



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

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

Upcoming Programs

- **May 6, 1:00 pm**
Bob Hamm presents
**"Becoming Oregon:
A Printed History"**
Mr. Hamm spoke on the history of map making at the society's annual meeting in November. In May he will share 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.
- **June 3, 1:00 pm**
"Searching for York," a presentation of a new OPB video produced by Ron Craig. Craig, himself an African American, will describe his own journey of discovery about William Clark's slave who was the first black man to travel overland to the Oregon Country. Participants will compare York's experience to racial and ethnic differences in current history.

First Oregonians:

New evidence proves humans lived in Oregon over 14,000 years

Dennis Jenkins, archaeology field director for the University of Oregon's Natural and Cultural History Museum, will show slides and discuss recent radio carbon testing of ancient human remains found in south central Oregon at a Wednesday, April 1 presentation at Tualatin Heritage Center. The groundbreaking researcher has shown that these first Oregonians may actually have been among the first colonists of America. The presentation begins at 1 p.m.

The Paisley 5 Mile Point caves are wave-cut grottos carved into a west-facing basalt ridge by a Pleistocene Lake. Luther Cressman originally conducted excavations in these caves in 1938, 1939 and 1940, discovering that they contained cultural remains mixed with Pleistocene megafauna bones (camelid, horse, and bison). Despite early questions about the purported association of cultural and megafaunal remains, recent DNA, protein residues, and human hair further analysis of radiocarbon-dated human feces has demonstrated that the site was occupied by humans at least 14,300 years ago.

Tests indicate that people were eating biscuit roots, grass seeds, berries, rose hips and various other plants as well as horse, bison, mountain sheep, rat, squirrel, dog and grouse. Analysis of fibers, sewing threads and cordage recovered from the oldest deposits indicates that sewing with very fine thread was an important industry during the Pleistocene occupations.

Dr. Jenkins specializes in prehistoric archaeology of Great Basin hunter-gatherers. He is also an expert on obsidian and how to determine its sources and dating. He began teaching the UO's archaeological field school in 1989 and has been involved with international research resulting in the recovery of the oldest dated human remains in the Western Hemisphere.

His work near Paisley has received the full blessing of The Klamath Tribes.

For more information, call 503.885.1926.

Photo: Students working at one of the Paisley Caves.



President's Corner

by Yvonne Addington

The Tualatin Historical Society is getting its second wind since preserving and restoring the old Tualatin Methodist Church and turning it into the Tualatin Heritage Center three years ago.

Over 200 members interested in local history have joined our efforts to preserve Tualatin area history in various ways. Our success depends on the willing participation and expertise of our volunteers. Have we fully used your talents?

It doesn't matter how long or even if you live in Tualatin. Most of us are not from pioneer stock or "old timers". Yet many of our hardest-working volunteers are newcomers. While Society co-founders Karen Nygaard and Loyce Martinazzi have quite adequately recorded and continue to voluntarily educate the public on early Tualatin history, the Board of Directors has identified at least 25 projects that need in-depth work to be done to record and preserve the years when Tualatin grew from a rural town of 300 persons to over 26,000 today.

As volunteers come forward with their interests, passions and expertise, we will be able to work on and complete some of our "to do" list. We're looking for researchers, interviewers, writers, computer skills, librarians, story tellers, teachers, artists, woodworkers, financial management and budget skills, historic collection expertise, photographs and photographers, fund raisers, local government and community activists, grant writers, gardeners, bakers, to name a few of our ongoing needs. A "git 'er done" or "Just Do It" attitude helps.

Most of all, these types of giving back to your community have great rewards in self satisfaction, community support, meeting new people and friendship. We simply have a good time as many saw at the February 150 Oregon Statehood celebration. There are a lot of activities at the Heritage Center which might be of interest to you. For more information, please call, write, email or drop by the Heritage Center, open weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. We also invite you to attend our monthly meetings and hear a good speaker on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. See what is going on here and join our efforts!

Split Vote by City Council Approves Old School Demolition

Despite efforts by Councilors Chris Barhyte, Joelle Davis and Jay Harris, a demolition permit was granted March 9 that will allow removal of the 1939 Tualatin Elementary School buildings with no conditions to assure that historic materials will be retained for other uses. However, Marquis Development says it will live up to its earlier promises to Tualatin Historical Society. The final vote required one member to join the meeting by conference call resulting in a 3-3 standoff with the mayor casting the tie breaker. Disappointed that no conditions were added to the permit, Councilor Davis informed THS President Yvonne Addington, "I'd like to see changes made to the ordinances covering historically designated building to prevent this from happening in the future."

