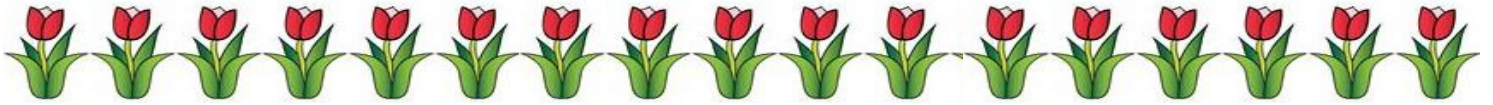




# Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2017

*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*

## **“Engineering Geology Implications of the Missoula Floods ”**

**Thursday, April 20, 7 pm  
Heritage Center**

The series of catastrophic floods that struck the Portland area between 14,000 and 10,000 years ago sculpted the region in several ways: fluvial deposition of silts and sands; subaerial deposition of loess; ponding of water, and the undercutting and over steepening of slopes.

The flood-related events that occurred thousands of years ago created a multitude of engineering issues that affect Portland today. In this presentation, Bill Burgel will discuss how the Missoula Floods created the landscape for our built-environment that also includes local ground hazards, with areas that have elevated landslide potential, radon gas emanation, and seismic vulnerability due to liquefaction potential throughout the city.

Suggested donation of \$3 per adult. Monthly program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, visit [www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia](http://www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia) or call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.



## **History of Wilsonville**

Charlotte Lehan, a descendant of a family that was one of the earliest homesteaders in the area, will describe the city along Tualatin's southern border on **Wednesday, April 5 at 1 pm** at Tualatin Heritage Center.

Charlotte has been a resident of Wilsonville nearly her entire life. She serves on the Oregon Heritage Tree Committee, the Oregon Historic Marker Committee and is a member of the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, a part of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.



Charlotte is a past president of the Wetlands Conservancy and founding member of the land-use conservation organization Friends of Goal Five. She has been a city counselor in Wilsonville since 2014.

Your THS Program Committee plans occasional monthly presentations on our immediate city neighbors who share a common history in eastern Washington County and western Clackamas County.

## **Marine One: Presidential Helicopters**

Norb Murray, former Marine helicopter pilot in SE Asia, shares what it was like to be part of the presidential helicopter squadron flying dignitaries and special missions. Focus will include types of helicopters used as Marines served our nation in this unique way. Norb calls Tualatin home in retirement.



Join us on **Wednesday, May 3, 1:00 pm** at the Heritage Center. Monthly program of the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926



## Mothers Day Memories



My mother was a depression baby and it made an indelible mark on how she viewed the world. For only 4'11" and all of 110 pounds, she was amazingly resourceful, hardworking, strong and frugal. At a time when few moms work outside the home, she had a career. She taught us kids the importance of being self-reliant, the value of a hard work and the need for always being prepared. She never wanted her family to experience the hardships of poverty that she and her family had during the depression.

~ **Linda Moholt**

"You can fight city hall." Colleen O'Callaghan

My mother read to me every day, and the memory of that time with her is precious to me. Sandra Carlson  
The most important lesson I learned from my mother Hope H. Bennett who was a Home Economics teacher at Madison High School in Portland, Oregon was INTEGRITY. Always doing what is ethically correct privately and professionally has always stood me in good stead with life.

~ **Dr. Barbara Bennett Peterson**

My mom taught me how to play gin rummy, and she never let me win; I had to earn it (that was the lesson). We'd play at the kitchen table on summer afternoons while she prepared dinner.

~ **Marty Denis**

My mother, Anne Cornwell Anderson, taught me the importance of children and family by raising six of her own children and caring for hundreds of foster kids over 20 years. She started caring for foster kids in Seattle and continued on after we moved to Portland in 1967. Her example led me many years later to become a CASA volunteer for a few years in Coos County. My mother showed me that we must put our children first.

~ **Melinda Anderson**

My Mom's good advice was: "In the event of being late getting dinner started, always set the table first so it looks like you are almost ready". Worked many times for me!

