



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

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

Save the Date...

**Great Balls of Fire
Wednesday, October 19
7:00pm
Tualatin Heritage Center**

Dick Pugh, with Cascadia Meteorite Institute at PSU, will reveal that Chicken Little was right: the sky is falling. His widely-acclaimed presentation is part of the THS and Ice Age Floods Institute joint evening program series. A 33-year science teacher at Cleveland High School in Portland, Pugh (now retired) will be displaying \$15,000 worth of meteorites he has collected to go along with his illustrated talk. He will give special attention to the famous Willamette Meteorite that came to rest in the West Linn area during the Ice Age Floods. This large meteorite is considered sacred by the Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes who still make annual visits to its exhibit hall in New York's Museum of Natural History.

A \$3 donation is suggested. The Heritage Center is located at 8700 SW Sweek Drive, Tualatin. Parking is at the adjacent Tualatin Police Department.

Not the Libraries We Used to Know

Long-time residents will remember a bookmobile parked in front of Tualatin K-Mart. As Tualatin Library approaches its 35th anniversary, Jim Scheppke, with 20 years as Oregon's State Librarian, will reveal how our state's love of libraries ranks us No. 2 in the nation for per capita circulation. He will speak at the Heritage Center, Wednesday, September 7 at 1:00 pm followed by Abigail Elder, city library manager, who will highlight Tualatin's Library's own unique history as a member of Washington County Cooperative Library

Services network.

Jim Scheppke (pictured right) will trace the history of libraries in our state, including the technology revolution that is changing what we find as users. Jim encourages public libraries to work to become the number one provider of early literacy services in their community. He is retiring this year.



Call 503.885.1926 for details. This is a free monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society.

Oregon's Connection to the Civil War

How did Oregon almost become a slave state? Richard Botteri, director of the Beaverton History Center and Civil War "buff", will answer this question and ask a few others at his presentation on Wednesday, October 5, at 1:00 pm at the Tualatin Heritage Center. Oregon politics during that period involved a well-known Oregon pioneer who was a pro-slavery candidate to the national scene. Oregon was impacted by the Dred Scott decision. These intriguing situations will be explained.

been active in Oregon election law interpretation and is knowledgeable about soldiers voting "in the field" and other practices during that period.

Program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.



From Botteri's collection: Artilleryman's jacket Botteri believes dates to the Civil War.

Photo credit: Randy L. Rasmussen of *The Oregonian*.

Mr Botteri, a retired attorney, has



Tualatin in Online Oregon Encyclopedia

By Karen Lafky Nygaard

Tualatin will be included among the cities, people, places and events in the state in the new Oregon Encyclopedia available online. Tualatin's website will be available later in the fall. Meanwhile, to get a look at the inclusions, check out the entry on Tualatin's native people at (www.oregonencyclopedia.org/entry/view/tualatin_peoples). Following is our story, compiled by Karen Lafky Nygaard.

The City of Tualatin

Tualatin lies twelve miles south of Portland on the southeastern edge of Washington County extending into Clackamas County. The Tualatin River and Highways I-5 and I-205 cross the city, and 99W borders the west side. The population in 2011 was about 26,000.



By 1853, white settlers had filed some thirty donation land claims in the area that is present-day Tualatin. They cleared the land and set up ferries; built covered bridges and cut roads; built a log school, a smithy, and a store near the river; and became a village. John Taylor cut and later planked a road from his ferry into Portland, Taylors Ferry Rd, which was incorporated into 99W.

In 1886, John Sweek sold land for an east-west rail line through his property, platted the northern part of his 320 acres, and named the town Tualatin. The Southern Pacific Railroad bought the line and built a depot, and soon there was a store, a church with a steeple and stained-glass windows, and two saloons. His home, Sweek House, built in 1858, is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Within four years, John L. Smith had established a sawmill and a brickyard in the new town, and ran his own steamboat upriver to fetch logs. When the Oregon Electric Railway came through in 1906, running under the Southern Pacific trestle, Smith built a large corner store across from the OE depot and platted a new town center. In 1910, the town's fortunes changed when Smith was killed in a logging accident. Tualatin would be without a payroll until the late 1940s.

