



# Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015

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



Save the Date...

**Evening Program**

**The Beauty of Our  
National Parks**

**Thursday, July 16**

**7:00 pm**

**Tualatin Heritage Center**

Ice Age Floods Institute Lower Columbia Chapter co-founding member, Russell Morrow, will be giving a photo presentation from his extensive travels to national parks and scenic sites around the country.

Russell was born and raised in SE Washington and worked for 39+ years with the US Army Corps of Engineers, as a civil engineering technician, primarily doing computer modeling of historic Columbia River floods to develop reservoir operating rules for flood control. He retired in 2001 and has been to 49 states, planning to add Hawaii this fall to make it all 50.

Suggested donation of \$3 per adult.

Monthly program

co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.



## **THS 'Picnic in the Park' on July 1 at Ibach Park**

Join us when we gather for our annual 'Picnic in the Park' at a new location this year. The fun and fellowship is scheduled for the main picnic shelter at **Ibach Park** on **Wednesday, July 1 at 5:00 pm**. Bring a dish to share and your own table service, beverages will be provided. For information or to volunteer to help set-up, please call Gerry Brosy at 503.692.1247.



This popular potluck replaces the usual Heritage Center monthly meeting at 1:00 pm.

## **Oregon's 2015 Teacher of the Year: Using discussions, essays and a focus on literacy to explore our nation's history.**

How did Gresham High School teacher Michael Lindblad do it? Not just become Oregon's teacher of the year, but doing so as a social studies and history teacher for kids who were born during the Clinton administration? Mr. Lindblad inspires everyone to achieve their dream through an educational model that practices "equity and multiple intelligence professional literacy".

Throughout his 18 years of teaching, Lindblad has consistently demonstrated his commitment to his students and to being a leader in his profession. For example, Lindblad developed his school's International Baccalaureate history program, and then advocated for intensive outreach to recruit more students of color into the course. He designed a special history class for English language learners that paired high expectations with an appreciation for their language and culture. His classes weave

the Common Core's focus on reading, writing, discussion, and analysis into the study of history so that students not only master important content but also learn key skills they can apply in other courses and in their lives beyond school.

Come to the Tualatin Heritage Center on **Wednesday, August 5th at 1:00 pm** to learn how this amazing teacher motivates the next generation to live and love history.



Monthly program of the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

## New Tualatin River Overlook

To recognize Yvonne Addington the City Council has designated a scenic and peaceful viewpoint along the Tualatin River Greenway Trail as the Yvonne Addington Overlook in recognition of THS board member Yvonne's contributions to the mission and purpose of parks and recreation in Tualatin, beginning when she was the first City manager.

This summer and fall the City will be constructing a three-quarters of a mile segment of the Tualatin River Greenway Trail between the new Barngrover Way and Nyberg Lane near the old RV of Portland property. The new trail will open next winter and will run along the south bank of the Tualatin River and through the woods north of the Nyberg Rivers and Nyberg Woods shopping centers and the Forest Rim Apartments with an undercrossing at the Interstate 5 bridge where the freeway crosses the Tualatin River. The Yvonne Addington Overlook will be located on the bank of the Tualatin River west of Interstate 5 roughly between Cabela's and LA Fitness.



Photo above: *Community Services Manager Paul Hennon introduced Yvonne Addington at a June City Council meeting which named an overlook on the new greenway trail in her honor.*

### Donation Land Claim Descendants Share Family Stories.

Join us at the Heritage Center on **September 2 at 1:00 pm** when THS members Duffy Hamilton, Barbara Stinger, Edie Torgeson and Bill Galbreath discuss Robert and Rachel Bird, 1847 pioneers who settled on a donation land claim near Cipole and for whom the Robert Bird Cemetery (in Stafford) is named. Copies of family records will be shared. Bird Cemetery is the other local cemetery besides Winona Cemetery where several Tualatin historymakers are buried. Duffy, Barbara, Edie and Bill are remotely related to each other.

