



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

JULY 2008

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

Upcoming Programs

- **July 2**, The Society's monthly meeting **WILL NOT** be held at 1:15 pm at the Heritage Center this month. The annual picnic replaces the regular time and location.
- **August 6**, 1:15 pm, Dr. Doug Larson, a lake expert, will describe recovery at Mt. St. Helens, thanks in part to reseeding in the blast zone by Western Helicopter when Norm Parker was owner.

Please note: This is a trial version of the THS monthly newsletter.



President's Message

from Norm Parker

Things are well with your historical society and we never slow down! Many of our activities continue to attract new members that are pushing us over the 200 mark: the Spring Fling at the Commons, Strawberry Festival on Father's day, dedication of the Meridian Marker and now getting ready for the new Tualatin Library exhibits and helping the City draft historic structure protection and demolition policies.

Our Finance Committee led by Beverly Robinson is meeting regularly and leading us into the computer age and a new fiscal year that begins this month. A local accounting firm will also be monitoring

our records and doing a year-end review so we never have to face problems other non-profits have encountered.

The patio project is moving toward an end-of-July completion. Over 240 engraved bricks are ready to be placed into the pathway. You may continue to buy bricks, which will be installed on a yearly basis.

Best wishes for a great summer and thanks again for your membership and involvement!



Norm

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PICNIC in the Park



You're invited to the Society's Annual Picnic. Bring your own utensils, plates and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Meet at the main shelter at Tualatin Community Park, 5-7 pm. See you there!

Monument Dedication Update

The dedication of the Meridian Marker was held Saturday, June 20 with some 30 in attendance. THS vice president Yvonne Addington moderated the event with support from Tualatin Boy Scout Troops 35 and 530. Speakers included Mayor Lou Ogden, Jim Elam, and Scout Masters Richards and Danmiller.

An enlarged map used at the event showing present-day Tualatin overlaid with donation land claims will be on display at the Center this month.



Yvonne Addington, Lou Ogden, Norm Parker, Boy Scout

Heritage Center Hosts Oregon Encyclopedia Planning Forum



By the fall 2009—timed to commemorate the Oregon Statehood Sesquicentennial—*The Oregon Encyclopedia* will go on line with 3,000 entries and essays, plus additional features such as photographs, maps, and other engaging materials. What should it include about the Tualatin area?

A public Community Meeting will be held on the project at the Tualatin Heritage Center on Tuesday, July 15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Facilitating the discussion will be Ulrich Hardt, Professor at Portland State University, and Linda Tamura, two of the three Editors-in-Chief of the Encyclopedia.

The Oregon Encyclopedia will include entries on all parts of the state, with special attention to smaller communities. It will include information on Oregon history, art, architecture, literature, anthropology, ethnology, folklore, and more.

"All Oregon towns have a rich and varied history,

and it is essential that a resource as important as *The Oregon Encyclopedia* find ways to involve Oregonians in identifying the significant people, places, events, and institutions that have played such an important role in shaping and reshaping their communities," says William Lang, Professor of History at PSU and the third Editor-in-Chief.

Portland State University (PSU) and the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) are the institutional partners for *The Oregon Encyclopedia*. The project is also supported by a collaborative of the state's five cultural partners—the Oregon Arts Council, Oregon Council for the Humanities, Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Historical Society, and the State Historic Preservation Office—with funding from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

If you cannot attend the public meeting, go to www.oregonencyclopedia.org and add your ideas.



Brick by Brick

DRG landscape workers carefully place almost 2000 brick pavers for the main patio surface. Chris Tunstall reports that honorary and memorial bricks are now engraved and will be set this month in the sidewalk leading down to the patio. Brick orders can be placed anytime, but engraving must now be done on site twice annually. Over \$11,000 in brick sales are now in. Net proceeds will help support Center operations.

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members

Joining the Society are Charles Chick (Robbins family descendant), Stacey Harnew-Swanson, City Councilor Jay Harris, and the Philippine Nurses Association of OR/WA. Welcome!

Recent Visitors to the Center

Galbreath Family descendants from Pendleton and Guam were in the Heritage Center last month doing research on family genealogy and purchased several books to take home.

With thanks, to...



