Save the Date…

Finding Common Ground:
Why Borders Don’t Matter in the Pacific Northwest

Wednesday, July 13
7:00pm
Tualatin Heritage Center
Donations accepted

How do Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and several Canadian provinces tackle shared problems when other parts of North America can’t work together? Charles Hall, who helped create the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER), describes how the proposed Ice Age Floods Trail cutting across four states and two provinces tackle shared problems and into Tualatin fits their agenda. PNWER will hold its 21st annual summit in July in Portland. See www.pnwer.org for more information.

Annual Picnic in the Park July 6

Join the fun and fellowship at our annual picnic once again scheduled for the main picnic shelter at Tualatin Community Park on Wednesday, July 6 from 5:00-7:00 pm. This popular potluck replaces the usual monthly meeting at 1:00pm. Bring your own table service, but coffee and lemonade will be provided. We will have live music thanks to Loyce Martinazzi on her guitar and Nancy and Rob Downie on the dulcimer and bass. Be prepared for a sing-a-long.

Discovering Oregon’s 19th Century Potters

Blaine Schmeer (photo left), local authority on Oregon pottery will present “Discovering Oregon’s 19th Century Potters” on Wednesday, August 3 at 1:00pm at the Heritage Center. Shmeer is the great-grandson of the founder of the Oregon Pottery Company and grew up hearing stories of the Buena Vista pottery works. He has collected Oregon pottery for years and authored several books on the subject.

His newest book, “Cold Kilns” features the life and work of 22 nineteenth century potters. It is illustrated with color photos of all the old pottery of Oregon.

Blaine invites members and guests to bring in old pottery pieces for discussion.

Call 503.885.1926 for details.

Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society.
What’s going on here?

Wild Animals in Tualatin…Now, and Back Then
On the morning of June 1, a black bear was spotted on the athletic field of Tualatin Elementary School on Avery St. Responders chased after it through the fields and woods for 7 1/2 hours until it climbed a tree. It was tranquilized, allowing a brave firefighter from Tualatin Rural Fire and Rescue to climb the tree and rig a sling to get the bear down safely. It was estimated to be a 4-year-old male weighing about 200 pounds, looking for food or perhaps a mate, and had likely traveled from the Coast Range where it was eventually released unharmed.

On September 8, 1851, early settler Henry Hayes was working on his 320-acre donation land claim, just east of Meridian Rd. (65th Ave. now) near I-205, and wrote this in his diary daily: “Today some boys and I have been hunting my oxen. One of the boys was going down the road and there was a bear jumping up and down by the road and a cub. The cub run up a tree and then it came down and came after him. And if there was not a specimen of tall walking then I am no judge. He (the boy) made a straight line for the house. He did not look behind him till he struck the house.”

On September 9, he wrote: “One of my nearest neighbors shot a very large panther today. The dogs treed him and he went and shot him. They think he would weigh 200 pounds.”

On October 17, he wrote: “This afternoon I went down to find my oxen, and I see some were scarti (scared), and there was a bear and he run about a 100 yards off before I could get my gun to my face. I followed him a ways but did not ever take him. I wanted 2 dogs then and we would had a fite. He was a large black bear. I am going to get 2 dogs some day and tree that fellow and give him a little led.”

On Nov. 4 he wrote: This morning Edward Byrom and one of the boys went after deer & got followed by two panthers. One had a great mind to make breakfast of him but he left. Byrom was so excited that he shot his gun off while looking at him and getting ready to defend himself and at that the panther went & got onto a log and looked at him. Byrom left for my house.”

In May of 1856: William Robbins was out bear hunting near the little stream that ran through his donation land claim, on the west side of Meridian Rd., and accidentally shot himself while stooping for a drink of water. He left a widow and seven children. (These stories are told in two of the Society’s publications, Life in an Untamed Land and Tualatin…From the Beginning.)

