



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

JUNE 2009

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

Upcoming Program

- July 1, 5:00-7:00 pm



THS Annual
"Picnic in the
Park", Tualatin

Community Park main
picnic shelter.

Save the date...

What: THS 1st Annual
Auction Fundraiser
featuring Oregon wines
and delicious food. Our
theme is "*Locally
Grown...preserving the
history of Tualatin*".

When: Friday, September
25, 2009, Time TBA

Where: Tualatin Heritage
Center

Auction items are needed.
Think about what you
could donate to our auc-
tion. Popular items in-
clude themed baskets
(wine, Italian, chocolate,
tea, coffee, book), gift
certificates, services (yard
work, sewing, gourmet
dinners cooked by you)
and more. More details
will follow soon. We
need volunteers. Please
call Lindy at
503.885.1926 to help.



Mark your
calendar today!



What Can We Learn from York?



*There are no paintings or
photographs of York from his
lifetime. Here is a depiction
based on the vision of the art-
ist, courtesy of OPB.*

An award-winning video which Tualatin His-
torical Society members helped create after the
producer Ron Craig spoke several years ago at a
Society meeting will be shown Wednesday,
June 3 at the Heritage Center. Its focus is York,
the African American slave who traveled with
Lewis and Clark to the Northwest over 200
years ago. Members donated over \$300 to the
project which was aired on OPB in November.
Ron will return to describe what he learned
making the film. A panel discussion will follow
the video featuring local residents who them-
selves come from diverse cultural backgrounds
and to what extent their own family experience
might be similar to and different from York's.
The meeting begins at 1 pm. and is open to the
public.

June Train Trek



Our re-scheduled rail trip to
historic sites around Portland
will be Tuesday, June 9. How-
ever, only those who register
one week before will be able
to get past security guards at
Portland Airport where we will have a
guided tour of art and historic displays on
the concourses. Other train stops will be on
the Max north line to Portland Expo Center
to view public art installations such as the
one in honor of Japanese held in Oregon
internment camps during WWII. We will
have lunch at Ikea (Swedish meatballs and
other Scandinavian treats). Call the Heri-
tage Center (502-885-1926) right away. We
leave on the 9 am on the WES train and re-
turn at 4:30 pm.

Directory Update

Please make the following
changes in your 2009 THS
directory:

Bill Avery
9327 SW Gertz Lane
Tualatin, OR, 97062

Deborah Alysoun
PO Box 571
Marylhurst, OR 97036
*Our apologies for the
error, Deborah.*





Tualatin for the Curious

By Yvonne Addington, President

The required 15-minute daily walk can be as educational as it is healthy by combining short walks through Tualatin history. No need to walk fast, just enjoy, stop to read and imagine what it was like long ago. Curiosity takes your mind off your task. There are books at the Tualatin Heritage Center available to study each site further if the many interpretive signs peak your curiosity.

Here are eight good historic walks:

1. Park at Police/Tualatin Heritage Center lot and follow the paths around Sweek Pond and wetlands and enjoy lots of wildlife.

2. Go to the library to see Tualatin's own 14,000 year old mastodon skeleton, then imagine seeing one as you walk along the river.

3. Park in Tualatin Community Park and take the path under the trestle to Ki-a-Kuts Pedestrian



Bridge and imagine life when the Atfalati Indians lived along the river.

4. At the end of the bridge follow a path through the woods into Durham City Park, site of some Indian artifact discoveries.

5. Drive to Brown's Ferry Park (65th and Nyberg Lane) and walk along the Tualatin River. Check out the Meridian line marker to see where all land descriptions in Oregon and parts of Washington begin. The historic barn is near where Zenas Brown ran the first ferry on the Tualatin River.

6. Drive to Atfalati Park (Sagert & 65th) and walk on one of the Robbins family donation land claims, past the Heritage Trees and down to the interpretive kiosks along Saum Creek.

7. Park in the new Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Center lot (99W, a mile or so from Tualatin) and walk amid wildlife and along the river and see the vast amount of land re-verted back to nature.



8. Drive to Field's Bridge Park (Borland Road just east of the bridge) and follow the paths to the interpretive signs that describe the ice age, the



Yvonne Addington's granddaughters, Sarah, Audrey and Leah, stand with one foot in Clackamas County and one foot in Washington County at the Willamette Meridian Marker.

Missoula Floods and the 15.5 ton Willamette Meteorite now in the New York Museum of Natural History.

Let me know of other curious paths to follow in learning about Tualatin and how long it takes to walk them.

~Yvonne Addington

Highlights of new THS history display:

G.W. Avery and Son, Chicken Breeding Farm

1920 George Warren Avery and Gerald William Avery buy open fields between today's Avery and Sagert Streets, Boones Ferry and Martinazzi.

1930s Gerald begins experimenting with a hatchery idea, growing White Leghorns, known for their high egg production.

1940s The Avery farm and hatchery grows, but World War II slows business; Gerald begins 20 years of service on local school board.

1950s Avery hens capture world-wide attention thanks to careful recordkeeping and quality control. One hen lays 1546 eggs over a 7-year period. George ships hatchery eggs and chicks nationally and internationally from Tualatin Post Office.. Fresh eggs sold to Safeway and local residents. Avery filbert orchard and nearby farms benefit from rich chicken manure.