Winona Cemetery Still Alive and Well

The historic Winona Cemetery still has plenty of full burial and cremation lots available according to Guy Wherity, caretaker and speaker at the THS March monthly meeting. Founded in 1900, the cemetery is the final resting place for many local residents whose gravesites are enhanced by a central identification kiosk, black iron fence, annual spring cleanup, and a Memorial Day commemoration. Contact Wherity at 503-885-9660.

Coloring Book Debuts Soon

Watch for the May 18 release of the newest THS publication, a children's coloring book prepared by Hazelbrook Middle School 8th grade students, teachers and THS mentors. The theme is daily life in Tualatin's one school room era.



Who Cleared the Land Where You Live?

PENNINGTON RIDGE & TUALATIN H.S.

by Karen Lafky Nygaard

In 1852, young Francis M. Dean left his Tennessee home, joined the Oregon Trail pioneers and settled on a timbered stretch in what is now Tualatin. His donation land claim, 160 acres a mile and a half south of the river on the east side of Boones Ferry Rd. (a muddy trail back then), is the present site of upscale homes in Pennington Ridge and Tualatin High School.

A couple of decades after he settled, Dean sold his claim to the Chehak family --Joe Chehak's name first appeared on the 1880 census--and in 1929 Merrill and Ethel Pennington purchased the 160-acre property.

Son Merle Pennington remembered that his father, a carpenter turned farmer, tore down a dilapidated farmhouse and two tumbled-down barns and built a modern house and barn. Merle also remembered evidence of a corduroy (log) road in the front yard, remains of the original Boones Ferry Rd.

Merrill cut down a large, neglected orchard and cleared 30 acres of old-growth timber. He built up the cropland, raised cattle, hogs and sheep, and planted orchards of peach, prune, filbert and walnut trees and was a major supplier of produce to the Portland Canning Co. in Sherwood. He proudly did all his farm work with horses, never owning a tractor.

Leonard and Juanita Pohl bought the Pennington property in the '80s and moved the house closer to the road. The school district acquired the northern portion and opened the new Tualatin High School in 1992. The Pennington Ridge development on the remaining acreage south up to Norwood Rd. followed.



Unidentified photo, presumably of the Chehak family who lived on the 160-acre farm from the 1870s to 1929, is from the Byrom photo collection. The Byroms lived on the adjacent farm.

Save the Date...



Arbor Week, Gardening, Highlight April Activities

April 4 - Springtime means outdoor work once again. Learn how to prune your trees and shrubs with two of the City of Tualatin's certified arborists Dave Koons and Will Alloway on Saturday, 10 a.m. at the Heritage Center.

April 5 - Join Arne Nyberg on a Heritage Grove walk at Atfaliti Park at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Meet at the parking lot at Atfaliti Park, rain or shine. The stroll will visit a wide variety of species planted in 1992 in memory of various Tualatin families and organizations, representatives of whom will be sharing memories. Arne is a member of the Oregon Heritage Tree Committee and is a past president of THS.

April 14 - THS members and friends will explore wherever WES and MAX schedules take us in this first "Train Trek" adventure. Advance registration required at 503-885-1926. Group size limited. We might choose to visit Oregon Historical Society and other downtown Portland sights or ride on out to the airport and get a guided tour of the terminal, including historic displays exhibited there, followed by lunch at Ikea. The group will decide. All-day pass on TriMet, any admission fees, and lunch are extra. The trip will begin and end at the Wes Commuter Rail station in Tualatin.

April 25 - On Saturday, listen in at 10 a.m. for a presentation on "Raised Bed Gardening: Rethinking the Victory Garden." Larry and Caroline Lewis, of Verdura Culinary Gardens, will be talking about the revival of backyard gardening, a tradition many people grew up with but have grown away from in our modern world. They will bring an actual demonstration garden and will answer questions about raised bed and organic gardening.

Thank you!!

Membership is vital to our success and we are proud to list the following members who have joined for 2009. Welcome new members!

