



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

APRIL 2010

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

Rocking and Rolling in Tualatin: Are We Ready for Oregon's Next Earthquake?



Dr. Scott Burns, Tualatin native, returns to the Tualatin Historical Society stage for the second time this year on Wednesday, April 7 to discuss Oregon's earthquake pattern: past, present and future.

Also speaking will be Dan Boss, Operations Manager for the City of Tualatin and the city's Emergency Management Coordinator. He has worked for the city since 1978 and will describe services the City and other governments will provide such as fire, life safety, water, sewer, streets, telecommunications. He will also recommend what individuals and families can plan and do when an earthquake happens.

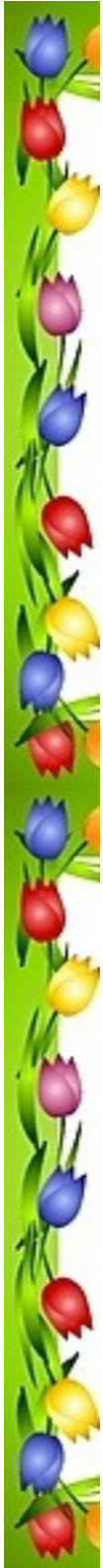
NOTE: The program will begin at 1:45 pm to accommodate professor Burns' schedule. The regular THS business meeting and refreshments will precede the presentations beginning at the normal 1:00 pm. time. The program and the THS business meeting will be held in the in the community room at the Tualatin Police Department on SW Sweek Drive.

Burns kicked off the 2010 calendar year with a packed house presentation on the Missoula (Bretz) floods and their impact on the Columbia, Willamette and Tualatin River Valleys. Spurred by recent major tremors in Haiti, Chile and smaller ones in the USA, he has made earthquake presentations in recent weeks for Portland City Club and other audiences and is frequently interviewed on local TV stations whenever the earth moves. He recently collaborated with several other PSU staff and students on the updated book *Cataclysms on the Columbia* which is on sale at the Heritage Center (already autographed). And thank you Jack Broome for suggesting this as a monthly program. We welcome ideas for future topics. For more information, call 503.885.1926.

Pioneer Days Draw Closer

Fourth graders from all three Tualatin elementary schools will be pulling their wagons to Tualatin Heritage Center during the week of May 17-21. Coordinator Christine Tunstall looks forward to anyone who can volunteer that week to help with setup (May 17), demonstrations, student hands-on activities and clean up. Give her a call at 503. 691.2975 or email famtunstall1@verizon.net with times you might be available. It is fun and rewarding to help young people learn more about life in

earlier days when butter was churned, seeds were planted each spring, buttons were sewed on when lost, chalk boards were used for text messages, Double Dutch was in jump ropes not ice cream, wool was spun to make clothing, and doing laundry took all day.





President's Column

by Yvonne Addington

Pictures continue to roll in after our request for **photos from the old 1939 Tualatin School** era. Be sure to identify anyone with a note on the back. We will scan these into our computer and return. Ivan Harris (now in Wilsonville) dropped by with several the other day. Eventually many of these will be posted on our Society's website for future research. And look carefully at the postcard story and photo of Tualatin's first "modern" school on page 4 in this newsletter. I wonder what other yet-to-be-discovered documents like this are hidden somewhere. Thank you to Mike Grant of Sherwood for giving this to THS.

Our **fire department history** volunteers continue meeting each first Thursday at 1:00 pm. Participants have included Bob and Barbara Krise (owned the Shake Shop), Ed Hunziker (son of TRFPD board member; a street is named for his family); Donna Andrews Adams; Henrietta Barngrover Conover; DeeAnn Conover Meharry; Veta Barngrover Repcik (from Olympia); retired regulars of TRFPD Jerry Hess, Gordon Scott, Bob Romine; and Brian Clopton (TVF&R board). Others include Walt Eames, Orrie Nyberg Waller, Annette Saarinen, Karen Saarinen Elliott, John Nyberg, Rochelle Martinazzi Smith, Cassandra Ulven, Christine Nyberg Tunstall, Loyce Martinazzi, Herb Lafky, Larry Barngrover, and Gary Toll.



Pictured Above: Fire engine and firemen photo from long ago is just one of many early fire department photos in the THS photo archives.

City & Society Begin Dialogue

THS has been asked by the City to list priorities for historical preservation. In a meeting with city officials Sherilyn Lombos and Doug Rux, Loyce Martinazzi, Karen Nygaard and Yvonne Addington presented board approved priorities, including double naming S.W. 65th Avenue as original "Meridian Road"; continue creating an "old town" atmosphere concept using red brick exterior construction in planning, development and "OLD TOWN" signage in the area along Boones Ferry Road to Tualatin River on the north and from the Tualatin River Bridge to Tualatin Country Club. This area includes the WES light rail station, Sweek House, the Smith-Boone House, Robinson's Store (the old brick store); Van Raden Center; Tualatin Heritage Center; two historic houses on SW 86th; the Tualatin Country Club golf course, tree lined streets and additional historic interpretive signage. Heritage trees were also listed as important priorities for preservation.

