



# Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

MARCH 2009

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

## Save the Date

- **April 1, 1:00 pm**  
Dennis Jenkins presents  
**"Archeology of  
America's Oldest  
Human Remains"**

Mr. Jenkins is a senior archaeologist field director at the Museum of Natural and Cultural History of Oregon in Eugene. Recent discoveries question the previous understanding of America's first native peoples.

- **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.

*Monthly programs are open to the public. We welcome you to join us!*

## Six Feet Under - How We've Buried Our Dead

Fascination with burial practices is rooted in tradition and mystery which will be explored Wednesday, March 4 by Guy Wherity, sexton of Tualatin's own Winona Cemetery, a still-active repository of rich local history. The March program for THS begins at 1 p.m.

The pyramids of Egypt were one variety of elaborate burial places, construction of which took the entire lifetime of the honored king. When Lewis and Clark made their journey down the Columbia in 1805-06, they devoted several pages to Indian burial practices. At that time, several local tribes placed their dead in the air, sometimes in a canoe for a swift journey to the after life. Today's typical 6-foot-deep excavation or cremation with ashes scattered or in a crypt are but two more traditions that will be shared in the March presentation.



Wherity, whose Winona responsibilities include not only selling plots but maintaining grounds and recordkeeping, will trace both ancient and modern burial practices and what these traditions tell us about each society. Winona Cemetery was founded in 1900 and named in honor of a young girl whose memory is also carried by Winona Grange. It was built on property owned by Isaac

Ball. A board of directors continues to care for the cemetery which was recently enhanced by a black steel fence and a kiosk listing all known markers. For information on how to obtain a plot, call Guy Wherity at 503-885-9660. Wherity lives in the historic Wesch house next to Bertleson's Animal Clinic very close to the Heritage Center.



## Annual Antique Appraisal Scheduled for March 29

The popular Tualatin Historical Society antique "road show" rolls through town again this month on Sunday afternoon, March 29, 2-5 p.m. Featuring the father/son Harbick team from Sherwood and Richard Hager of Tualatin, the appraisals are a fun way to learn about family artifacts and acquire some interesting historical information as well. There's a limit of two items per person (no clothing or jewelry) and a \$5 per item donation to THS is requested. For further information, contact Sharon Miller, 503.628.2608 and Annita Gilham, 503.620.1109.

**Hmmm, I wonder what these might be worth?**



*These tobacco tins brought in by Duffy Hamilton are currently on display at the Heritage Center.*

## Tualatin's Celebration of Statehood Draws Standing-Room Crowd

A story theatre by Tualatin Historical Society co-founders **Loyce Martinazzi** and **Karen Lafky Nygaard** won rave reviews from a packed audience February 15 at the third anniversary of the heritage center and Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Titled "The Road to Statehood Ran Through Tualatin: The Road to Champoeg, the Tualatin Connection," the dramatic production featured voices of Tualatin's past, two of whom, Levi Anderson and Dr. Nathaniel Robbins, were signatories to the 1857 constitution that led to statehood on February 14, 1859.

City councilor **Ed Truax** portrayed John Sweek and City manager **Sherilyn Lombos** played the role of Maria Sweek along with her barefoot son **Canon**. THS members assuming roles of their ancestors included **Duffy Hamilton**, sharing memories of her early Tualatin relative Elizabeth Shaver, and **Barbara Stinger**, recounting hardships over the Trail of her ancestor Nancy Robbins.

Others in the show included **Lindy Hughes** as a Kalapuya Indian woman and trappers Joe Meek portrayed by **Glenn Russell**, F.X. Matthieu by **Matt Ludwick**, and Etienne Lucier by **Scott Fisher**. Early Tualatin settlers were Zenas Brown portrayed by **Dave Overby**, Ester Brown by **Sue Raxter**, Jennie Painter by **Anne Avery**, Mary Jane Barr by **Doris Gleason**, William Barr by **Bill Gleason**, Jimmy Luster by **David Parker**, Sam Galbreath by **Ron Stites**, Sarah Galbreath by **Sandra Carlson**, Levi Anderson by **Richard Hager**, Nathaniel Robbins by **Ken Stinger**, Billy Greenwood by **Rollin Carlson**, John Taylor by **Kurt Krause**, and Sarah Taylor by **Eleanor Krause**.