Duffy Hamilton for creative displays in our Center cabinets: old-time Tualatin school graduations, Fathers Day, strawberries, and Tualatin parks; coming up this month: focus on Tualatin Police Department and a 4th of July exhibit by Doris Gleason; Jon Hartman for photographic progress reports on the patio and historic spots in Tualatin; Toni Martinazzi for 11 books and pamphlets about westward

expansion; Daniel Payne for photography at the Winona Cemetery Memorial Day event; our new Finance Committee which includes Treasurer Diane Barry, Beverly Robinson, Bud Smith, Candice Kelley and Norm Parker for setting up new banking procedures and recordkeeping systems using QuickBooks and to Lindy Hughes who will be doing all the data entry and deposits.



Tualatin Heritage Center

July Calendar of Events

503.885.1926

Open Monday—Friday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm plus special events



Evening Community String Ensemble, every Wednesday, **July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**, 6:30-9:00 pm. You're invited to bring your strings and related instruments for a weekly jam session at the Heritage Center. There is a willing conductor in town with a new baton.

For more information about the conductor or program contact: Marem Flores at 503.427.0986, marempf@gmail.com, or visit www.violinrodelflores.com.

July 2 Tualatin Historical Society's annual "**Picnic in the Park**". Bring a dish to share and your own utensils and plates. Beverages will be provided. Meet at main picnic shelter at Tualatin Community Park. The public and prospective Tualatin Historical Society members are always welcome. 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Call the Heritage Center for more information.



July 4

The Heritage Center will be closed in observance of Independence Day. No knitting or crochet workshop today.

July 11 & 12 The Heritage Center invites you to our **Rummage and Collectible Sale**. There will be something for everyone so come early and shop long. All proceeds benefit the Tualatin Historical Society. Hours: Friday 9 am-3 pm, Saturday 9 am-3 pm. For information about the sale or to donate items, call Lindy or Larry at 503.885.1926.

July 13 Dulcimer Jam Session, 1-3:00 pm. Donations welcome.

July 15 Bring your ideas to **Oregon Encyclopedia** open forum, 6:30-8:30 p.m. In preparation for Oregon's 150th birthday in 2009, PSU and Oregon Historical Society are preparing an encyclopedia about people, events, places and institutions related to our state's history and culture. www.oregonencyclopedia.org

July 16 Bird and nature walk around Sweek Pond, (1-1 ½ hours), meet at 8:00 am. Sponsored by Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.691.1394.

July 18 Knitting and crochet workshop, 10-11:45 am. All levels welcome.

July 25 Tualatin Chamber of Commerce Networking AM hosted by the Design Resource Group, 7:30-9:00 am. Come and see our new heritage garden & patio!



Lasting Impression of Young Pioneer

We received many thank you letters from students from Byrom and Tualatin Elementary Schools about their pioneer experience at the Center.

*Dear Volunteers, May 21, 2008
Thank you for volunteering to help us. I loved dressing up. I think laundry was hard. My bonnet was in my eyes but it was fun. I loved the butter we made. School was fun for pioneers, if you could stay clean, answer questions correct every time, and not have your skirt above your ankles. Sewing bottons must have taken forever in those days. Toys were simple but very entertaining. They must have had strong arms too. Neclaces with jucie lids was also fun, but in the end you had a very pokie necal-ace. Getting a land grant was fun to. We got to see who had lived where we live now. I hope my seeds grow from gardening. I am glad I don't have to plant a crop. I am also glad I don't need to grind wheat for my family or they would starve. Thank you all for an amazing time at Oregon Trail Heritage Center. I enjoyed it all and all futor fourth graders will.*

*A very happy fourth grader, Alyssa
(no spelling corrections made. She drew a picture of herself in a pink dress.)*

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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.



Coming Soon...
A new look to our website!

Strawberry Festival Overcomes Late Spring



Thanks to Larry Lee, and his access to fields in Jefferson, the Heritage Center once again celebrated Father's Day with 5 crates of Oregon berries donated by Lee Farms. Cold weather and rains delayed the local Tualatin harvest. Thanks also to Safeway and Haggen for donations of vanilla ice cream. The Society netted over \$200 thanks also to volunteers who prepared and served the fruit, set tables and cleaned up afterward: Diane Barry, Gerry Brosy, Duffy Hamilton, Del Judy, Loyce Martinazzi, Larry McClure, Norm Parker, Joan Sequito, and Chris Tunstall. About 70 persons enjoyed the afternoon event.

Volunteers Needed at Heritage Center

To give Lindy Hughes more time for tasks where her skills are needed, we are looking for regular volunteers who can cover the phones and greet visitors. Just bring a good book and put on a smile when someone drops by or calls. Our next big event will be the September 20 Harvest Festival where even more hands are needed.

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