In addition, THS suggested developing clarity in the building preservation ordinance and a pool of funds to help preserve them. Listed as high priority for structures and sites now in the Landmark Inventory Ordinance were Sweek House; Byrom House; Francis House; Wesch House; Smith/Boone House; Klinger/ Barngrover barn; Robinson's store; Elmer House; Logan House; Sherburn House; Methodist Church aka Tualatin Heritage Center; Winona Grange; Winona Cemetery. Proposed high priority additions to the list by THS: Dexter House; Van Raden Community Center; Blank Barn; Brown's Ferry Park Barn; Mack House; Cipole Grade School; Davis House; Tualatin Country Club grounds.

There are other listings in the ordinance and suggestions are invited. Addresses are available at the city or Heritage Center.

~Yvonne

John Robertson George passes away March 10

Dr. John George, Tualatin's mastodon discoverer, passed away March 10, at age 80. He leaves an unusual legacy for City of Tualatin residents. As a Portland State University student project in 1962, John and school mate Ron Sund chose to dig up a mastodon skeleton that Tualatin Marshall Charlie Roberts had told him about when he was a young boy. The partial skeleton was left at PSU by George and reclaimed by Yvonne Addington, then City Manager of Tualatin in 1969 who guarded it until she left city employment in 1982. It was kept in city shops then given to the Portland zoo. In 1990, Tualatin Historical Society Co-founder Loyce Martinazzi asked for the bones to be returned and City residents raised funds to pay for the bones to be properly treated and assembled for the new city library. University of Oregon Museum of Science did the work. A new display of the bones in front of a glass etching is now the feature of the new Tualatin Library. In 2006, Dr. George, who had kept the tusk and two molars, donated them to the Tualatin Historical Society and they are on display at the Tualatin Heritage Center. Dr. George attended both dedications and spoke about his find. He was given lifetime membership in the Tualatin Historical Society and continued to provide information about Tualatin's prehistoric ages.

He was born in Salem, November 1, 1930, the son of Chalmer and Grace George. His great grandparents, the Howells, were among the first to come across the Oregon Trail and settled on Howell Prairie in the Salem area. He graduated from Tigard High School and served in the U.S. Navy as a dental technician. He majored in fish and game, later decided to become a dentist, graduating from Portland State University and University of Oregon Dental School. He practiced in British Columbia for many years before assuming his father's dental practice in Portland.

He is survived by his former wife, Jacqueline; children, Janet and Robert; grandchildren, Brock and Renee; and great-grandson, Owen. Graveside services were held at Willamette National Cemetery.



*Photo above:
1992 Dedication of the mastodon at the Tualatin Library. Dr. John George and University of Oregon Geology Professor Dr. John Wirtz hold the mastodon tusk.*

Tualatin Chamber Celebrates Agribusiness



For its annual Celebrate Tualatin luncheon April 22 at Tualatin Country Club, the Chamber has invited THS to prepare a short presentation on our city's agribusiness history. The historical overview will begin with the Atfaliti Indians who harvested and traded wapato tubers and move to Rochelle Smith's Century Farm, Lee Farms, the Winona Grange, Pacific Foods (which replaced dog food as the city's most widely known food product) and Wade Manufacturing (builds irrigation systems used worldwide). Lunch is \$25 (call 503-692-0780).



Picture Postcard from the Past

This picture has made a circuitous trip to the Tualatin Historical Society photo archives. It is of the primary class in Tualatin School, taken around 1910, acquired on Ebay several years ago by Mike Grant, a photo collector in Sherwood, from a seller in Illinois. Mike emailed a copy to Yvonne Addington and offered to make a high resolution copy of it. It is a picture postcard with a message on the back that reads in part: "Elise dear thank you so much for the letter I received Saturday....This is one of the rooms of the school of Tualatin. I marked Richard as I didn't think you would know him. Florence or Laurence isn't on it. Lots of love from Helen." Loyce Martinazzi hypothesized that the message was written by a Walgraeve family member (a probability confirmed by Yvonne Addington by checking census data for that period). Loyce and Karen Nygaard examined the photo and believe the littlest girls in white on the right in the front row are Ruby Nyberg, Bea Cole, Ruth Nyberg and Dorothy Byrom; 2nd row: Gladys Byrom (tallest), Dorothy Heimbach (shortest), Nellie Wesch (sailor collar); and Dick Walgraeve next to principal and Art Martinazzi in front of Dick. Interestingly, all of them remained in the area throughout their lives. The picture was possibly taken the year after the 2-room school was raised to add two more rooms. (Compare with picture on pg. 97 in *Tualatin from the Beginning.*)

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Heritage Center April Events

“Earthquakes – Are you ready?”

