Save the Date…

Evening Program

Rail History of Oregon: It Changed Everything

Thursday, July 19
7:00 pm
Tualatin Heritage Center

Trains, streetcars and trolleys and now Max and WES have had a huge impact on how our state grew and developed. Tualatin is a rare city with two rail lines crossing, both vital for farmers and families needing access to Portland and other markets. Presenter Darrell Jabin is known as Oregon’s “traveling historian.”

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.

July Means Picnic

NEW DATE AND TIME!

The annual THS summer picnic will be at historic Tualatin Community Park’s south shelter on Sunday, July 8 with gathering starting at 5:00 pm.

Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Invite your friends.

This popular potluck replaces the usual Heritage Center monthly Wednesday meeting at 1:00 pm. Bring a dish to share and your own table service, some provided. Beverages will be provided. BYOB

For information or to volunteer to help set-up, please call Cindy Frost at 503.885.1926 OR email Cindy.thc@yahoo.com

23 Years in the Hot Seat

Lou Ogden is one of Tualatin’s longest-serving mayors. In a Q&A format, Lou will share some of the successes and unfinished work he’s seen in our city as he completes his final term in December.

Join us on Wednesday, August 1 at 1:00 pm for this interesting program. For information, call 503.885.1926.
**My Remarkable Robbins-Ball Ancestors**

At the Society’s monthly program in June, Board member Barbara Stinger shared stories about her Robbins-Ball ancestors who were among the early homesteaders in Tualatin. The 1852 Robbins wagon train travelled from Indiana to Oregon, taking 7 months, and enduring much hardship. Seven family members of the original 55 died from illness along the way.

Among the few possessions the family brought on the Oregon Trail was a start from a beautiful pink moss rose. Three of these rose bushes, donated by descendant Alton Robbins, now grow in the Heritage Center Garden. This moss rose was listed in 1913 in the Heritage Rose Registry.

Another precious item surviving the Robbins’ Oregon Trail journey was a handwoven, early 19th c. coverlet from Melvina Myers Robbins’ hope chest. A piece of this was donated by family member Tim Mayfield and is on display at the Heritage Center.

June Huskey Halliday, formerly of Tualatin and also a Ball-Robbins descendant, drove from Parkdale for the program. June donated to the Society a handmade set of pewter salt and pepper shakers, made in the early 1800’s. These also came out on the Trail with the family, and have been passed down through the generations.

Also in the Robbins-Ball display at the Heritage Center, is the sickle that Hamp Robbins presented to his bride Pearl Casteel, (along with a washboard) so she could cut the grass on her way to the mailbox. So thoughtful!

Some anecdotes from Barbara about the families:

William Robbins, Melvina’s husband, died of an accidental gunshot in 1855 while bear hunting where Atfalati Park now stands.

Two Ball brothers, Larkin and Isaac, married two Robbins sisters, Nancy and Margaret. Isaac Ball was the first school teacher in Tualatin, in the little red school house.

Please come by the Heritage Center during office hours to see the display.

A recent addition to our archives, from Loyce Martinazzi, is the old record book of the Tualatin Winona Cemetery Association, formed in 1900 when Tualatin’s cemetery was established. Some names of early Tualatin citizens in the Association include Thompson, Nyberg, Galbreath, Byrom, Sagert and Hedges. The first handwritten entry is on July 1, 1900, and the last is on Feb. 22, 1988. It is a handsome leather-bound book.
2018 THS Scholarship Winner

The scholarship committee selected the 2018 Tualatin graduating senior to receive this year’s award. THS member Christine Tunstall presented Tualatin High School senior Jackson Redding with a $3000 scholarship at an awards program June 6 at the high school.

Jackson plans to attend U of O. and study human physiology. Congratulations, Jackson!

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

Our 2018 scholarship winner submitted this essay with his application.

“To me, history is something that should always be taught and studied throughout high school and college. Not only can it be super interesting and fun to learn, understanding history helps us find out what we have done wrong in the past, and how we can correct ourselves. People who do not follow history are bound to repeat it, which is why I believe it is crucial that every generation learns all that they can about different historical events throughout time. This could include world, American, and even family history. Learning about world history is important for high schoolers and college students to learn because it allows us to see how different cultures have interacted and how we can prevent these conflicts from happening again. In American history, it is important for us to be educated on the way our society has improved through time, because if we discover what has worked poorly, we can deviate from those mistakes and form a better future. Lastly, it can be very interesting to learn about family history. Learning about one’s family history can be very satisfying and fun to imagine what life was like for their ancestors. Personally, I have learned quite a bit about my mother’s side of the family tree, and I have found out that I have a lot of Native American ancestry, which is very interesting. Overall, learning about history is entertaining to learn and discover, but more importantly, it allows us to learn from past mistakes and form the best future that we can.”

