



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

JANUARY 2010

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

Upcoming Program

• February 3, 1:00 pm

Danny Gilmour, professional paleontologist, talks about scientific evidence and information regarding prehistoric mammals whose bones have been found in the Tualatin, Sherwood, Durham, Aurora, McMinnville, and Woodburn areas. Open to the public.

Save the date...

• January 8, 10:00 am Old-timers Coffee -

Enjoy coffee and pastries with old friends and new friends.



• January 8, 10:00 am

NEW date due to New Year's Day. Come to our twice a month **Knitting and Crochet Workshop**. Bring your project or start a new one. Help is available. Drop in and get your project done.



PSU Geologist Scott Burns Kicks Off 2010 Programs January 6

Popular THS presenter and member Dr. Scott Burns launches the new year with a look at how our region was scoured by the monster Ice Age floods. He will share findings from his own research on a topic that has fascinated geologists for many years. Scott is frequently seen on local TV news shows whenever the earth moves.



The new book "Cataclysms on the Columbia" was originally published in 1986, and was co-authored by PSU professors John Eliot Allen and Marjorie Burns (no relation to Scott who started the 2009 revisions five years ago)

The book is divided into eight parts, starting out with a biography of J Harlan Bretz, an early researcher who in 1919 proposed the idea that multiple cataclysmic floods from a great glacial lake were instrumental in forming the topography of the Pacific Northwest. The rest of the book describes the scientific research that proves this theory, using photos and detailed maps to explain its science.

Scott has been a professor of geology at PSU for 20 years, one of his major areas of study has been the Missoula floods. Evidence of the flood is apparent all around Tualatin, particularly in the Tonquin Road area. The Itel family has donated chunks of erratic granite rocks to THS—deposits that probably came from present-day Canada.

Published by the student.-organized Ooligan Press at PSU, proceeds from the book sales will help fund scholarships in the Geology and English Departments. We are hoping to have copies available for sale at the general meeting.

The Tualatin Historical Society's monthly programs are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Tualatin Heritage Center. Our programs are open to the public. We welcome you to join us!

~Photo of Dr. Burns above courtesy of OregonLive.

The President's Corner The Tualatin Connection

By Yvonne Addington, President

Holy meteorites, Batman! Would you believe a 15-ton galactic gift came to rest near Tualatin over 10,000 years ago--not hurtling directly here from space but attached to an iceberg that came from ice-dam breaks in the Montana/Canada area, hundreds of miles away. These icebergs, granite rock erratics and water from the several mighty floods rushed up to 90 miles per hour down the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, covering our area with 350 feet of water. And how did that famous meteorite get to the New York Museum of History where Grand Ronde Tribal members still travel for cultural ceremonies?

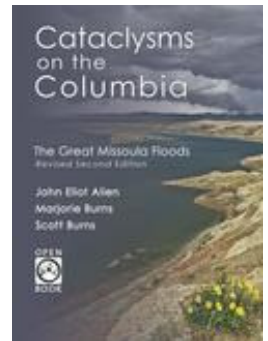
Holy mastodons Batman! Would you believe that in the 1960s, a Portland State University student and Tualatin resident John George, after hearing pioneer stories about "elephants living here", dug up the skeleton of a mastodon which lived in the downtown Tualatin area over 11,000 years ago? Did herds of mastodons and mammoths live here in Tualatin and river swamps nearby? Can you actually see the Tualatin mastodon skeleton today?



Photo above: Dr. John George speaks about the 14,000-year-old tusk and molars of Tualatin's mastodon are on permanent display in the Heritage Center.

Believe it or not, the Tualatin Historical Society has been, and continues to be, documenting the prehistoric days of our area. To find answers to your questions about ancient times, come to the

Tualatin Heritage Center Wednesday, January 6, 1:00 pm. to hear Tualatin resident and THS member Dr. Scott Burns, Chair of Portland State University Geology Department, talk about the mighty Missoula floods and the tell-tale evidence they left behind in our Tualatin and Willamette River Valleys. Dr. Scott recently released an updated version of a book about the Missoula floods originally published in 1986.



