



# Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

AUGUST 2008

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

## Upcoming Programs

- **August 6, 1:15 pm,** Elliot Young, from the Lewis and Clark College history department, will give his Chautauqua presentation on The Chinese Diaspora in the Americas: The First "Illegal Aliens". Open meeting of Tualatin Historical Society.
- **September 3, 1:15 pm,** Eirik Thorsgard, speaker for the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde, will talk about Native Americans who peopled this valley and how they lived before European contact.



## President's Message

from Norm Parker

Hooray! The patio and garden project is completed and looks great. So many people to thank, but I will mention two who made major contributions: Chris Tunstall who did an outstanding job managing the engraved brick orders, planning the layout of the pathway and working with the engraver to make sure the lettering was correct and Del Judy who served on the planning committee, selected the apple trees, and headed up the planting crew for the flowers donated by the Garden Corner.

An official opening with ribbon cutting will be scheduled later, but plan to drop by the Center for our open house and reunion on Crawfish Festival Saturday, August 9, 1-4 p.m. Grand Marshal for the Parade that morning at 10 a.m. will be

Loyce Martinazzi, co-founder of our Society. We are very proud that the community is recognizing her for all her accomplishments.

The City of Tualatin has also given THS responsibility for a beautiful display cabinet at the new Library. We will once again be able to display our artifacts and historical information to a wider audience. You also can't miss the reconstructed mastodon skeleton which now greets all visitors behind the circulation desk. Several THS members were responsible for the discovery and preservation of this Tualatin treasure.

I hope to see you soon at one of our interesting programs and events.

*Norm*



## Inside this issue:

THS Shares History at New Library	2
First a store, then Rich's kitchen, and now...	2
Heritage Garden and Patio Completed	3
Other News	4

## Kalapuya Storyteller at THC



Esther Stutzman, a Coos and Komemma Kalapuya will present a special storytelling session. Her grandmother told her that it was bad luck to tell other people or other tribes' stories. Stories are regarded as private property, as are songs. She has thirteen stories she shares with the public.

Some of her creation stories tell of the time when animals and people could talk together.

When Esther does presentations she tries to give an overview of the culture, sometimes taking some items such as a cradleboard or family heirlooms as illustrations. Esther's audiences include all ages from little children to adults.

The storytelling will be held on August 18, 7:00 pm at the Heritage Center.

## THS displays ancient artifacts in new City library

Prehistoric artifacts from the Tualatin Historical Society's collection, as well as artifacts on loan from local families, are now on display in a lighted, locked glass case at Tualatin's newly renovated public library. The City has generously donated the space to allow the Society to interpret local history.

Included in the display are:

- A sacrum from a mastodon found near Fanno Creek in Durham, which was donated to the Society by Dr. Robert McDonald.
- An erratic granite rock which was swept into the Tualatin area in an iceberg when the Missoula floods scoured out the valley, some 10,000 years ago. Donated to the Society by Earl IteI, who found it on his farm on Tualatin-Sherwood Road.
- A weight from an atlatl, which was used by Native Americans before the advent of the bow and arrow found by Herb Lafky on his family farm along Boones Ferry Road, and on loan from Sandra Lafky Carlson..
- A stone grinding bowl, used by the Atfalati Natives, and turned upside down, as was the custom, so that the bowl would not fill with water, freeze and then crack was found by Herb Lafky near the confluence of the Tualatin River and Fanno Creek where Ki-a-Kuts pedestrian bridge now spans the river. On loan from Sandra Lafky Carlson.
- A framed display of Native American arrow heads, found on the Lafky farm. On loan from Sandra Lafky Carlson.

- A framed display of delicate agate arrow points, used for bird hunting. Found on the Ed and Marvella Morse farm where 1-5 and 1-205 converge. Donated to the Society by Margie C. Larsen, granddaughter of the Morses.
- An assortment of obsidian and basalt arrowheads, broken pieces and flakes discarded by ancient flint-knappers. On loan from Craig and Larry Lee.



*Loyce and her committee ready the display case for an early library opening.*

Included also are some whimsical pieces found on old farms. Rocks with strange carvings and an ancient marble or game piece. Signs ask viewers what they think the objects might have been used for.

The display will remain in the library for 3 months, and will be replaced by another collection.

Committee members are: Pat Saab, Doris Gleason, Molly Burns and Loyce Martinazzi.