Want to know more about Tualatin’s history? Want to join in our projects? Need some good Tualatin history books or Tualatin historic preserves? Want to see real mastodon and sloth bones and Indian relics and pioneer tools? Come on down. Join us at our monthly meetings at the Tualatin Heritage Center except July. A rare opportunity to learn from experts about our main themes, Prehistoric

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Tualatin, Atfalati Indians, and Settlers--1840s to current. Always good speakers, always good cookies and coffee and day when "old timers" are available for answering questions.

If you can't make that meeting, there are monthly night meetings partnering with the Ice Age Floods Institute, Columbia River Chapter where we talk a lot about the end of the Ice Age when "elephants used to live here in Tualatin" and sloths, and mammoths, and ancient bison too. We have had experts, scientists, educators, fossil finders talking about the prehistoric animals and several floods which were 350 feet deep in Tualatin and Willamette Valleys bringing with them glaciers and meteorites and granite rocks from over 10,000 years ago. Find out where some of the ice age features still exist among us "settlers." September 14 will be a return lecture by Rick Thompson at the Tualatin Library.

~ Yvonne

Summer Sun Means Summer Fun
Our “train treks” (also called Riding the Rails) continue July 20 and August 24, conducted by THS board member Art Sasaki. Each all-day trip features interesting historical and other features in greater Portland area reachable by Tri-Met on Wes and Max. We’re also organizing car pools to visit the Aurora Colony Museum and Oregon Hazelnut Candy Factory, the Oregon Garden and the Evergreen Air and Space Museum. Call the heritage center at 503-885-1926. Dates for the driving trips will be set by group consensus. If you have ideas for other adventures pass along your suggestions. Exploring unusual museums has been one idea. Anyone interested in a repeat guided tour of Sherwood/Tualatin Ice Age evidence led by Rick Thompson should also sign up at the heritage center.

Places to See, People to Meet
The international travel “club” for vagabonds will not meet in July, August or September as several travelers are around the world bringing back their own first-hand information. Our schedule of programs for 2011-2012 is being developed with guidance from a Tualatin Chamber of Commerce member.

Names in the News
THS members John and Nancy Nyberg were recently honored for their many years of community service at the 11th annual Hearts of Gold fund raising event for Providence Newberg Health Foundation. John, eldest son of Clayton and Kay Nyberg, grew up in Tualatin has served as a volunteer for the Newberg Fire Department, Yamhill County Fair, Mounted Posse, Search and Rescue and FFA. He and Nancy carried on many years of traditional involvement with 4-H as modeled by his parents. Tualatin Heritage Center hosted a major city-wide fundraiser to support Tualatin High School junior Gabe Karapondo who was injured last winter in a snowboarding accident. The event netted some $12,000 to help install a wheelchair lift at his Tualatin home. If you missed this wine tasting/auction, donations can be taken to any US Bank, account name “Gabriel Karapondo Medical Fund”.

THS at the Market
July 29 is the night for THS to be featured at the Tualatin Farmers Market on the Commons. Non-profits have use a free booth one week during the Market’s 12 week run. Ours will appeal to all ages and emphasize the advantages of membership. Please consider helping staff the table for an hour and still have plenty of time to enjoy the produce, food and entertainment. THS first sponsored a similar Farmer’s Market when the Commons was newly-built in the city.

Technology Update Coming
The ceiling projector donated by InFocus Corporation 5 years ago is due for a replacement. From time to time your Board will be addressing needs as the Center matures. Thanks to the Women of Watercolor group that rents the building, we now have eight 6-foot tables to accommodate guests. A new microwave replaced the original donated by Kurt and Eleanor Krause when the Center opened. Even Tualatin businesses are stepping up to donate services. Chamber member Quick and Clean Services will be cleaning our carpets soon because they are proud of what
Tis the Season for Romance

The Heritage Center is featuring a display of wedding accoutrements for the next few months. Included in the display is the 1918 ankle length cream colored gown Elma Nyberg wore for her wedding to Walt Eames, as well as the long white gown and veil Del Judy wore when she married Clayton Judy Jr. in 1944. A photo of the happy Judy couple and an wedding invitation accompany the gown.

