



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

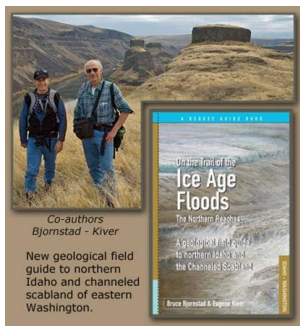
MAY/JUNE 2013

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

Save the Date...

**Why Our Northwest
is Stunning**

**Thursday, May 16, 7:00pm
Tualatin Heritage Center**



Dr. Gene Kiver, professor emeritus from Eastern Washington University, illustrates how Lake Missoula floods carved northern reaches of Washington state including Moses Coulee, Grand Coulee, Cheney-Palouse Scablands and the Lake Pend Oreille area in Idaho. He spent decades mapping geology in eastern Washington with EWU Geography professor Dale Stradling. In the early 1990's, Gene and others began talking about forming a group dedicated to sharing the Ice Age Flood story with the general public and the Ice Age Floods Institute was born. In 2009, legislation for an Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail sponsored by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell and U.S. Congressman Doc Hastings was passed by Congress. Presentation is free to the public but a \$3 donation for adults is appreciated. For information, call 503.257.0144.

History of Tualatin's Robbins Rose and other Northwest Beauties

Join us for another wonderful program featuring speakers from Northwest Rose Historians on **Wednesday, May 1 at 1:00pm.** Laura King and Kathleen McMullen will share their research on the pioneer Robbins Rose at Tualatin Heritage Center and other early varieties that have made our area a nationally-known center for rose cultivation.



Photo above: *This pink moss rose is from the rose plant Nancy Robbins brought to Tualatin in a covered wagon, 2000 miles over the Oregon Trail. It is planted in the Tualatin Heritage Center garden.*

This monthly program is sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society For information, call 503.885.1926.

Who Was Dr. John McLoughlin?

Richard Matthews, docent at the 1845 McLoughlin House, now a part of the National Park Service, will share insights on this colorful figure in Oregon history from 1824-1846. He is vice-president of the McLoughlin Memorial Association which saved and moved the historic structure in 1908. He also volunteers at the 1849 Barclay House.

John McLoughlin (*pictured below*) originally came to the Northwest region in 1824 as a representative of the Hudson's Bay Company.



Above: *The McLoughlin House today.*

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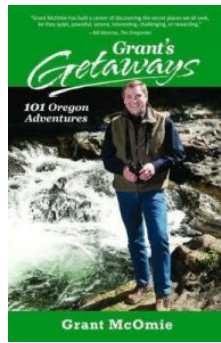
President's Column

From Art Sasaki

The Power of Good Ideas

Very soon now we should be receiving the green light from the City for the historic signs project started over a year ago. After many months, the committee sorted through design ideas, contacted property owners and secured permission from about a dozen historic properties willing to have a sign designating when that home or building was constructed and its original name. We hope these can be installed by the official August 18 date for Tualatin's Centennial. Several of the properties were in sad disrepair and hardly worthy of a shiny new sign. One of those is the Minnie Skog house situated on property now owned by Legacy Meridian Park Hospital. Legacy has notified us that a \$1500 donation will be coming to THS in May! These funds will be added to those previously donated and be kept in a pool of money to fund sign maintenance, replacement and possibly prepare a "tour map" to enable interested persons to learn more about each property. What a great testament this is to creative people working together for a common cause. ~ Art

Explore Oregon with Grant McOmie



On Thursday, June 20, 7:00 pm, Emmy Award-winning journalist and fifth-generation Oregon native Grant McOmie will share video clips and stories from his new guide to 101 of the best Oregon destinations featured in his popular television series *Grant's Getaways*, produced by KGW-TV and Travel Oregon. While he has had a varied

career reporting and producing topical and timely environmental news stories, features and documentary programs, it's been the exploration of the Pacific Northwest back roads and byways that he has enjoyed the most. Sharing those journeys of discovery with readers and viewers has provided the greatest personal rewards and the dominant themes in his work. Grant recently covered Tualatin's mastodon and Ice Age landmarks. His new book will be available for signing that evening.

News from THS Archive & Historic Preservation Committee

By Loyce Martinazzi

Recently a woman named Sharon Young came to the Heritage Center, carrying a delicate pink frosted glass bowl (pictured below) which she wished to donate to the Tualatin Historical Society. Sharon said her parents, Ed and Helen Weaver rented the house across from the tavern in Tualatin in 1953 and Sharon was born there. The bowl was found in the attic, and her mother gave it to Sharon.

The house across from The Spot tavern would have been Lizzie Smith Robinson Jones' house. The Weavers may have been the first people to rent the house after Lizzie died.



Save the Date!

Friday, September 13, 2013

5th Annual Wine, Food and
Silent Auction Fundraising Event



Back by
Popular
demand -
Music from
Island Trio



Tickets go on sale July 1, 2013
Purchase tickets at the Heritage Center
Order by phone, call 503.885.1926 or
email lindy.thc@gmail.com

Farewell, Friend



Tualatin Historical Society members grieve with the family of Henrietta "Rita" Barngrover Conover who passed away recently after a long illness. Rita was a member of the Winona Grange youth group, and the daughter of Bill Barngrover, chief of the Tualatin Fire Department.



