During June 2008, the Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter featured a variety of programs focused on local and global history. The newsletter highlighted programs such as the History of Gold Mining in Oregon, which explored the impact of gold mining on Oregon's history, including its role in the development of settlements, roads, schools, and early justice systems. Prospecting also triggered racism and disputes with tribes. Tualatin resident Clark Niewendorp, a retired state geologist, discussed gold's influence on Oregon's history.

The Iceland and Tualatin Connection program provided a unique perspective on the connection between Iceland and Tualatin, offering insights into the dynamic geology of Iceland and its similarity to Tualatin. This program was co-sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society and the Lower Columbia Chapter/Ice Age Floods Institute.

The newsletter also included a series of programs on Tualatin history and local events, such as the Test Your Tualatin History IQ, where Loyce Martinazzi offered a brief history of Tualatin. The program was designed to be both educational and entertaining, with a test that visitors could take to check their knowledge of Tualatin's history.

Additionally, the newsletter featured a program on Ice Age Bison in Your Backyard, presented by fossil hunter Jauhn Brassereu. This program provided a quick tour of Ice Age bison types and their distribution in Oregon and globally, with comparisons to modern American bison and evidence of their interaction with humans and later extinction (one case found in the Willamette Valley).

The newsletter concluded with a section on A Tualatin Immigrant Success Story, where Gulzar Ahmed shared highlights of his journey from Pakistan to Tualatin. He founded Crescent Systems, a successful business that designs and manufactures automated processing systems for products ranging from Frito Lay snacks to Oregon cherries and grass seed. Beyond his business, Gulzar actively promotes interfaith understanding and political awareness at the local, state, and national level.

Overall, the June 2008 newsletter provided a comprehensive overview of various programs and events offered by the Tualatin Historical Society, aimed at preserving, promoting, and interpreting the rich and colorful history of Tualatin.
Keep the Valentine Spirit Alive!

Local soprano Beth Donnelly and Baritone Doug Feller will continue spreading the love of Valentines Day with a special concert benefitting THS. These talented Tualatin artists, teachers and composers will be performing such classic songs of love, friendship and fun as “That’s Amore”, “My Heart is for You”, and “Lady Be Good”. Tickets available on line at www.jeremiahproduction.com or at the door. February is also the anniversary month for the State of Oregon, the Tualatin Historical Society and Tualatin Heritage Center, the latter celebrating its 13th year of operation. Treats provided.

www.jeremiahProduction.com
Sat. 2/15 7 pm Tickets $15
Buy tickets online or at the door.
Proceeds benefit Tualatin Historical Society.
503-691-8505 for details.

Buy a Brick/Give a Gift

Why not honor the memory of a departed friend or relative or celebrate an event or special place with a permanent brick installed along the rose path at Tualatin Heritage Center. Bricks are currently $50 each for a 4” x 8” size or $250 for an 8” x 8”. The new bricks are extremely durable and lighter in color for better visibility. Original ones deteriorated and are gradually being replaced, and are now being placed in a designated section for easier location. Contact Cindy Frost at 503-885-1926. Bricks are installed in small batches by THS president Ross Baker as orders are received.

Thanks to Cindy, Ross and board member Kristina Wheelock, chair of the Honorary Brick Committee.

Historian’s Corner
By Sandra Lafky Carlson

Our Heritage Center was transformed for the holidays with traditional ornaments plus an array of vintage children’s toys played with by Arnie, Chris and Ellen Nyberg. From our THS collection was a set of vintage doll houses furniture donated by Nancy Avery. Anyone having items like these you are thinking of donating, please use a form available from Cindy at the Heritage Center and our collections committee will review. We have storage limitations and we cannot accept everything, but we appreciate the offers!

Let me express my appreciation for receiving the Lafky-Martinazzi Award for work on our collections. However, I must acknowledge all the important help Lois Roby has given me in this work. She has maintained a photo catalogue of our collection, and has given recommendations on proper archiving which requires special knowledge. Thank you Lois!!

Many Thanks! To Karin Olson, Diane Swintek, Sandra Carlson, Larry McClure, Cindy Frost and Robert Schiskey for putting up the THC holiday Decorations and Tree. Thanks to Chris Tunstall for loaning us several older toys to put around the tree.