## Old Brick Store Officially Welcomes VFW

A July 28 groundbreaking ceremony spearheaded by VFW officers and property developer David Emami celebrated the next life of Tualatin's oldest commercial building widely known in modern times as Rich's Kitchen.

Built in 1913 from bricks manufactured in Tualatin, the old brick store was operated by a number of different owners over its lifetime. Restoration is well underway as the future home of the VFW on the second floor and Mashita's Teriyaki on the ground level.

Right: A check for \$50,000 is presented by David and Diana Emami to the Tualatin VFW.



## Patio Journey Now Complete

Phase II of our Tualatin Heritage Center master plan was completed July 24 in time for the first use of the patio by the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce the next morning. Ooohs and aaahs are a common refrain as visitors walk the bricks, sit on the planter box seats, enjoy the abundant colors, and smell the fresh barkdust covering the entire garden. The ITEL roses enjoy their new home with dozens of flowers, bushes and trees in the landscaped areas enjoying nightly automatic irrigation.

Following a design by MIG Architects of Portland, all the next steps were local products coordinated by DRG, a Tualatin-based landscape firm. Survey work was donated by Jim Andrews, Nicoli Engineering; gravel for the base from Clopton Excavating, planter box soil provided by ProGro; brick pavers sold at a discount by Pumilite; and a truck load of fresh annuals from Garden Corner. In keeping with the beautiful hanging baskets they supply for Tualatin thoroughfares, Garden Corner also provided two hanging baskets with their own “light post” to hold them.



A central attraction are the engraved bricks embedded along the entry sidewalk. Several more bricks have been sold after visitors see how nice they look. Introductory prices will hold for now, but will likely increase soon. The Robbins rose, Lafky iris and Martinazzi daffodils will be planted at the appropriate time. The Society gratefully acknowledges the generous donors who made this possible and their names will be recognized at a later time. A key player in the project was the City of Tualatin, particularly the Community Services and Engineering Departments.



Thanks to volunteers, Duffy Hamilton, Del Judy, Kurt Krause, Rochelle Smith, Larry McClure, Lindy Hughes, Norm Parker, and teens from “Team Tualatin” for helping to transform dirt-filled planters to a palette of colors in just a few hours.

## Rummage & Collectible Sale a Success

Thanks to the efforts of these 32 volunteers (and anyone we omitted), our Tualatin Historical Society Rummage and Collectibles Sale July 11-12 raised more than \$1100! Great work everyone, but particularly Karin Olson and Lindy Hughes who handled behind-the-scenes tasks!

Art and Diane Barry, Jack and Gerry Brosy, Molly Burns, Marty Denis, Annita Gilham, Doris Gleason, Richard Hall, Lindy Hughes, Del Judy, Candice Kelly, Mary Leslie, Loyce Martinazzi, Vicci Martinazzi, Larry and Ellie McClure, Jennifer Neitling, Bob Newcomb, Arne Nyberg, Karin Olson, Norm Parker, Rebecca Pratt, Sue Raxter, Beverly Robinson, Pat Saab, Joan Sequito, Bud Smith, Rochelle Smith, Edie Torgeson, Chris Tunstall, and the young adults from Team Tualatin! We could not have done it without donors of useable items as well.



Tualatin Heritage Center  
P.O.Box 1055  
8700 SW Sweek Drive  
Tualatin, OR 97062  
503.885.1926

The Heritage Center is open to the public Mon-Fri, from 10-2 pm. The Tualatin Historical Society holds open meetings at 1:15 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.



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



It's that time again!  
Crawfish Festival  
August 8 & 9

## Tualatin Quilters Plan Show

The Tualatin Quilters, one of whose leaders is our own Margie Larsen, will hold their first Quilt Show at the Tualatin Senior Center during the 2008 Crawfish Festival. THS members Larry McClure and Darris Seibold have helped create an informative flyer with photos of this loyal group of volunteers who spend countless hours each year preparing their own quilts as well as finishing those started by others. All their work uses only traditional needlework methods. The oldest member is 97 years old.

## New Member

We want to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, the Sherwood Historical Society.

Photos on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter are courtesy of member, Jon P. Hartman of Willamette Valley Media Group.  
Thanks, Jon!



Tualatin Heritage Center  
P.O.Box 1055  
8700 SW Sweek Drive  
Tualatin, OR 97062

*stamp*

*Address label*