

Tualatín Hístorical Society Newsletter

MARCH/APRIL 2011

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

Save the Date... "Phishing for the Past - The Wildlife of a Federal Archaeologist"

The people whose life stories are often buried underground is the focus of our next natural history program March 23, 7:00 pm at the Tualatin Heritage Center. Jorie Clark, one of several regional archeologists working for the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in Sherwood, will describe the scientific techniques she uses to explore what might have happened in an area in the distant past. At the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge north of Vancouver, for example, scientists discovered and mapped evidence of the plank houses Lewis and Clark had first documented there 200 years ago.

Co-presenter is Nick Valentine, an archaeologist (for nearly 18 years) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and previously worked as a "dig bum" (contract archaeologist). Nick has a Master's degree in Anthropology from the University of Oregon.

For more information, call the Heritage Center at 503.885.1926.

"I.09 an Hour and Glad to Get It"

A local industry that shaped our area economy for several decades is the focus of the Wednesday, March 2 THS monthly program at 1:00 pm. Sandy Carter, director of the Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation, will share stories from her new book featuring oral histories of workers at the Crown Zellerbach paper mill in West Linn where thousands of workers over half a century proved that hard work could pay off in good middle class incomes.

Paper for newsprint, phone directories, and household uses were among the pulp products flowing from two mills along from the Willamette River at Oregon City/West Linn.

Now local mills have downsized dramatically. The Foundation is seeking to preserve not only physical reminders of this history but also family recollections of blood, sweat and tears.

"Newcomers to the area often think industry doesn't belong here," says Sandy. "But they don't realize that it was industry that built this place." Sandy will have copies of the 424-page book for sale at \$35 each.



Above: Paper Mill photo courtesy of Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation.

"Before Breakfast Cereal Was Sugar Coated"



Remember "Snap, Crackle and Pop" or the "Breakfast of Champions" and grandma drinking Postum (parched grains) instead of cof-

fee? Food history is the theme for the Wednesday, April 6 THS program. It starts at 1 p.m. and includes samples. Bring your own bowl and milk. (Edie Torgeson's cookies will be easier though) Post and Kellog companies both got their start in Grand Rapids, Michigan where THS member Clyde Kellay grew up with the workers who puffed and processed crispies and flakes. A delightful presenter, Clyde shared his love of steamboats at the THS monthly program in October. In this illustrated program, he gives us an inside look into foods that transformed America's eating habits. Prepared cereals got their start in a religious community which focuses on healthy food choices. One of their first products was (and is) Grape-Nuts, but the founders would likely frown on the sugar-coated and flavored varieties their successors promote now.

What's going on here?

by THS President Yvonne Addington

Three times in less than 50 years, I have "brokered" the 14,000 year old mastodon skeleton that John George and Ron Sund originally excavated from the swamp near today's Tualatin Fred Meyer. Gradually the bones of Tualatin's most famous giant are returning home.



In 1962, I typed John's thesis about the excavation which helped fulfill his pre-dental class credits; at graduation, he left the bones at Portland State University and pursued his dental career. The first time I actually saw the bones at PSU was in 1972, erroneously displayed as the "Tigard Mastodon." As Tualatin City Manager at the time, I naturally asked for a correction. At that point, the professor in charge simply asked if I wanted them back. Not knowing why, I said yes. They arrived at the old city hall in a pine box. The public works crew marked it "Do not destroy—Yvonne's skeleton in the closet". After I left city employment in 1982, the bones were given to the Oregon Zoo, but in 1992 Loyce Martinazzi saved them once again. THS, the city and citizens raised \$8000 to pay the University of Oregon to put them together as a wall display (see photo above) at the Tualatin Library, later magnified into a more prominent display near the entry.

The second time I got involved with our Tualatin mastodon's remains was in 2006, when Dr. George gave the tusk and two molars to the Society and delivered them to the Tualatin Heritage Center where they are on display today.

Photo top right colomn: Dr. John George during mastodon dedication at the Heritage Center, Oct. 2006.



