Save the Date…

“Locally Grown...preserving the history of Tualatin” THS Fundraiser Theme

Mark your calendar! Our second annual wine, food and silent auction fundraiser is just around the corner. We have been busy planning this exciting event that will take place on Friday, September 17 from 6-9 pm. Help us continue with the Society’s mission to preserve, promote, and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin. For information about tickets to this event or donations, call 503.885.1926.

Harvest Festival Moves to Lee Farms

With more space and actual farm activities to see, our Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, September 25 at Lee Farms on 65th. Mark the date to help if you can.

Annual Summer Picnic July 7

Join the fun and fellowship at our annual picnic once again scheduled for the main picnic shelter at Tualatin Community Park on Wednesday, July 7 from 5-7 pm. This popular potluck replaces the July meeting and promises some surprises of its own. Bring your own table service, but coffee and lemonade will be provided. Table cloths are also useful. Here is a chance for newcomers and long-timers alike to share stories, meet other members and their guests, and learn some things about each other. Park facilities are also available for the younger set.

For information or to volunteer to help set-up, please call 503.885.1926. For those that cannot come to our regular weekday meetings...this is for you.

School Reunion at Crawfish Festival

An old-fashioned school reunion will be held at the Van Raden Center during Crawfish Festival Saturday, August 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drop by to look at old school pictures and yearbooks from the old Tualatin schools as well as memorabilia from Tigard and Sherwood High Schools. Tables will be arranged by decades and free refreshments will be served, all in air conditioned comfort.

If you have items to display from school years gone by, leave word at the Heritage Center (503-885-1926). Volunteers will also be needed to greet visitors. The THS gift shop will be set up and our growing collection DVDs will be available for viewing in a separate room for those who are ready for a rest during Festival activities. A space may also be available to conduct oral history interviews for those willing to record their stories on tape or video.
So, how much fun and good memories can you get while belonging to the Tualatin Historical Society? Here are a few events, memories and pictures. I have taken in the last month or so from just visiting with people. New questions keep coming in that keep people like THS co-founders Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Nygaard (via Los Angeles email) and myself constantly trying to remember and research. Examples: What is my house history? We found numerous whisky bottles down about 5 feet deep!” and “Have you ever heard of Slawson’s Park on the Tualatin River, just above the Lake Oswego dam where they had a swim park and dance hall in the 1920s?” The Tualatin Historical Society’s three areas of interest cover the Tualatin Valley universe: Prehistorical Tualatin, Atfalati Indian Tualatin, and Settlers (pioneers to people like us today). Your input, ideas, membership, sponsorship and participation regarding historical events is most welcome. ~ Yvonne

Above: I recently had dinner with my very first mentor, Nami Sasaki, son Art and daughter Joyce. Nami taught me how to work at my first job in the strawberry fields. “Keep your head down and work hard” was good advice through life. I earned my very first $4.95 Ansco Panda camera from berry picking money. Art, in background, and Evie Andrews, are heading up the gathering and scanning of all Tualatin Grade School pictures for THS, some of which were recently donated by Tigard-Tualatin School District. They will be scanned for later sale and displayed at Van Raden Center during Crawfish Festival in August.

Above: Evie Andrews, THS member taught many students at Tualatin Grade School for many years and again this year, taught over 300 fourth graders from the three Tualatin grade schools during Pioneer Days held at the Center in May. Her chalk board gave rules for addressing the teacher.

Above: Tualatin’s erratic granite rocks from several mega floods at end of ice age about 15,000 years ago. They came attached to icebergs from Canada/Montana area washed down into the Columbia River and Tualatin Valley.

Top of next page: Earlier this year, Brian Clopton, Clopton Excavating of Tualatin, moved three large erratics from a vacant sandy field near 108th and Herman Road to Field’s Ice Age Park along the Tualatin River in West Linn. Last month, he moved the smaller erratic from Oregon Department of Transportation Maintenance Shops off to Tualatin Heritage Center. This boulder was originally found during I-205 construction near West Linn.
Left: “Cataclysms on the Columbia”, written by Dr. Scott Burns, Portland State University Geology Chair and THS member, was published earlier this year and has already sold out its first printing. A second printing is planned. The book is sold at the THC store.

Right: Pappy Cody is delighted to smell the flowers at Tualatin Heritage Center while dad John Cody looks on. They walk in Tualatin Heritage Garden almost daily. In talking with John, he worked at Chimney Rock in Nebraska at an Oregon Trail History site and is interested in becoming a member.

The late Dr. John (Bob) George, who excavated our 12,000 year old Tualatin mastodon skeleton in the 1960s, often looked at this picture and wondered WHO IS HELEN BECK? He thought the mastodon molar she is holding in this photo may have been one of two molars found but missing from the original mastodon skeleton and if we could identify who she was, we might be able to locate the tooth. Photo in possession of THS shows an Oregon Journal source and Oregon Historical Society file.

