



# Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

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



Save the Date...

## “Talking Dirt: The Life & Times of Soil Design”

**Thursday, October 19  
7:00 pm  
Tualatin Heritage  
Center**

In this entertaining and interesting presentation, George Serrill, a 22-year soils specialist, describes how mineral amendments like diatomaceous earth are changing the ways we grow plants and enhance the earth around us for mutual benefit. George is the brother of “Timber Jim” Serrill who spearheaded the successful Hilltop Community Garden in Tualatin. George is mostly sought after to consult on golf courses, landscaping, city parks/sports fields and water conservation.



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.  
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## “When the Tualatin River Ran Backwards”

Martinazzi and Galbreath family icons were part of a little known historic battle between Oswego and Tualatin river farmers at the turn of the 19th century. Descendant Loyce Martinazzi will recount this brutal battle for survival which involved loggers, working men, farmers and Oregon Iron and Steel Company.

Loyce promised her father this story of a double murder and a fight about damming the Tualatin River would not be forgotten. This monthly meeting of Tualatin Historical Society is open to the public. Research for this program is attributed to Martinazzi and Galbreath family members and Susanna Kuo from the Oswego Preservation Association, and the Oregon State Archives.

Join us for our monthly program on **Wednesday, October 4 at 1:00 pm**. A short business meeting precedes the speaker. Donations accepted.



~ Photo courtesy of the Tualatin Riverkeepers.  
[tualatinriverkeepers.org](http://tualatinriverkeepers.org)

## 2017 Annual Meeting November 5



The 2017 annual meeting of Tualatin Historical Society is Sunday, **November 5** with potluck set up beginning at **1:00 pm** and the celebration of accomplishments and election of board members and officers following. For information, call 503.885.1926

Bring your own table service but beverages will be provided. Highlights of the traditional gathering include recognitions for outstanding service in preserving and interpreting Tualatin's rich and colorful history and a raffle. Always a fun time for new and long-time members alike. And maybe even a surprise or two.



## Ibach Family Installs Plaque at Ibach Park



To recognize its heritage, descendants of the Ibach family have memorialized Ibach Park's heritage with a bronze plaque now installed for public viewing. In 1920 newlyweds Jane and Hillar Ibach (photo

below) arrived in Tualatin to have a look at the Leuthis farm they planned on buying. With no way to travel the last 2 miles between the Oregon Electric train station and the land, the Nyberg girls were on hand with their town car to drive them that last leg. They purchased the 40 acres along with a farmhouse, two barns, a number of outbuildings, 50 chickens, 10 milk cows, horse harness and all the equipment needed to start farming. For the next 50 years what today we call Ibach Park (pronounced eye-back) would be their home where they raised their 3 children. Now it is an appealing recreation space for adults and children alike.



### Take Advantage of Tax Breaks!



Remember your donations to Tualatin Historical Society as the year ends are fully tax deductible.

After supporting THS in this way, you can also benefit by donating to the Oregon Cultural Trust and this latter gift is an Oregon tax credit. Details available on the Oregon Cultural Trust website. THS has received four grants from this source since 2006.

## A Fresh Look for the Heritage Center

Some are obvious and others are not, but summer housekeeping tasks have kept volunteers and staff busy. Joyce Davis, a loyal neighbor across the street, watered hanging baskets and flowers daily making sure our patio looked bright and welcoming. All concrete surfaces, the main patio and planters were power washed clean. Meanwhile, inside the building, gremlins were at work as our little refrigerator developed a leak and then the microwave failed. Center manager Cindy Frost located replacements. City of Tualatin maintenance staff are working their way through a list of small fixes, new light bulbs, painting of all trim, carpet cleaning, and window washing. The Community Services office also rotated in new artwork highlighting Tualatin history. The City also helped locate a more functional desk for the office soon to replace an extra-large executive desk donated in 2006. It was carried away for \$250 after posting on Craigslist. Thanks to all who made these improvements possible.