Tualatin was incorporated in 1913 which now allowed it to tax liquor sold within its jurisdiction.

Before long, the town had streetlights, wooden sidewalks, graveled roads, and a gas station. John Sweek's son, Thadeus, was the first mayor; in 1918 John Nyberg was elected mayor and held the office for 26 years.

As the original claims were divided and sold, the village became ringed with family farms, onion fields, hop yards, dairies, orchards, and hatcheries. The town languished during the Depression, farm work being the main employment, and it was work in Portland's shipyards during World War II that helped many families pay off their mortgages.

In 1960 the population of Tualatin was 359, city wells were going dry, septic tanks overflowed, and the river was badly contaminated. With the completion of Oregon's stretch of Interstate-5, in 1966, Tualatin began to change. It named its first city manager, Yvonne Addington. Mayor Jim Brock recruited local businesses to fund a connection to Portland's Bull Run water. Federal grants funded the building of water reservoirs and a tertiary sewage treatment plant. Industry, business, and housing development followed so quickly that over the next three decades Tualatin's population grew by 4,500%. Legacy Meridian Park Hospital, built in 1973, is now the largest employer in Tualatin, with over eight hundred employees.

In the 1990s, Tualatin's downtown was redeveloped into the Tualatin Commons, a community-gathering place around a seven-acre lake. Ten parks and wetlands comprise over 175 acres in the city. The original park on the Tualatin River is the site of the annual August Crawfish Festival, started in 1959. Browns Ferry Park, named for Zenas Brown, Tualatin's first settler, is on the site of his ferry that connected the road to Oregon City. It is home to a six-week summer arts camp, begun in 1982 by Althea Pratt Broome. Tualatin's prehistory grows too. The half skeleton of a 14,000-year-old mastodon, the sacrum of a giant sloth, erratics washed down in ice-age floods, and artifacts of the Atfalati band of the Kalapooya have been recovered locally. These relics have been donated to the Tualatin Historical Society and are on display in the City Library and the Tualatin Heritage Center.

An Editorial Appeal *From Larry McClure*

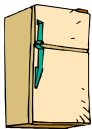
Your THS board has adopted a budget for the new fiscal year (July 2011-2012) that will rely on increased donations to make it balance. We are urging members to match \$5,000 we plan to pull from our savings to preserve and improve our mastodon relics, oxbow and Atfaliti Indian exhibits. Your donations will also help us match grants we will soon be seeking for Ice Age and related pre-history projects. Professional expertise and materials are needed for these tasks. Before giving funds to us, however, many foundations also ask “how much have your own members given to support your effort?”

Another way to assure long-term preservation of Tualatin history is by remembering THS in our wills and bequests, but we hope those gifts won’t come for a long, long time. Ellie and I have allocated 2% of our estate to THS. For donations you make this calendar year, you can also write a check to the Oregon Cultural Trust and receive a full state tax credit for 2011 as well as your normal Federal deduction.

The annual auction Sept 16 attracts a broader cross-section of the community so that others help support operations of our Society and Heritage Center, including a new ceiling projector. You can help support this one-time fund raising event for THS by buying \$25 tickets for yourself and others and giving gift cards from local businesses which we can include in baskets that will be auctioned off. *~ Larry*

Lumiere Players Fall Production Opens

“The Messiah on the Frigidaire” is a comedy about a Southern couple who discover the image of Jesus appearing on their refrigerator stored on the porch of their trailer park home. The discovery by Lou Ann Hightower, her husband Dwayne, and leaders, Betsy pretends to get messages from the appliance-based apparition, and the crowds multiply like loaves and fishes. Through the ordeal, the three undergo an evolution in their relationships with each other, and they are forced to come to grips with their lowly status in the caste system of the rural south. In a region where religion is as much a part of life as grits and cotton fields, God surely moves in mysterious ways. For reservations, call 503.692.9796. Show dates on page 7.



