



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

JUNE 2008

*Founded in 1986, the Society's Mission is
to preserve, promote and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin*

Upcoming Programs

- **June 4**, 1:15 pm
"James John: His Last Will and Testament - Was he a saint?", presented by Dave Overby at the Heritage Center. Former Tualatin school teacher tells about his research on the history of Portland's St. Johns area.
- **July 2**, 4-7 pm
The Society's Annual "Picnic at the Park", Tualatin Community Park main shelter. Bring a dish to share.

Meridian Marker Dedication

Did you know Meridian Road was the former name of 65th Avenue? Do your children and grandchildren know why a meridian is significant for mapmakers?

Join THS vice president Yvonne Addington and local Boy Scout Troops 35 and 530 at 3:00 pm., Saturday, June 21 to dedicate a new City of Tualatin interpretive marker. Parks director Paul Hennon asked the historical society to arrange this dedication which will be a family-oriented learning event.


Park at Browns Ferry Park and use the pathway to reach the marker. Signs and volunteers will guide the way.



Tualatin's new Meridian Marker
~ Photo courtesy of Paul Hennon

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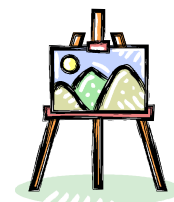
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Strawberry Festival on June 15
Fathers should insist on a delicious dessert of juicy local strawberries provided by Lee Farms served with ice cream donated by Safeway. 1:00-4:00 pm, donations accepted.

"Panorama of Watercolors"
Art Show continues through Friday, June 13. Some 250 persons visited the Panorama of Art show during its opening May 31. Original watercolor paintings from nineteen Northwest artists trained by

Linda Aman of Tualatin are both professional in quality and reasonable in price.





Shop till you drop...

we are having a sale!

That's right! We are having a rummage and collectible sale here at the Tualatin Heritage Center. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11 from 9:00 - 4:00 pm and Saturday, July 12, from 9:00- 3:00 pm. All items, unless marked otherwise, will be half-price after the noon hour on Saturday.

We are looking for donations of resalable items that you no longer want. This is a great way to recycle while helping to fundraise for the Tualatin Historical Society.

Please do not drop off your donations until Thursday, July 10, and only after 4 pm. Some sought after items include collectibles, antiques, jewelry, tools, household goods, clean lawn furniture,

books, pet stuff and other garage sale type items.

We will not be accepting electronics of any kind and clothes (vintage, YES!).

We need the following:

Volunteers, Folding tables, empty bags for shoppers, and bulletin boards.

Please call Lindy at 503.885.1926 if you would like to help or donate.



Coloring Book Project



Word was received this week about a \$2000 award from the Washington County Regional Arts and Culture Council to help launch the next publication in our book series on Tualatin history.

This product will be aimed at young children and will feature scenes from a typical day in the life of a Tualatin youngsters in the days of the little Red

*Art students from
Hazelbrook Middle School
will help us with this project*

Schoolhouse. Students in Tualatin secondary schools will do the actual research and prepare the artwork.

THS founders Karen Nygaard and Loyce Martinazzi came up with the initial design ideas and our Education Committee led by Evie Andrews and Barbara Stinger will help oversee the implementation of these ideas.

Let's Make Some Music

Do you have neighbor children or grandchildren who should be taking violin lessons from a master? Tell them about lessons this summer at the Heritage Center. The same Tualatin teacher Rodel Flores will also be donating his time



on Wednesday evenings starting June 25 to see if there's interest in starting a community orchestra. This weekly opportunity is for adults who used to play in an orchestra or students who need a group practice opportunity. Watch for announcements of recitals and hoedowns. Call the Center for details.

Metro presents- Natural Gardening Principles



A Natural gardening class will launch a series of workshops in celebration of our new Heritage Center patio and garden, join with Metro representatives at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 10.

Learn to grow a beautiful, productive garden without products that could harm your family, pets, wildlife and local rivers and streams.

Metro offers free natural gardening seminars to help you garden chemical-free.

We would like to know if you would like to have Metro give another presentation at the Heritage Center. They require a minimum of 20 participants. Please give us your feedback.

Future topics could include composting, soil fertility secrets, green, "green" lawns, edible landscaping, managing weeds, converting lawn to garden beds, slug solutions, backyard wildlife habitats flowers for you and beneficial insects.

What is Metro?

An elected regional government, Metro is helping to make the Portland metropolitan area an extraordinary place to live, work and play. From managing parks to planning for the region's future, discover what Metro does and the ways that it connects to your life. For more information, visit www.oregonmetro.gov.

Happy Gardening!

New Library Will Feature THS Handiwork

When the new Tualatin Library opens in mid-July, look for a special exhibit case which has been designated for THS use to help interpret our city's rich and colorful history.

Loyce Martinazzi will coordinate the displays. You can't miss an impressive new Tualatin Mastodon exhibit that will be the focal point for visitors at the circulation desk. Grand Ronde Tribe employee Tony Johnson has also designed a cedar woodcarving based around wapato, a food staple for tribes of our area.



Photo of the Mastodon case under construction.

Bird and Nature Walks Around Sweek Pond

Catch the early birds at 8:00 a.m. on June 11 and July 16 and try out our new binoculars purchased by the Heritage Center for birdwalkers. A BIG thanks to MaryAnne Sohlstrom from the Wetlands Conservancy for her expert leadership and to



Leupold and Stevens for donating an extra pair of their high-quality binoculars.

Also -

Kids "Intro to Birds and Birding" A presentation on local birds and walk for ages 10-14 will be held on June 24 at 10:00 am. Space is limited.

A Day in the Life of a Pioneer

The Heritage Center was recently the terminus of the Oregon Trail for 4th graders from Tualatin and Byrom Elementary schools. The students experienced several hands-on activities such as sewing, gardening, playing with handmade toys, making tin necklaces, washing clothes, making butter, learning about donation land grants and being a student in a mock one-room schoolhouse.

"What a fantastic day for our students. Thank you very much for helping history "come alive" for our fourth graders. Please thank the volunteers who had as much enthusiasm and interest in the subjects as the students did. We appreciate all of your time and commitment to our students." --Carole Biskar, Principal, Tualatin Elementary School, May 22, 2008.



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The Center is open to the public weekdays from 10am to 2pm. The Tualatin Historical Society holds open program meetings in the Center at 1:15 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.



*Coming Soon...
A new look to our website!*

Do You Know...

about the early Tualatin entrepreneurs who helped put our City on the map? Watch for our new exhibits and learn the answers to questions like these:

- ◆ During the early years, how did the ladies of Tualatin Country Club help raise funds for club operations while their husbands golfed?
- ◆ What made Avery Chicken Hatchery so well known nationwide?
- ◆ Why did Althea Pratt's Willowbrook summer arts camp move from Sweek House to Browns Ferry Park?
- ◆ How did a well-known lumber yard in Tualatin help launch two more large firms?
- ◆ How did George "Corky" Andrews turnaround a company that now supplies green roofs?

Dust Is Flying Between Rain Clouds

Be a sidewalk superintendent these next few weeks as DRG Landscaping Co. of Tualatin finishes work on our new patio/garden.

Thanks to Brian Clopton Excavation for donation of 4 trucks of gravel for the project and to the Tualatin Rotary Club for donation of trees.

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