August Program to Focus on School Yearbooks
Don Feller, member of Tigard Historical Society, will be sharing examples of the extensive school yearbook collection the Tigard historical association has accumulated over the years. The monthly meeting of THS is on August 4, 1 pm at the Heritage Center. Part of the collection includes awards accumulated by students taught by Nellie Wesch Elwert, legendary business education teacher at Tigard High School who grew up near Tualatin Country Club and was a favorite caddy for many of Portland's well-known business leaders. Several of them led by Julius Meier, later a governor of Oregon, gathered funds to send Nellie to (now) Oregon State University. She returned and taught in Tigard while also farming with her husband. Members of THS who had her as a teacher give her credit for their later success in careers of all kinds. Don will be loaning these and more yearbooks for display at the THS exhibit at the Crawfish Festival August 14.

First THS Scholarship Awarded June 2
Nathan Andrews, whose family tree extends back several generations in Tualatin, was presented the first Tualatin Historical Society scholarship at a Tualatin High School awards event June 2 by committee members Rochelle Smith and Christine Tunstall. Nathan plans to pursue a medical degree. Donations for a 2011 scholarship are now being accepted. Ten applications were received for this year's round.

Photo left: Christine Tunstall presents Nathan with his scholarship.
4th Graders Return to Heritage Center for Fourth Year

By Christine Tunstall

In spite of rain everyday May 18-31, local elementary children from Tualatin, Byrom and Bridgeport schools wrote delightful thank you letters about what they learned, the fun they had, and the wonderful volunteers that made their journey possible. And they were correct: THS could not provide this annual hands-on experience for all public school fourth graders and 100 parents and teachers without the 36 loyal volunteers who made it happen. Evie Andrews, Barbara Stinger, Molly Burns, Gerry Brosy, Chris Tunstall and Cynthia Paris all volunteered four or more days during the busy week. Many helpers also assisted with setup on May 17.

In addition to Gerry Brosy showing each child how to sew on a button, Molly Burns taught students how to make a lavender sachet, Diane Miller spun yarn and Colleen Nyberg demonstrated how to weave. The hammered dulcimer music by Nancy Downie made the one-room school learning station even more interesting. There were 8 activity centers visited by students, many of whom wore period attire and organized themselves into family groups just like the original Oregon Trail wagon trains.

Without the two 40 x 20 tents provided by Willowbrook Summer Arts Camp erected and dismantled by Richard Hall, the 4 days of activities would not have been possible because of the constant rain. Special thanks to Rebecca Pratt who loaned many of the wonderful artifacts and the old time school room furniture.

Arne Nyberg and Kay Gooding gave away thousands of acres of homesteads with no loan requirements. They were assisted by volunteers Angie Cuevas of Bank of America, Kate Test and Becca Boland from Umpqua Bank, and Kyle Baisch of Pacific Continental Bank. We are glad to have no “worker’s comp” claims from the wonderful volunteers who supervised Tin Hammering: Scott Denis, Marianne Germond, Jan Kennedy, and Sue Raxter. Ned and Diane Miller, and Rochelle Smith spent 2 days weeding the garden area and Norm Parker hauled the debris away. Then they came back and worked with the students planting flower seeds, as well as bean and pumpkin seedlings.

In addition to the volunteers listed above were: Toni Anderson, Ethan Cook, Marty Denis, Kathleen Donahue, Anita Gilham, Lloyd Gooding, Marissa Houlberg, Lindy Hughes, Peggy Mala, Loyce Martinazzi, Ruth Prier, Pat Saab, Sylvia Schwartzkopf, Linda Seibold, and Gerry Tunstall.

It was another successful year! Thank you, volunteers. We could not have done it without you.

Above: Teacher Evie Andrews drills pupils in a mock one-room school. Students used original slates and must follow strict rules.

Above: Past THS president Arne Nyberg helps students identify on whose original donation land claim their home is now located.
Above: Sylvia Swartzkopf, a new volunteer, enjoys showing students how to wring out the laundry.

Above: Diane Miller guides this student in the process of spinning wool.

Right: Community volunteer Marty Denis enjoys helping students spread their homemade butter on "hard tack" crackers.

Above: Gardening was a new experience for most students who got first-hand help from volunteers like Ned Miller (far right).

Above: Gerry Brosy helps students learn a skill even their mothers may no longer do: sewing a button on their clothing.
Fire Department History Project
Continues
By Yvonne Addington

The Historical Society has a special Fire History Committee compiling its history until it merged with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue in the 1980s. Almost all of the committee are related to the original fire department organizers or are former firemen. They meet monthly and are still receiving information, Pictures and stories from all over the Northwest and interviewing several people.

An interesting discovery came from Veta Barngrover Repcik and John Repcik from Lacey, Washington. John, a former pilot, has researched and discovered military records several airplane crashes in and around Tualatin over the years. Have you heard of the 1952 B-29/F94 military airplane’s mid-air collision just south of Tualatin near where I-5 is now? The crash killed over 10 military personnel. Jerry Hess, former fireman, was a young Tualatin boy and rode his bicycle to the scene. A final fire history compilation is planned by February, 2011 for the dedication of new administration building for Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District.