Sakagawea’s Husband: What We Know
Sat. Feb. 15, 1 pm
Idaho historian Garry Bush will introduce us to fur trader Toussaint Charbonneau whose more famous wife Sacajawea played a key role in the Lewis and Clark Expedition over 200 years ago. The two captains really wanted the 16 year old pregnant Sacajawea to help them trade for horses from her home tribe in today’s Bitterroots but also knew Charbonneau had some understanding of Indian sign language and skills they might need on the journey. Bush, in period clothing, will also share other insights about their son John Baptiste Charbonneau who grew to become a guide in his own right and is buried in eastern Oregon. This free program co-sponsored with the Oregon Chapter, Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.
Before propagating the Manette white Iris named for his wife, Mark had been growing pastel colored iris in the 1930s and 40s. One day in rows of purple Dutch iris he spotted a white one and carefully saved those bulbs and thus launched the new white variety to add to his product line. Sandra believes the patent for this discovery was sold to a nursery in Washington state.

Two unique flowers important in local history were recently featured in *Tualatin Life*, a monthly newspaper for our community. One was a moss rose brought over 2000 miles in a covered wagon by Dr. Nathaniel and Nancy Robbins and planted in their Tualatin homestead in 1852. The cutting must have been hardy since its later offshoots grew well, particularly by its fifth-generation caretaker Alton Robbins, a former THS member. Three of these fragrant double pink roses now thrive around the Heritage Center. Barbara Stinger, representing recent Robbins generations, now watches over these bushes at the Center along with modern hybrids donated by the Itel family who grew them along Tualatin-Sherwood Road. The moss rose bushes are typically in full bloom when 4th graders come for Pioneer Days in late May/early June. Students and parents alike are always amazed by the heirloom’s sweet smell and “fuzzy” stems.

The newspaper also featured the Tualatin Manette Iris, a rare white Dutch iris propagated by Mark Lafky off Lower Boones Ferry Road. THS historian Sandra Lafky Carlson recalls helping her grandfather harvest the Dutch iris bulbs in the mid to late 1950’s when she was between 12 and 14. “It was always in July,” Sandra says, “when the field was hot and dusty! We had to crawl along the row and pull them out of the dried stalks, then break them off into a bucket. Grandpa dried them on wood frame screen racks in the cow barn until October. He’d replant some and take some to Portland to sell.”

“Harvesting took just 2-3 weeks. There were only a dozen of us. Grandpa was generous and paid by the hour while all the berry farmers paid by the amount you picked. Grandma even made lunch for all the pickers.”

The Tualatin Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, recently installed the above special plaque at the Robert Bird Cemetery in western Clackamas County. Joleen Sharp, chair of the chapter’s historic preservation committee, credits Barbara Stinger, Robert Bird Cemetery treasurer (and THS treasurer) and Robbins descendant, for launching the process after their casual conversation about early Willamette Valley pioneers. The result was installation of a bronze plaque with this wording: *This marker is placed in memory of the early Oregon pioneers buried here. Many were recipients of land claims in Clackamas, Washington and Yamhill Counties 1850-1855’s. Among them is Nathaniel Robbins (1793-1863), a signatory of the Oregon State Constitution ratified in 1857. This cemetery is located on a portion of the donation land claim of Robert Bird (1776-1855) and Rachael Allen Bird (1780-1859) who traveled the Oregon Trail on the Jordan Sawyer Wagon Train.*
Welcome Recent New Members
Oswego Heritage council
Cathy Schultz
Tom Swearingen

Recognized on a plaque at THC
Founders Club– 3 yr. membership
Frank Bubenik and Donna Capodacqua
Robert Kellogg
June Halliday
Allen Song
Steve and Kristin Kunkle
Oswego Heritage Council
Lloyd and Kay Gooding

Heritage Circle–5 yr. membership
Rochelle Martinazzi
Laura and Ross Baker
Norm Parker
Paul Morrison
Larry and Ellie McClure

Tualatin Ice Age Foundation Begins Fundraising Effort
Dr. Scott Burns, president of the new Tualatin Ice Age Foundation, has announced that an $8,000 grant will spark fundraising for a future center to interpret the legacies of people, animals and geography researchers being discovered about this ancient period in our history. This first anonymous award will focus on developing a fundraising video to explain the need for a center and why it should be located here. Scott is geology professor emeritus at PSU. Other officers are Secretary Jerianne Thompson, Tualatin Library director who oversees a collection of Ice Age animal bones housed there; and Treasurer Linda Moholt, CEO of Tualatin Chamber of Commerce. THS is represented on the board by Yvonne Addington who has long advocated for a center recommended by a tourism study THS funded earlier by a grant received from the Washington County Visitors Association. Tualatin emerged on the Ice Age history stage in 1962 when bones from a mastodon were excavated for a science project by PSU student and Tualatin resident John George. The artifacts are now on display at the library and a tusk and two molars are a permanent exhibit at the Heritage Center. Over time, more such relics have been donated to THS. Plans for a NW State Ice Age Trail are underway at the National Park Service with Tualatin identified as a gateway to the Willamette Valley, once covered by Lake Allison during the Lake Missoula Floods. THS has enjoyed a 9-year partnership with the Lower Columbia Chapter/Ice Age Floods Institute which co-sponsors programs with THS.

