



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2008

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

Upcoming Programs

- **September 3**, 1:15 pm, Eirik Thorsgard, speaker for the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde, will talk about the native Americans who peopled this valley and how they lived before European contact.
- **October 8**, 1:15 pm "History of the City of Tualatin" - Yvonne Addington, Tualatin's first City manager will tell how Tualatin went from a small, rural village with a toilet tank float atop the City flag pole to become one of the fastest growing cities in Oregon.



President's Message from Norm Parker

I just returned from a two week trip to my birthplace in British Columbia. It is always good to get away and get a different perspective on one's activities and interests but it is equally good to come home to family and friends and appreciate all the opportunities that we enjoy in our great community. Upon returning I found that the society got along just great in my absence. What a bummer, eh?

We are having a busy summer at the

Tualatin Historical Society with the library opening, the Crawfish Parade, our open house and planning future events. This coming Monday, Labor Day, at 4pm we will dedicate the new patio-garden. This is the culmination of five years of efforts by the society from that June day in 2003 when we took possession of the historic Methodist Church as our future home. Many people have contributed to this huge achievement and we need to celebrate. City council President Ed Truax will join us in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Norm

Patio/Garden Dedication Set for Labor Day, September 1

To celebrate the donors, volunteers and workers who helped complete the project on schedule, the Tualatin Historical Society will formally present the City of Tualatin with the new patio and garden on Labor Day at 4 p.m. City Council President Ed Truax will accept the gift on behalf of local citizens.

Highlights of the ceremony will be historic readings written by Karen Lafky Nygaard and Loyce Martinazzi featuring the families whose plants will eventually be featured in the expansive planter boxes and surrounding landscape. Leading the list will be the Robbins rose presented to the Society by Alton Robbins and carefully nurtured by Althea Pratt-Broome and Jack Broome at the Sweek House. Equally important will be the 20th century Manette Iris, a nationally recognized white variety cultivated by Herb Lafky

at Lafky Iris Farm. To recognize the original people who lived off the land, the Center's Garden Committee plans to grow camas, a starchy staple of the Atfaliti Indians. Other plants and families to be honored at the dedication will be the Nettie Martinazzi daffodils, the Cimino hops, and the Kay Nyberg snowdrops. Each of these plants will be planted at the appropriate season.

Playing the roles of these historic Tualatin farmers will be the Lumiere Players directed by Daniel Hobbs. The Players perform quarterly at the Heritage Center.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. All brick donors will be invited to find the pavers they purchased. Contractors and suppliers who contributed to the project will also be recognized.

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Harvest Festival and Salsa Taste-Off Returns September 20



Tualatin’s new generations can get a feel for daily life before present-day conveniences on Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Heritage Center. In addition to mountain men who followed Lewis and Clark, popular attractions once again scheduled for demonstrations are old-fashioned engines, pumps, grinders, lace making, spinning, knitting, shoemaking, and children’s games. “Heartstrings”, a hammered dulcimer and standing bass duo from Tualatin, will perform from 12 - 2 pm.

Pumpkins from Lee Farms always attract families who will win them for Halloween if they are closest to the correct weight. New attractions this year inside the Center will be the donation land claims of Tualatin juxtaposed with a map of today’s streets and neighborhoods and historic photos of transportation options that lead to the opening of the Wes Commuter Rail in November.

This will also be the third year for determining the Peoples’ Choices of the best locally-made salsas to celebrate the apex of summer tomato and pepper crops. Helping run the popular Salsa Taste-Off will be the Tualatin Youth Advisory Council. Lee Farms has also been invited to sell fresh-picked produce.



Richard Hall demonstrates how apple cider is made the old fashioned way.



Early day gas engines are a big hit with all ages.



Bill Gilham and a young Scout saw a log.

Society Receives Preservation Library



THS has received a bookshelf of valuable handbooks and resources on how to preserve and protect historical collections. The print and video materials are available for checkout. They were provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and distributed by the American Association for State and Local History thanks to grants from the Getty Foundation, Henry Luce foundation and Samuel H. Kress Foundation. Sample title: "Caring for Your Family Treasures." The 22 items are part of a national priority to assist small organizations like THS with their mission to protect and interpret community history.

Winona Grange Garden Project

Winona Grange has initiated a local effort to raise fresh vegetables, enlisting members and others to grow an extra row, or a whole garden, or to co-op with others at Rochelle Smith's Century Farm on Hazelbrook Road. All produce is going to the local Food Pantry. As a result, the Grange has seen renewed enthusiasm for community service, increased awareness of the Grange, more active participation at monthly meetings, and some new members too.

Many huge baskets of fresh produce have been delivered to the Tualatin Food Bank Pantry. The Pantry is located at 19945 SW Boones Ferry Rd, 503.691.2406.



To address the issue of hunger at the grass-roots level here in Oregon the Grange will be making available assortments of seeds to be distributed to all Oregon Granges and other groups who would like to grow produce for local food banks.

The seeds were donated by Lake Valley Seeds, of Boulder, Colorado. Seed assortments will be available at no cost, except for the cost of shipping.

To learn more about Tualatin's historic Winona Grange, visit www.winonagrang271.org.



Winona Grange was established in Tualatin in 1895 and built this hall on Seneca Street in 1941.

Crawfish Festival Parade Fun



The THS parade entry (Norm's truck) came home with a third place ribbon. Did it win because it held the most people? Only these participants know.



Above: Grand Marshall, Loyce Martinazzi gives us a wave.



Right: THS members, Pirate Del Judy and Pirate Candice Kelly wave their banners.

Volunteer Corner

We are in need of many volunteers for our upcoming Harvest Festival on September 20. If you can help with set-up, assisting with demonstrations, greeting visitors, shopping for supplies, or pack-up and clean-up, please call Lindy or Larry at 503.885.1926. THANK YOU in advance!

Save the date

The Society's annual meeting and potluck will be held on November 2, from 1-4 pm.

The monthly program will be presented by Robert Hamm, who will speak on "Becoming Oregon: A Printed History". He is an Oregon Council for the Humanities speaker. Oregon was a hot topic, during the nineteenth century because of its seemingly endless riches, and writers waxed poetic over its vastness, beauty and potential for exploitation. Robert Hamm shares primary resources--newspapers, woodcuts, accurate and inaccurate maps, and early photographs--from the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-06) to the Lewis and Clark Exposition (1905) that illustrate Oregon's place in the national imagination.

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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 1:15 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.



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Check out these nearby history related events:

- September 13 **Lockfest 2008**, all day at Willamette Falls Locks, Mill Street, West Linn.
- September 17, 7PM, OCH Chautauqua series "**Justice in Frontier Oregon 1851-1905**", by Diane L. Goeres-Gardner, Tigard Public Library. Free and open to the public.
- September 27 & 28, **Sherwood Heritage Trail Days**

Looking for family activities?

THS is listed in the Oregon Museum Association's guidebook which brought a Woodburn High School science teacher and his 3 children to Tualatin on Monday, August 25 to see the mastodon tusk and other artifacts. David Ellingson takes his family to museums around Oregon each summer. "Our car also stops for brown signs" despite his children's efforts to divert their father's attention from historical sites.



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