



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

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

Upcoming Programs

- **November 2, 1:00 pm**

Tualatin Historical Society annual meeting and potluck. Oregon Council for the Humanities speaker, Robert Hamm, who will speak on **"Becoming Oregon: A Printed History"**. In this program, Robert Hamm shares primary resources-newspapers, woodcuts, accurate and inaccurate maps, and early photographs from the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-06) to the Lewis and Clark Exposition (1905) that illustrate Oregon's place in the national imagination.

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President's Message from Norm Parker

I trust you had a good summer and are enjoying a beautiful Oregon fall.

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday afternoon November 2 at 1:00 pm and we hope you can attend. This is the time we celebrate our accomplishments and anticipate another year ahead. Our completed patio-garden finishes up a five-year effort started in June of 2003 to preserve the historic Methodist church building and establish a permanent home for the Tualatin Historical Society. We have expanded our membership, assisted in historic preservation (such as the naming of the Ki-a-Kuts Pedestrian Bridge), and

coordinated dedication of the Willamette meridian marker, in addition to many other great events and activities.

Several awards will be made at the meeting as well as election of officers for 2009. It's always a great potluck and relaxed time to visit with friends. In addition, there are door prizes and a special silent auction with many items of interest.

Our treasurer Diane Barry will accept dues for 2009 at the meeting, so bring your checkbook and save postage and mailing.

Thank you for your membership and participation.

Norm

Coloring Book Project Underway

Evie Andrews, Loyce Martinazzi, Karen Nygaard, and Barbara Stinger represent Tualatin Historical Society in a new partnership with Hazelbrook Middle School funded in part by the Oregon Cultural Trust. Students, with guidance from art and social studies teachers at the school, will be researching life in early Tualatin and depicting scenes for a coloring book aimed at pre-school and elementary children. Evie and THS member Rebecca Pratt visited with 8th graders in early October.

Right: Students learn about the past using a hands-on approach.



Who Cleared the Land Where You Live?

Apache Bluff

by Loyce Martinazzi

Apache Bluff, in the northwest part of town, is said to be the first housing subdivision in Tualatin in modern times, developed in the early 1970s soon after the City obtained water from Portland's Bull Run reservoir and built a modern sewer system. Apache Bluff and other nearby neighbors are bounded by the Tualatin Country Club on the east, Tualatin River on the north, Jurgens Road on the west and Tualatin Road on the south.

Artifacts found by farmers prove the Atfaliti Indians hunted and camped in the area. A government land grant survey of 1852 shows a cabin marked "Lavery." However, he was apparently a squatter since Levi Anderson, a widower with several children, took out the official 160 acre land claim in April 1854. He lived there until 1869 when he sold out to John A. Taylor of Taylors Ferry fame. Taylor then sold the 160 acres to William and Rosa Jurgens. After clearing more land, the Jurgens raised potatoes on the bottom land, shipping the crop to restaurants in San Francisco. Grain grew on the upper land and was hauled by horse and wagon to the Aurora Colony mill. In 1880, he built a new frame house and set of outbuildings which still stand on Shasta Drive!

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drawing pieces of paper from a hat. Son John turned part of his into a river park beside the golf course. Daughter Nettie later gave her share to her son Art Martinazzi who with his wife Ann purchased from other family members until they had 50 acres where they operated a Jersey dairy farm and also grew strawberries and other farm crops.

Family member Rochelle Martinazzi Smith still owns 5 acres along Hazelbrook Road, and grows Christmas trees on her Century Farm. The bottom land, where the natives used to camp and hunt, has been reserved as a natural wetland.



This 1932 view of today's Apache Bluff neighborhood in Tualatin shows the original Bill Jurgens place with a work horse colt in the pasture where houses stand today. Trees in the distance line the Tualatin River.

~ photo provided by Loyce Martinazzi

Do You Like Arranging Things?

The Tualatin Historical Society needs your help in planning displays and exhibits, both of artifacts and photographs. Duffy Hamilton keeps our display cases filled with timely things to read and see and looks forward to more ideas and help with setup. THS is also responsible for a display case at the Library.

Our Collections Committee (Yvonne Addington, Loyce Martinazzi and Duffy Hamilton) keeps tabs on the Society's historical items which need to be rotated into public view occasionally. Local residents with interesting collections are also encouraged to share theirs.