According to Dr. Burns, “The Tualatin area has run out of room for future collections so we will need substantial funding help to implement the interpretive center project in this area of the state”. Donations will qualify for federal and state tax deductions. They can be sent to Tualatin Ice Age Foundation, Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 701, Tualatin, Oregon 97062.

Tualatin Historical Society Membership Form

Name:___________________________
Address:_________________________
Phone:__________ Cell:____________
City:___________ State: ___ZIP:_____
Email:__________________________
o Individual $25
o Household $40
o Founder's Club $250 (3 years)
o Heritage Circle $500 (5 years)

Mail form and payment to P.O. Box 1055, Tualatin, OR 97062
Make Checks to Tualatin Historical Society – Visa/MC accepted
Former Coach Remembered

Former Tigard High School teacher and coach Don Sempert died in November at age 93. He was a favorite of Tualatin students who attended that school for several decades. Several THS members remember the time Sempert was teaching/coaching at the old Tualatin Elementary School one day in 1952 when a B-29 bomber crashed south of Tualatin. He and several kids went as close to the site as possible, inspiring some to later become firefighters. This story, among others, is chronicled in a history of the Tualatin Fire Department available for $10 at the Heritage Center. Former THS president Yvonne Addington edited the volume after many months of reconstructing documents and involving former firefighters in drafting the book. Several generations of Tualatin students attended high school in Tigard until Tualatin opened its own.

Tualatin Farm History Lives On

2019 marked the 150th year that members of the Jurgens/Martinazzi/Lee Farm families have plowed the earth each spring in our local area. It was 1869 when William Jurgens started planting crops on property where today’s street bearing that name intersects with Hazelbrook Road in north Tualatin. In 1898, daughter Nettie married Julius Martinazzi who had fields of his own along Martinazzi Street where the United Methodist church is located today. Later on, his son Arthur Martinazzi purchased more of the original Jurgens farm which includes the parcel known as Century Farm today where Rochelle Martinazzi and her family invite families to choose Christmas trees and wreaths.

When sister Loyce Martinazzi married Larry Lee in 1952, the Jurgens heritage plowed on as the Lees started farming land along Borland Road across from today’s Meridian Park Hospital. This handy location soon became known in the Portland area as the place to go for strawberries each June.

As urban growth continued, however, farmlands started shrinking and farmers were dodging cars while moving equipment. The main Lee Farms and strawberry fields then moved south on 65th Avenue and added a country store (today managed by Annie Lee-Bartelamia) featuring fresh produce, farm animal petting, hayrides, Halloween pumpkins and now even more kid-oriented entertainment opportunities including Easter Egg Hunts, Berry Festivals plus an August sunflower festival. The Jurgens/Martinazzi/Lee family tradition has even spread further west to Sherwood off Highway 99W where Erika (Lee) Wilcott and husband have developed their own strawberry field and Red Berry Barn Country store. Today there are 6 Lee family members who rely all or in part on successful farming, representing the last local agricultural enterprise despite Tualatin’s many decades of history of tilling soil. But coming behind these are several grandchildren, at least one now learning to drive a tractor! And, there are still five Jurgens and Jurgens-related houses still standing in Tualatin.

William Jurgens and 2nd wife Veronica

We Love Cookies

Thanks to Attorney Robert Kellogg P.C. for stepping up to be our sponsor for hospitality. Those wonderful treats that you will have at our THS meetings monthly are provided by his office. Think of Robert for your will/estate and planning needs. Robert is a THS Founders member.
Annual Membership Champagne Lunch
Bubbles Over With Success

With the opportunity to enjoy Asian food by Izumi’s Restaurant our members and VIP guests settled in for another successful annual update. The event was well attended by over 50 people and a new seating configuration added to the comfort for the group. A presentation by Ross Baker highlighted the achievements for 2019 including:

- Highlights from our ongoing traditions
- The many free programs that were held throughout the year
- A peek ahead to upcoming programs and events
- A review of the great growth in membership (~18%) during 2019 and a moment of silence for those who passed this year.
- Financial highlights for the organization
- A review of our special relationship with the Ice Age Flood Institute.