## It's Almost Pumpkin Regatta Time



Plan to attend this annual event on **Saturday, October 21**. Spectators come from not only from the Pacific Northwest but also from all over the United States and Canada. For more information: visit [tualatinoregon.gov/pumpkinregatta](http://tualatinoregon.gov/pumpkinregatta)

## In Search of the Giant Beaver

Mike Full is a great friend to the Tualatin Historical Society, Tualatin Ice Age Trails and the Lower Columbia Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute. A retired police officer and native Oregonian, Mike founded the Yamhill River Pleistocene Project. The unfunded group relies on volunteers and contributions of time and equipment. Fossils they have found are amazing: mammoth, mastodon, giant sloth, extinct bison, ancient horse, giant camel, and many more. But this summer's find may be among Mike and his team's best: a giant beaver tooth from a *Castoroides*, an outsized mammal from the Pleistocene era. Think of a black bear, and that would be the size of the *Castoroides*.

The fragment Mike (pictured below) found was only 3" long but it belonged to an original that was 10" in length. Think of a tooth almost as long as ruler! This was a big deal because it proved the species had indeed lived in Oregon. Professor William Orr, Professor of Geological Sciences at the University of Oregon and Gregory McDonald, a paleontologist for the Bureau of Land Management confirmed the finding.

To better understand where more Giant Beaver fossils might be, Mike and his team need a hint as to how old it is. The team's guess is between 12000 to 51700 years old. Radiocarbon dating would give a more exact number but could cost \$1200 and for a volunteer group that's a big challenge. Mike commented to the McMinnville News-Register that with an exact date on the fossil they "will have a clearer idea of where to look for the rest of the skull based on the age and location of other fossils." He found his first fossil, a mammoth's tooth, at the age of 12. And since then Mike has harvested over 400 samples of fossilized remains. For him it has been a 30-year quest to find that giant beaver. Is there an ancient duck yet to be uncovered?



Photo courtesy of Rockne Roll and the McMinnville News-Register

## We Remember

### Bill Galbreath 1930-2017

William A. Galbreath, known as Bill was a descendant of both the Galbreath and Cummins Oregon Trail pioneers and has passed away at the age of 87. Bill grew up on the Cummins Donation Land Claim in Cipole, where his family raised onions on the rich beaverdam land as did the generations before him.

Samuel and Sarah Galbreath crossed the plains in 1852 with infant sons George and Joseph. Their land claim spanned the Tualatin River where they set up a ferry and later a bridge in the same location as today's bridge on Boones Ferry Road. As teenagers George, Joseph and younger brother John went to work in the Idaho mines with the Byrom family. George and Joseph came back to Tualatin, and both farmed, George on Tualatin-Sherwood Road and Joseph in Cipole. George owned the wagon that the Tualatin Historical Society is currently refurbishing.

Bill was proud of his heritage: his mother was Italian and his father was Scottish. Bill attended Cipole Grade School, and Sherwood High School, and graduated from Willamette University Law School. He was an attorney and municipal judge in Milton-Freewater for 30 years, and returned to Cipole where he lived when he passed away.

### Jon Hartman 1962-2017

One of our long-time volunteers at THS, Jon Hartman, passed away September 1. Soon after moving from Ohio to Tualatin in 2006, Jon got involved with our early projects like harvest festivals and handled several photography and electronics system tasks. When monitors were needed for rentals, Jon often stepped up. We will miss his various skills and willingness to help.

### Eleanor Krause 1934-2017

THS member Eleanor Krause, wife of THS board member Kurt Krause, died in September after a short illness. Eleanor was a faithful participant at THS events, particularly a cheery presence at the annual summer picnic and November annual meetings. A memorial service is scheduled Friday, October 6, 10:00 am at Wilhelm's, 6705 SE 14th Avenue, Portland.