Washington County Museum Plans Fall Programs

Join Washington County Museum staff and Print Arts Northwest volunteers for free hands-on history and art activities for the whole family beginning in September. This year's theme is Discovery. Bring the kids and create a project to take home, enjoy stories, see and touch artifacts, learn about local history and more. A book-making project and pioneer toys are on the Sept. 10 schedule. Family Day is held monthly on the second Saturday at the Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program runs September through June. Another free family event at our county museum is Saturday, Sept. 24, when you can take in the toe-tapping music of the Minidoka Swing Band, and also see the current exhibits, watch a Japanese woodblock printing demonstration and enjoy the grounds by bringing a picnic or sack lunch as well. The event is in celebration of National Museum Day, hosted by Smithsonian magazine.

Members of the locally-based Minidoka Swing Band, established in September 2007, will play from noon to 2:30 p.m. The band's Swing tunes serve as a tribute to Japanese Americans interned during World War II and highlights the music that was popular in 1940s America - and in the internment camps.

The Museum is located on the PCC-Rock Creek Campus, 17677 NW Springville Road, Portland, open 10-4. For details, go to their website washingtuncountymuseum.org. The Washington County Museum’s big fundraiser of the year is October 22. It includes a banquet, silent auction, entertainment and opportunities to meet others who share an interest in Washington County history.

Winona Grange Offers Pumpkin Treats During Regatta



Tualatin Historical Society members are invited to help provide pumpkin recipes, tastes and advice during the annual Great Pumpkin Regatta at the Commons on Saturday, October 22. The fundraiser will help make improvements at the historic Winona Grange hall. During the day-long event, the public can learn about making pumpkin pies, pumpkin butter, pumpkin bread, pumpkin squares. Any other ideas? Contact Larry McClure, 503-692-5489, larry.mcclure@gmail.com. Drop in that day for apple cider, a slice of pie and a warm up if it’s cold outside. Donations accepted.



“If you grew up in Tualatin, remember when...”

Today’s Internet users are doing their own documentation of Tualatin history on line via Facebook. Here are some recent postings:

“We thought Sherwood kids were po dunks because there was nothing but a Taco Time and a liquor/feed store in their town. Like Tualatin was such a big city compared to them because we had a Fred Meyer and K-Mart!”

“Embarrassed going to Kmart "Fall Apart" with my mom, but not so bad in the summer if I got a red or blue slushee inside the store!..... *Response:* Yes, I remember my friends and I would lie down in the back-seat if my mom pulled into Kmart!! How lame! Never realizing that if I saw anyone from school there, they would be just as ashamed as i was!!”

“There used to be a Dairy Queen in Tualatin. We would always go there after my brother's baseball games because they had the baseball sundaes with team hats. When the Blizzard came out. I remember the guy behind the counter there would turn every single one of those Blizzards over to make sure they were thick enough. That was awesome. And Sunshine Pizza. I think every one of my friends had a birthday there.”

“Walking to Plaid Pantry to spend my only dollar on Laffy Taffy was great...”

“I remember when we got our 7-11, when McDonald's came to town, And then Fred Meyer. Those were big events...”

“My favorite: Atsa Pizza with the awesome Ms Pac Man game...”

“Certain features of Fred Meyer circa 1982-85 are burned into my brain: the pie display case at the entrance of the dark and smoky restaurant by the main doors, the little red .25c cartoon booth my parents ponied up for just once, the Wet 'N' Wild nail polish display, the long strips of "dollar stretcher" stamps that would get glued to grids and redeemed for discounts, the optical center where, for some reason, I always wished I could go and try on all the frames.”

“I only lived in Tualatin until the end of 6th grade in 1983. Great memories riding down Martinazzi hill on bikes to play Ms Pac Man and Tempest at Freddie's. When the movie theater and McDonald's were first built we'd take field trips there in Tualatin Elementary. Spent lots of time at the park during crawfish festival, wasted my allowance frequently at the Saturnalia arcade, etc. It was a great place to grow up!”

“(Mom says)...hey kids, let's get in the car (Datsun B210) and go down to the gas station to re-fill the Pop-Shoppe pop, then head over to free swim! (at Tigard swim center)”

Auction Items are Rolling In

That’s right! We have been busy procuring donations for the silent auction. They are coming in but we still need more. Any item, large or small is greatly appreciated.