The third time I helped reassemble the remains of our old friend was this past month when Dr. Edward Davis, curator of the Condon Museum at U of O. loaned your historical society 7 of the 8 remaining bones they had kept in their university fossil research closet! I had the same eerie, excited feeling as I did the first and second time. This box included a heavy 28x15 inch scapula (shoulder blade) from the mastodon's right side. This third collection, along with the rest of the skeleton, is now close to where it originally lived about 14,000 years ago. The newest bones join a 15,000 year old sacrum (tailbone) from a Harlan's ground sloth found near Tualatin River and Fanno Creek. That artifact was donated by Dr. Robert McDonald, a local chiropractor, and helps make the case for Tualatin being a "land of giants" in ages gone by. It also explains why we are getting more visitors and larger turnouts whenever we sponsor programs related to the Ice Age. ~continued on page 3

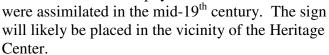


Photo above: U of O grad student presents a Mastodon scapula to Yvonne Addington, in February 2011.

As a result of recommendations from Tualatin's Bill Baker, an international "city branding expert", several agencies and organizations are communicating and meeting together at the Tualatin Heritage Center to advance mutual interests and educate the public. Some possibilities include a mile-long "Ice Age Walk" from Fred Meyer (mastodon's original resting place), past the Library (mastodon display) and Commons (ice age erratics) to Ki-a-Kuts pedestrian bridge on Tualatin River (sloth's home) to Tualatin Heritage Center (artifacts) enhanced by placement of small interpretive signs and ancient animal replicas along the walk to increase understanding. A more ambitious recommendation is locating a regional Ice Age Museum in Tualatin. Lots of people are showing interest. Major participants would be THS, City, and Chamber of Commerce as well as the universities, local schools, nonprofit organizations, business, industries and collectors. Wouldn't it be great if Tualatin were internationally recognized as a handy location for seeing evidence of events that took place over 10,000 years ago? It might even start by changing the name of Metro's "Tonquin Scablands Trail" (now in the planning stages from Wilsonville to Tualatin) to "Ice Age Trail" incorporating a much broader story of ancient times. ~Yvonne

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Offers Sign to Interpret Indian History

An interpretive sign to portray the original residents of our valley is being discussed with representatives of the Grand Ronde tribe where the Atfaliti band and Kalapuya nation





On Display

A penny earned... Check out the Society's display in the Tualatin Public Library of a charming collection of

old coin banks. The antiques and replicas are on loan from Rochelle Martinazzi.

New in the Center--a Cozy Reading Corner



Some 70 books on Tualatin, Oregon and Northwest history have been brought out of the attic and shelved for easy reading in the Center. Thanks to Lois Roby and Loyce Martinazzi for taking on this task. And to make it more inviting, an historic oak chair sits in the corner--the mayor's chair retrieved from the old City Hall where it was used by Tualatin's early mayors, and refurbished to its original luster by Art Barry.

The collection includes such titles as Joseph Gaston's 4 -volume set of *Centennial History 1811-1911*, Terence O'Donnell's *Arrow in the Earth*, Alison Miller Wallis's new book, *Bosky Dell*, describing the neighborhood east of Wankers Corner, and a copy of Henry Zenk's scholarly thesis on the ethnography of the Kalapuyan people.

The policy: THS members may check out the books for free, and non-members are invited to read the books there but not check them out. Back copies of American Heritage magazine and the Oregon Historical Quarterly are free to read and return.

Impacts of the Cataclysmic Missoula Ice Age Floods

Dr. Robert G. Waits, whose research confirmed that multiple flood events carved our region over a 3,000 year period starting about 15,000 years ago, speaks at 7:00 pm, April 13 at Tualatin Public Library. Dr. Waits asserts that rich soils carried by the floods and scoured from hillsides along the way were the major reason pioneers settled in the Willamette Valley. The evening program is sponsored by Tualatin Historical Society, Lower Columbia Chapter of the Ice Age Institute, and Tualatin Library. There is a \$3 suggested donation.

Dr. Waitt has led ten Missoula Floods field trips in conjunction with the Ice Age Floods Institute and has been instrumental in bringing awareness of the floods story to the public. He was a featured expert in a documentary about the floods produced by OPB as well as the NOVA segment "Mystery of the Megaloods". He also served as a member of the Ice Age Floods Task Force that laid the foundation in 1992 for the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail which will create a trail covering the four state floods region: Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Note: Dr. Scott Burns, Tualatin's expert geologist, will be speaking April 23 at Tualatin Library. See details on page 8.

