



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

DECEMBER 2008

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

Upcoming Programs

- December 3, 1:15 pm

Early Indian Ethno- graphic Culture Around the 1880s -

Eirik Thorsgard, speaker for the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde, will talk about the Native Americans who peopled this valley and how they lived before European contact. In particular, he will be providing information about Wapato Lake and some cultural practices that happened there. Wapato Lake, near Gaston, was the base home for Ki-a-Kuts, headman of the Atfalati Band of the Kalapuyan Tribe who negotiated and reluctantly signed the treaty for his band which relocated the Kalapuyans to the Grand Ronde reservation.

- January 7, 1:15 pm

“Birds of the Tualatin Basin” presented by bird watch leader Mary Anne Sohlstrom of the Wetlands Conservancy.

*The Society's monthly meetings are open to the public.
We welcome you to join us!*



Holiday Concerts Celebrate the Season December 7 & 14

Choral Favorites Sunday, December 7, 3 p.m.

Tualatin Heritage Center will celebrate its roots as a church with familiar holiday music at a 3 p.m. concert Sunday, December 7. Suggested donations of \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids will be shared between the Society and the Voices of Hope Choir. Donations of non-perishable food for the Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry are also welcome. Refreshments will be served by the Tualatin Historical Society.



Voices of Hope is Tualatin's own community choir, not affiliated with any particular church or denomination. The group seeks to share music with the masses and provide an atmosphere of growth and support for adults who love singing. “Our desire is to encourage, uplift and enrich our audiences through music,” says director Don Hofer of Tualatin. The group practices at Tualatin High School on various Saturdays.



String Ensembles and Solos, December 12, 4 p.m.



Local violin teacher and conductor Rodel Flores will perform Sunday, December 14 at 4 p.m. Enjoy classical and familiar favorites in this cozy concert featuring several of Rodel's students. Donations. Refreshments provided by THS.



Who Cleared the Land Where You Live?

Indian Meadows

by Karen Lafky Nygaard

In 1851 Edward Byrom sailed from Boston around the Horn, then up the Columbia and Willamette Rivers to Oregon City where he joined the Oregon Trail pioneers looking for land. He claimed a 160-acre square south of Tualatin, now bordered by Killarney Lane and Ibach St. and spanning Boones Ferry Rd. He married Elizabeth Mosier of Oregon City and in 1878 they built the fine 2-story house that still stands on Arikara Street in Tualatin (facing Boones Ferry).

With son Joe he cleared much of the land and farmed. The northern portion was logged but not cleared and reverted over time to woodland and was later rented to the neighboring Ibach family as pasture for their dairy herd. Once, when Joe was checking the rail fence around the pasture, the Ibach bull saw him and ran toward him snorting. Joe crouched behind the fence and inched his way out of sight, knowing the bull could easily leap the fence if he got up and ran.

The woods became a playground for the Ibach and neighboring kids (the bull was normally confined to the dairy barn) with its cleared areas, cow paths, wild hazelnut bushes, and trout-filled Hedges Creek. One open spot had what looked to the youngsters like rows of Indian mounds.

In 1954 Pat and Clare O'Callaghan bought 20 acres of the wooded northern portion and began the community's first housing development called Galway Hills on Killarney Lane. Later, when the area was incorporated and city water became available, the rest of the wooded landscape was developed to become Indian Meadows--possibly very aptly named!

For books on Tualatin history, visit Tualatin Heritage Center weekdays, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Do you remember this? This is a photo of the Tualatin Brick and Tile Company.



Family Crafts and Fun Events Scheduled

* Thanks to volunteers from Willowbrook, Tualatin's summer arts day camp founded by THS member Althea Pratt-Broome, last year's popular winter holiday craft and entertainment will move to the Winona Grange on Saturday, **December 13**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2 per child to cover supplies and refreshments. Participants in the 2007 celebration kept both the Heritage Center and the Tualatin Police Station auditorium busy. THS volunteers are needed to provide background help. Thanks to Rebecca Pratt for organizing this event as a community service.

* On Monday and Tuesday, **December 21-22** from 10 am-2 pm, the Heritage Center invites families to drop in and make luminarias for their porches and driveways.



Donations will be invited to cover supplies.

Coming in January~

- * Watercolor painting classes taught by Linda Aman starting in January.
- * Youth art classes for homeschoolers in the morning and classes in the afternoon for "after-schoolers" will start soon. Deborah Alysoun will teach Beginning Drawing, Puppet-making and Prints and Patterns from January –March.

Antique Toys to be displayed in Library



Over 50 antique children's toys, including dolls, china tea sets and a 100 year old toy train set will go on display in THS's glass cases in Tualatin Public library December 1 through January 15. The toys and some old Christmas ornaments are from Molly Burns' collection. The City of Tualatin has graciously given the Society the use of the cases. The toys will replace the Atfalati native artifact collection.



President's Message *from Norm Parker*

This will be my last letter as President and I have many people to thank for the past three years. First of all, I have had the pleasure of serving with an outstanding board. They are always present, involved and cooperative in dealing in all our many issues. Secondly, it has been great working with Lindy and Larry in the management of the Heritage Center and I thank them for all that they do.

As I look at the building and patio and remember all the many people who have contributed to this amazing success I realize what a great organization we are and what a positive influence the Tualatin Historical Society is in our community.

We also need to look back at our organization twenty two year history and be thankful to all those who came before us with the vision, persistence and preservation to get us to where we are today. People such as our founders, Karen Nygaard and Loyce Martinazzi, our early members such as the Priers, the Bowles, Duffy Hamilton, Del Judy, Jack Broome and many others have and still make such a contribution and deserve much credit.

We feel very fortunate that Yvonne Addington has agreed to be our president for 2009 and with her leadership and all our support we will continue to do great things as we fulfill our mission of preserving, promoting and interpreting the history of Tualatin.

On a more immediate issue, our membership dues for 2009 are now due. In this newsletter please note the dues schedule and if you have not already paid we would welcome your payment to save us the time and postage of sending our notices. Thank you all again for your involvement in our society and particularly for your friendship.

Norm

Membership Dues Reminder

Your 2009 membership dues are up for renewal. We appreciate your membership and hope that you will join us again for another great year of preserving and promoting Tualatin's history.

We offer the following options for membership:

- Individual Membership \$20
- Household Membership \$35
- Sponsor Level \$50
- Patron Level \$100

Please send in your payment (and any updates to your contact information) to: THS, P.O. Box 1055. Tualatin, OR 97062

Thank You!!

**The Heritage Center will be closed from
December 24 through January 1
Happy Holidays!!**

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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.



Visit us at:
www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org

Help Us Reflect the Season's Spirit

You can help the Heritage Center prepare for the holidays by helping us get the Center in tip-top shape. Check in with Lindy Hughes on what's needed. Hayden's Lakefront Grill is holding several catered private parties in our facility during the weekends before Christmas. Your favorite Christmas cookies are also welcome for guests attending Heritage Center-sponsored events. Please call Lindy at 503.885.1926 if you would like to help.



Recycling Tip of the Month

From Karin Olson

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
Foil Christmas wrapping paper is not recyclable, REUSE it. REDUCE by not buying the foil type of wrapping paper.

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