



Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2016

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



Save the Date...

The Tualatin River Greenway Trail Grand Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting

**Saturday, April 9
1:00 - 1:30 pm**

Event held on Barngrover Way near the Tualatin Public Library. Join us to help celebrate this great new resource in our community. There will be activities during the month of April for families, nature enthusiasts and more. For information, call 503.691.3060

Evening Program Where Giant Mammals Roamed Thursday, April 21 7:00 pm Heritage Center

David Ellingson shares the amazing paleontology findings he and students have discovered in a swale next to Woodburn High School similar to our own findings.

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.

History of Oregon State Parks



Tim Wood, retired director of Oregon State Parks, reviews the history of how our state's beautiful and popular parks and historic sites evolved. Tim oversaw creation of Stub Stewart State Park and others along the Grand Ronde River and near Bandon. Join us on **Wednesday, April 6 at 1:00 pm** for this interesting program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926. Tim is a neighbor of Norm Parker who arranged this program.



Photo: L.L. Stub Stewart State Park opened in 2007. Featured in the photo is a popular horse trail. Photo courtesy of Oregon State Parks.

"No Longer Just Books"

Join us on **Wednesday, May 4 at 1:00 pm** when Manager Jerianne Thompson highlights the origins and future of the Tualatin Library. Several THS members were instrumental in creating our first library in the 1970s. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

The library offers something for everyone, like...

Learning a new skill.



Listening to beautiful music.



Volunteering to read a good story that can be enjoyed by all!

President's Corner

from Yvonne Addington



What's Going on Here?

First of all, thank you volunteers, partners and sponsors for all you are doing to help preserve the history of the Tualatin area. Your help is sincerely appreciated.

There is so much going on at the Tualatin Historical Society. Trying to keep up and catch up with verified prior and current history is a monumental task for volunteers and part-time staff. It requires that we seek a lot more help to work on our mission, committees or projects. Or, as Larry the Cable guy says: "Git 'er done"!!! We could use your help. And if volunteering doesn't interest you, just send money (LOL). Seriously, we do need patrons, corporate sponsorships and financial supporters for our projects. Donations are tax deductible.

Board members have reviewed by-laws, consolidated committees and are now looking at pending projects and a budget. Here are the committees that have been created and consolidated along with a board member liaison for each. All can use more skills, ideas and volunteer assistance.

Committees:

1. Financial Affairs/Fund Raising:
Chair, Barbara Stinger, Treasurer
2. Library, Archives, Collections, Exhibits,
Research: Chair, Historian Sandra Lafky
3. Tualatin Heritage Center. Chair: Larry McClure.
General Operations: Lindy Hughes
4. Communications: Chair, Yvonne Addington
5. Membership: Chair, Norm Parker
6. Programs: Co-Chairs, Larry McClure, Ross
Baker
7. Scholarship Fund: Chair, Norm Parker
8. Ice Age/Natural History Theme: Chair, Yvonne
Addington
9. Native Americans/Tualatin Indians: Barbara
Stinger/Ross Baker
10. Pioneers to Present: Loyce Martinazzi

Current projects we are participating in or leading:

1. Ice Age/ Natural History

Tualatin River Greenway Trail dedication is April 9, 1:00 pm; Tualatin Ice Age Visitor's Plan (ongoing). National Park Service designates Tualatin as a "loop" of the National Ice Age Geological Trail; partnerships with City and Chamber of Commerce, Willamette Pleistocene Project, Portland State University, University of Oregon.

2. Native Americans

Partnerships on projects with Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Tualatin-Tigard Schools and City regarding Indian history; Interpretive sign, school curriculum.

3. Pioneers to Present Projects

Relocate/restore Lafky/Lee hay wagon and Conestoga/prairie wagon wheels and axles. Need wheelwright or wainwright to help restore plus volunteers; Celebrate Oregon Trails/ Pioneer Week for 4th graders from 3 schools coming June 1-3; Inventory and signage of historic buildings and sites (ongoing).

How can you get involved? Call the Heritage Center, 503.885.1926. Email lindy.thc@gmail.com or just drop by the Heritage Center, to see what artifacts we have and talk to Lindy Hughes and Dana Entler, our intern. We are open 10-2 weekdays. Learn more at our website and access prior newsletters quickly: www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org

Most of all, thank you for any help you can give or have given. Join us soon.

