Born in 1893, she arrived in the community in 1937 to be a nurse at the Multnomah County Tuberculosis Pavilion, which was on the county farm property. She got her nursing education at St. Joseph Hospital in Vancouver. She married Eric Brander in 1946 and in 1952 they built their home, which still stands on Halsey Street. She died at the age of 86 in 1979.

### Terry Belnap writes from Idaho...

"I am sure you remember **Mrs. Sally Lindholm** from Troutdale 3rd Grade. She is now living here in Boise and Milt and I went over to see her just before Christmas. She is still just as wonderful and just as feisty as she was then we had her for a teacher. She had just finished handwriting about 100 letters to children from Santa. Her husband retired from the postal service in Portland many years ago and Sally had always answered letters to children in Portland. When she moved here two years ago, (her daughter and family live here) she called the Post Office to see if they had any such Santa Program here. They did not, so she called the Post Office in Portland and they sent her a box of letters to Santa. She is in such good health and spirits. It was so good to visit with her."

"Now I remember why I left Troutdale — so lovely during three seasons but the fourth is the pits. Hope you are doing okay and keeping warm." Walt Nasmyth

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**Just for the record....**

For those keeping archives, there was no December 2003 newsletter....and due to the timing of this January 2004 newsletter, postcards were sent to remind members of the January meeting.

**In Memory...**

Two long time members died recently. Laura Eaton Oliver Vorpahl died December 7 at the age of 94. She had been in a care center for many years. She was the wife of Don Vorpahl who was president of our historical society in the 1970s. She moved to Troutdale in 1955 where she was a dental assistant until her retirement. She married Edwin Oliver in 1932. After his death, she married Don Vorpahl in 1967. He died in 1977. She is survived by her daughter, Marguerite Oliver and a son, James Oliver.

Alice Hartje died in late November. She was a descendant of Harlan Cone, who with his family founded Cone Lumber Mill in Troutdale before the turn of the century. The mill was located where the RV park is now, near the Harlow House. Harlan Cone's legacy to Troutdale was his skill as a photographer and in the 1890s he climbed Broughton Bluff (though it was not then known by that name) and using a big box camera and a hand-held leather lens cover, took photos of all of what was then Troutdale. His photos are the best evidence we have of the age of buildings in the community. Alice was a longtime member of our society and most interested in the preservation of our history.

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