~ **Dawn Westphal**

At the public library near my grandmother's house, there used to be a program called something like "Grandparents reading to Children." Elders would show up for 1 or 2 hours a week and just read to kids. As she was reflecting on her experience, my grandmother told me, "I thought I was volunteering for the benefit of the children, but the more I did it, the more I realized that I was doing it for myself."

~ **Rochelle Wandzura**

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"Never write anything you wouldn't want to be read by the minister in church!"

~ **Yvonne Addington**

My mother taught me how to sing and how to cook, but most of all she taught me to be resilient!

~ **Andrea Michaels**

My mother taught me, "You are who you are when no one is looking." It was her way of saying "Be true to yourself, and you will never have to pretend to be something you're not."

~ **Karen Riley**

"Mom's big lesson for me was through behavior ~ she always contributed to the larger ~ 1) Crawfish festival, 2) School lunch canning program, 3) Brownies, etc. and she was an Adventuress, always exploring 1) Real Estate, 2) Vacation in a rented trailer, 3) Gypsy energy every time we moved, etc."

~ **Lani O'Callaghan**

"My mother was Shirley Koch Disch, One day as she confronted my teenage angst, she observed, "...you expect a lot from yourself...and because you expect so much from yourself, you expect a lot from others. It's good to expect a lot from yourself. Don't expect a lot from others, though; you will be extremely disappointed."

~ **Wendy Disch**

"My mother always told my sister and me we could do anything we wanted! My mother wanted to be a teacher and was told no. She didn't want to ever tell her daughter no they could not follow their dream."

~ **Barbara Stinger**

"In the days before air fresheners my mother used to sprinkle cinnamon spice on the hot burner on the stove to freshen up the house. What a great smell to welcome us home from school."

~ **Diane Barry**

### A Virtual Tour of Tualatin's Historic Buildings

Sit back and watch the big screen as Tualatin historians tell about the colorful histories of buildings that are still standing today. Drawing from our extensive photo files, you will hear about families, businesses and organizations that shaped our city.

Join us on **Wednesday, June 7 at 1:00 pm** for this virtual tour. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926



*The Byrom House*

## Donations Sought for Tualatin's 1950 Fire Truck Restoration

Volunteers from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) are now restoring our city's old fire engine which was discovered abandoned last year in Central Oregon by THS member Brian Clopton. The engine will be readied for local parades and events, but estimated cost of the project is between \$20,000-30,000.

Donations can be mailed to:

TVF&R  
11945 SW 70th Ave.  
Tigard, OR 97223-8566

All donations to this project are tax deductible (specify Account #10550-2202). Brian's grandfather served with the fire district and Brian is now on the Board for TVF&R.



**Photo above:** Tualatin's truck also switched to Sherwood occasionally.



**Photo above:** The station where the truck was based was adjacent to the old church and Clark Lumber. Barngrover Way near the library is named for a former chief of Tualatin Fire Department.

## Meet THS Member, Frank Bubenik

You may recall that with our by-law revisions in 2016 we moved from 10 to 11 board members. The Tualatin Historical Society is pleased to announce its newest: Frank Bubenik. Frank is a resident of Tualatin and owns an IT consulting firm which serves clients across the US.



He is very active in the community and was elected to the City Council in November of 2010, taking office in January, 2011. He was re-elected in November 2014 for a second term beginning January 2015. He has served on the following committees: Tualatin Library Advisory Committee as both chair and a member, chair of the Tualatin Tomorrow Steering Committee, the Tualatin Centennial Committee, and Washington County Commission on Children & Families. He currently is serving as Council liaison on the Regional Water Providers Consortium and the Willamette River Water Coalition, the Tualatin Tomorrow Vision Implementation Committee, the Tualatin America's Best Communities (ABC) Committee, and is the Council representative and chair of the Policy Advisory Board (PAB) for the Washington County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investments Partnerships Program. Frank Bubenik has served as a director of Neighbors Nourishing Communities since January 2014. Frank is an advocate for social and community related causes, and enjoys cooking, wine tasting, and family game night.