~ Yvonne

Meteorites: Rocks from the Sky

Dick Pugh of the PSU Cascadia Meteorites Laboratory will share the latest research on these fiery objects from space which included the famed Willamette Meteorite found near West Linn. He will bring examples valued at \$15,000. If you think you've found one, bring it and Dick will give his opinion.

Join us at the
Heritage Center on
June 16, 7:00 pm.
\$3 suggested
donation for adults.

Photo circa 1905



1900 Tualatin School Wall Clock

by Loyce Martinazzi

John Brown, teacher and then principal of the 1939 brick school in Tualatin, saved two old wall clocks from the old school. The clocks had been stored in the basement furnace room of the new school and were about to be thrown away. John saved them, and now one hangs in the main room of Tualatin's Heritage Center.

The clock is an eight-day New Haven Connecticut resonator school wall clock with a key to wind it once a week. Presumably the teacher wound it on Monday mornings. The clock still works!

One wonders how many of our parents and other relatives watched this very clock to tell when they could go to recess, go home, or play ball. Many of the students who watched this clock also worshiped in our heritage center when it was the only church in town.



Photo: Jane Brown stands by the clock her husband John saved from the brick school. What a precious reminder of our town's heritage. Thanks Jane!

Rice Museum: A Real Gem

Many Oregonians have yet to visit the Rice Museum in Hillsboro. Julian Gray will review some of the outstanding collections this museum has acquired over the years. Come and learn more about their amazing collection on **Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 pm** at the Heritage Center. \$3 suggested donation for adults. For information call, Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144 or visit www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia.



Photo: The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals is home to many fascinating and beautiful galleries and displays. These galleries and displays cover an extremely wide range of geologic wonders, such as Northwest specimens like thundereggs and sunstones and a vast collection of rocks, minerals, and gems that includes gold, emeralds, rubies, diamonds, sapphires and the famous "Alma Rose" rhodochrosite from Colorado.



Spring Cleaning Scheduled April 4-5

After ten years of almost daily use, it's time for some spiffing up of our heritage center. The City of Tualatin Maintenance Department has a long list of repairs and touch-ups they will be working on this year, including phasing in new LED lights. As managers of the building, we are scheduling two days for THS members and volunteers to do some detailed cleaning, reorganizing and even tossing some things that are no longer needed. Please consider giving an hour or two on one of these two days for some fun working together (and treats, too). Call the Center if you can drop in. Supplies will be available. Outside work in the patio/garden will be an option.

Pioneer Days June 1-3

All fourth graders from Tualatin's three public elementary schools will be visiting Tualatin Heritage Center Wednesday-Friday after Memorial Day. Many volunteers (*photo below*) help with this awesome way children experience daily life skills Tualatin pioneers carried on before electricity and modern technology. Helping hands are needed to show youngsters how to thread needles, sew buttons, play hop scotch, jump rope, use a wash board, identify kitchen tools, create tin pendants, use a hoe, plant seeds and many other activities. A big way to support this effort is to provide lunch items and help with clean up the last afternoon. Call the heritage center if you can contribute time or treats.



Sign Up for Drive-By Tours of Historic Buildings and Places

Thanks to Kurt Krause and others, THS has now published a walking/driving guide to our city's historic buildings where signage has been installed. Board member Ross Baker is now coordinating a new THS outreach service to provide guided drive-by tours of historic places in Tualatin. The first tours will be scheduled in May. On-board guides (docents) will be recruited. THS member and volunteer Jon Hartman has been trained and certified to drive one of the Ride-Connection shuttle buses which are available during the mid-day hours in our city. If you'd like to be one of the first to join the fun and learn about our heritage, just call the Center and give your name and phone. Invite neighbors, friends and relatives to come along. We anticipate offering this opportunity at various times, including weekends. Copies of the historic

house guide are available at the Center as well. Printing cost for each was 67 cents.

Tours will drive by other noteworthy spots and likely stop for treats along the way.

Durham Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Contributed by Pat Saab and Annita Gilham

This year our neighbors in the City of Durham celebrate 50 years since incorporation in 1966. Was it named after Durham, England as some might think? Actually it was for Alonzo Durham who owned and operated a saw and flour mill on Fanno Creek from 1866-1898 according to city records.

Impetus for incorporation was construction of Peerless factory at the edge of town and annexed by Tualatin. Of the 265 acres that make up the city today, just over 50 acres are designated as greenspace and park area. A commitment to preservation of trees is still backed up by a tree ordinance. Many fine specimens planted by Pilkington Nursery in the 1900s still thrive.