## THS Summer Intern Sends His Thanks

My name is Graehm Alberty. I am a junior at Tualatin High School, and over the past summer, I have had the pleasure of working with the Tualatin Historical Society. What made this internship valuable for me was not so much the details of the projects themselves but the purpose that lay behind them.

My first task pertained to the organization's online presence. There are many exhibits and areas of historical importance throughout Tualatin, yet when I started, the Historical Society did not have a unified map or visuals detailing where these various kinds of items could be found. If only interested citizens could see where these historical pieces or reminders are located relative to their homes, workplaces, etc, then perhaps they could truly appreciate the intimate relationship which we have with our past. History would no longer be thought of as something found only in books. It is here, it is accessible, and it is all around us.

For this reason, I began the process of creating a digital map. Now, anyone with an internet connection can experience history by seeing the locations of historic buildings, signs, and other important items, along with pictures and descriptions of their historical significance. In addition to helping other residents see the unseen ways that history permeates their daily lives, these projects helped me gain a similar understanding as well. As editor of the news section in the Tualatin High School newspaper, *The Wolf*, my duties usually involve trying to keep the student body informed on the world's most recent developments and controversies. However, as I have recently come to appreciate, a newspaper is more than a vessel for the fast-moving present. It is also a powerful tool for capturing a given moment in time, even preserving it for those future generations with no way of personally experiencing life as it was in the fall of 2017. Thus, my second task for the Historical Society consisted of digitizing and organizing my school's trove of physical newspapers (dating back to its founding in 1992) so that they may be appreciated by future students of local history long after the original copies are swept away by the sands of time. Fortunately, I was not required to complete this immense task on my own. The digitization was a collaborative action, and I am pleased that several other students (Justin Atkins, Andrew Gearin and Nicole Oh) were able to assist me in this endeavor.

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Finally, as summer drew to a close, I undertook one more project. Due to the rich and varied lives of many current Tualatin residents, the Historical Society is able to regularly conduct recorded interviews to preserve their wealth of experience for future generations. Thanks to many fascinating interviewees like Loyce Martinazzi, I was able to be a part of this process. Thus, by the end of August, I obtained a much greater understanding of Tualatin's history, through both spoken and printed word.

~Graehm



## From the Archives by Sandra Lafky Carlson

Our Tualatin Historical Society has over 460 items in its collection of artifacts (not to mention over 3000 photos which have been digitized). Many donors have contributed to this collection over the years, and we are grateful.

This photo below is of a 1947 track meet banner from the old Tualatin Elementary School. That red brick school sat many years on Boones Ferry Road. The school was a social hub of the community but was eventually demolished and emerged again on Avery Street. Marquis Assisted Living and Rehabilitation Center now stands on the site of the 1939 school.

The Marquis Community Building features a current display which includes this banner and many other items representing the old school. The display is on loan from the Tualatin Historical Society.

The Marquis Community Building welcomes visitors, so please stop by and view the display. They even have a small cafe selling beverages and snacks and a fireplace mantle made from an historic walnut tree on the property. And take a peek at the new auditorium which will be the site of our Sunday, November 12 antiques appraisal event. It has a beautiful maple floor salvaged from the original gymnasium.



## Antique Appraisal Scheduled November 12



Tualatin Historical Society’s own version of “antiques road show” returns Sunday afternoon, **November 12, registration 1:00 pm and appraisal begins at 2:00 pm** but in a new venue: the “Community at Marquis” auditorium, 19945 SW Boones Ferry (site of the old Tualatin Elementary School). Chief appraiser will be Charles Harbick, owner of Railroad Antique Mall in Sherwood. Entry fee is \$5. Up to 3 items can be offered for examination and analysis at \$3 each. The Marquis community center operates a coffee and wine/beer bar with light foods so folks can enjoy beverages and foods throughout the afternoon. All proceeds will support Tualatin Historical Society projects. For information, call 503.885.1926.