Tualatin in the Ice Age

Tables of bones of ancient giant mammals, and power point presentations of fossil digs and ice-age floods, held an audience of 130 in rapt attention on a recent Sunday afternoon, as guest speakers told what Tualatin was like 10,000-15,000 years ago. The Feb. 6 event, held in Winona Grange Hall, celebrated the Historical Society's 25th anniversary and the Heritage Center's 5th, and followed the tradition of depicting some aspect of Tualatin history each February. The program was televised for community access TV.



Photos courtesy of Art Sasaki. Photo left: Here, Mike Full describes a fossil he retrieved from the murky depths of the Yamhill River. Photos below: Speakers at the program.



Left:Danny
Gilmour





Dr. Scott Burns



David Ellingson

Larry McCli







Photo above: Mike Full's manipulated photo of what 14,000 year old Tualatin natives would see today. Here, 6 ft tall Dave Eillingson with ancient bison.

Nostalgia Sale Scheduled April 9



Collectibles and memorabilia owners no longer wish to keep will be sold Saturday, April 9 at Tualatin Heritage Center in a first-ever "nostalgia swap meet"

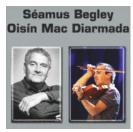
from 10:00 am -4:00 pm. Here's a chance to clean stuffed cupboards and attics of vintage items from days gone by. At the same time, Tualatin Historical Society is weeding out items that are being deaccessioned from our collection or that have no connection to Tualatin. The fund raiser for THS is an ideal time to donate items that could be of high appeal to the right buyer, but it's not a classic rummage sale. Need examples? Larry and Ellie McClure once thought collecting old bottles would be fun, but 40 years later they haven't been touched; Larry saved newspapers and Time, Life and Look magazines from historic events, but now they're taking up space; estates of their parents passed down knick knacks and travel souvenirs that grandkids don't want. Bring items to Tualatin Heritage Center on Friday, April 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. If you can volunteer to assist with set up, selling or take down, please leave word at the Center. Donation receipts will be given. This unique sale is in lieu of the annual Antiques Appraisal.

Irish Heritage Day at the Heritage Center

S & Á Irish Entertainment and the Tualatin Heritage Center presents a multimedia event with songs, music, slide show and talk of Ireland on Wednesday, March 30 at 12:30.

Listen to the tunes and songs from the West Coast of Ireland. Touring from Ireland are special guests Oisín Mac Diarmada from Co Sligo (fiddle) and Séamus Begley from Co Kerry (vocals and accordion). CD's are available for purchase.

Doors open at noon. Tickets are limited to 68 attendees, \$10 THS members, \$12 Tualatin residents, and \$15 all others. Advance tickets are highly recommended through www.hulahub.com.



For more information contact Sam Keator at 503.691.2078 or sam.keator@frontier.com

We're 25 Years Old!

by Karen Lafky Nygaard



The Tualatin Historical Society began in 1986, 25 years ago. Co-founders Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard thought their interest in Tualatin's early days might be shared by others. They were correct. Early programs, held in the then-new Senior Center and built around a theme-early schools, Oregon Trail settlers, covered bridges-drew good crowds. Many activities and publications followed, fulfilling the mission "to preserve, promote and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin."

Pictorial calendars were published for the years 1988 -91. In 1988 the Society held a Diamond Jubilee Ball in Ramada Inn celebrating Tualatin's 75th birthday. It has sponsored harvest festivals, barn dances, Oregon pioneer days for 4th graders, a Winona Cemetery Stroll at Twilight where 25 early settlers "emerged" from behind their gravestones to tell their story, *Tualatin's First Hundred Years*, a narrated video of early Tualatin scenes, mini-museums in the Van Raden Center at Crawfish Festivals, tours of historic houses, strawberry festivals and elegant teas at the Sweek House.

The Society has a growing collection of vintage photographs, numbering some 1162 that have been digitized and several hundred more that remain to be scanned. In 1990 Society members dismantled the 1875 Hedges House with a plan to re-erect it downtown--the plan came to naught but John Bowles built a charming miniature of the quaint farmhouse for exhibit. In 1991 the Society helped raise \$8,000 to have the collection of mastodon bones assembled by the University of Oregon for a standing display in Tualatin's original library.