~ Photo Courtesy of Al Stewart Photography

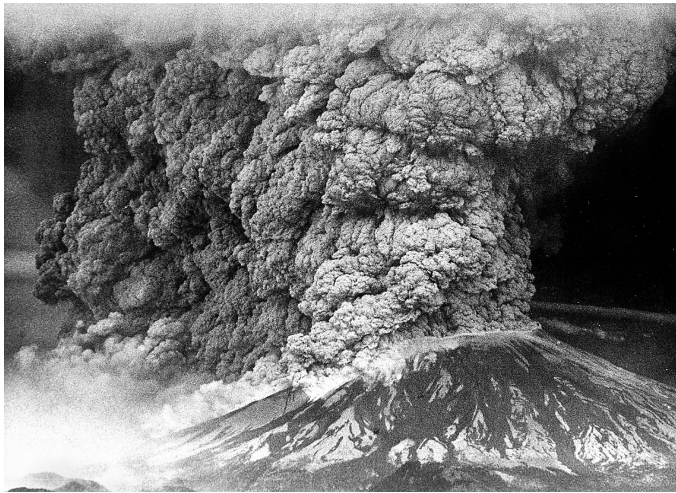
## Fourth Graders Come After Memorial Day



Local Tualatin elementary school fourth graders are looking forward to learning about pioneer life in the mid-1800s when they make their annual trek May 31-June 2 to the Heritage Center. Teachers and parents accompany the eager kids for a busy day of hands-on activities rain or shine. THS members and several volunteers from local businesses have even more fun themselves. Please let Chris Tunstall know if you would be willing to collect tolls, show children how to sew a button on some clothing, plant some vegetables, find their house on a Donation Land Claim map, play hop scotch, spread butter on hard tack, hammer a tin medallion and other activities.

## New Understandings of Mount St. Helens

The 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington was the worst US volcanic disaster in recorded history. Geologist Sheila Alfsen, will break down the event into its components, illustrating all volcanic hazards as geologic occurrences with examples from other volcanoes and comparing their relative sizes.



Sheila will discuss the advances in volcanology made as result of the eruption, and how they are used around the world to gain prediction and offer disaster mitigation. Join us on the **37th Anniversary** of the eruption, **Thursday, May 18, 7:00 pm** at the Heritage Center for this interesting topic.

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## Meals on Wheels and Winona Grange Plan Double-Header Gardening Weekend



A traditional plant sale held by the Meals on Wheels folks each May at Van Raden Community Center is slated for that **Friday, May 5 (9:30-2) and Saturday, May 6 (9:30-noon)**. Plants available will include vegetables, flowers, and ornamental shrubs. THS member Del Judy launched the plant sale five years ago.

The free Winona Grange spring Garden Party on Saturday, **May 6, 9:30-3** will feature gardening experts sharing their knowledge on successful growing techniques, soil structure and the role of bees. A free ukelele concert will be held at 11 a.m.

Proceeds from plants sold at both venues will support the Meals on Wheels program providing nutritious lunches and socialization for seniors in Tualatin.

## THS Scholarship Donations Still Sought



It's that time again! Tualatin High School graduating seniors are planning the next step along their higher education journey.

This year our Historical Society is pleased to again offer a \$2500 scholarship to a deserving Tualatin High School graduating senior.

In order to be considered, the student must be planning to attend an Oregon university or accredited community college in the fall of 2017 with the goal of completing a four year degree. The scholarship is not restricted to any particular course of study. Some of the considerations are: grade point average, activities in school and outside of school. Applications will be submitted to their school counselor for review.

It is through the generosity of THS members and friends of the Historical Society that we are privileged to acknowledge and encourage these Tualatin High School seniors, and we that all who have contributed to this effort.

Our 2016 winner, Oliver Price (pictured below), said, *"I am loving Oregon State. It has been a great experience."*



~ 2017 THS Scholarship Committee  
Chair Norm Parker, Evie Andrews, Gerry Brosy, Kay Gooding, Rochelle Martinazzi, Diane Swientek and Chris Nyberg Tunstall

## Everybody Cookies!

A big thanks goes to Gerry Brosy, Lindy and Anita Gilham for providing treats and Gerry Brosy for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in January, February and March. They were delicious!