Currently 3 miles of paved trails link Durham City Park, Tualatin Park and Cook Park in Tigard. Residents also enjoy an easy walk to Bridgeport Village. Street lighting was completed along Upper Boones Ferry in 2015 with attractive banners added recently. Over the past 50 years, the population has grown from 252 to just under 2,000. Durham relies on neighboring municipalities for various services. Tualatin and Durham were partners on the original funding and construction of the Juanita Pohl Senior Center where Durham City Council held many of its meetings. Today Durham contracts with Tualatin for police, building inspection and municipal court services.

One of the key movers and shakers in keeping Durham a "people preserve" was Bill Gilham, a long-time member of Tualatin Historical Society. Bill served as a city councilor and even mayor at various times since 1966. Even after retirement, he was often the only member of the public in the audience to support or defuse a tense situation. Dur-



ham had many of those moments with the development of the Clean Water Services sewage treatment plant, the gravel pit (now Bridgeport Village), and Kingsgate Office Park. Residents learned to appreciate Bill's sense of humor with suggestions like installing boat locks on Fanno Creek to generate revenue for the city. Recognizing his commitment to trees and parks, a bench was installed in his honor along one of the trails. Bill died in 2011.



How We Used to Vote in Tualatin

By Larry McClure

Time was when Oregon's primary election was one of the early states in the nation to sort out the field. Big names from both parties toured the state by car, rail and air before heading south to California where that state's vote would soon follow. Some remember going to see Bobby Kennedy whistle stopping by train from Portland to Eugene in June, 1968, only to be assassinated in Los Angeles shortly thereafter. Apparently no national candidates actually campaigned in Tualatin even though long-timers fondly remember Mark Hatfield and other state politicians riding in the annual Crawfish Festival parade to greet constituents and voters.

Election days today are no longer the social events of yesteryear. Yet putting democracy to work is still important even as we now drop mail ballots into slots. Many miss the civic spirit Tualatin residents felt as they trekked to polls that moved around from the old city hall (now part of Clark Lumber yard), the fire hall on Seneca Street (now parking lot), the old elementary school (now Marquis senior living campus) or the Van Raden Building at Community Park. While standing in line, neighbors and friends caught up on family news and current events.

After first learning the ropes from Renee Eaton, THS member Jane Brown served as one of the "pit crew bosses" for many years and still has a page in her phone book listing the precinct staff she had to recruit for each election—names like Del Judy, Murnice Hanegan, Doris Gleason, Dorothea Pennington, Rosie Mark, and Barbara Smith. The women actually looked forward to their jobs and brought home-made goodies and coffee for fuel. Sometimes they held babes in arms or diverted children while parents stepped into the booths.

Actual voting moved from large paper ballots to punch card machines and then fill-in-the-bubble cards like we use today. This meant poll workers had to reach their stations early on election day to set up privacy stations and prepare materials so the polls could be open by 8 a.m., often with voters already in line so they could get on to their jobs. For primaries, Democrats and Republicans received separate colored ballots and signatures had to be entered correctly in voter record books. Problems with residents who changed addresses had to be resolved by phoning county election officials.

Each political party also had volunteer "poll watchers" to monitor the voting process and avoid irregularities reported in other parts of the nation. Doris served primarily as a ballot counter. Jane remembers one tense but humorous time when a neighbor refused to state her name as required, saying "you already know my name" (but Jane could not remember it with the stress of the moment!). Finally it was resolved and all was well again. When national elections brought out big numbers, Jane had to corral voters into the building at 8 p.m. and then close the doors. But poll staff also gave extra attention to voters with disabilities who drove to the polling place, stayed in their car and a worker would bring the ballot to them.

Volunteers received \$20 for their often very long day of service often stretching till 10 or 11 p.m. if tallies didn't add up. Sometimes this double-checking meant Jane would have to drive the ballot boxes to Hillsboro or Beaverton very late that night.



Tualatin's First People

Anthropologist, ethno-historian, archivist and educator Dr. David Lewis (*pictured below, dedicating the new Tilikum Crossing Bridge in Portland*) will present information about the local Atfalati and Kalapuyan Tribes. Lewis is a descendant of the Santiam, Chinook, and Takelma tribes and member of the Grand Ronde Tribe. He is a recognized scholar of tribal histories and cultures, specializing in Northwest Coast and California.

