



Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016

*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

**Another Look at the
Big One
Thursday, July 21
7:00 pm
Tualatin Heritage
Center**

Are we overdue for Cascadia subduction earthquake? Will everything west of I-5 really be toast? There is a great body of evidence that gives us these answers and the first clues we have come from our coastline. Geology instructor **Sheila Alfsen** (photo below) will describe how to sort out the truth from the hype.



Suggested donation of \$3 per adult. Program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144. www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia

July Means Picnic Time!

The annual THS summer picnic returns to the historic **Tualatin Community Park** on **Wednesday, July 6 at 5 pm**. Special feature this year will be entertainment by a ukulele band which meets at Winona Grange and enjoys opportunities to share their talent with the community. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Beverages will be provided. Guests and prospective members are always welcome.



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

For information or to volunteer to help set-up, please call Gerry Brosy at 503.620.1247 or Lindy at 503.885.1926.



Staking Claims Then and Now

Public lands surveyor **Tim Kent** reviews the history of Donation Land Claims in Oregon and how settlers and later arrivals determined who owned what in our region and town. The presentation will include an outside activity to demonstrate the process.

Come to the Tualatin Heritage Center on **Wednesday, August 3 at 1:00 pm** to learn how to find your own home on original maps.

This monthly program is sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society.



Photo: Willamette Meridian Marker initial point, Willamette Stone State Heritage Site, Portland. Courtesy of Oregon State Parks.

President's Message

*from Yvonne Addington
2016 THS President*

What's Going on Here?

In the Tualatin area, there is so much going on that should be noted for historic purposes, it is a real challenge to know what needs to be preserved by Tualatin Historical Society and what is already preserved by others.

Space Needs:

For certain, Tualatin Historical Society (THS) has run out of physical room for non-replaceable treasures that should be preserved in line with our three themes of 1) Prehistory 2) Native American history 3) Pioneers to Current History (the Newcomers). We currently have most of our artifact collection in public storage after filling the Tualatin Heritage Center, and loaning others to Tualatin Library, various businesses and schools (e.g. Marquis Senior Care facility and Tualatin High School).

With the help of the City and private donations in 2005, we preserved the 1926 Methodist church. By renting the building to the public for ten years, we have generated funds to support THS operations and some projects, provided a public meeting place, and developed a beautiful patio and garden featuring native and historic plants. However, the former church building was built to serve a population of about 300 in 1926 and now we have difficulty providing space for the historical needs of a population of some 27,000.

So we need to get serious again about planning and financing additional space for material objects like old Tualatin fire department artifacts, three historic wagons and Ice Age evidence which continues to be found and offered to us.



Photo above: *One of our popular displays is a collection of found objects such as arrowheads, grinding bowl & pestle, stone maul and grooved cobble fish net sinker.*

Important partners, sponsors and volunteers:

Partners are key to our ongoing success. The City Council is a great partner, especially with city staff like Paul Hennon who gave us a talk on park history at our June meeting. Paul instigated the city's historic timeline from the Ice Age to the present now displayed along the newly-opened Tualatin River Greenway Trail.

We should not forget how much the private sector has helped interpret history. You can see our historical pictures shared about town in places you shop. One major contributor to Tualatin legacies is CenterCal, their CEO Fred Bruning and General Manager Chad Hastings operating Bridgeport Village and Nyberg Woods and Rivers shopping centers. They have given close to a million dollars to help promote Tualatin history through public art and to help construct the Tualatin River Greenway Trail. Mike Full, David Ellingson, Scott Burns, Rick and Sylvia Thompson, Larry Purchase (all Tualatin Historical Society members) contributed to the Greenway project and to successful displays in Cabela's.

A great volunteer the past ten years has been Ron Ferguson who donated his legal services to THS. We have appreciated his expertise and now we look forward to working with his recommended replacement. Bradley Middleton, a Tigard attorney, has an impressive background with leading law firms and in addition, has worked with other historical organizations... and likes history. Thank you Ron and welcome Bradley!

The annual Pioneer Days (see page 4) is our major initiative each year to reach young people. Christine Tunstall leads this amazing partnership effort involving Tualatin elementary schools, dozens of THS members and friends and several businesses who loan staff for several hours.

There are so many more to thank. Let me know if others have been accidentally left out for the next issue. We appreciate your help so please join us in our many volunteer projects underway and in the near future. Tax deductible donations of money, time and sponsorships are greatly appreciated.

Welcome New Members!