1960s Gerald recognized in Oregon and nationally as an expert chicken breeder. Gerald retires in **1966** and closes the hatchery.

2009 One remaining chicken hatchery building on Avery Street is now a private home. Son Bill Avery lives on the original farm property and sister Elizabeth resides in Arizona.

(Watch for this and other displays around the city and at the Tualatin Heritage Center)

Fourth Graders Trek to Heritage Center To Relive Oregon Trail Settlement

"This was better than going to Salem to visit the capital," was one boy's reaction to the 2009 Pioneer Days sponsored May 19-22 by Tualatin Historical Society. Said a teacher: our day at the Heritage Center was the best ever, even better than the traditional interpretive centers we've visited before."



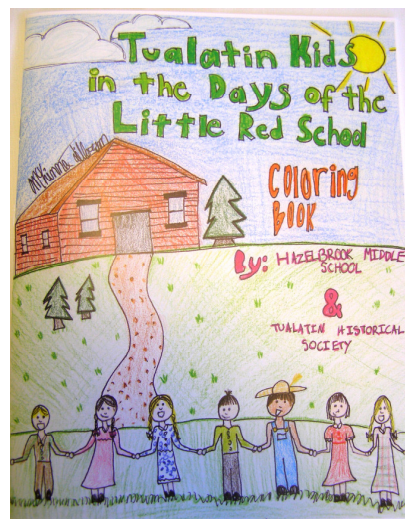
This year one more school attended (Bridgeport Elementary) bringing the total to nearly 350 4th graders, parent helpers and teachers who spent over four hours in "hands-on" activities each day. THS salutes our patient and hard-working volunteers (those with asterisks worked 4 or 5 days straight):

Larry and Ellie McClure*, Lindy Hughes*, Barbara Stinger*, Lloyd Gooding*, Molly Burns*, Pat Saab*, Connie Ledbetter*, Christine Tunstall*, Nancy Downie, Tony (Richard Hall's assistant), Ned and Diane Miller, Gerry Tunstall, Margie Larsen, Vicci Martinazzi, Rochelle Smith, Angie Cuevas, Sue Raxtor, Jan Kennedy, An-nita Gilham, Diane Barry, Arne Nyberg, Mary Leslie, Ruth Prier, Del Judy, Grant Hughes, Trent Hughes, Jena Hughes, Marissa Houlberg, Stephen Johnson (Umpqua Bank), Scott and Marty Denis and Linda Russell.

Providing invaluable support services, such as brand new Willowbrook tents, were Richard Hall and Rebecca Pratt. Jon Hartman provided photography services and Tualatin Police Department provided security along the streets (trail).



Coloring Book Rolls Off Press and into Students' Hands



"Tualatin Kids in the Days of the Little Red Schoolhouse, a coloring book about Tualatin kids, by Tualatin kids, for Tualatin kids, is just out. Eighth-graders at Hazelbrook Middle School created 32 pages that depict and describe a day in the life of youngsters here a century ago --at work, at play and at school. Drawings of old-fashioned scenes were created by the art class (first photo below), under the direction of Chelsey Peterson, and captions were written by the language arts students (second photo below) with teacher Cindy Coe. All Tualatin public school 4th graders are given a copy, as a fun guide for the Oregon trail they are studying this year.



The book, published by the Tualatin Historical Society, was sponsored in part by a grant from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County using funds provided by the Oregon Cultural Trust. It sells for \$4, or three for \$10 (bulk rates also available), and is available at the Tualatin Heritage Center.

Library to Display Graduation Memorabilia

Invitations, tassels, awards and group photos from Tualatin school graduations over the past 75 years will be displayed throughout June in the THS exhibit case adjacent to the reading room. Thanks to Molly Burns for finding



First year - "Tualatin H.S. Graduation Class of 1915" pictured are flower-bedecked Gladys Byrom, Orpha Alsbaugh, Bert Copple, and Anna Geiberger in the school's new gymnasium-auditorium.

these mementos in our files and directly from members. During Pioneer Days, we also enjoyed the miniature covered wagon collection at the Heritage Center, thanks to Susan Clark and Beverly Robinson. Mary Leslie has agreed to coordinate future exhibits at THC.

Please let Mary know ways you can help.

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Strawberry Festival Set for Father's Day

Enjoy fresh and juicy Lee Farms berries and ice cream on Sunday, June 21, 2-5 p.m. at the Tualatin Heritage Center, but this year sponsored by Tualatin United Methodist



Church which started the tradition many years ago. In earlier times, youth picked the berries for the Festival and members will again follow that pattern as the families celebrate the church's centennial in 2009. Photos from years gone by will be displayed.. The feast is open to the public and the \$3 suggested donations will be turned over to the Heritage Center to help preserve the 1926 building where the Methodists worshiped after their first church burned. They moved to their new campus in 1982.

Recycle Tip of the Month *from Karin Olson* REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Compost coffee grounds,
 Rhodies love them

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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 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.



Visit us at:
www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org

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