Tualatin River History Day
Did you know that the Tualatin River was once home to over 24 Atfalati Indian Villages? Or, that the Tualatin River was once blasted out by the Army Corps of Engineers to relieve flooding? Are you aware that the Tualatin River has crystal clear water and stunning waterfalls in its upper stretches? Come see the SWAN BOAT, once popular at one of our local day resorts. Learn about these intriguing Tualatin River facts plus so much more.

SPONSORED BY TUALATIN RIVER KEEPERS AND TUALATIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Where: Tualatin Heritage Center
When: Saturday, July 28, 2018 10am - 2pm
This year during our 12th annual End of the Oregon Trail experience an illustrious group of officials gave 160 acres to each of the 230 4th graders who visited the Land Grant Office: Arne Nyberg, River Grove City councilor; Loyce Martinazzi, Tualatin historian; and Robert Kellogg, Tualatin City Councilor, enjoyed answering questions from the children and their parents about Tualatin over the three days of this popular spring field trip for local elementary schools. Our one-room school teacher, Pam Rossio* made sure the kids followed strict grammar school rules and wiped their slates clean. Outside, Timber Jim Serrill again showed students the fine art of knot tying, and Gary Rodgers (without hearing protection!) supervised hammering tin medallions to wear around their necks. To keep kids mellow, Rochelle Wandzura provided dulcimer music to the delight of children, adults, and volunteers. Lead gardener Larry McClure* and his crew planted green beans, onions, potatoes, corn, and squash. Photographer Al Stewart took great photos of the students in action and converted some into sepia toned versions that are quite charming. Check them out: https://www.flickr.com/gp/80765993@N08/68049m

The 2018 Pioneer Days program was enhanced by these 30 hard-working volunteers from May 30 to June 1. (names with asterisk are retired school teachers who remember their own days in classrooms). Assisting in the various learning centers were Barbara Stinger*, Lindy Hughes, Rosi Nyberg, Ellie McClure*, Rochelle Martinazzi, Sandra Carlson*, Christine Tunstall*, Mike Hannegan, Doreen Knoll*, Mary Fay*, Emily Bartlett, Tami Weitman, Ruthie Moore, Charlie Benson, Donna Disch, Angie Acuvas, Janet Cart*, Tom Steiger and Rosemary Carlsen*. Many of the volunteers served all three days. New Seasons Market employees volunteering were Kristen, Tyler, Chef Zack, and Penny*, an expert after working with children for 30 years. Rebecca Pratt and Richard Hall generously provided many artifacts and all of the furnishings for our school-room including a dunce hat. Manager Cindy Frost was initiated into the fine art of feeding a large group of volunteers their lunch in a short time from a tiny kitchen/office! When you see any of these folks at THS or around town, give them a big thank you for another successful learning experience! For the first time, City of Tualatin Parks set up tents on the patio and parking lot to protect participants from the sun. The Parks crew also spent some time trimming trees, removing bushes and spreading wood chips as ground cover around the garden boxes. Please visit the garden to pick beans or pull an onion or two when you are at the Center this summer. We are expecting a crop of squash this fall.

Submitted by Chris Tunstall, Pioneer Days coordinator

Thank you notes from students,
“Thank you for giving me 160 acres of land. My mom was very excited when she found out. My favorite part was when I got to seal the deal.* thank you for volunteering.”
Sincerely, Michaela
Tualatin Elementary fourth grade student.
*using the original City of Tualatin seal press Alexander. “I also want to thank you for having a lot of patience”.

“My favorite thing was the seed planter”.

Athena. “Thank you for the best artifacts of Oregon. But some of them are gross like the buffalo poop but it was awesome”.

Photos courtesy of Al Stewart Photography
Dear Friends,

Our TENTH annual fundraiser at the Tualatin Heritage Center will be held on Friday, September 14, 6-9 pm. Come enjoy fine, local wines and food provided this year by Dalton’s Catering. Sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society.

The silent auction and $10 raffle help raise funds so that we may continue with the Society’s mission “to preserve, promote and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin”. The Heritage Center is a permanent resource that teaches present and future generations the value and fascination of local history and culture.