At the February 3 1:00 pm. meeting of THS we will hear from Danny Gilmour, professional paleontologist, who is currently carbon dating two Tualatin mastodon skeletons and is researching other prehistoric animals that once roamed the Tualatin and Willamette River Valleys over 10,000 years ago.

Danny, now completing his master's degree at Portland State University, is significantly increasing scientific evidence and information regarding prehistoric mammals whose bones have been found in the Tualatin, Sherwood, Durham, Aurora, McMinnville, and Woodburn areas. He is also working closely with scientists at the University of Oregon. A DVD featuring Danny and THS co-founder Loyce Martinazzi talking about local mastodon history at the library in July is now available to borrow or copy at the Heritage Center.

Who said history is boring, Batman! We have a prehistoric movie setting here! The Society invites participants of all ages to join us for these upcoming free presentations and absolutely invites you to join in with THS preservation and education efforts in the new year ahead.

Tualatin's "They Did It" Women Tell Their Stories on Feb. 14

You may know Tualatin history. But do you know Tualatin HerStory?

How did Maria Sweek get her mansion built and raise Tualatin's social level? How did Lois Dalton clean up a brambly park and get the Crawfish Festival going? How did Lizzie Robinson get the brick store built? How did Orpha Sagert get the farmers' fields harvested? How did Nellie Wesch guide her typing students into business careers? How did Jessie Byrom get the little Methodist Church built? How did Peggy Gensman build a thriving real estate business? On Feb. 14 they will tell their stories.

These are among the 17 strong women who will be depicted by their daughters or granddaughters, on Sunday, February 14, at 2p.m, in the historic Winona Grange Hall. The stories, scripted by Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard, show the women's role in the growth and development of Tualatin over the last 150 years.

The Tualatin Historical Society event includes dulcimer music and songs by the Sweet Adelines. Valentine-theme refreshments will be offered. Suggested admission is \$5, to be shared by the Society and the Grange, or contributions of like amount for the local food bank. For info call Loyce at 503-598-7443 or Loycem@gmail.com.



Left: Current THS President, former judge and city manager, Yvonne (Saarinen) Addington .



Right: Jessie Byrom



Left: Elementary school principal Bea Cole



Right: Orpha Sagert



Above: Lizzie Robinson is in the back row, third from the left.



Maria Sweek (above right) will be portrayed by great-great-granddaughter, Teresa Stone, who will tell how she managed to grow a small cabin into this 2-story mansion (above left) in a few years after settlement.



Photo left:

Young Nellie Wesch was a golf caddie at the Tualatin Country club

Farewell, Dear Friend

THS member George Perry passed away in early December after a brief illness. His wife Frances is descended from the Wager, Cimino, and Boone families. Mr. Perry was an accountant, and according to brother-in-law Lloyd Koch "George was a perfectly disciplined and organized man, and greatly admired by all who knew him." His ashes are buried at Winona Cemetery.





Thank You

Membership is vital to our success. We are proud to list the following members who have renewed membership and joined for 2010. Many have made additional monetary gifts as well. Welcome new members!

*** Lifetime Member + Honorary Member**

Judy Lee Adamson
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 June Bennett
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 Erik & Diane Steckmest
 Tom Stern & Jane Brown
 Ken & Barbara Stinger
 Eric & Teresa Stone
 Bob & Myrna Summers
 Edie Torgeson
 Gerry & Christine Tunstall *
 John Vitas
 James Waddell

Editor's Note:

These are paid-up members as of December 22 2009. More renewals arrive daily. Please notify Norm Parker at 4nparker@gmail.com if your name is missing. Our membership directory will be published in early 2010.

The Road to Statehood

The Settlers' Stories

written by Loyce Martinazzi & Karen Lafky Nygaard

On February 15, 2009 we presented a playlet on Tualatin's role in Oregon's statehood, during which the area's first settlers told what their lives were like in those early years. Over this sesquicentennial year we reprint some of their stories. Here is William and Mary Jane Barr's story, as portrayed by Anne Avery. The narrator was Daniel Hobbs from the Lumiere Players.