Following greetings by THS president **Yvonne Addington**, moderator for the show was **Dan Hobbs**, board member for Lumiere Players whose home base is the heritage center. Musicians for the production were fiddle player **Tammy Snelling** and guitar player **Bob Huffman**.

Members of the audience had their own historical connections to Tualatin: **Theresa Stone**, a descendant of John and Maria Sweek; **Arlene Casteel Stites** is one of the children pictured in a photo taken at the old Methodist church when it was dedicated in 1926; and **Joe Bushbaum** is descended from the Shavers.

Karen and Loyce are working on ideas for a similar February 2010 production. Visitors donated a total of \$250 for the Society based on a penny per year since statehood.

Haggen donated a large sheet cake to celebrate Oregon's sesquicentennial. Former Tualatin residents seen in the crowd included **Ken and Rosa Lee Dickson** from Yamhill and **Herb Lafky** from the coast. See photo on page 4.

### Presidents Column

from Yvonne Addington

#### THS Projects Need Your Willing Hands



To continue documenting Tualatin area history, the Society is looking for assistance with interviewing, collecting photos, and conducting library and internet research. Several of these projects already have knowledgeable volunteers willing to help (see parentheses), so you will not be working alone. These include the **Tualatin Fire Department** and Tualatin Fire Protection District (Craig Daufel), as well as **Stafford School** (Karen Saarinen Elliot and Julia Hagg) and **Durham School** (Kurt, Anita and Norma Krause). **The old Tualatin, Cipole and Carlon Schools** need some detectives to start tracing their histories. In some cases, we might collaborate with nearby historical societies in Clackamas, Sherwood and Tigard to gather whatever information they have or conduct additional research at the Washington County Museum and Oregon Historical Society.

The list of other ongoing tasks where your contributions are needed include creating displays at the Heritage Center, inputting data on computers, scanning documents and photographs, indexing our photo collection and collecting more photos, taking inventory and keeping current our donated book and artifact collection, collecting personal and business histories, keeping in contact with membership, fundraising, greeting the public during Center hours, learning the history of Tualatin to tell others; helping with our garden, and photographing various historical buildings, markers and sites around our area.

Please call the Heritage Center (503-885-1926) or Yvonne Addington (503-625-2704 or email: [addingtoY@aol.com](mailto:addingtoY@aol.com)) to discuss your interests. These jobs are guaranteed to be fun and educational but also critical to the long-term success of THS.

## First Professional Photography Show Debuts at Heritage Center in March

Tualatin professional photographer Paul Sivley and Oregon's heralded nature photographer Adrian Klein are teaming up in March to launch Tualatin Heritage Center's first photography show. Opening March 11 and continuing through March 30, the two-week display will also include a public wine tasting reception with the two artists. Proceeds will be donated to Tualatin Historical Society.



Adrian Klein backpacks to the wild and not so wild places of the Northwest. Capturing and showing the beauty of nature

and the landscape is more of a personal goal for him than anything, he says. "Today more than ever we need to have a true appreciation for the wonder and beauty of the natural world." Klein leads landscape photography outings, workshops and photo tours. In 2008 his awards and juried exhibitions for landscape photography included Professional Photographers of Oregon's Court of Honor, and the coveted International Conservation Photography Award. Other recognitions include PPA Loan Collection, Art Wolfe's, Photo of The Year.net and Center for Fine Art Photography. To view examples of his work visit [www.adrianklein.com](http://www.adrianklein.com)

Paul Sivley, a Tualatin resident and active in local Chamber and city committees, is art-school educated and particularly enjoys travel photography but also specializes in architectural and event photography. He has a portrait studio in Wilsonville. His travel imagery covers much of Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, Scandinavia, China and Peru. His career includes being mayor of San Carlos, CA, and a stint on the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

For details on the show, contact Paul at [psfoto@comcast.net](mailto:psfoto@comcast.net) or 503.502.3385.