Donations include:


- Beautiful original artwork and jewelry
- Two tickets to the Oregon State-Arizona football game on October 8 (thanks, Norm!)
- Various hotel stays including one night in a Jacuzzi suite.
- Unit of garden mulch delivered (yup, delivered!)
- Wine & gourmet food basket
- Various restaurant gift certificates
- Interior decorating consultation
- Wine, wine, and more wine

and much **MORE!** Sound good to you? Call Lindy (503.885.1926) or Barbara (503.645.1596) today to reserve your auction tickets. To donate call Lindy or Sue (503.692.6068) or email lindy.thc@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

One in a Hundred Chances to Win!

Yes, that’s right. Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold. This could be your vacation of a lifetime! *Transportation not included.*



TUALATIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
RAFFLE!!

\$20

Raffle drawing to be held 9/16/11.

6 night stay for up to 6 persons at a WorldMark resort condo (OR WA, HI, Mexico, Fiji, Canada & More!). Available any season through 2012.

Only 100 tickets sold. Winners need not be present to win.

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Only 2 1/2 weeks until the big day!!

**Join us for
Wine, Food and
Silent Auction**



Buy your ticket today!



You are invited to attend our Third Annual Wine, Food and Silent Auction fundraiser. Help us continue with the Society's mission "to preserve, promote, and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin".

**DATE: FRIDAY, 9/16/11
TIME: 6:00-9:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30**

- 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: Prehistory, 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: Win a 6 night stay for up to 6 people in a WorldMark condo (OR, WA, HI, Canada, Fiji & MORE!)
- Live music from "Island Trio"

The event will be held at:

**Tualatin Heritage Center
8700 SW Sweek Drive
Tualatin, OR 97062**



We have only **88** tickets left, so get yours today. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased in person (M-F 10-2pm), phone 503.885.1926 or email lindy.thc@gmail.com. To donate, call Sue at 503.692.6068.

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John Tigard House Museum Schedules Public Events

In 1852 Wilson McClendon Tigard, his wife Mary Ann and their young son, John, traveled across the plains from Arkansas on the Oregon Trail. They settled on a Donation Land Claim of 320 acres. The area in which they settled was called East Butte, then later Tigardville. When the name Tigardville became confused with the name Wilsonville, it was shortened to Tigard.

Wilson Tigard had the Queen Anne Carpenter Gothic home built for his son, John, in 1880. The house remained in the family until 1946 when it was sold. In 1979 the house was in danger of being demolished for new retail construction on Pacific Highway, where it was located. Concerned local citizens formed a group and raised the funds to move the home to its present location.

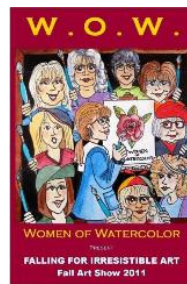
Once in its new site, the house needed extensive repairs and remodeling. Later additions to the house, such as indoor plumbing, were removed and it was brought back, as much as possible, to its original condition.

The home contains four rooms besides the entryway, a parlor, one bedroom, a kitchen and pantry. The John Tigard children slept in the attic. Today the home has been returned to its former glory. The parlor is furnished as it might have been when the Tigard family first lived there. The kitchen shows the manner in which early 1900's housewives prepared food, did their laundry and took care of their families. The bedroom on the main floor has been converted to a Media Room to showcase the many mementos of early Tigard which have been collected by the Tigard Historical Association.

Visitors are invited to step back in time when parlors were furnished with velvet settees and food was



cooked on a wood burning stove. Open houses are scheduled during the annual Apple Harvest Festival September 24 and a Victorian Christmas December 3. Group tours can be arranged in advance by phoning 503.747.9856.



Women of Watercolor Art Show & Sale September 30 & October 1 10:00am-7:00pm Free!

Women of Watercolor are proud to present “FALLING FOR IRRESISTIBLE ART! Fall Art Show 2011” featuring art from local award winning and emerging artists. The exhibit and sale will be affordable art for home décor, art for personal gift giving and with holiday gifts in mind. Following on the heels of last year’s debut show, this art show will display exciting original watercolors and mixed media art for your walls, art cards and prints, aquabords and birchboards at a wide range of prices not exceeding \$350 with pieces as large as 16” x 20” to as small as 4”x 4”.