Typical wedding gifts, china, crystal etc. are included, but the most unique wedding gift Tualatin has ever seen may be the sickle and washboard Hamp Robbins gave his bride Pearl Casteel in 1904. The sickle was so that she could cut the grass as she walked along the path to the mailbox. The washboard needs no explanation.

Pictured above: A Frederick Duncan panel of prints “The Greatest Day in a Girl's Life” is hanging above the case and is on loan from Rochelle Martinazzi.

Stop by and enjoy this display and others at the Heritage Center, open Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm.

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

Dear THS Members and Friends,

As supporters of the Tualatin Historical Society and the Heritage Center, we would like to invite you to attend our third annual Wine, Food and Silent Auction fundraiser, which will be held on Friday evening, September 16, 2011. Our event will be held inside the Heritage Center and outside on our beautiful patio. We hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate “Locally grown...preserving the history of Tualatin”, our event’s theme.

The event starts at 6:00 pm with the first of three silent auction sections closing at 7:00 pm. The last section will close at 8:15 pm.

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We are busy making plans and procuring donations for the silent auction so that we may continue with the Society’s mission to preserve, promote, and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin. We have included a silent auction donation form that you may pass on to a business that may want to donate or for your own use. We have received some amazing items, services and certificates from our members in the past.

We hope that we may count on you. Any item, large or small, is greatly appreciated. Please consider some of the following ways that you can support us: Physical items, gift certificates for good or services, themed gift baskets, tickets to sporting events (Trail Blazers, Beavers, Ducks, Timbers etc.), gift items or products that can be used for a raffle or themed basket, hotel lodging or vacation home stay.

Thank you for your support. Hope to see you there!

~ 2011 Auction Committee
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Your attendance and donations will enable us to:
- Work to save endangered historic sites and buildings,
- Present monthly programs with guest speakers
- Collect and archive historic photos
- Put on special historical events
- Maintain a garden of heirloom plants
- Maintain displays: Prehistoric, Atfaliti Indians, Settlers
- Sponsor historical, cultural, civic and environmental classes and workshops

In addition to an array of intriguing auction items, you will find the following activities:
- Taste some fabulous Northwest wines
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Enjoy scrumptious hors d’oeuvres and desserts
- Wall of Wine - wine bottle grab bag
- Raffle drawing
- Live Music from “Island Trio”

We have only 120 tickets available, so get yours today. Tickets are $25 each and may be purchased by in person (M-F 10-2pm), phone 503.885.1926 or email lindy.thc@gmail.com.

www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org
4th Graders Return to Heritage Center for Fourth Year

Over 300 fourth graders have now sent their written thank you’s and drawings describing what they learned during the annual May Pioneer Days. Pioneer Days were led by Evie Andrews, Barbara Stinger and Chris Tunstall. The list of volunteers helping during those four days has grown too long to print, but we are grateful for several new helpers from the community. The weather turned out pretty good and no young pioneers were lost, suffered snake bite, or got sick from eating their own freshly-churned butter. Once again it was the boys who had the most fun learning to sew a button on their clothing and the girls who thought they should use a washboard at home (few moms agreed with that). Take a look at the scrapbooks of letters when you are at the center.

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 if it had rained. This year it helped shield volunteers and the kids from the sun. Special thanks to Rebecca Pratt who loaned many of the wonderful artifacts and the old time school room furniture.

Summer Theatre on the Patio Returns
Masque Alfresco presents Molière's *The Miser*, adapted and directed for modern audiences by Fayra Teeters. Performances will be held at the Tualatin Heritage Center patio Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 5, 6, 7 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. **Free** show (although they do pass the hat). Bring lawn chairs and picnics. This was a real hit last two summers.