* Lifetime Member +Honorary Member

Dona Adams	Bill & Eleanor Fitzgerald	Larry Lee
Maxine Addington	Marie Flabatic	Robin Lee
Randall Addington	Margaret Fuhrwerk	Craig Lee
Yvonne Addington	Dennis & Elaine Gelfand	Mary Leslie
Glen & Inga Allen	Peggy Gensman	M. Irene Little
Deborah Alysoun	Annita Gilham	Sherilyn Lombos
George & Evelyn Andrews	Bill Gilham	James & Irma Markel
Anne Avery	Bill & Doris Gleason	Vicci Lee Martinazzi
Bill Avery	Kay & Lloyd Gooding	Toni Martinazzi
Catherine Baltimore	Jean Graham	Hazel Mason
Chris & Irene Barhyte	Richard Hager	Larry & Eleanor McClure
Art & Diane Barry	Richard Hall & Rebecca Pratt	Tim & Bibiana McHugh
Alfred & Beth Bauman	June Halliday	Andrea Michaels
Monique Beikman	Mike & Linda Halseth	Ned & Diane Miller
June Bennett	Duffy Hamilton	Tom & Sharon Miller
Nancy Berney	Jackalyn & Vincent Harbick	Monty & Opal Montague
John & Margaret Bowles*	Stacey Harnew-Swanson	Scott & S Jane Morrill
George & Patt Bowlsby	Jay & Laurie Harris	Dolores Nelson
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Jack & Gerry Brosy	Paul & Patricia Hennon	John & Nancy Nyberg*
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Barry Buchanan & Debra Meisinger	Viola Higgins	Mayor Lou Ogden
Joanne Burkett	Betty Hoen	Lee & Donna Ohanesian
Molly Burns	Michael & Marissa Houlberg	Karin Olson
Dr. Scott Burns	Lindy Hughes	Henry Oman
Sandra Carlson	Mary Hulquist	David & Diane Overby
Mike & Joanne Cataldo	Earl & Loris Itel	David Parker
Charles Chicks	JoAnn Johnson	Norm Parker & Loyce Martinazzi*
Rev. Penny Christianson & Michael	Mabel Johnson	Nancy Parkins
Meriwether	Denver & Kristi Johnson-James	Gay Paschoal
Henrietta Conover	Delilah Wheeler Judy	Dorthea Pennington
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Craig & Judy Daufel	Doug & Jeanne Jurgens	Delores Peterson
Kathy Davis	Rolland & Janice Kane	Helen Peterson
Bob De Lisle	Sam Keator & Ann Doherty	Jan Peterson
Robert & Catherine Dexter	Dennis & Cecilia Kelley	Ken & Bonnie Peterson
Wendy Disch	Candice Kelly	Dale & Marianne Potts
Donna Disch	Bob & Barbara Kern	Ron Price
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Walter & Kathleen Eames	Robert & Barbara Krise	Susan Raxter
Abigail Elder	Larry Kurtz & Martha Wolfe	Virgil & Jo Remillard
Karen Saarinen Elliott	Lucy Laeser	John & Veta Repcik
David & Diana Emami	Herbert & Laurine Lafky	Colleen Rivers
Jack Estes & Colleen O'Callaghan	Margie Larsen	Beverly Robinson
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 Dorothy Saarinen
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 Edie Torgeson
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 Orrie Waller
 Kathy & Michael Walsh
 Patsy Westling
 John & Dawn Westphal
 Herb & Nancy Zachow

Editor's Note:

These are paid-up members as of March 25, 2009. More renewals arrive daily. Please notify Norm Parker, 4nparker@gmail.com if your name is missing! Our 2009 membership directory will be published soon.

Tualatin Connection to Oregon Statehood Now Available on DVD

Want to replay the February 15 dramatic production on how Tualatin was connected to Oregon's constitution? Wonder how Tualatin's early settlers survived daily life in those early years? A DVD of the hour-long story theatre written by Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard is available for \$15, thanks to Jon Hartman of Willamette Valley Media Group. Leave a message at the Heritage Center, 503-885-1926.

THS Invites Latino Involvement

Recognizing the rapid growth of Latino residents in our community, THS participated in an Hispanic Fair March 14 at the Tualatin Library. Christine Tunstall and Alison (Tunstall) Murray challenged visitors to try their hand with THS historic photo puzzles, distributed mastodon postcards, and invited families to visit the heritage center and volunteer with such tasks as translation of materials and recording their own family histories.

First Photography Show Wins High Marks

Two of the Tualatin Chamber's largest-ever Friday morning "networking" events and a March 19 wine tasting reception attracted dozens of visitors last month to see professional images from local photographer Paul Sivley and Oregon landscape photographer Adrian Klein. Thanks to Lindy Hughes and Emily Rice. Hats off to Tualatin's own Paul Sivley for handling the logistics and arranging for Adrian Klein to display his stunning landscape images as well. Sivley exhibited prints of his worldwide travels, featuring people, wildlife and architecture.