In 1994 the Society published *Tualatin...From the Beginning*, updated in 2004, that tells the history from the ancient mastodon to the upscale Tualatin Commons. There is an ongoing program of recording oral histories; some are included in the four books in the *Tualatin-the-way-It-Was* series. Last year it published a *Little Red Schoolhouse* coloring book.

In 2006 the Society led the fund-raising of \$250,000 to move and preserve the 1926 Methodist Church. It was rolled down the street to a site on Sweek Drive where it is co-operated with the City and serves as the Tualatin Heritage Center. The opening of the Center is celebrated each February with a program on some aspect of Tualatin's history. This year's was "Prehistoric Tualatin--Valley of the Giants and Ice-Age Floods."

A Heritage Garden planted next to the Center holds descendants of flowers and plants from the early settlers, including the Robbins rose that came over the Oregon Trail and hop plants from an early hop yard. Funds for the garden, \$13,000 to date, have been raised by the sale of engraved bricks in the courtyard.

Society membership now totals around 200. The Society's board meets on the first Monday of each month and holds membership meetings with guest speakers on the first Wednesday. Both are at 1:00 pm in the Center, and are open to the public.

Linda Aman Donates Watercolor of Tualatin Manette White Iris

Former Tualatin watercolor artist Linda Aman, who still conducts monthly classes at THC, has presented Tualatin Historical Society with the second in her series of paintings of historic plants with a



notable historic connection to our city. Her latest depicts the famous white iris first propagated by Mark Lafky and named for his wife Manette. The Lafky Iris Farm was on Lower Boones Ferry. Karen Lafky Nygaard is their daughter.

Membership Renewal

Time has arrived to renew your membership in the Society for 2011. Your membership is vital to our continued success and we very much appreciate your support.

New members:

Alna Cox

Renewals: as of 2/14/11



Rolland & Janice Kan Cecelia Kelley Candice Kelly Bob & Barbara Kern Lloyd & Helen Koch Robert & Barbara Krise Kurt & Eleanor Krause Craig Lee Robin Lee Andrea Michaels Ken & Bonnie Peterson Dale & Marianne Potts John & Veta Repcik Colleen Rivers Annette Saarinen Cheryl Saarinen **Dorothy Saarinen** Jack Saarinen Yvette Saarinen Shoshana Shuval Ken & Barbara Stinger Robert & Myrna Summers Gordon & Delores Summers Joan Tallan Annette Wager Orrie Nyberg Waller Patsy Winings Herbert & Helen Zachow

H-Honorary

Correction from last newsletter:

& Kristi Johnson-James

Douglas & Jeanne Jurgens

JoAnn Johnson

James Judy

Should be John and Nancy Nyberg

Help THS Scholarship Fund Grow

We are getting good response for the 2011 THS scholarship funding effort and have submitted the application request to the Tualatin High School.



So far we have received 17 donations from generous families who we wish to thank for their support. They are Evie and George Andrews, Jack Broome, Jane Brown, Bob DeLisle, Margaret Fuhrwerk, Jean Graham, Lindy Hughes, Lloyd and Helen Koch, Rochelle Martinazzi, Larry and Ellie McClure, Bob and Kathy Newcomb, Norm Parker, Art Sasaki, Barbara and Ken Stinger, and Christine Tunstall. In addition, a special gift was received from the estate of Marian Larson who had requested a gift to the THS in her will. We are naming the scholarship in her honor for 2011.

We hope to continue to receive donations throughout the year so that we may continue to fund this program in future years. All donations are put in a designated fund and will be used only for this purpose. Please consider a donation, large or small, for our effort to support youth in our community. Thank you.