## Join us for this wonderful...Walk Through Time



A series of Ice Age floods, bursting down from the Montana and Canadian border, over 15,000 years ago, define Tualatin's geography and left lasting clues about prehistoric life here. This walk is brought to you by the City of Tualatin and the Tualatin Historical Society as part of our Arbor Week celebration. Join GigaFlood author Rick Thompson and Sylvia Thompson on this approximate 45 minute walk along the Tualatin Greenway to visit interpretive information and geological artifacts that tell the story of Tualatin's landscape and its earliest animal inhabitants.

**Friday, April 7 and Saturday April 8**

**2:00pm-3:00pm, All ages welcome**

**Meet by Story Time sculpture in front of the Tualatin Public Library**

**For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144**

## We Always Need Volunteers

If you would like to give some of your valuable time for a good cause, there are many ways you can help us preserve and interpret the rich and colorful history of our city. Just let Lindy know (503.885.1926)

- Do some weeding in the patio planters
- Serve as our gift shop coordinator and re-stock as needed
- Help enter information on our collections into electronic files
- Create and maintain a list of our history reference books
- Do some regular cleaning, dusting of display cases
- Be on call to babysit the Heritage Center if Lindy needs to run an errand
- Serve as a monitor when a renter is using the building
- Help set up for monthly meetings, make coffee, remind cookie donors
- Take pictures of THS events (like speakers at meetings)
- Help with Pioneer Days activities or bring food for volunteers working those days
- Conduct easy oral interviews with persons willing to tell their story
- Serve on a THS committee
- Create computer graphics

## Tualatin Historical Society's Facebook Page Comes to Life Again

After being first created by past-president Art Sasaki, new THS volunteers Barbara Hess and Al Stewart have joined forces to keep our postings on Facebook more active, including event and activity updates and crisp professional photos including shots during the January snowstorm and night-time views of the heritage center.

Barb is married with two adult sons. She was born near Sacramento, CA and has lived in Beaverton for the past 22 years where she raised her two adult sons. Her B.A. in Anthropology with an emphasis in archaeology led to her interest in the past—including pre-human history. Barb worked in a number of administrative positions and today serves as our Facebook guru.

With his wonderful sense of humor, Al Stewart has joined the THS family recently. Married in 1964, he and his wife enjoy three sons and seven grandchildren. But before that, in 1964, he married his lovely wife. With tongue deep into his cheek adds "...even though she is really old, I love her more today than ever." Al is retired from IBM Corp. and is now president ("and janitor", Al adds) of Photocutouts.com. He is the very senior (his words not ours) photographer of Al Stewart Photography.



## THS Artifacts See the Light of Day

by Sandra Lafky Carlson

"Treasures From the Attic" was the theme of our February Wednesday meeting when Loyce Martinazzi and Sandra Lafky Carlson displayed 20 different artifacts from the Tualatin Historical Society collection of over 400 items. Included were a 1920's boy's sailor suit shirt donated by Diane Silvey Swientek. The pattern for making the little sailor suit that Mary Silvey made for her son Donald was also shown. Don and Vince ran Silvey Lumber Co. for many years.

The wooden oxen yoke that belonged to George Saum in the late 1800s was displayed for all to see. Chris Nyberg Tunstall shared a Nyberg Family photo album from the early 1900s, an elaborate mirrored album made of wood and fabric which her family had donated to THS.

Del Judy described her 1940's wedding dress and veil (*photo right*), sewn with seed pearls. It was finer than some WW2 bridal dresses that had to be sewn out of parachute cloth. Barbara Stinger told about the 1836 cloth coverlid brought out on the Oregon Trail, part of which is permanently displayed in the Heritage Center.