Winona Grange Community April 25

Enjoy an old-fashioned Tualatin tradition and also support the School House Food Pantry. The Grange provides table service, beverages and homemade desserts. Bring a hot dish or salad to share. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner from 5:30-6:30, Irish Dance demonstration with live music 6:45-7pm. Suggested donation: 2 cans of food or cash contribution for the food bank. Winona Grange is located on Seneca Street on the west side of the Lake of the Commons.

Review "This Day in History"

If you're interested in what happened in history as a daily news item, go to www.history.com produced by The History Channel. You can select several categories ranging from science and automobiles to wars and entertainment and learn who was born, new discoveries, and other memories from the past. It's a free subscription. If you choose, it arrives in your email about 3 a.m. each morning.

Descendants Tell Stories Behind THC Patio Plantings

At last summer's dedication of the Heritage Garden, six plants were symbolically presented and described by their "original" owners. The owners were portrayed by actors with the Lumiere Players in a script by Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard. As the plants are now "Springing up" we print their creators' words here.

Vetal Cimino and hop vine



Had me a nice little farm down Tualatin-Sherwood Road--used to call it the Dayton Road. Had me a nice little wife too, Sonora Boone. A fine big home too, and strong children to help. Decided to plant hops--they were the big money maker back then. Took lots of hand labor, but that was no problem. My sons would help plow and plant and string up the hops using tall poles and wires.

Then all the neighbors for miles around, including all the little ones, would come and camp out on our land and pick our hops. Had a big hop barn where we dried the hops for months before hauling them into town to sell to the big breweries. After the hops were all picked, we would throw a big party for the workers. Hire a few local musicians and dance the night away, while the ladies made cooked up some good grub.

Hop barn and fine house are gone now, but this here hop plant lasted all these years. Been growing on my great granddaughter's farm Helen Koch's. Now it's going to be planted right here. Good place for it. Person can sit down here with a cold beer and inspect the old hop vine!

Atfaliti Youth with camas bulb

There was a time when this little bulb was a staple in the lives of our people. Back then when the days grew warm, we'd see open areas around here come alive with little blue flowers. And that's where we'd go when the days grew hot, and the little flowers had withered, and dig their bulbs. It was the camas, and oh how good it tasted. You'd probably say they tasted like sweet onions.



This is how we cooked them. We'd put them in a pit-oven, a deep earthen hole lined with hot stones, and roast them. When we had more than we could eat right now, we'd lay them in the hot sun until they dried and then pound them and press them into cakes. These we would save to eat later when the days got dark and cold. And then what was left we'd pack into our canoes and row down the river over to where it flows into the great river over east, to the falls there. And that's where we'd trade our camas cakes for things we didn't have here: sharp black stones for making arrowheads, dried salmon. Then one day our lives changed. Men came and told us we had to leave this place where we had always lived and move to a new strange place. But the little camas continued to grow and bloom each spring. And I bring you this little bulb to add to your Heritage Garden and ask you to remember that it is our heritage too.

Nancy Robbins and the moss rose



When we left our home in Indiana that spring of 1852 we knew we'd never be back, that we'd never see our friends and relatives again. That was the year we, the Robbins family, packed up our precious belongings and headed west on the Oregon Trail. All 31 of us. Grandfather and grandmother and all the kinfolk. We filled over a dozen wagons with the food and clothing and tools we'd need over the 7 months it would take us to get to Oregon.

What to take? What to leave behind? Decisions, decisions. When we were about all packed up I walked around our house for the last time. I knew it would be a long time before we'd live in a nice house like that again. We were headed for wilderness! There in a corner of the yard was the moss rose bush I loved. I knew I couldn't take it, but maybe I could take a little cutting along and plant it once we took out our donation land claim.

Well I snipped a little twig and carefully kept it moist over the trail and then I planted it on our claim up by Robbins Road. And it grew! Oh, what a joy it was to see those lovely pink roses again and to smell that wonderful fragrance that reminded me of our home of long ago. It's been a family treasure in the years since and now we give the rose bush to the Heritage Garden and the tradition continues.

Nettie Martinazzi and daffodil bulbs



When I was a little girl my sisters and brothers would pull weeds on our farm, a mile down that way (point west). I always loved to work in the ground, planting, picking, and yes, pulling weeds. (chuckle). Then when I got married I moved a mile or so up that way, (point northeast). A friend gave me some daffodil bulbs and I planted them about a foot apart all across the front of our land, and every April I watched them bloom. Through the years they multiplied so much that in the spring there was a wide swath of brilliant golden blooms all along the road. People would stop and look at them, and sometimes take a picture of them. When they got too thick I would dig up a few and give them to my friends to plant in their yards. That's how we did it back then. Shared our plants.