This 2011 production places us in the midst of a totally dysfunctional household where everyone has a scam or scheme going—as they must to survive under such a miserly master. Come and watch the hilarity unfold as Masque Alfresco unleashes their popular 10th 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

Crawfish Festival
Crawfish in Paradise is the theme of the 2011 annual festival celebrating Tualatin’s iconic crustacean. Volunteers will be needed to take a shift at the THS booth where children and adults alike will learn more about Tualatin history.

Leave word at the Heritage Center (503.885.1926) on your availability.

Volunteer Opportunities at THS
Board member Adrienne Heathman has agreed to serve as volunteer recruiter to fill important support roles. If you would help with tasks such as making reminder phone calls for events, assisting with exhibits, helping set up for various THS activities or be a monitor or office support aide during Center workdays, please let Adrienne know by calling 503.691.1705. Some jobs can be done at home; others might take just an hour or so or maybe a half-day weekly at the Heritage Center. It’s your choice and we value your help.
Heritage Center July Event Calendar

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Friday, July 1 and 22, 10:00am - Noon
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

THS Annual Picnic in the Park
Wednesday, July 6, 5:00-7:00pm
Main Picnic Shelter at Tualatin Community Park
See page 1 for details.

Pilates
Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 11:30am – 12:30pm
$10 per class drop-in/ $8 per class w/ 10 class pass
Barbara Dieringer leads this class. Pilates will safely nourish your back, your abdominals and restore elasticity to your entire body.

Dulcimer Jam
Sunday, July 10, 1:00 – 3:00pm
Donations accepted.

Bird and Nature Walk
Tuesday, July 19, 8:00am
Meet at the Heritage Center
This 1 ½ hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.691.1394.

Riding the Rails
Thursday, July 20, 8:45am-4:30pm
Location: Meet at the Tualatin WES station
Cost will be your Tri-Met day pass
Join Art Sasaki on the second "train trek" adventure for Summer 2011. For details call 503.885.1926 to reserve your place. Some walking required; all ages welcome.

Tualatin Farmers Market
Friday, July 29, 4:00pm-8:00pm
Come visit the Tualatin Historical Society Information booth at the market!

August Event Calendar

Discovering Oregon’s 19th Century Potters
Wednesday, August 3, 1:00pm

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Thursdays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 11:30am–12:30pm
$10 per class drop-in/ $8 per class w/ 10 class pass
Barbara Dieringer leads this class. Pilates will safely nourish your back, your abdominals and restore elasticity to your entire body. Its energizing and restorative qualities leave you feeling uplifted and energized!

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Friday, August 5 and 26, 10:00am - Noon
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

Clothing Swap
Wednesday, August 17, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse and attend this clothing swap. Bring something, take something. All sizes of women, teen clothing and accessories. This popular swap is held quarterly. Swap to save a planet…and some green! For information, call 503.716.8910.

Bird and Nature Walk
Tuesday, August 23, 8:00am
Meet at the Heritage Center
This 1 ½ hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.691.1394.

Riding the Rails
Thursday, August 24, 8:45am-4:30pm
Location: Meet at the Tualatin WES station
Cost will be your Tri-Met day pass
Join Art Sasaki on another "train trek" adventure for Summer 2011. Call 503.885.1926 to reserve your place by noon (the day before). For our return; we catch the first WES heading to Tualatin that afternoon. Some walking required; all ages welcome.
Farewell Dear Friends
We fondly remember one of the living legends of Tualatin’s growth years, Dr. Tom Stern, who made many house calls in our area when it was common practice. Dr. Stern died on May 28 at age 90. He enjoyed participating in the monthly men’s coffees that reminisced about local, state and world history. Plans had been made for him to speak at a THS monthly meeting in October. His popular book “House Calls” is available for checkout at the Heritage Center. It chronicles his years of service with names changed to assure anonymity. After leaving Tualatin, he worked in California and also was a technical adviser for the Marcus Welby M.D. TV series.

Our condolences as well to the family of Marvin Stites who also died this spring. He was the son of THS member Arlene Stites.