Melinda Anderson
 Laura Baker
 Len Carrasco
 Cindy Coe
 Lynn & Roz Vancil

Winona Memorial Day Ceremony Draws Hundreds

Clear skies and warm weather drew a big crowd for the annual Memorial Day ceremonies at Winona Cemetery followed by a free picnic at the city park organized by the VFW Auxiliary. Spearheaded by THS member Dale Potts, the ceremonies opened with presentation of the colors by the Tualatin Police Department Honor Guard, an opening prayer by Kathy and Mike Green of Living Savior Lutheran Church, patriotic choral music by Tualatin High School's Crimsonaires, and a Missing Man Maneuver by vintage aircraft narrated by Tualatin's Norb Murray, former Marine helicopter pilot. Speakers included Mayor Lou Ogden, Tualatin's State Senator Richard Devlin, Representative Julie Parrish, and Tualatin veteran Joe Lipscomb. Honored vet was George Hager, a WWII Navy submariner who retired from playing taps at previous Winona Memorial Day ceremonies. Kathy Dalton closed the ceremony by reciting the poem "Flanders Field" dedicated to the memory of those who fought and died in France during World War I.

Scholarship News



The scholarship committee selected 2016 Tualatin graduating senior **Oliver Price** (pictured 3rd from the left with recipients of other awards) to receive this year's \$2,500 award. Christine Tunstall presented the certificate of award at the Tualatin High School Senior Awards night, June 8th. Oliver will be attending Oregon State University majoring in engineering. Oliver will attend the August 4 THS meeting. He sent the society a very heartfelt letter of appreciation.

A big thank you goes out to our Scholarship Committee members Norm Parker, Evie Andrews, Gerry Brosy, Rochelle Martinazzi, Diane Swientek and Christine Tunstall and all the donors who make this possible.

Tualatin in Finals as America's Best Community

THS is one of many community partners who stepped up last year to show local support for helping students recognize the importance of science, technology, engineering, math and the arts (STEAM). Progressing onward in the contest required a local match of \$15,000 but Tualatin netted \$28,000. The THS board authorized \$100 for the cause. The local writing team has now made it to the "final 8" and has received \$100,000 to refine its plan and test some of the ideas in the coming months. The final three awardees in 2017 will receive \$1, 2 or 3 million. Tualatin's long-range plan is for a facility where persons of all ages could come and learn about careers in Tualatin. The space would also accommodate large group events such as community theatre. Jerianne Thompson, Tualatin Library manager, unveiled the sparkling glass Semifinalist Award at the May meeting and thanked the Society for its contribution.



THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Chop Suey for all: Chinese Cooks In Oregon

Join us on **Wednesday, September 7 at 1:00pm** when author Richard H. Engeman describes how early Chinese workers in

Tualatin and around Oregon brought us exotic tastes that are still popular today. Chinese restaurants were common in Oregon towns and cities even in the late 1800's. Typically they prepared both Chinese and American dishes. They catered to single working men as well as to diners attracted to things exotic and foreign. These restaurants helped anchor immigrants who would be otherwise isolated. Engeman is an archivist and Pacific Northwest Historian, author of *The Oregon Companion* and *Eating up Eden*.

This program is made possible by the **Oregon Historical Society**, who invites you to visit their 2016 exhibits on Chinese history in the United States and Oregon. Visit ohs.org for more information. Additional support was provided by the **Washington County Museum**. They invite THS members to attend "The Chinese in Oregon & the Chinese Exclusion Act" on Wednesday, August 24th at 7 pm. *THS members will get free entrance at the WCM for this event!* That is typically \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors/students.

Fourth Graders Learn Local Pioneer History

For the tenth year June 1-3, all Tualatin fourth graders hiked the trail around Sweek Pond, paid their 25 cent toll at the “Barlow Trail head” and then rotated through 8 different learning activities designed to give hands-on experience with life before electricity and computer games. Many came in period attire. Tualatin Elementary students even pulled their decorated wagons overland from the school. Dozens of parent chaperones looked on and helped move students to their next 20-minute activity.

Again organized by Trailmaster Christine (Nyberg) Tunstall, this popular event is now regarded by many as the schools most popular field trip. Students and parent chaperones often return (with families) to take a closer look at Sweek Pond Trail and the Heritage Center setting. Some even remember to harvest beans, corn, onions, and potatoes from their Pioneer Garden.