Washington County's first residents, the Atfalati Band of the Kalapuya people, called this area home. Their descendants today are part of the Grand Ronde Confederated Tribe.



Come to this interesting program on **Saturday, April 30 at 2:00 pm at the Tualatin Library**. This event is co-presented by the Tualatin Historical Society and Tualatin Library.

The End of an Era

By Loyce Martinazzi

After 116 years serving the needs of various farmers, the majestic old barn on 65th Avenue (Meridian Road) is being torn down to make way for modern housing. The story of the barn raising came down through the generations. Lots of neighborhood folks came together in 1900 to help Seraphim Klinger and his wife Katie put the building together. As the story goes, the walls of the barn were laid out on the ground, and pushed up into place with long poles. Dowels held the boards in place, and nails were not used.

Entire families came to help celebrate the building of the barn. While the men sawed the boards into the right length and built the barn, the women cooked food and set up tables on sawhorses, dishing out savory dishes, home made bread and pies to the hungry crew.

Klinger purchased the 80 acres in 1897 from John and Catherine Barngrover who had owned the farm for several years, but decided to move up to Hillsboro. Barngrover son Bill stayed on and became Tualatin's first Fire Chief, and daughter Ora married John Nyberg.

Photo right: *Deconstruction of the Klinger Barn.*



Everybody ♥ Cookies & Door Prizes

A big thanks goes to Lindy, Ellie McClure, Art Sasaki for providing treats and Ruth Prier and Gerry Brosy for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in January, February and March.



Many thanks to Larry McClure, Ross Baker and Norm Parker for donating door prizes for the last three months, as well.

Please let us know if you would like to provide cookies or donate a door prize for one of our Wednesday daytime programs. Call Lindy at 503.885.1926 if you are interested or need more information.

Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, September 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm
Annual Fundraiser for the
Tualatin Historical Society

Enjoy an evening of music, wine, food and silent auction with friends and neighbors on the patio at the Heritage Center.



Advance Tickets \$25
 Door \$30
 Purchase at the
 Tualatin Heritage Center,
 by phone 503.885.1926 or
 lindy.thc@gmail.com



Thank you for your support!



Heritage Center April Event Calendar

THS Monthly Program

History of Oregon State Parks

Wednesday, April 6, 1:00 pm

See page 1 for more information.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Fridays, April 8, 29, May 13, 27, June 13, 27

10:00 am-Noon

Bring a project or start one.

Help is available. All levels welcome.



Where Giant Mammals Roamed

Ice Age Evening Program

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 pm

See page 1 of the newsletter for details.

May Event Calendar

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Wednesday, May 4, 1:00 pm

See page 1 for details.



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Donations accepted

See page 3 for details. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

June Event Calendar



THS Monthly Program

History of Tualatin Parks

Wednesday, June 8, 1:00 pm (2nd Wednesday!)

Paul Hennon, Tualatin's Community Service Director, has spent many years in various roles working for our city and played a role in the funding, design, development and construction of many Tualatin parks. He will speak about this process and how we achieved the beautiful park system we have today. Paul's latest milestone is the new 3/4 mile segment of the Tualatin River Greenway Trail being dedicated April 9.



THS Membership Form

Some of the many benefits include: Quarterly issues of the Society's newsletter, voting privileges, a voice in historical preservation, invitations to various events, and making new friends.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email(s): _____

You are signing up for periodic email from the Society. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Levels of Support:

- Individual membership \$25
- Household membership \$40
(2+ at same residence)
- Sponsor membership \$50
- Patron membership \$100

Please add my...

- Tax deductible donation \$
- Tax deductible donation \$
to our auction.
- Tax deductible donation \$
to the TuHS Scholarship Fund

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for your support!!*

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Jim Serrill

Heritage Center Director- Larry McClure

Newsletter Editor - Larry McClure
See our current and past newsletters in color and other articles of interest at www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org.

It's not too late...



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

**Red Cross Blood Drive
City of Tualatin
Tualatin Heritage Center
8700 SW Tualatin Road
March 31, 2016
11:30 AM—6:00 PM**

To schedule your appointment or for more information call the Red Cross at 800.733.2767.

Give blood. Change a life. Be proud.



30th Anniversary

*We are celebrating our anniversary...
30 Years for Tualatin Historical Society!
10 Years for Tualatin Heritage Center!*



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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 except July and November.

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