*Photo above: Charles Harbick and his son, Vince Harbick appraise “treasures” brought in at the Society’s last antiques appraisal a few years back.*

### Heritage Center Closures

The Heritage Center will be closed to observe Thanksgiving on  
**Thursday, November 23**  
**Friday, November 24**  
 and  
 Holiday Break from  
**December 25 through January 1.**

*Have a safe and happy holiday!*

## Tualatin History Interpreted in Music



**Arthur Breur**, a Tualatin composer, may very well have made ours the first Oregon city to have its own symphonic overture. Arthur started by reviewing highlights of Tualatin’s history and artistically incorporated those ideas—along with music expressing the exciting and optimistic spirit of Tualatin—into the “Tualatin Overture”, an orchestral work for 29 instruments. Arthur will discuss his creative process and then hear and see the 14-minute video production of the work performed by the Tualatin Valley Symphony premiere as it was premiered in May. THS is an official patron of this original musical work, which can now be incorporated into future THS media. Copies of the overture on DVD and CD will be available for sale as stocking stuffers. We will cap off this unique holiday program with a sing-along led by Arthur from the piano. And of course, Christmas treats will be served.

This **Wednesday, December 6** program will begin at **1 p.m.** Bring canned food and staples like toilet paper and personal hygiene items for the Tualatin School House Pantry.

## An In-Depth Look at Snow



What is the main ingredient for an ice age? Snow, lots of snow!

Sylvia Thompson will present a PowerPoint talk about snow and snowflakes: those beautiful intricate crystalline designs. Each one is unique, but how are snowflakes created? Who were the researchers who helped us understand what snowflakes look like? What color is snow? Join us for this in-depth look answering these and other questions about snow.

Join us on for this interesting program on **Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 pm**. 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](http://www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia)

## 2017 Wine Tasting & Auction Another Success

Thanks to the dozens of volunteers, donors and community members who just keep on supporting the Tualatin Historical Society's main yearly fund raiser. Final figures are not yet available, but should be over \$10,000. Some 100 participants enjoyed a mile fall evening filled with excellent items to bid on, tasty finger foods and the always-popular tunes of Island Trio.

Kudos to the auction committee spearheaded by Barbara Stinger with Lindy Hughes, Diane Swientek, Laura Baker, Cindy Frost, Karin Olson, Ellie and Larry McClure playing vital support roles. Behind the scenes were both familiar and new volunteers including:

Marty and Scott Denis, Kathy Mickus, Kathy Karapondo, Jean Peick & her sister, Terri Imbach, Genie Cox, Marianne Germond, Lloyd Gooding, Ken Stinger, Karin Olson, Bob Hughes, Susan Noack and all those that stayed back to help with clean-up.

*A special thanks goes to the many volunteers who spent countless hours to make this fundraiser a big success.*

Proceeds will be used to advance the Society's preservation efforts, including display and storage of its collections, hosting all Tualatin 4th graders for "Pioneer Days" and sponsor historical, cultural, civic programs just to name a few.

The annual affair was held Friday, September 15 at the Heritage Center and on the patio under a big tent.



## THS Honor Roll

The grades are in for 2017! The following businesses have earned an A+ with their generous donations of cash, goods and services. Please give them a big thank you and give them your business whenever possible. Also listed are members(\*) and friends of THS who generously donated to the THS auction:

Yvonne Addington*	Kaady Car Washes
Aman Arts-Linda Aman	Kathy Karapondo
Carlo Mannocci	Candice Kelly*
Ross & Laura Baker*	Kurt & Eleanor Krause*
Barhyte Specialty Foods	Tom & Emilie Kroen
Diane & Art Barry*	Larry & Ellie McClure*
Sandra Lafky Carlson*	New Seasons Tualatin
Art & Diane Barry*	Karin Olson*
CenterCal Properties	Loyce Martinazzi*
Columbia Bank	Mask & Mirror
Scott & Marty Denis	Norman Parker*
Dutch Bros. Coffee	Paws for Elegance
Cindy Frost~	Quick & Clean Services
Mary Kay Cosmetics	Rallison Cellars
Michelle Kaiser~	Art Sasaki*
Edward Jones	Gay Pennington Pashoal*
Findlay Dodge, Jeep,	Jim Serrill*
Chrysler, Ram Dealership	Residence Inn, in L.O.
Lindy & Bob Hughes*	Ken & Barbara Stinger*
Judy's Cream Caramels	Diane & Frank Swientek*
~ Del & Debbie Judy*	Trader Joe's L.O.
Cracker Barrel	Tualatin Police Dept.
Corner Bakery	Gerry & Chris Tunstall*
Kathy & Bob Newcomb*	Gail Walsh
Tualatin Tire Pros	Quick & Clean Services
Parker Johnstone Honda	Rochelle Wandzura*
Lakewood Theatre	Martha Wolfe
Oregon Int'l Air Show	Wild Over Watercolor
Loyce Martinazzi	Compass Computing Group
Tensegrity Touch	Adele Peletier
Izumi Japanese Steak-	California Pizza Kitchen
house, Allen Song	KAI USA
Garden Corner	Citizens Bank
Century Farm	Revolution Hair & Body
~Rochelle Martinazzi*	Grimm's Fuel
Biscuits Café	Tree's Restaurant
Portland Acupuncture	Casa S B&B & Winery
Group Tualatin	Toni Martinazzi*
Eleanore Mickus*	Paws n' Tails~Sue Raxter*
Portland Spirit	Upper Cervical Clinic
Dalton's NW Catering	Lugano Café
Portland Badge & Sign	Riverview Community
Genie Cox	Bank
The Oilerie Beaverton	Time to Travel Tours
Village Inn	Non La Restaurant
Cabela's	Wild Friends Foods

**More Auction Fun**



**Gay Paschoal was the Grand Prize Raffle winner. She won \$500!**



**Our 3rd place raffle winner won \$100!**



**Heritage Center  
October Event Calendar**

**THS Monthly Program  
Wednesday, October 4, 5:00 pm**

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

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop  
Fridays, October 6, 28 10:00 am-Noon**

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

**Ice Age Evening Program  
Thursday, October 19, 7:00 pm**

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

The Great Pumpkin Regatta  
Held at the Lake of the Commons  
Saturday, October 21

**November Event Calendar**

**THS Annual Meeting & Potluck  
Sunday, November 5, 1:00 pm**

See page 1 for details. Yearly business meeting sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society.  
For information, call 503.885.1926.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop  
Fridays, November 3 & 10, 10:00 am-Noon**

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

**Antique Appraisal  
Sunday, November 12, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
See page 5 for details.

**Ice Age Evening Program  
Thursday, November 16, 7:00 pm**

See page 5 for details.  
For information, call 503.257.0144.

**December Event Calendar**

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop  
Fridays, December 1 & 15, 10:00 am-Noon**

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

**THS Monthly Program  
Wednesday, December 6, 1:00 pm**

See page 5 for details. For information, call 503.885.1926.

## Your 2016 Tualatin Historical Society Board

### *Executive Board:*

President: Ross Baker  
 Vice-President: Kurt Krause  
 Treasurer: Barbara Stinger  
 Historian: Sandra Lafky Carlson

### *Directors:*

Yvonne Addington  
 Frank Bubenik  
 Loyce Martinazzi  
 Larry McClure  
 Norman Parker  
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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](http://www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org).

## What Will Santa Bring?

Remember the THS gift shop when making your Christmas list. What better ways to pass along Tualatin history than through books for all ages and our famous Heritage Preserves!



**The Tualatin Heritage Center  
 will be closed to observe  
 Veterans Day on  
 Monday November 13.  
 Honor and Thank a Veteran!**

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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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