## Fate of Old Elementary School Draws Nearer

March 9 will be the final vote by the Tualatin City Council to approve an application by Tigard-Tualatin School District to demolish the old grade school on Boones Ferry. Tualatin Historical Society could appeal the City Council decision to the state Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) but several experts have suggested this step would be very expensive and time consuming. A final vote of the THS Board will be taken later. And in the end, in an economy similar to 1938 when the Work Progress Administration built the brick school, THS and the City run the risk of losing a major senior living development by a very cooperative Marquis Company that will also bring a large new payroll to our city.

THS board members met with Marquis planner Scott Miller February 19 and were assured that if it gets all necessary permits, the new \$40 million senior living project will recycle considerable bricks, window glass and flooring from the old building as permanent fixtures in the new 5-acre campus. Inside décor would include historic school photos and other displays. A "memory path" using the old bricks would encircle the building with THS helping determine historic markers along the way. Trees would also be repositioned to the maximum extent possible. However, if Marquis cannot win approval for its design plans, the brick school and outbuildings could still be demolished with no guarantee of protected materials.


In a special hearing before the City Council February 9, THS appealed a city staff recommendation to allow demolition to occur and to retain the entire 12-acre site for public use. Both the school district and City cited lack of money as the reasons to proceed with demolition. The Council voted 4-3 to let the application proceed without conditions to the final March 9 ordinance decision.

"I felt like I was giving the eulogy of a long time friend" said THS president Yvonne Addington at the hearing. After the follow up meeting with Marquis, board members agreed with Yvonne: this may be the time to make lemonade out of lemons and support this new way to keep memories of the old school alive. Contact Yvonne for more info or concerns at 503.625.2704 or [addingtoy@aol.com](mailto:addingtoy@aol.com).



Held February 15 at the Heritage Center, "The Road to Statehood Ran Through Tualatin" cast members

**Farewell, Dear Friends**

We mourn the recent deaths of two Tualatin Historical Society members with long-time connections to our community. **Marie Flabetich** came to Tualatin in 1941 and her story of those early years is told in *Tualatin...from the Beginning*. **Dan Rowley** shared several of his memories of growing up in Norwood in *War, Change, Growth--Tualatin in the 1940s-'70s*. 

**Recycle Tip of the Month** from Karin Olson

**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

Florescent light bulbs are **hazardous waste**  
– DO NOT PUT IN GARBAGE

PRIDE Recycling Center      503-625-6177


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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](http://www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org)

**THS to Celebrate Arbor Week  
By Leading Atfaliti Heritage Grove Walk**

 Arne Nyberg, THS president when the project was initiated in 1992, will lead a history walk in Atfaliti Park on Sunday afternoon, April 5. More details will appear in the April newsletter, but spread the word to members of these families who will be invited to join the tour and share memories. Some advance work to clear growth from around plaques may also be needed. Contact Arne at 503.639.9587 or email [a.nyberg2@verizon.net](mailto:a.nyberg2@verizon.net) for more information. Plaques were installed in honor or memory of the following organizations, individuals and families: City of Tualatin, Nyberg Family, Kiwanis Club, Christian and Nicole Miutiens, Doris Knauss, William A. and Vera Gleason, Mark Beach, Alice Christensen Lafky, The Martinazzi Family, Ryan Hennon, Nicholas Ross Ten Hulzen, The Robbins Family, Tim Lee, The Walking Connection, Bernice Thompson, Pruett Tree Service, Tualatin Historical Society, Roberta Sweeney, Pat O'Callaghan, Emma A. Cummins Shaver, Guy C. and Mildred Himes Buswell, Corrina Weeks Cummins, Winona Grange No. 271, Frank and Violet Van Loo, Charles J. Geiberger, Mabel McGee, Marge Knauss, and Dr. Merle Pennington.

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