~ TuHS Scholarship Committee Jack Broome, Rochelle Martinazzi, Larry McClure, Chris Tunstall, , Norm Parker

Lumiere Players Turns THC into Day Spa

Tualatin's own community theatre company presents "Hallelujah Girls", a comedy set in a church converted to a day spa. Lumiere Players opens its sixth season of community theatre with "Hallelujah Girls," a comedy set in a church converted to day spa. Several feisty females in Eden Falls, Georgia, gather there every Friday afternoon to forget their problems. Carlene's given up on romance, having buried three husbands. Nita's a nervous wreck from running interference between her problematic son and his probation officer. Mavis' marriage is so stagnant she's wondering how she can fake her own death to get out of it. The comic tension mounts when a sexy ex-boyfriend shows up unexpectedly and a marriage proposal comes from an unlikely suitor. Join Lumiere for one of their weekend performances (see show dates on page 7 of this newsletter) and at a special THS rate of \$10. See Guaranteed fun just a few feet from the actors. No opera glasses needed! Call 503.277.0164 for reservations.

Heritage Center March Event Calendar



Tualatin Historical Society Program "\$1.09 and Hour and Glad to Have It" Wednesday, March 2, 1:00pm See page one for details.

Pilates

Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 11:30am–12:30pm

\$10 per class drop-in/ \$8 per class w/ 10 class pass 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!

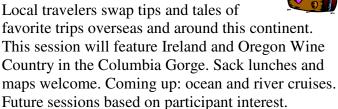
Knitting and Crochet Workshop Friday, March 4 & 18, 10:00am - Noon

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

Dulcimer Jam Sunday, March 13, 1:00 – 3:00pm At the Pohl Center this month

Enjoy the beautiful sounds one of the oldest instruments around. Donations accepted.

"Places to See, People to Meet" Wednesday, March 14, 1:00-3:00pm



Bird and Nature Walk Wednesday, March 9, 9:00am

The late winter and early spring bird walks have been scheduled to give us a few more chances to see the wintering ducks and songbirds. This 1 ½ hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.691.1394.



Lumiere Players Community Production Friday/Saturday, March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 7:30pm

Sunday, March 6, 13, 20, 2:00pm \$10 resident/ \$12 nonresident

Tualatin's own community theatre company presents "Hallelujah Girls", a comedy set in a church converted to a day spa. For reservations, call 503.277.0164.

April Event Calendar

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

"Before Breakfast Cereal Was Sugar Coated" Wednesday, April 6, 1:00pm

See page one for details. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society.

Pilates

Thursdays, April 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. Its energizing and restorative qualities leave you feeling uplifted and energized!

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Dulcimer Jam Sunday, April 10, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Enjoy the beautiful sounds of one of the oldest instruments around.

Places to Visit, People to Meet Monday, April 11, 1:00- 3:00pm

This month's Wanderlust Support Group shares information, photos and experiences about traveling in Southern Europe (for example Spain, Italy, Greece). On the domestic side, we'll explore Alaska by ship and highway. Experienced travelers and daydreamers welcome along with suggestions for future topics.

Bird and Nature Walk Wednesday, April 12, 9:00am

By early April, the spring migration will have begun and we will begin to see swallows, warblers and perhaps a few shorebirds. This 1

½ hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.691.1394.

Your 2011 Tualatin Historical Society Board

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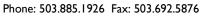
Newsletter Editor & Center Director- Larry McClure Website - Lindy Hughes, See our current and past newsletters in color and other articles of interest at

www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org.

April 23 "Vine2Wine" Library Fundraiser

Taste pinot noir and other fine wines from vineyards located in the Central Willamette Valley. Dr. Scott Burns will explore how the Ice Age Floods provided the Valley with the perfect landscape for today's wines. All guests will receive a complimentary wine glass. This premier wine tasting and social event benefits the Tualatin Library Foundation. \$35 per person, 21 years and older, 7:00-10:00 pm. Visit www.tualatinlibraryfoundation.org for details.

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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.

Volunteer Corner

We have several volunteer opportunities available for you throughout the year. Up

next - Nostalgia Sale and 4th grade Pioneer Days. Please call 503.885.1926 if you can lend a helping hand. It's fun and rewarding!

Durham School History **Project Underway**

THS board member Kurt Krause is spearheading initial planning for a



compilation of Durham School history. If you know graduates of Durham School, or own photos that can be scanned, please leave word at Tualatin Heritage Center. Several THS members grew up there.

Old Elementary School Bricks in Storage

The former Tualatin Elementary School site has now been leveled as Marquis Company continues preparations on its future living complex for seniors. Bricks from the old school have now been stored at the City of Tualatin Operations Center, thanks to Dan Boss, director.

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