## Agribusiness Still Key in Tualatin

Since the Atfaliti Indians harvested nuts, roots, fish, fowl and elk plus wood and fibre for daily life, Tualatin still relies on bounty of the earth for sustenance and jobs. And as Tualatin's agricultural economy diversified over the centuries, our city also became a center for transportation and processing of farm products. While large fields have disappeared, several farms continue today; railcars may no longer stop to unload and load but trucks do haul tons of food inbound and outbound; Tualatin's iconic Blue Mountain Dog Food (Hervin Co.) is gone to be replaced by one of the nation's largest organic food processors which makes and ships a variety of healthy products for human consumption worldwide.

### Farming: No More Big Pastures and Wide Open Fields

The most widely-known agribusiness in Tualatin today is Lee Farms whose roots go back to 1869 when the Jurgens family legacy began. Lee Farms now boasts 5 generations actually working the land on Tualatin's east side and diversifying to meet changing consumer demands in an urban environment. Lee Farms traces its beginning to the marriage of Loyce Martinazzi and Larry Lee. Berries are still a staple, but pumpkins and Christmas trees plus a gift shop, bakery and events venue help provide year-round income for several growing families. Educating city folks about agriculture is an important element of hayrides and farm animal pens for viewing.

THS member Rochelle Martinazzi and her three children are marking their 30th anniversary this year selling Christmas trees at Century Farm just east of Jurgens Road. It was Loyce and Rochelle's great-grandfather, William Jurgens, who started farming in Tualatin in 1869. His daughter Nettie married Julius Martinazzi. Their son Art was Rochelle's father who made sure his five daughters would always respect the earth and its bounty. Jurgens Park has a farm theme in its design for children's play structures.

Other local farmers still quietly continue annual harvests. The ITEL family just brought in 3,000 bales of hay. Traffic makes farming the few open spaces more difficult to maneuver equipment, but the Koch and Lee families still make the effort to use small acreages here and there. On the outskirts of Tualatin, Schaber Brothers farm is on Borland Road close to Wankers Corner. Two Elligsen farms are located down 65th past Lee Farms .

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Fran Ashcroft owns the Denley farm close to El-ligsens. Remaining farm buildings like the Sagert/Barngrover/Klinger Barn on 65th may soon be lost to development. Also along 65th avenue, there are two small farms owned by Harvey Oldenstadt and John Dickson.

**Food Processing: No More Smells of Dog Food**



**Pacific Foods** (19480 SW 97th Ave) replaced Hervin Pet Food Company which had put Tualatin on the map and provided good jobs for over two decades. Founded 28 years ago, Pacific Foods is a growing leader in organic specialty foods and beverages, all carefully grown using sustainable methodologies. Their headquarters and plant in Tualatin houses some 400 employees. Operations include an extensive organic farm in Yamhill County. The brand is available in all local supermarkets. Shelves at the Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry often feature healthy Pacific products such as soups donated by the company.

**Food Distribution: No More Wagons and Railcars**

**DPI Specialty Foods** (12360 S.W. Leveton) provides NW stores and restaurants with an extensive variety of specialty foods from around the world, including gourmet, natural, organic, gluten free, local and ethnic items. For example, specialty cheeses arrive in Tualatin from France, Ireland, UK, Spain, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy and Greece and are often then cut and packaged according to each customer’s specifications. There are other regional DPI centers around the nation.



**McLane Foods** (21400 SW 115th) is owned by Warren Buffet’s Berkshire Hathaway Company. Tualatin is the headquarters for distribution of food products to more than 720 customers in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Over 40,000 separate products flow out on demand. Over half the customers are convenience stores. The workforce numbers 150. There are other regional McLane distribution centers around the nation.

