



# Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

MARCH 2010

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

## Brit to Headline March Meeting



John Bowles, Tualatin resident and former Tualatin Historical Society President who was born in England, will take center stage next week to entertain members and the general public with his recitation of historic British comic monologues by the famous British actor Stanley Holloway. Bowles' one-time only performance will be held at the monthly Tualatin Historical Society meeting Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 1:00 pm, at Tualatin Heritage Center.

As youngsters, Bowles and Stan Prier (also born in England and also a former THS president) enjoyed listening to Stanley Holloway on the British Broadcasting Company (BBC). Holloway, a celebrated English stage and film actor, comedian and singer, was famous for his comic and character roles on stage and screen, especially that of Alfred P. Doolittle in "My Fair Lady." He was a personal friend of Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra and performed a few times on the Dean Martin and Red Skelton television shows. He performed regularly during his 70 year career, the last time at the London Palladium in 1980 at age 89.

Holloway became historically renowned in England for his comic monologues with rhyming stanzas and songs on BBC such as "The Lion and Albert" and "Sam Pick Oop thy Musket". Bowles memorized four of the monologues and, at the urging of Prier, recited some of them at a small, informal monthly men's gathering last month. By popular demand, Bowles has agreed to recite them for the Tualatin Historical Society and the public.

A second feature of the day will be screening of a re-released 35-minute DVD documentary video produced in the 1990s by THS titled "Tualatin's First Century 1850-1950: From the End of the Oregon Trail to the Coming of I-5".

Traditional mid-forties theatre costs of two bits will be charged at the door. Traditional cookies, coffee, DOTS, Milk Duds, popcorn and peanuts also will be sold for two bits at intermission and before the general THS meeting which follows.



*Appraisers Richard Hager (foreground), Vince Harbick, and Charlie Harbick comment on antiques shown above.*

## Antique Roadshow Stops in Tualatin March 7

The ever-popular antique appraisal returns this year on Sunday afternoon March 7 from 2:00-4:30 pm at the Tualatin Heritage Center. With experts Vince (Smockville Antiques) and Charlie Harbick (Railroad Street Antiques Mall) of Sherwood and Richard Hager of Tualatin offering their running commentary, participants are invited to bring no more than 2 items each so all comers have a chance to learn more about their family heirlooms. A \$5 donation is requested for each object. Exclusions: jewelry, clothing and books. This year's event is again coordinated by THS member Sharon Miller. Proceeds help support Tualatin Historical Society. Learn some fascinating history in a very different way and also how market forces shape antique pricing.



## President's Column

by Yvonne Addington

### Going, Going, Soon Gone

As hard as we tried to save it, it wouldn't happen. Demolition of the old Tualatin school campus began this month. Within two years a new senior living center will replace the long vacant buildings. The new owners, Marquis Company, plan a memory lane of engraved bricks with students and teachers names of those who wish to be remembered. Scott Miller of Marquis reported they were able to salvage about 3500' of the gymnasium floor. Built during Works Progress Administration times in 1939 to spur employment, it was fully occupied in 1941. To kindle memories about our good ol' school and preserve a bit of history, the Tualatin Historical Society will begin publishing class pictures and request your help in identifying as many students as possible. If you have pictures to donate or let us scan, bring them to Tualatin Heritage Center. If you know where any of those folks are now, let us know that, too. This is another long-term project. Coming soon, check out the Tualatin Historical Society website at [www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org) to see initial photos.

Other schools have annual reunions at local parks. Sherwood High School alumni meet each month for dinner at the Hometown Buffet in Tigard. Is there any interest in Tualatin Grade School alumni meeting this summer at the Tualatin Crawfish Festival?



1954 Tualatin Grade School Cheerleaders wearing maroon and gold letters in front of school building.: front: Susanne Sasaki Myer, Dee Ann Vick Stone; back: Catherine Staven Baltimore and Yvonne Saarinen Addington.



### Where TVF&R Began?

Volunteers from the old Tualatin Fire Department are meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 at the Tualatin Heritage Center to share and identify photos, newspaper articles and stories from many people who responded to emergencies in our community. Years being covered are from the City's formation of the department in 1937 to the 1980s when the Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District merged with other districts into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District. The current TVF&R administration is helping with the project. More information and volunteers are most welcome to complete this project.



### Tualatin's "We did it" Women a Big Hit

The 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary THS celebration of preserving the old Tualatin Methodist Church, now the Tualatin Heritage Center had to move to Winona Grange this year after a bulging crowd in 2009. This year's production was written and directed by Karen Lafky Nygaard and Loyce Martinazzi who established the Tualatin Historical Society 24 years ago. Karen has been coming regularly from her Los Angeles home to participate in Tualatin Historical Society activities. Thank you for your good work, ladies! And to the performers, as well, who shared funny and emotional stories spanning a century of Tualatin history.

### Members, Just Do It

Keep posted regarding our many activities. Spring brings a lot of activities and more hard work. We now enjoy almost 300 talented and experienced active members and sponsors, about the number of the entire City population up until the 1960s. We always look for more. We hope you enjoy our activities and welcome your participation and suggestions.