*Photo above:* WHERE ARE THEY NOW? The first motorized fire truck was a Federal. The second fire truck was a converted Tigard School District bus called a Reo Speedwagon. Earl Itel, who donated the bus picture, says “Mr. August Itel is standing by 1930 Reo school bus on Tualatin-Sherwood Road near what is now 95th Street. August and Joe Itel family ran Tigard-Tualatin School Buses 50+ years. The bus body was a Wayne shipped in a crate from factory to Wentworth and Irwin in Portland and assembled and installed. After the bus was retired, the Reo chassis went to Tualatin Fire Department which to become one of the first fire trucks.” The Tualatin Fire Department, established in the 1930s, served about 7 square miles. The succeeding Tualatin Rural Fire District served over 80 square miles was organized in the 1940s.

Ride the Rails to Oregon Zoo
If you haven’t visited the Zoo recently, join us Tuesday, July 13 for a relaxing day at a special discount price of $4 for admission (any age). See a temporary exhibit of robot Prehistoric Predators which ends September 6. Fare on WES/Max is $4.75. We will leave about 9 a.m. and the earliest return via train is about 4:30. Bring your own lunch or purchase at the zoo. Pre-registration will speed up ticketing, so call the Heritage Center at 503-885-1926 to assure your spot. Children welcome.

*Photo above:* Mr. August Itel and the 1930 Reo school bus.

*Pictured above are the first two Tualatin Fire Dept. Trucks.*

*Above: One of the dinosaurs featured in the exhibit.*
Heritage Center July Event Calendar

Annual Potluck Picnic in the Park
July 7, 5:00-7:00 pm
Tualatin Community Park

Dulcimer Jam
July 11, 1:00-3:00 pm
Donations welcome.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
July 9 & 23, 10:00-12:00 pm
Bring your project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

Old-Timers Coffee
July 9, 10:00-12:00 pm

Monthly Watercolor Classes
Mondays, July 26 and August 23
Morning OR Afternoon sessions
9:00 am - 1:00 pm OR 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Learn basic to advanced techniques from award-winning artist Linda Aman. All levels welcome. Bring any project you want to work on or Linda will have a project for you. All materials available for use in class. Fee is $60 for 2 sessions. Call 503.691.1586 or email linda@amanarts.com.

August Event Calendar

Tigard Historical Society Yearbook Collection
August 4, 1:00 pm
Don Feller shares memories as the unofficial historian of Tigard High School and the early Tualatin School as well. Open meeting and program of Tualatin Historical Society.

Birds of Tualatin
August 5, 7:00-8:30 pm
Program and walk presented by the Mary Anne Sohlstrom of the Wetlands Conservancy.

Moliere's School for Husbands Performance
August 6, 7, 8, 6:30-8:00 pm.
See related article on this page.

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Old-Timers Coffee
August 13, 10:00-12:00 pm

Summer Theatre on the Patio Returns
Masque Alfresco presents Moliere's School for Husbands, adapted and directed for modern audiences by Fayra Teeters. Performances will be held at the Tualatin Heritage Center patio Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 6-8, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Free show (although they do pass the hat). Family friendly - bring lawn chairs and picnics. This was a real hit last summer.

Sganarelle is at sixes and sevens. He's getting on in years, has a lovely young lady, Isabelle, as his ward, and now that he's preparing to marry her, a snappy young man presents himself as a rival! Who can he trust? Certainly not his older brother, who keeps telling him to live and let live and who advocates far too many liberal freedoms for his own ward. Come and watch the hilarity unfold as Masque Alfresco unleashes their popular 9th Summer Park Tour. They meld traditional “commedia dell'arte” techniques: colorful period costumes, slapstick farce and rhyming verse with contemporary references, upbeat social references, and political barbs - for a wonderfully engaging show suitable for the whole family.

Call 503.422.0195 for more information or visit their website at www.masquealfresco.com

Farmers Market Underway
Longtime THS members will recall the first farmer’s market at the Commons spearheaded by Del Judy and sponsored by the Society. The 2010 edition, now with broad community support, will be featuring a variety of fresh produce, flowers, dairy, meat, honey, hot food and bakery goods. Tualatin’s Farmers Market will operate Fridays, June through September, 4:00-8:00 pm on the Tualatin Lake of the Commons.

Opening day is June 25. Come shop, listen to the concert and eat!
You'll Miss That Familiar Face and Voice

For six weeks this summer, Lindy Hughes will be traveling with her family in Europe as her husband Bob takes a sabbatical from Intel. If you can spend some time volunteering at the Center from June 21 to August 2, please leave word at the office (503.885.1926).

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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!

Doris Boyd

This is an update as of 6/17/10. Please notify Norm Parker at 4nparker@gmail.com if your name is missing.

Garden Corner Adds Color to Heritage Center Patio

Tualatin’s own Garden Corner has once again provided a wide array of flowering annuals for the Heritage Center patio just in time for weddings and other special events this summer. Next time you’re shopping there, be sure to let Jonn “J-Dog” Karsseboom know how much you appreciate his support. THS will be planning an engraved patio brick in honor of the popular nursery.

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.