During the Depression I picked buckets full of the buds and carried them on the Oregon Electric train to Yamhill Street where I sat up a little stall and sold them. Sold my walnuts too. Now in the Spring sometimes one of those lonely daffodils peeks through the bark dust under the old walnut tree.

Mark Lafky and iris bulbs



Back in 1930s through the mid-50s we grew flowers on the farm up on Boones Ferry Road. Grew the usual farm crops, too, but flowers mainly. Planted several acres of Dutch iris bulbs each year, watched them bloom in the spring, and picked the bulbs to sell in the fall. A lot of hot, heavy, dusty work to get a pretty bouquet of flowers into a vase.

The iris came in four colors—dark blue, light blue, yellow and white. The light blue iris, Wedgwood blue, were the earliest to bloom, generally around Easter time. Now there's good market for white flowers around that time, as you might imagine.

Well, one spring as I checked out the long rows of blooming Wedgwood blue iris, I noticed something odd. A couple of the flowers weren't blue, they were white. A mutation, it happens sometimes in plants. This might be a good thing, I thought, so I

carefully marked the white ones. That fall I planted them in a separate spot, then divided and replanted them each year until I had a nice stock of white Wedgwoods.

When I went to get them patented, and had to choose a name, I was told they like a name that suggest where they're from. So I chose "Tualatin Manette," named them for the town and for my wife, Manette. When we retired and sold the farm and moved into a new house on the river, we planted some Manettes in front, and thanks to Del Judy, they bloom there still, and now also in Winona Cemetery thanks to Duffy Hamilton. And now in this Heritage Garden.

Kay Nyberg and snowdrops

My mother used to have a beautiful flower garden, full of all kinds of perennials and she cared for it just like she took care of our home. Perfectly.



We lived up near North Plains and I studied Home Economics at Oregon State College. That's where I learned to design and properly furnish my house, and landscape the yard. I already knew how to cook and sew.

When I married Clayton and moved down here we finally built our nice home and my mother gave me some of her snowdrops to plant in our new yard. For over 50 years they grew under the big fir trees, nodding their pretty white heads in the spring breeze. My daughter Christine dug them up so they could be saved here. Now they will nod their pretty white heads in the spring breeze for

THS Library Case Feature Nyberg, Torgeson Historical Items



Visit the Tualatin library for this month's THS spring theme exhibit by Molly Burns featuring Nyberg egg scale, egg stamps, Easter basket and cards from the 1800s plus Chinese artifacts from Edie Torgeson. Cases are located near the periodical lounge. Enjoy a gaze down memory lane. If you have good ideas for future displays contact Molly Burns at mollyburns81@yahoo.com

Heritage Center "Store"

Our Heritage Center "Store" has a wide variety of items that capture the memories, the visuals, the tastes and even the sounds of early Tualatin. Check them out when you visit the Center, or order by mail.

Books

Tualatin...From the Beginning 196 heavily illustrated pages that take you from our 10,000 BC mastodon to the 2004 Commons. By Society co-founders Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard. \$20. Add \$3 for postage.

Life in a New Untamed Land * Tualatin diaries of 1851-53 by four of the area's first settlers. 46 pages. \$10. Add \$1 for postage.

Tualatin's Past Remembered* Ann Martinazzi's interviews with the second generation of settlers. 42 pages. \$10. Add \$1 for postage.

Tualatin When We Were Young* 35 seniors' memories of the 1910s, '20s & '30s. 68 pages. \$10. Add \$1 for postage.

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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.



Visit us at:
www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org

War, Change, Growth* Tualatin in the 1940s-'70s as remembered by 43 residents. 72 pages. \$10. Add \$1 for postage.

* The set of four for \$30. Add \$2 for postage.

Video

Tualatin's First Century 1850-1905 Narrated half-hour slide show from our collection of vintage photos. \$10

Notecards

Pictures of Tualatin's historic homes and farms. Set of 6 cards \$6.50

Heritage Jams & Jellies

Glenmore Farms products use local berries in a secret family recipe. \$5 and \$2 (Glenmore Farms is the original name of the Byrom place.)



CD

Heartstrings, Tualatin's own hammered dulcimer and string bass duo and members of THS, offers 16 historical tunes that would have been heard at Sweek House and other gathering places. \$15

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