~Yvonne Addington

## Fourth Anniversary Celebration Another Hit

Nearly 150 persons filled Winona Grange Sunday, February 14 to learn about 17 women who made (and are making) Tualatin a better place to live. Titled "HERstory" and scripted and narrated by THS co-founders and historians Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard, the production was the third in a series of portrayals of our city's shakers and movers from 1850 to today. Filmed by Washington Community Access Cable, a DVD will be available after editing. The 2010 "birthday" of Oregon also coincides with the anniversary of Tualatin Heritage Center which is now too small to hold these popular presentations about Tualatin's history-makers. This year's event also included women who are still very much alive and attended in person: Althea Pratt-Broome (community activist) represented by Sandra Lafky Carlson, former teacher at Willowbrook Summer Arts Camp founded by Althea; Peggy Gensman (early realtor) with her daughter Leann Bennett telling Peggy's story; and Lois Dalton (community activist), portrayed by Suzanne Weldon. Telling their own stories were Evie Andrews (popular teacher); Yvonne Addington (first city manager), Linda Moholt (community activist and Chamber of Commerce director) and Sherilyn Lombos (present city manager).

Outstanding women from earlier times and the person telling their story included:

Maria Sweek portrayed by Maria's great-great-granddaughter, Teresa Stone, Lizzie Robinson portrayed by Sue Raxter, Jessie Byrom portrayed by Mary Ann Hulquist, Rosa Casteel portrayed by Rosie's granddaughter Jerri Bishop, Orpha Sagert portrayed by Doris Gleason, Nellie Wesch portrayed by her former student Annette Saarinen, Beas Cole portrayed by City Councilor Donna Maddux, Ethel Pennington portrayed by granddaughter Gay Pashoal, Nami Sasaki portrayed by daughter Joyce Olsen and Ann Martinazzi portrayed by daughter Rochelle Smith.

The event would not have been complete without the beautiful music that was enjoyed by all. The musicians included:

Pianist Katie Lee, a descendant of William and Rosa Jurgens, 1869 Tualatin settlers and Vocal Trio members Ann Hardt, Jan Stites and Kimberly Stites. Ann and Kimberly are descendants of Rosie Casteel and William and Rosa Jurgens.

A special thank you goes out to the Winona Grange, Abundant Life Family Church for the use of their sound system and all of the many volunteers that helped to make this production a huge success.



*Karen Lafky Nygaard and Loyce Martinazzi narrate "HerStory" Sunday, February 14. On stage are women who represented 17 of Tualatin's female leaders, including four who portrayed themselves. Several guest readers are descendants of the women whose stories they shared.*

## Scientists Correct History of Donated Bone

By Yvonne Addington

It was a Harlan ground sloth, not a mastodon, that roamed our area over 10,000 years ago and whose bones were found by construction workers near the confluence of Fanno Creek and the Tualatin River. During his packed-house February lecture for Tualatin Historical Society, PSU researcher Danny Gilmour's informative lecture at the February 2010 THS monthly meeting traced the research of several noted paleontologists including his own findings about large animals whose remains are still being discovered in the Willamette Valley.



A recent scientific investigation has disclosed that parts of what was thought to be a second mastodon skeleton found in the Tualatin

area in the 1960s or 70s and donated to the Tualatin Historical Society in 2008 by Dr. Robert McDonald was not a mastodon but a Harlan ground sloth. The identification of the sloth joins a variety of prehistoric animal skeletons which lived in our area during the last of the Ice Age. These species included mammoths, mastodons, bison and sloths. Even large horses and camels were part of our present-day Willamette "Valley of the Giants" fanning out from Tualatin to McMinnville and Woodburn. Coming soon, visit [www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org) or call for a printed copy for those without computer access for a more complete review of this fascinating story summarized by THS president Yvonne Addington and a copy of Danny Gilmour's PowerPoint presentation. Tualatin's mastodon is on display at the public library and heritage center with a few bones also cataloged at the University of Oregon. The Tualatin mastodon was retrieved in 1962 by Dr. John George, then a pre-dental student at Portland State University who kept a tusk and molar while the remaining bones journeyed from PSU to the Oregon Zoo until rescue in the 1970s by then Tualatin city manager Yvonne Addington.



## Tualatin: Gateway to the Valley of the Giants?

**15-18,000 years ago:** Bretz (Missoula Floods) scour large area of Columbia River drainage

**10-15,000 years ago:** Large animals roamed our area as Ice Age ended

**Early 20<sup>th</sup> century:** Busy Tualatin farmers throw large "elephant" bones aside in lowlands

**1962:** PSU science students John George assisted by Ron and Gordon Sund, excavate remaining bones from bog near present-day Fred Meyer parking lot; identified as mastodon

**Late 1960s-early 1970s:** Workers near confluence of Fanno Creek and Tualatin River uncover vertebrae and sacrum (triangular bone in lower back) believed to be part of another mastodon. Finder Ernest Rowland later sells to Dr. Robert McDonald, an Aloha chiropractor.