Former Tualatin Council Member Remembers Years of Rapid City Growth and Services

By Bill Gleason

THS member Bill Gleason served as a Tualatin city councilor during 9 years of rapid growth and transformation of city's downtown area. His roots in Portland and Tualatin area history are deep. We hope to include personal reflections each issue. If you have memories of earlier times in Tualatin, the editor will help you prepare the article for publication.

In the early 1900s, my dad often drove as many as 1500 head of sheep from Brownsville, up the valley through Tualatin and on to the flatlands east of Fort Vancouver. The fertile Willamette Valley was well known. Perhaps this was also dad's incentive for bringing our family to this area in 1908. He was always up to a challenge, typical of early residents of the Tualatin River Valley. For a number of years he worked as a laborer for the Chinese overseer of Dr. Pilkington's farms (Pilkington Road in Lake Oswego today). I had moved on to military service and college with a music focus.

After teaching public school in north Portland nearly 40 years, my wife Doris and I moved to Tualatin in 1982, then a community of just around 1,000. There was very little crime. It seemed everyone knew each another. You would leave home to visit or shop or do business and leave the house unlocked without fear of an unwanted guest. Travel throughout the city was easy and simple.

I applied to be a City Council member to fill a vacancy during the last year of Mayor Luanne Thielke's service. With guidance of Mayor Stolze, our Council utilized urban renewal funds to create the Lake of the Commons, attracted companies like Oki Semiconductor, JAE and other industry developments, rebuilt the post office, library and senior center (now called Juanita Pohl Center), established working agreements with other entities like TVFR, county and state agencies, encouraged cooperative construction projects, built a tertiary water treatment plant, became a Tree City and expanded public safety services.

City Council was one of the most challenging experiences I have ever had. The people on staff were very dedicated to building the city we now share. For example, there was the amazing Development Director Janet Young. She quietly unraveled the difficulties so that the rest of us would be able to piece together the puzzle.

Steve Rhodes, a highly-qualified and professional City Manager led us into projects which formed the groundwork for today's community. His leadership

leaves a story of achievement and success that will be always remembered.

Jack Broome, retired Portland architect and community activist who as a fairly new Tualatin resident quickly became engaged in the development of our fast growing community while also working alongside his wife Althea Pratt to protect wetland areas.

Jan Giunta. Building the Commons would not have been possible without community minded persons such as Jan. Jan was the second citizen to buy a lot on the commons. The place became known as The Eatery, Bush Gardens and Togos. Her belief in community development helped make possible what we enjoy today.

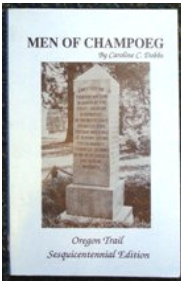
There were many more persons who often worked behind the scenes. They are the ones who contribute articles to newspapers and are willing to accept a chore no one else wants to attempt. They deserve all the praise we can give them. You see them when you visit the Tualatin Heritage Center, the Tualatin Library or the Pohl Center, or while walking the parks or shopping, reading to schoolchildren or serving in places of worship. Some serve on relatively obscure committees, but their contributions result in community growth and development. You may recognize their names when an article appears in the newspaper about a significant local undertaking, supporting and encouraging our youth, and pointing why we must protect our water supply and environment. You know them when you visit the Tualatin Farmer's Market and Crawfish Festival. And finally we must always acknowledge our civil servants like police, fire fighters, librarians, teachers and today's city staff who plan and maintain our roads and parks and keep on providing the services that make our city what it is.



Photo above: Row 1: City Councilor Bill Gleason, Doris Gleason, Cathy Forrest, Tualatin City Manager Steve Rhodes Row 2: Cathy Lawrence and daughter, US Senator Mark O. Hatfield, Tualatin Mayor Steve Stolze at the 1993 National League of Cities meeting in Washington, D.C.

THS Lending Library Corner

by Carole Hoss, administrative assistant



For our library feature this month I have been looking at the book, *Men of Cham-poeg*, book number 149. The courageous individuals who, for their own protection, needed to form this independent government are the subject of this book. "From far and near they

came, the old and young, the hard-bitten mountain ranger, the missionary, the seaman, the blacksmith, merchant, doctor, farmer", pioneers all, who had pushed to this last frontier and found themselves helpless and defenseless in this wilderness. Relying only upon themselves, they worked out a form of government and a code of laws, "well conceived and wisely administered", known as the provisional government. The founding of the provisional government on May 2, 1843 has been called the most significant event in the development of the Pacific Northwest. In 1848 the United States took it over as a territory. It is the only section of our great republic that was acquired, not by purchase or conquest from a foreign power, but by colonization under the American flag. It looks like a good read and is certainly worthy information!