Narrator: Now, William and Mary Jane Barr have a story to tell.

William: I was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and in 1843 I married me this bonny little lassie, Mary Jane. Now the pickins were slim there in the old sod, so we set out for America. And then across the plains, to get land in the Oregon Territory. Ach mon, and it's a wonderful thing to get free land. Back in Scotland, land was dear.

Mary Jane: We were used to hardship, but sailin' across the ocean in a ship and then jolting' across the plains in a prairie schooner! Ach, my stomach. We were put to the test, and that's for sure! But we got here. And you know the first thing we did? We got our papers and are now proud new citizens of this great country. Then we found this piece of land just south of the river for our new home.

William: You know, the part close to the river is fair and flat. And a road goes through it. All the way from the Boones Ferry and across the river here. And on the south there's a lovely hillside, remindin' me of the bonnie braes back home. Good well-drained soil for growing crops, too. But there is this great swamp across the middle.

Mary Jane: We built our log cabin from all the trees on the place, and are trying to make ourselves cozy. Not as nice as back home, but that will come. Don't like the way that muddy river floods most every winter. Such a lot of mud. Hard to get rid of all that mud. And that swamp is a problem. One of our cows wandered into it once and sank into the quicksand.

William: Don't complain, Mary Jane, I do believe this is where a town will be some day. Already Billy, that Englishman, has a smithy set up by Sam Galbreath's ferry. And did you know Sam's people came from Scotland too? Ha ha, it's a good place to be from.

Coming in 2010

Inside Look Sweek House

Jon Hartman of Willamette Valley Media Group videoed a walking tour of Sweek House December 17 led by Althea Pratt-Broome as part of a new oral history joint project between THS and the Tualatin Library Foundation. Althea recounts the history of John and Maria Sweek's life at Sweek House and stories of her life-long dream to own the house which she finally purchased in 1955. Viewers will learn about two ghosts whose presence is still part of Sweek House recent history. When finished, the video tour will give the curious a first-hand look at preservation of Tualatin's treasure. Sweek House is Tualatin's only building listed on the Federal Register of Historic Places and continues as the residence for Althea and Jack Broome today. A separate DVD, funded by the Foundation, features Althea's personal memories as a "shaker and mover" whose contributions range from the Willowbrook Summer Arts Camp (now at Browns Ferry Park) and the Wetlands Conservancy. She is also working on an historical novel based on the Civil War.

Glenmore Farms Marmalade

In addition to strawberry and caneberry preserves, you can now purchase the Daufel's popular orange marmalade at the Heritage Center. The Daufel family has continued making jams, flavorings and syrups that their Tualatin predecessors hand-cooked for several decades. Craig Daufel is now helping with an upcoming history of the local volunteer fire department. Books, cards, and a CD by Rob and Nancy Downie on standing bass and dulcimer continue to be available in our gift shop.

Farewell to Old Elementary School

Demolition of the old Tualatin Elementary School will occur this coming April/May. Activities such as removal of asbestos must occur first and are now underway. More asbestos was found under the old gymnasium floor according to project manager Scott Miller.

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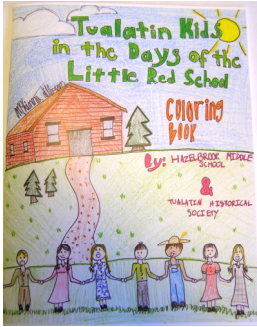
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Heritage Center "Store"

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. Find them at the Center, or order by phone or mail.

Books

Children's Coloring Book



Tualatin Kids in the Days of the Little Red Schoolhouse
A coloring book about Tualatin kids by Tualatin kids. Created by 8th grade students that depict and describe a day in the life of youngsters here a century ago. 32 pages \$4 each, 3/\$10, 10/\$30.

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.

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

* The set of four small books is \$30. Add \$3 for postage.

DVD

The Road to Statehood Ran Through Tualatin

Hour-long story theatre written by Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard video taped by Jon Hartman. \$15 To order, call 503.885.1926.

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

Heritage Preserves

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

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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.



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