**Horticulture**

**Garden Corner** (21550 SW 108th Ave) is Tualatin’s premier nursery noted throughout the Portland metro area for its creative approach to home and commercial landscaping plants, particularly hanging baskets which adorn Tualatin lamp posts and the patio of our heritage center. ~ continued



The Garden Corner provides customers with a sensory experience featuring colorful displays and complimentary espresso to make shopping a therapeutic experience. Lesser known but a part of Tualatin history is **Birdsong Peonies and Nursery** (5465 SW Prosperity Park Rd.).

**Tualatin’s Food Chain for Families Today**

While farm operations are no longer thriving in Tualatin today, their memories are carried on street signs and buildings: **Avery, Byrom, Lafky, Martinazzi, Nyberg, Sagert** to name a few. Home gardens are seeing a resurgence and four churches now sponsor community gardens giving neighbors a chance to grow their own healthy produce. Tualatin-based **Neighbors Nourishing Communities** encourages local businesses to set aside unused space to let families raise vegetables. Tualatin’s **Winona Grange** sponsors workshops and gives away free seeds annually. Several local churches created the thriving **Tualatin School House Pantry** some 10 years ago, now operating at **Rolling Hills Community Church** three days a week serving as many as 700 needy families a month.

While produce stands used to be standbys in the Tualatin area each summer and fall, residents now can choose from a variety of markets offering locally-grown products: **Fred Meyer, Haggen, New Seasons, Safeway** and **Whole Foods** give shoppers a variety of choices.

For a comprehensive look at Tualatin agri-business and commercial development over the decades, see “Tualatin..From the Beginning” available for purchase at Tualatin Heritage Center.



**Real Time Seismic Monitoring**

Bill Burgel, geologist for 42 years in the railroad industry describes "Real Time Seismic Monitoring" on **Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 pm**. Trains traveling at 70 mph need advance information on soil stability to avoid catastrophes. Working with the National Earthquake Information Center Bill developed software now used around the world to give train operators at least 5 minutes notification after a major seismic event (earthquakes, slides) which could affect track integrity. Program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center.

## Pioneers Enjoy a Sunny Trek to the Heritage Center

Over 270 fourth graders plus their teachers and many chaperone parents once again learned about pioneer life in Tualatin the last week of May, this year under blue skies. And the dedicated staff of volunteers who worked hard to make sure those three days were authentic included Emily Bartlett, who was on the very first wagon train to arrive at the heritage center and now became a teacher herself as a college student.

Chris Tunstall once again coordinated the big event of the spring. Evie Andrews continues to be the liaison with each of Tualatin's three elementary schools but also plays a key role as "school marm" at the one-room school where chalk boards are the rule. Huge tents provided by Willowbrook Summer Arts Camp protected participants from hot sunshine. The garden planted by the 4th graders is now growing abundantly. Long-standing volunteers who again performed with extraordinary skill every day included Gerry Brosy, Lindy Hughes, Rochelle Martinazzi, Larry and Ellie McClure, Arne Nyberg, Jim Serrill, Rochelle Martinazzi, and Rochelle Wandzura.

A last-minute program addition was Stephen Zacharias (pictured in next column), a living historian dressed as a pioneer, who provided an interpretive presentation at lunch time for each of the schools. Stephen also assisted in the garden all three days!

Providing at least one day of support were Sandra Carlson, Marty Denis, Annita Gilham, Lloyd Gooding, Sue Raxter, Sam Keator, Doreen Knoll, Janet Lockwood, Gretchan MacCracken Ned and Diane Miller, Daniel Nyberg, and Gerry Tunstall. Laurel Mayberry and Art Sasaki photographed the activities.

We had the assistance of four volunteers from Umpqua Bank. Reinforcements from New Seasons Market also arrived to help this year! Other new volunteers were Mary Fay, Doris Gleason, Phil Kumler, Kathy and Bob Newcomb, and George and Annie Vigileos.