* Memorial Day Ceremony at Winona Cemetery Features THS Members

Winona Cemetery will again honor veterans on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 with a public ceremony at 11:00 am.

Featured on the program are Medal of Honor recipient Robert Maxwell and Pearl Harbor survivor Al "Monty" Montague. Also in the lineup will be Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, Senator Richard Devlin, Representative Julie Parish and City of Tualatin Councilor Frank Bubenik. New this year is a picnic immediately following in Tualatin Park sponsored by the VFW Men's Auxiliary.

THS member Kathy Walsh annually coordinates placement of American flags on veterans' graves by local scouts. Lawn chairs are suggested as there is no public seating at the cemetery. For information, contact Dale Potts at 503.692.1832.



Mask & Mirror Celebrates the USO in a Benefit for the Tualatin Heritage Center



The Traveling Thesians from Mask & Mirror Community Theatre will celebrate the *Camp Shows of the USO* in 3 benefit performances for the Tualatin Heritage Center. Singing, dancing, comedy and surprises are in store in a 1 hour "USO Review" suitable for all ages.

Performances will be **Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15 at 7:30 pm; and Sunday, June 16 at 2:00 pm**. The performances are free – but a free will donation is encouraged to support the work of the Tualatin Heritage Center and the Tualatin Historical Society. Reservations are required and can be obtained from calling the Heritage Center at 503.885.1926.

Funded by a grant through the Cultural Coalition of Washington County and the Oregon Cultural Trust, the Mask & Mirror Traveling Thesians were formed as a community service to introduce the talent of these local performers to Tualatin and Tigar residents. All donations at this performance go to the Tualatin Heritage Center, but attendees are encouraged to buy tickets to the upcoming main stage performances of Mask & Mirror:

"The Importance of Being Earnest - A Trivial Comedy Set In the Serious South", May 3-19, 2013, Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm
Sundays at 2:00 pm. Visit MaskandMirror.com or call 503.691.1779 for information about this show.

Mask & Mirror Community Theatre is a 501(c)3 non-profit performing theatre of unpaid volunteers dedicated to bringing professional quality live theatre to the communities of Tigard and Tualatin. They are available to perform for other organizations and community groups. For information, visit www.MaskAndMirror.com or call Gary Romans at 503.524.2058.



Heritage Center



Event Calendar

Tualatin Historical Society Program Wednesday, May 1, 1:00pm

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Lumiere Players Spring Production May 3,4,5,10,11,12,17,18 Fridays/Saturdays 7:30pm, Sundays 2pm \$10



Lumiere Players presents Rick Lowell, Private Eye- "The Stuff that Dreams are Made Of" by Tony Palermo. This is an evening of 1940s radio, including live sound effects. You'll find the private eye, the dames, the gangsters, and even the Maltese Falcon. For reservations and information, call 503.692.5050.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, May 3 & 24, 10:00am-Noon

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



Bird and Nature Walk Wednesday, May 15, 8:00am

This 1 ½ hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.227.0778.

Lunch Hour Celtic Solo Concert Series Wednesday, May 15, 12:15pm-1:15pm, \$10

Bring your brown paper sack lunch and enjoy an hour of some of the best Irish music by some of the top players in the world! S&A Irish Entertainment presents Whispering Roses. For information, call 503.691.2078.



Why Our Northwest is Stunning Thursday, May 16, 7:00pm

See details about our evening program at the Heritage Center on page 1. For information, call 503.257.0144.

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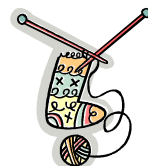
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Bird and Nature Walk Thursday, June 19, 8:00am

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

Mask & Mirror "USO Show" Benefit June 14,15,16 Fridays/Saturday 7:30pm, Sunday 2:00pm

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Explore Oregon with Grant McOmie Thursday, June 20, 7:00 pm

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Mark you calendar...

THS Annual Picnic in the Park Wednesday, July 10, 5:00-7:00pm At Tualatin Community Park Main Shelter



Note: The annual picnic replaces our regular THS monthly program usually held at the Heritage Center.



Your 2013 Tualatin Historical Society Board

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 See our current and past newsletters in color
 and other articles of interest at
www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org.

Annual Pioneer Days May 28-31

Tualatin Heritage Center will be busy those four days as local 4th graders learn about life in pioneer times from devoted volunteers coordinated by Chris Tunstall and Evie Andrews.

This is an educational day full of activities and demonstrations. One way you can show your support is providing lunch treats for the volunteers, several of whom are on loan from local businesses. Volunteers usually get a break at 11:30 each day while students are at the community park for lunch. For information about how you may contribute, please call 503.885.1926.



Survey of Adults 50-plus

The Tualatin Public Library wants to know what you think. Take the short survey and help the library understand how older adults view and use the library and what changes, if any, they would like to see. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/adults50plus> or the library for a paper copy of the survey. In addition, they are also scheduling focus groups around the community. If you would like to participate in a focus group or if you have any questions contact Mala Vyas, Program Specialist-Older Adults, at mvyas@ci.tualatin.or.us or 503.691.3089.

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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

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