For the second year, Emily Bartlett returned as a teacher at Pioneer Days after first coming as a student in 2007. She is now a student at Portland State University. We applaud the hard work and contributions of many dedicated volunteers who have consistently inspired new generations of young people since the program began: Evie Andrews, Diane Barry, Gerry Brosy, Anita Gilham, Lindy Hughes, Pam Langer, Rochelle Martinazzi, and Ellie and Larry McClure.

Excellent helpers this year were Sally and Charlie Arvidson, Charles Benson, Sandra Carlson, Toni Carasco, Terry Craytor, Mary Fay, Robert Kellogg, Doreen Knoll, Emilie Kroen, Loyce Martinazzi, Alison Murray, Marilyn Ogorzaly and Greg Robins. Rochelle Wandzura delighted young and old alike by playing the hammered dulcimer for two days. Dana Entler took photos of the days’ activities.

Local businesses again provided volunteers: New Seasons Community Relations Coordinators Leslie Goodman and CeCe Harris arranged for Mike, Alyssa and Claudia from their staff to help at various learning stations. Angie Acuevas from Bank of America and Ruthie Moore from Big Eddy Tap House also participated.

Noteworthy this year were new generations of helpers from historic Tualatin families: Donna Disch (Koch family), Daniel Nyberg, Shari Nyberg, Rosie Nyberg, and Sonya Nyberg Rygh.

Two huge tents kept everyone protected from hot sun thanks to Willowbrook Summer Arts Camp (Richard Hall and Robert Wetherington). Special thanks go to Gerry Tunstall and Gary Rogers for behind-the-scenes help with logistics and also to Kathy and Bob Newcomb who provided cookies for our hardworking volunteers. Gary also shared pioneer stories with the kids at their lunch break at the city park. Planning for Pioneer Days is a year-round process headed by Christine and her team (Evie Andrews, Lindy Hughes and Larry McClure) along with coordination with fourth grade teachers from the three elementary public schools.

Unedited Thank You Letter from a Fourth grader:

Dear Tualatin Heritage Center Volunteers,

Thank you so much for making my fourth grade Pioneer Day so fun and historical.

Some things I enjoyed were going to pioneer school because we got to know how pioneer children felt during school. I also liked playing jacks at the game area. Didn't know how difficult and fun it is. I also enjoyed doing laundry and gardening, both were fun, but hard. I also learned some new things about pioneer life. For example, how small pioneer classes were. I also learned that pioneers didn't often do laundry. I even learned how big buffalo chips were.

When I look back 20 years from now and think of Pioneer Day, I'll probably most remember feeling like I travelled back in time.

Thank you for making my day so fun.



Photo above: Bridgeport Elementary 4th graders, teachers and parents arrive on the Sweek Pond trail. ~ Photo courtesy of Dana Entler.

Tualatin's Unique Sports and Music History

By Yvonne Addington

“Work hard, play hard” has been the way of life in Tualatin’s history for many years. Not many know the national sports and music scenes have been led by several Tualatin local businesses and individuals who have excelled or become famous. And many jobs have been created along the way

Sports and music were the incentives for Tualatin residents to gather before television and computers. They still do. School teams and town teams included basketball, baseball, softball, football and then soccer and now lacrosse. Tualatin is still known for its golf, fishing, crawfishing, swimming, boating, hiking and biking. Music and dances were popular pastimes at Winona Grange and other venues well before rock and roll sound equipment and the Beatles staying at Sweetbrier Inn brought notoriety to our city. Now the July/August summer concerts on the Commons and at Crawfish Festival time attract hundreds on Friday nights.

Street and School Sports

Who remembers the adult town basketball and baseball teams which played all over Oregon? For years, young and old enjoyed these sports after school and summers. Back in the day, it was common to gather and play in the streets until nightfall when the 9 pm siren of the Tualatin Fire Department was tested. It blared over the city and served as the “curfew” sending 15 year olds and younger kids off the streets. Street dances were common in the 1950-1970s during the annual Tualatin Crawfish Festival.

From Swimming to Rock and Roll

Tualatin’s agriculture setting didn’t preclude loud rock and roll music in the neighborhoods during the 1960s. The popular “Louie Louie” song, played by the internationally famous Kingsmen had an important Tualatin connection.

Public swimming pool owner Bill Amburn had closed and filled in his Olympic-sized pool and sold the building on SW 89th Avenue to Conrad Sundholm. Sundholm established Sunn Musical Equipment and employed many local residents to manufacture amplifiers for rock and roll bands who often came to test the equipment. This included his brother Norm Sundholm (photo left) who was the bass guitarist for the Kingsmen.