**Above:** Some of our pioneer volunteers pose for a quick photo.

## Thank you Letter from a fourth grader:

*Dear Tualatin Heritage Society,*

*Thank you for the epic pioneer day! I had so much fun! My favorite activity was the school, the toys and games, quilting, sewing, the artifacts, the land grant office. I pretty much loved all of it! I learned a lot of things. For example, I learned that the big brown circle in the artifact room was buffalo dung! I also learned that David Wall owned the land where I live right now. The last thing I learned is that quilting and sewing is really easy. Thank you again for this amazing day.*

*You should really do this again next year!*

*Sincerely, Caroline*



**Photo above:** Bridgeport Elementary 4th graders, teachers and parents arrive on the Sweek Pond trail.



**Photo left:** This pioneer boy carefully irons his bandana.

**Below:** Young farmers working hard to plant 'crops'.

**Below left:** Pioneer Stephen Zacharias.



## Is That Jack's Beanstalk Climbing the THC Lightpole?



A descendant from the productive hops grown for many years by the Cimino family now has an appropriate envi-

ronment to flourish and be visible to the public. Thanks to arrangements by THS volunteer Bob Hughes, the plant (which was protected for many years by Lloyd Koch and placed at the heritage center only to languish on the ground with no way to "stretch its wings") now grows several inches daily up the Center's parking lot pole! Bob contracted with the Garden Corner to install a hanger and rope to approximate how hops still grow today in the Willamette Valley. Thanks, Bob! (Bier Meisters can apply for picking this fall.)



## More Pioneer Days Experiences



**Photo left:** THS member Gerry Brosy assists a young quilter.

**Photo below:** School marm, Evie Andrews teaches 'reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic.



## Scholarship news



The 2015 THS scholarship was awarded to Adrienne Tedesco at the Tualatin High Scholarship awards ceremony June 3 at the highschool. Rochelle and Norm presented the \$2500 award to the future Oregon State University student. There were a number of scholarships awarded that night but ours was one of the largest thanks to all the THS member contributions who make it possible. Adrienne and her parents will be attending our August general meeting so we can get better acquainted.

Gerry Brosy of our committee has been in contact with most of our previous winners and we wish to share a note from Jenna Lichty, our 2012 recipient. 2014 winner Ryan Houlberg will be performing at the July 1 picnic. Thanks to everyone for your support of this very worthy program. This is another example of how we support the youth of our community.

~ 2015 THS Scholarship Committee  
Norm Parker, Evie Andrews, Gerry Brosy, Rochelle Martinazzi, Diane Swientek and Chris Tunstall.

Gerry Brosy,

*My name is Jenna Lichty and I was fortunate enough to receive the Tualatin Historical Society Scholarship in 2012. I received a letter in the mail asking for an update.*

*I am now entering my senior year up on the bluff at the University of Portland pursuing my Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. The curriculum is tough, but I am exceeding! Along with the nursing classes, I am also involved in Air Force ROTC (reserve officer training corps). This means that when I graduate in 2016 I will commission into the United States Air Force as a Second Lieutenant and serve my country as a nurse for a minimum of 4 years active duty. As for the type of nursing I want to pursue in my future... I am still undecided but am looking seriously at the Intensive Care Unit.*

*This summer I will be partaking in a clinical rotation at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center on the oncology floor. Along with that I will be working in the Payroll department at the University of Portland as well as being a nanny to two young girls.*

*The scholarship that I received from the Tualatin Historical Society helped me to focus on pursuing my academics instead of a part time job to help pay for college. I am forever grateful for your kindness and donation to further my education and knowledge as a student nurse. I am looking forward to making my own history as a nurse in the United States Air Force.*

Very Respectfully, Jenna Lichty



# Join us for Wine, Food and Silent Auction

**Buy your ticket today!**

You are invited to attend our Seventh 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".