We hope that we may count on you for a tax deductible donation. Please consider some of the following ways that you can support us:

~ Physical items
~ Gift Cards for goods, restaurants or services
~ Themed gift baskets (wine, coffee, chocolate, etc.), tickets to Sporting events (Trail Blazers, Beavers, Ducks, Timbers, Thorns, Hops, Seahawks)
~ Gift items or products that can be used in a themed basket
~ Hotel lodging or vacation home stay
~ Bottles of wine for our ‘Wine Pull’ grab bag ($25 value)
~ Cash
~ Purchase event tickets, buy raffle tickets, invite friends
~ Attend our fun event!

Visa, MC, cash, checks made to Tualatin Historical Society, Use the flyer on p. 6 for your friends.

Call Cindy at (503.885.1926) if you have any questions, or to purchase tickets. Thank you.

Sincerely,
2018 Auction Committee
Chair: Barbara Stinger
Laura Baker
Lindy Hughes
Ellie McClure
Larry McClure
Karin Olson
Cindy Frost
Diane Swientek
Sue Raxter

Welcome New Members
Doreen Knoll
Michael Carlson
Christy Turner
Janet and Dave Dalton
Jean Gale
Kelly Ewing
Tabitha Boschetti
Michael Antonelli
Robin Lee
Allen Song
Jeff Welsh
Dennis Johnson
Marie Pickering

New Levels in 2018
To be recognized on a plaque at THC

Founders Club– 3 yr. membership
Frank Bubenik and Donna Capodacqua
Robert Kellogg
June Halliday

Heritage Circle– 5 yr. membership
Rochelle Martinazzi
Laura and Ross Baker
Norm Parker
Paul Morrison
Join us for Wine, Food and Silent Auction
Buy your tickets today!

You are invited to attend our 10th 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”.

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

- Taste some fabulous Northwest wines and beer
- Food by: Dalton’s Catering
- Mystery Wine Pull - wine bottle grab bag
- NEW: $10 Raffle ticket drawing for CASH prizes this year! Win $500, $250, $100

We have tickets available, so get yours today. Tickets are $35 each, and $40 each at the door (21 years and over, please). They may be purchased in person, by phone: or call Cindy (503.885.1926) or email at cindy.thc@yahoo.com. M-F 10-2 Visa, MC accepted. Buy your tickets/donate over the phone.

www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org

FRIDAY, SEPT 14, 2018
6-9 PM
Heritage Center July Event Calendar

THS Annual Picnic at Tualatin Community Park
Sunday, July 8, 5:00 pm
See page 1 for details. For information, call 503.885.1926.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Fridays, July 6, 20, 10:00 am-Noon
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

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Mask and Mirror Community Theatre
“Eleemosynary” a play by Lee Blessing. This play probes into the delicate relationship of three singular women: an eccentric grandmother, her brilliant daughter and a child of exceptional intellect and sensitivity. Contact tickets@maskandmirror.com or call 503-333-1139. THS receives a share of any profits from this production.

Fri, Sat. July 13,14,20,21 7:30 pm.

Sunday July 15,22 2:30 pm. Tickets $10

August Event Calendar

23 Years in the Hot Seat
Wednesday, August 1, 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 3 & 17, 10:00 am-Noon
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

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

September Event Calendar

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Fridays, September 7 & 21, 10:00 am-Noon
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

Ghost Towns of Oregon
Steve Arndt has visited more than 300 locations of former and present ghost towns around our state and has compiled more than one book detailing the stories that linger with each. Steve will take us along roads less traveled in every corner of Oregon. He is a retired educator. Books will be available for sale.

Wednesday, September 5, 1 pm
Sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society

Ice Age Features in and around Tualatin
Join Rick Thompson as he takes us on a visual adventure to see the many ice age geologic and tourist features in Tualatin, West Linn, Sherwood, Wilsonville & Lake Oswego. From mastodons in flood channels, erratics in scablands and city parks; this area has an abundance of places you should see while exploring the Ice Age Floods.

Thursday Sept. 13 7 pm AT THE LIBRARY
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.

Everybody Cookies!
A big thanks goes to Karin Olson, Cathy Stockwell, Sandra Carlson, Ross Baker, and Ellie McClure for providing treats for the THS monthly programs in April, May and June. They were delicious!!

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

The Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed to observe Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4. Have a safe and happy holiday!
Oral History Collection Grows Larger

The gathering of stories from long-time Tualatin residents continues to expand as a team of interviewers has spent the last several weeks recording memories of persons who helped shape Tualatin history. Thanks to donated time from Mike Loftin, owner of DigiPix, several interviews are also being captured on camera so future researchers will have a face to go along with the voice. THS historian Sandra Carlson reports that several hours of video have been recorded with with Duffy Hamilton, Jack Broome, Gerry Brosy, Joyce Sasaki Olsen and Jane Brown. These are now accessible on the THS website.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!!!!!!!