Sometimes on summer nights when employees were testing amplifiers and raised the doors, the 1964 hit song “Louie Louie” and other rock and roll music filled the streets and



neighborhoods to the enjoyment of all. Sundholm’s company was eventually purchased by Fender, but semi-retired Conrad Sundholm still continues building Conrad Amps nearby and the Kingsmen are still playing “Louie, Louie” as well as other well known songs such as “The Jolly Green Giant”. “Louie Louie” experienced a revival when it was featured in “Animal House” in 1978 and is widely acknowledged as one of the most important records in rock and roll history.

Famous Golfer and Course Designer

In the sport of golf, the Tualatin Country Club (fourth oldest country club in Oregon) raised John Fought who as a player won the 1977 U.S. Amateur Champion and two-time PGA Tour winner. He competed around the world and now owns John Fought Design, an international golf course architectural firm. The Tualatin Country Club is open to public membership and celebrated its centennial in 2013.

Trail Blazers Have Link to Tualatin

Tualatin folks can also brag about being the location of the practice center (photo below) for the Portland Trail Blazers. Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen purchased the Portland Trail Blazers in 1988 constructed the Tualatin Practice Center in 1998 and remodeled it for \$3.8 million in 2014. TV and news releases often originate from Tualatin and Trail Blazer players can occasionally be greeted in Tualatin stores and several have lived in the community.





Join us for Wine, Food and Silent Auction

Buy your ticket today!

You are invited to attend our 8th 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".



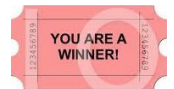
SAVE THE DATE!
DATE: FRIDAY, 9/9/16
TIME: 6:00-9:00 PM

Your attendance and donations will enable us to:

- Protect historic artifacts such as the Mastodon tusk and molars and Mammoth tusk
- 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 and native plants
- Identify important sites and historic buildings with markers and an interpretive guide
- 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*
- Mystery Wine Pull - wine bottle grab bag
- Raffle drawing for a fabulous getaway



We have tickets available, so get yours today.

New this year: Early Bird tickets by August 1 are \$25 each, after August 1 tickets are \$30 each and \$35 each at the door (21 years and over, please). They may be purchased in person, by phone Lindy (503.885.1926) or email lindy.thc@gmail.com.

Where:
Tualatin Heritage Center
8700 SW Sweek Drive
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Heritage Center July Event Calendar



THS Annual Picnic at Tualatin Community Park
Wednesday, July 6, 5:00 pm

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

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Fridays, July 15, 22, 29 10:00 am-Noon

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

Ice Age Evening Program
Thursday, July 21, 7:00 pm

See page 1 for details.
 For information, call 503.257.0144.

August Event Calendar

THS Monthly Program
Wednesday, August 3, 1:00 pm

See page 1 for details. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Fridays, August 5 & 26, 10:00 am-Noon

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

Clothing Swap
Monday, August 15, 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.

Everybody ♥ Cookies!

A big thanks goes to Kathy Newcomb, Fran Denley, Gerry Brosy, Anita Gilham and Diane Barry for providing treats and Gerry Brosy for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in April, May and June.

September Event Calendar

THS Monthly Program
Wednesday, September 7, 1:00 pm

See page 3 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 8th Annual Wine, Food and Silent Auction Fundraiser
Friday, September 9 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.



Pearl of the Ice Age Floods
Ice Age Evening Program
Thursday, September 16, 7:00 pm
16 yrs and older, please

Join us for a fascinating history of the Willamette Meteorite presented by **Mark Buser**, President of the Ice Age Floods Institute. From its 450 mile journey atop an iceberg from the ruptured ice dam that contained glacial lake Missoula to the Willamette Valley; to its theft and transport from land owned by Oregon Iron & Steel to the property of a local lumberman wanting to cash in on his celestial find; to the Lewis and Clark exposition and finally to its current resting spot at the Museum of Natural History in New York. It is a tale of cataclysmic geologic forces and the foibles of the human being.

Join us for this interesting program **held at Tualatin Library Community Room this month**. 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. www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia

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Together, we can save a life

**Red Cross Blood Drive
City of Tualatin
Tualatin Heritage Center
8700 SW Tualatin Road
Wed., July 6, 2016
10:00 AM—3:00 PM**

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

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

The Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed to observe Independence Day on Monday, July 4. Have a safe and happy holiday!

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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 for July and November.

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