April 7, 1:45 pm (time change), at Tualatin P.D.

Dr. Scott Burns, THS member and PSU professor of geology, will talk about “Earthquakes in Oregon: Past, Present and Future”. Dan Boss, Operations Director and Emergency Program Manager for the City of Tualatin will speak to us about emergency preparedness and services. Open meeting of Tualatin Historical Society. **THS business meeting starts at 1:00 pm. See story on page 1.**

Knitting and Crochet Workshop

April 7 & 30, 10:00-12:00 pm

Bring your project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

World Wine Tour – Germany

April 8, 6:30 pm

Taste and learn about the key types of wine from different regions in Germany. Served by Sharon and Mark of Taste of Wine. To sign-up, call 503.612.0099.

Kathy Boyd and Phoenix Rising Concert

April 10, 7:00 pm



Tualatin's own internationally-known hard driving bluegrass, Americana, neo-progressive jug band music. This annual event will be used to help gather crayons, chalk, water colors, generic coloring books, for the children

in war-torn Afghanistan. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 pm, show at 7:00 pm. For more information call 503.691.1177.

Spring Bird and Nature Walk

April 21, 8:00 am

Welcome back the Spring migrants! The days are growing longer and warming up and soon the local nesting birds return to Sweek Pond. Led by the Wetlands Conservancy (503.691.1394).

Friday, April 23 4pm - 9 pm

Saturday, April 24 10am - 5 pm

The 2nd Annual Big Little Art Show

features 14 local artists with jewelry, paintings, glass, garden art, fiber arts and more; plus a wine tasting on opening night.



April is Grange Month

To celebrate its 115th year in Tualatin, Winona Grange will host a community potluck get together on April 24 at the Grange Hall on Seneca Street, right next to the Commons. All are invited, so please bring a dish to share. Homemade bread, beverages and tableware will be provided. Dinner will be from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the downstairs social room, and musical entertainment will start upstairs at 7:00 pm.



Corrections and Updates

Please note the following errors in the March newsletter, now also corrected on the electronic version on the Tualatin Historical Society website. We apologize for mistakes and welcome reader feedback anytime.

Page 2: Photo Identification—front row



Grade School Cheerleaders wearing maroon and gold letters in front of school building.: front (l-r): Susanne Sasaki Myer, Dee Ann Vick Stone; back (l-r): Catherine Staven Baltimore and Yvonne Saarinen Addington

Page 4: Valley of Giants Timeline

1969: Mastodon bones given to City by PSU (not 1974).

1980's: City officials following Addington gave bones to Oregon Zoo.

2008: tusk discovered near Tualatin/Sherwood Road was a mammoth not a mastodon.

Page 5: Proposal for Bridge Over Tualatin Park

The THS Board did not mention the bridge in its letter to the city, only asking the Council to protect heritage trees in the park. Later last month the bridge project was cut from plans for the proposed continuation of Tualatin's urban renewal district but is still in a Metro Transportation Plan.

New Format for "Old" Popular Video

Tualatin's history in photos is now available on DVD @ \$10. This is the same narrated production that was originally available only on videotape. Look back in time at our city through rare photos.

Be Sure to Meet Cynthia

THS and the Heritage Center are pleased that Experience Works, a federal employment program, has extended the time for Cynthia Paris to work with us as an office assistant. This program covers her wages while we enjoy her welcoming smile and backup for Lindy Hughes. Cynthia will appreciate hearing about job opportunities that might come along as she learns valuable career skills for the future.

Thank you! Membership is vital to our success. We are proud to list the following members who have renewed membership and joined for 2010 since our last newsletter. Welcome new members!

Keith & Carol Dickson	Jim Judy
Lt Col Tom Disch Jr	Dale & Marianne Potts
Walter & Kathleen Eames	Eileen Rychlick
Debra Hager	Sagert Family, LLC
Jay & Laurie Harris	Ed Truax
Betty Hoen	Linda Seibold

This is an update as of 3/23/10 More renewals arrive daily. Please notify Norm Parker at 4nparker@gmail.com if your name is missing.

Watercolor Classes and Workshops Available

Have you always wanted to learn more about water color painting but were afraid to try? Widely-known artist Linda Aman, formerly of Tualatin and now based in Boise, returns each month for classes of various lengths and purposes using Tualatin Heritage Center as her studio. Her painting of the Robbins Rose is now hanging at the Center. Each class attracts students (men and women) of various levels who enjoy Linda's warm spirit and easygoing teaching style. See flyers at THC or contact her at linda@amanarts.com or call 503.692.6138. Space is available in select workshops.

Your 2010 Tualatin Historical Society Board

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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 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each

Corrections:

The Tualatin Historical Society strives to be accurate, fair and complete in its coverage, and corrects significant errors of fact. If you see an error in the newsletter, please call 503.885.1926 or email us at larry.mcclure@gmail.com or lindy.thc@gmail.com. Thank you.

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