W.O.W. invites local watercolorists who would like to visit for a group painting session at the Heritage Center to email angela.wrahtz@comcast.net for more information. Membership opportunities are available. WOW thanks the City of Tualatin and the Historical Society for sharing the Tualatin Heritage Center as a home base and gallery venue for the art guild and supporting arts in the community.

Effects of the Lake Missoula Floods in Our Backyard

How Tualatin and the greater Portland and Willamette Valley were impacted by the cataclysmic Missoula Floods some is the focus of the second annual "Ice Age 101" lecture **Wednesday, September 14 at Tualatin Library, 7:00-9:00 pm** co-sponsored by the Ice Age Floods Institute, Tualatin Historical Society and the City of Tualatin. The lecture has been updated with new maps and photos of local landmarks.

Rick Thompson, president of the Lower Columbia Chapter of the Institute, specializes in the effects of the Ice Age Floods in the NW Oregon and SW Washington areas. “His standing room only illustrated presentation last year was so popular we decided to make it an annual affair,” says Yvonne Addington, THS president.

A \$3 donation for adults is suggested.



Heritage Center September Event Calendar

Not the Libraries We Used to Know Wednesday, September 7, 1:00pm

See program description on page 1. Call 503.885.1926 for details. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society.

Pilates

**Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
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.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Friday, September 2 and 23, 10:00am - Noon

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

Dulcimer Jam

Sunday, September 11, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Free! Donations accepted.

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

"Ice Age 101" Lecture

Wednesday, September 14, 7:00-9:00pm

Location: Tualatin Public Library

See details on page 6

THS Annual Wine, Food & Auction

Friday, September 16, 6:00-9:00pm

Fund-raising event for Tualatin Historical Society. Enjoy the sounds of Island Trio, taste Northwest wines, delicious food, and silent auction, \$25 per person. For information, call 503.885.1926.



Bird and Nature Walk

Tuesday, September 21, 9:00am

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.

Women of Watercolor Art Show & Sale

**Friday & Saturday, September 30 & October 1
10:00am-7:00pm, Free!**

See details on page 6.

Heritage Center October Event Calendar



Oregon's Connection to the Civil War Wednesday, October 5, 1:00pm

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Knitting and Crochet Workshop

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Dulcimer Jam, Free! Donations accepted.

Sunday, October 9, 1:00 – 3:00pm

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

Let's Do Lunch & Talk Travel

Monday, October 10, 1:00-3:00pm

Carolyn Horne from *It's Your Time to Travel* shares information, photos and experiences about traveling in Peru. Experienced travelers and daydreamers welcome, along with suggestions for future topics. Call 503.885.1926 to get on the mailing list. *New time in November: Noon-1:00pm*

Bird and Nature Walk

Tuesday, October 13, 9:00am

This 1 ½ hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.691.1394.

Lumiere Players Fall Production

**Friday/Saturday, October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29,
November 4, 5, 7:30pm**

Sunday, October 23, 30, November 6, 2:00pm

\$10 resident, seniors, students, \$12 nonresident

See page 3 for play description and reservation details.

Lunch Hour Celtic Concert Series, Heritage Center Wednesday, October 19, 12:15pm-1:15pm, \$10

Bring your lunch and enjoy an hour of the best Irish music by one of the top players in the world! Kevin Burke and his highly fluid and Sligo-style fiddle is easily one of the most recognizable talents in Irish music today. From his early days with the ground-breaking and now legendary Bothy Band in the mid-70s to his tours with the Irish super group Patrick Street and the Celtic Fiddle Festival, he is widely respected as both an ensemble player and a dynamic solo performer.

Your 2011 Tualatin Historical Society Board

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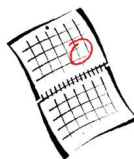


Volunteer Opportunities at THS

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.

We Remember

Tualatin Historical Society members grieve with the family of Tom Disch who passed away this summer. Tom, a long-time THS member, was predeceased by his wife Shirley, daughter of Sam and Ruby Koch whose farming family were mainstays in Tualatin for several decades.



Mark you calendars!

The Tualatin Historical Society's annual meeting and potluck is scheduled for Sunday, November 6 at 2:00pm. This year our gathering will be held at the historic Winona Grange. For more information, call 503.885.1926.

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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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