The original 1884 charter for Tualatin Ancient Order of United Workman was displayed. Members on the list were a "who's who" of the area: Silas Durham, Charles Tigard, Steuben Cummins among other notables. Barbara Koch Kern had donated a dressy black coat that had belonged to Clyde Hedges. On close inspection, the many buttons on the coat showed the same emblem as the charter, and the initials: A.O.U. W. So it was obvious that Clyde Hedges wore the coat as an officer in the organization. Clyde Hedges wore the coat in the 1959 Tualatin Crawfish Festival parade which featured Tualatin pioneer families.

Another eight items from the THS archives are now on display in the Juanita Pohl Center Lobby. Visitors are invited to guess what each item is. Most were in common use in the mid-1800s through the early 1900s, though a couple items might still be in our homes today.

Thank you to the donors who have added to our collection, thereby enriching our understanding of the Tualatin story. We also thank members of the Garden Home Historical Society who recently contributed aerial photos of Tualatin taken over several years beginning in the 1950s. Another donor offered early Tualatin Elementary School class photos which have been accepted by the committee. A different "Treasures in the Attic" program will be scheduled in the future.

## Grant allows further preservation and access to THS collection

Thanks to the \$2000 grant received from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County we received late last year, we have now adopted a new Collections Management Policy and are well on our way to creating an electronic system for inventorying our artifacts, photographs, materials and oral histories. THS will be one of the first adopters of a new web-based technology which will allow our volunteers to catalogue items from their homes. Data will be secured in more than one place. As the summer unfolds we will be looking for volunteers to help us move the collection from current paper-based and computer spreadsheets to this new standard. Contact Sandra or Ross Baker for further details.

The Cultural Coalition of Washington County receives its grant funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust. Oregon residents build this Trust from the sale of license plates and a unique tax credit system.

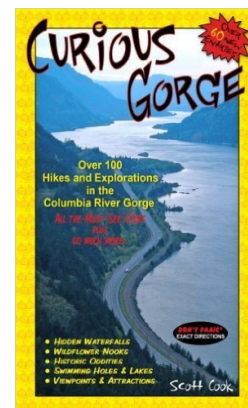


## Erratic Wanderings in the Columbia River Gorge

On **Thursday, June 15, 7:00 pm**, Scott Cook, author of "Curious Gorge" will take us on a journey exploring the Columbia River Gorge sharing where one can find erratic boulders left by the Lake Missoula Floods. His presentation intertwines history, geology, petrified wood as well as waterfalls and creeks. This visual adventure will inspire you to get out and explore for yourself.

Book signing of the 4th edition of "Curious Gorge" which will be available for purchase after the program.

Suggested donation of \$3 per adult. Monthly program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, visit [www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia](http://www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia) or call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.





## Heritage Center April Event Calendar

### History of Wilsonville Wednesday, April 5, 1:00 pm

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

### Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, April 7 & 21, 10:00 am-Noon



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

### “Engineering Geology Implications of the Missoula Floods ” Thursday, April 20, 7:00 pm

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## Save the Date!

### THS 9th Annual Wine, Food and Silent Auction Fundraiser Friday, September 15 at 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).

We are also looking for donations for our silent auction. If you would like to donate, please contact Lindy (503.885.1926) or Barbara (503.645.1596). Thank you!!

## May Event Calendar

### Marine One: Presidential Helicopters Wednesday, May 3, 1:00pm

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

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

### New Understandings of Mount St. Helens Thursday, May 18, 7:00 pm Donations accepted

See page 4 for details. Monthly program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

### Spring Ice Age Floods Institute Field Trip Saturday, May 28

“Willamette Valley Flood Channels, Ripple Marks, Erratics and Wine” is the theme of this year’s Ice Age Floods Institute spring field trip. Contact Sylvia Thompson at 503-257-0144 or email [Sylvia@Gigaflood.com](mailto:Sylvia@Gigaflood.com) for details. These adventures fill up quickly.

## June Event Calendar



### A Virtual Tour of Tualatin’s Historic Buildings Wednesday, June 7, 1:00 pm

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

### Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, June 9 & 23, 10:00 am-Noon

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

### Erratic Wanderings in the Columbia Gorge Ice Age Evening Program Thursday, June 15, 7:00 pm

See page 6 for details. For information, visit [www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia](http://www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia) or call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