In addition to the above, there was a discussion of upcoming expenses that will be beyond the scope of our normal budget, such as new chairs for the center; a 3rd edition printing of our best selling “Tualatin from the Beginning” book; computer and web updates are in our near future. The meeting would not have been complete without our Chairperson Emeritus announcing the winner of this year’s Lafky-Martinazzi award: Sandra Lafky Carlson. Sandra was selected for her tireless—often thankless—work as historian for the Tualatin Historical Society.

In addition Ross Baker announced the winner of this year’s President’s Award: Norm Parker has been a regular fixture at our Heritage Center since it was opened 13 years ago. The President’s Award is dedicated to those individuals or organizations who help promote the Society within our community and bring better awareness of our group, its programs and preservation efforts.

The meeting also saw the re-election of our current board for a new term in 2020. (Note: with the exception of Norm Parker who steps down after his many years of service.) Those officers and directors will be: Ross Baker (President), Kurt Krause (VP), Sandra Carlson (Historian), Barb Stinger (Treasurer), Cathy Stockwell (Secretary), Art Sasaki, Yvonne Addington, Larry McClure, Allen Song and Kristina Wheelock.
With sadness we said farewell recently to these friends and long-time THS Members:

**John Bowles**, who served as THS president four different years, died just two days short of his 89th birthday. John received a lifetime membership for building scale model replicas of historic Tualatin buildings, including one of the historic Methodist church used as a prop in fundraising for the Heritage Center. It is currently located inside the entrance to the THC. He leaves his wife Margaret and three children still living in the area with their extended families. He immigrated from England and owned a local machine shop.

**Jack Brosy** was born in 1925 and was an unabashed OSU Beaver fan. He worked as display advertising manager for the Oregon Journal for many years. He is remembered as the Scoutmaster who rebuilt Tualatin Troop 530 in 1962. Indeed, the field below their popular log house he and Gerry lived in by the Tualatin River on Hazelbrook Road was the site of many Scout campouts and family picnics. Besides Gerry, he leaves four children and a large extended family.

**Margaret Buswell Fuhrwerk** lived may years in the family home at the corner of Boones Ferry and Norwood Road. Her dad ran a service station on Seneca Street and her mother attended the Methodist church and was the granddaughter of George Himes who started Oregon Historical Society. She was 95 and leaves four children and a large extended family.

**Bob Newcomb** was born in 1926 and counted his years writing for the *Eugene Register-Guard* as among the best times of his life. He worked as a journalist for Southern Oregon and Marylhurst colleges as well. He enjoyed participating in THS meetings and Tualatin civic endeavors with his wife Kathy. In addition to Kathy, he leaves three children with their extended families.

**Lee Ohanesian** founded Suburban Door Company in Tualatin with other members of the Silvey family. Other Silveys earlier started the Silvey Lumber Yard later to become Clark Lumber Co/True Value. Besides his wife Donna, he leaves three children with their extended families.

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**Heritage Center Special Event Calendar**

### Jan Event Calendar
**Knitting and Crochet Workshops**
- Fridays, Jan. 3, 17 10:00 am-Noon
- Fridays, Feb. 7, 21 10:00 am-Noon
- Fridays, March 20 10:00 am-Noon
Bring a project or start one. All levels welcome.

### Feb Event Calendar
**Sacagawea's Husband: What We Know**
Program sponsored by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.
February 15, Saturday 1 pm

**Valentine concert duo**
February 15, Saturday 7 pm $15
See pg. 2

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**2019 by the Numbers**
262 members, up by 39
30 members over 90 years of age
20+ programs offered to community
13th year of successful operation of THC
9 years of partnering with Ice Age Floods Institute
10,000+ persons through our doors, many more than once
$3,000 scholarship awarded
$48,889 spent in FY 2019
$12,337 rental income in FY 2019
$7,100 grant from City of Tualatin in FY 2019
$1000 grant from City for arts programs
And countless hours of volunteer time by THS members
What a Gift for New Generations!

This year's awardee of the THS scholarship (Ricardo Olquin) was awarded a $3,000 scholarship.

Your tax deductible donation for this and other special projects of the Society will assure that our mission to preserve, promote and protect Tualatin history moves onward.