Your attendance and donations will enable us to:

- Protect historic artifacts such as the Mastodon tusk and molars this year
- Present twice monthly programs with guest speakers
- Collect and archive historic photos and artifacts
- Put on special historical events
- Annually host Tualatin 4th Graders for "Pioneer Days"
- Maintain a garden of heirloom plants
- Identify important sites and historic buildings with markers
- Sponsor historical, cultural, civic and environmental classes and presentations in schools and civic groups

In addition to an array of intriguing auction items, you will find the following activities:

- Taste some fabulous Northwest wines
- Beer & non-alcoholic beverages
- Enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and desserts
- Music from *Scott Denis and Friends*
- Wine Pull - wine bottle grab bag
- Raffle drawing for a 6 nights/7 days at a fabulous Manzanita Beach house with gift basket.

We have only 120 tickets available, so get yours today. Tickets are \$25 each (21 years and over) and may be ordered by phone, Barbara (503.645.1596), Lindy (503.885.1926) or email [lindy.thc@gmail.com](mailto:lindy.thc@gmail.com).



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**DATE: FRIDAY, 9/11/15**  
**TIME: 6:00-9:00 PM**



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



## Heritage Center July Event Calendar



**THS Annual Picnic at Ibach Park**  
**Wednesday, July 1, 5:00 pm**

See page 1 for details. For information, call 503.885.1926.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
**Fridays, July 17 & 31, 10:00 am-Noon**

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

**The Beauty of Our National Parks**  
**Ice Age Evening Program**  
**Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm**

See page 1 for details. For information, call 503.885.1926.



## August Event Calendar

**Oregon's 2015 Teacher of the Year**  
**Wednesday, August 5, 1:00 pm**



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**Clothing Swap**  
**Monday, August 3, 7:00 pm**  
**Doors open at 6:45 pm**



Recycle, reduce, reuse by attending our quarterly clothing swap. Bring something, take something. All sizes of women and teen clothing and accessories. This popular swap is held quarterly. For information, call 503.716.8910. Swap to save a planet...and some green!



**Monthly Ice Age Program**  
 There is no meeting or program in August.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
**Fridays, August 7 & 21, 10:00 am-Noon**

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

## September Event Calendar

**Donation Land Claim Descendants Share**  
**Family Stories**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 1:00 pm**

See page 2 for details. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
**Fridays, September 4 & 25, 10:00 am-Noon**

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

**THS 7th Annual Wine, Food and Silent Auction**  
**Fundraiser**  
**Friday, September 11**  
**6:00 pm**

Join us for an evening of fun! Enjoy delicious wines from the northwest, scrumptious food and live music while helping to raise money for THS. For tickets and information, contact Lindy at 503.885.1926 or [lindy.thc@gmail.com](mailto:lindy.thc@gmail.com).



**"Real Time Seismic Monitoring"**  
**Ice Age Evening Program**  
**Thursday, September 17, 7:00 pm**



Join us for this interesting program. See page 3 for details. Suggested donation of \$3 per adult. Monthly program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

## Everybody ♥ Cookies!

A big thanks goes to Lois Roby, Sue Raxter and Evie Andrews for providing treats and Ruth Prier and Gerry Brosy for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in April, May and June. They were delicious!!

**Your 2015 Tualatin Historical Society Board**

**Executive Board:**

President: Art Sasaki  
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**Heritage Center Closure**

**The Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed to observe Independence Day on Friday, July 3. Have a safe and happy holiday!**



**Summertime Living is Easy!**

You won't want to miss these coming attractions that make Tualatin a traditionally fun place to see friends and neighbors in the summer:

- ◆ Summer Concerts on the Commons: every Friday evening, 6:30 pm
- ◆ Tualatin Farmers Market: Saturday mornings at the Library parking lot, 8:30 a.m. to noon
- ◆ Art Splash: One of our THS members will be showing his art, always varied.
- ◆ Crawfish Festival July 31-August 1, a local institution which THS members helped start
- ◆ All-Community Musical at Tualatin High School. Mask and Mirror Community Theatre is organizing a full-scale production of "Singing in the Rain" August 14,15,16,21,22,23 featuring several THS members and many Tualatin residents on stage and behind the scenes. For tickets, call 503.333.1139 or email [tickets@maskandmirror.com](mailto:tickets@maskandmirror.com)

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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 month.

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