Changes in Heritage Center Rentals

After over two years of weekly worship, the Tualatin Valley Christian Church outgrew our space and is now relocated to larger quarters in Lake Oswego. There was the sixth congregation to call the 1926 church building their home throughout its 82-year history.

New rentals coming in December include holiday parties catered by Hayden's Lakefront Grill. Linda Aman, Tualatin's well-known watercolor artist, will be offering monthly watercolor classes starting in January. A weekday series of art and other classes aimed particularly at home school families is also being discussed.

End-of-Year Tax-Deductible Contributions

Tualatin Historical Society is a 501.c.3 nonprofit organization which means gifts are deductible to the full extent of the law. When you donate to the Society, and also to the Oregon Cultural Trust (which supports history, art, music and theatre organizations statewide), the Trust contribution is an Oregon income tax credit—as well as a gift for deduction on your federal taxes. Another significant way to assure the long-range future of Tualatin Historical Society and Heritage Center is to designate THS in your will.

“Sylvia” Opens

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On November 7, the Lumiere Players will open its fall production of "Sylvia," a romantic comedy by A.R. Gurney. This delightful, heartwarming play is a must for anyone who has ever loved a dog. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 at 7:30 PM, and Sunday matinees on November 16, 23 at 2:00 PM. For ticket information, call 503-330-4576 or email dan@lumiereplayers.org.

PERFORMANCE SPECIAL

The opening performance for "Sylvia" is a food benefit for the Tualatin Food Pantry. To see a wonderful play and help someone in need, bring three (3) items of non-perishable food for admission.

Nominations Committee Report



Your nominations committee has been working diligently in compiling a list of 2009 officers and directors for your consideration at the annual meeting. The committee consisted of Gerry Brosy, Jane Brown and Loyce Martinazzi, all of whom have long involvement in the Historical Society. Additional names can be offered at the annual meeting. We wish to thank the committee for their work and the following nominees:

- President Yvonne Addington
- Vice-President Chris Tunstall
- Secretary Barbara Stinger
- Treasurer Diane Barry
- Historian Pat Saab
- Board Member-at-Large Art Barry
- Board Members-at-Large Anita Gilham
- Board Members-at-Large Doris Gleason
- Board Members-at-Large Norm Parker

Willowbrook to Co-Sponsor Holiday Celebration at Grange

Mark Saturday, December 13 from 10 am - 4 pm for the second annual holiday gathering of families sponsored by Tualatin Heritage Center and Willowbrook, the summer arts day camp founded in Tualatin. The first community-wide event at the Heritage Center attracted over 200 children, youth and adult helpers for a day of traditional Christmas crafts, music, skits, storytelling and holiday treats. The first year's event filled both the Center and the training room at the Police Department, but the larger Winona Grange has agreed to host the event.



More details will come in the December newsletter.

Get Your Christmas Gifts at the Heritage Center!

In addition to other fine ideas at the Center, like books, jam, note cards and ornaments, here's a way to remember your family with portraits or send personalized cards. Jon Hartman, THS member and hard-working volunteer, is offering a special rate for portrait photography. A portion of the fees will be donated to the Society. He is bringing his studio to the Center and will take reservations for individuals, families and pets with part of the proceeds returning to the Society. Call him at 503-482-5847 for dates/times or leave word at the THC office. Jon's new business is Willamette Valley Media Group which includes video services.

Heritage Center Closure Reminder

The Heritage Center will be closed on:

- November 17, 18, 19, 20 for new carpet Installation
- November 27 & 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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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

Say Thanks to The Garden Corner



When you are taking a “therapy break” strolling through the Garden Corner in Tualatin to see their beautiful displays, look up Jonn Karsseboom and let him

know how much you appreciated the flowers he provided for our patio this summer. Watch for a new surprise on the patio for the holiday season.

Recycling Seminar

Our own recycling master Karin Olson shared the latest information on how to reduce and eliminate waste from landfills while also saving precious dollars at a workshop here at the Center last month. Karin will be sharing a small tip every month that will make a big impact.

REUSE IT-

Take reusable bags to the grocery store,
do not bring home plastic bags.

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