**1969:** PSU staff give skeletal bones to Tualatin City Manager Yvonne Addington who stores in city shop.

**1980s:** City gives bones to Oregon Zoo; other bones from Tualatin mastodon travel to University of Oregon

**1992:** Tualatin citizens rally to have the bones returned by Zoo for display at city library/city hall

**2007:** John George gives Tualatin Mastodon tusk/molars he had kept since 1962 to Tualatin Historical Society for permanent display at Tualatin Heritage Center

**2008:** Another mastodon tusk dug near Tualatin-Sherwood Road

**2008:** New Tualatin Library refurbishes mastodon exhibit as icon near main entrance

**2008:** Dr. McDonald donates "mastodon" sacrum to Tualatin Historical Society

**2009:** Multi-ton chunks of non-native granite in Cipole area south of Herman Road (likely floated on ice flow during Bretz Floods) are moved to Fields Park in West Linn

**2008-2010:** Increased interest among nationwide scientists in our upper valley prehistoric animals

**2010:** PSU graduate student Danny Gilmour announces to THS members that the "mastodon sacrum" is actually from a Harlan ground sloth (likely 20 feet long, weighing 3 to 4 tons, plant eaters)

## Proposed Bridge Would Overlay Park and Trees

An early design to link the Bridgeport I-5 exit to Herman Road and Hwy 99 was moved to the front burner recently, riling up THS board members who have sent a letter of concern to the City. The proposal: build a new bridge across the Tualatin River parallel to the existing railway trestle. The likely impact: destruction of heritage trees near the original 1890 John L. Smith sawmill where Tualatin began. The grove now shades a quiet trail near the original park shelter and a yet-to-open new picnic and parking area. North Tualatin residents are just beginning to realize the impact of the proposed extension designed to funnel trucks and cars away from Sherwood/Tualatin Road between the existing railway right-of-way and Tualatin Country Club. Citing its mission to preserve and protect historical features, the THS board is requesting City Council to remove the bridge idea from a proposed continuation of the Urban Renewal District.

## Spring Time Means Planting Time



In celebration of Tualatin's reputation as a center for productive farms/gardens, a manicured golf course and our patio now featuring historic plants

soon to blossom, join us for two Saturday workshops this month: On Saturday, March 6 at 10:00 am. Larry and Caroline Lewis return for a workshop titled **"Raised Bed Gardening: Rethinking the Victory Garden"** focusing on organic vegetables and flowers.

DRG, who installed the patio and related plantings, will lead a workshop titled **"Rethinking Your Home Landscape Design"** on Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 am. Donations are welcome and pre-registration advised by calling 503.885.1926.



## First THS Scholarship Will Be Awarded This Spring



We are happy to report that we have received enough response from members to fully fund the THS scholarship program for 2010. We have submitted application guidelines to Tualatin High School and expect that the school will be receiving applicants within the next several weeks to meet the April 15 deadline. Our committee will meet April 21 to select the winner and we will present the award at the school on June 9.

Thanks to the following members who have made this possible by their generous donations: Evie Andrews, Art and Diane Barry, Jack Broome, Jack and Gerry Brosy, James and Ofilia Boyd, Duffy Hamilton, Lloyd and Helen Koch, Toni Martinazzi, Larry and Ellie McClure, Scott and Jane Morrill, Norm Parker, Frances Perry, Annette Saarinen, Rochelle Smith, and Christine Tunstall.

We hope to continue receiving donations so that we may continue to fund this program in future years. All donations are sheltered in a designated fund and will be used only for this purpose. Please consider a donation, large or small, for our effort to support youth in our community.

*~ THS Scholarship Committee*

## Lumiere Players Offer "Southern Hospitality"



Tualatin actors (standing, l to r) Gillian Stratton, Steve Hotaling, Tami Biehn, (seated, l to r) Preston Hiefield, Andrea McGrady, Doris Gleason, and (front) Boh Fisher are featured in "Southern Hospitality," playing March 5-28.

*Thank You*

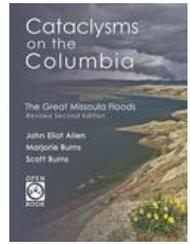
Membership is vital to our success. We are proud to list the following members who have renewed membership and joined for 2010 since our last newsletter. Welcome new members!

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| Anne Avery           | Marian Larson        |
| Alfred & Beth Bauman | Vicci Lee Martinazzi |
| Ed & Joanne Casey    | Tim & Bibiana        |
| Joan Fuller          | McHugh               |
| Peggy Gensman        | Hazel Mason          |
| Lloyd & Kay Gooding  | Lou Ogden            |
| Richard Hall         | Henry Oman           |
| & Rebecca Pratt      | Gay Paschoal         |
| June Halliday        | John & Veta Repcik   |
| Joan Hamilton        | Dian Ross            |
| Denver James &       | Shoshana Shuval      |
| Kristi Johnson-James | Arlene Stites        |
| JoAnn Johnson        | Don Sunde            |
| Mabel Johnson        | Annette Wager        |
| Tom & Lucy Laeser    |                      |

*This is an update as of 2/22/10 More renewals arrive daily. Please notify Norm Parker at 4nparker@gmail.com if your name is missing.*

**Scott Burns Book Now on Sale at THC**

Stop by the THS gift shop for a copy of the book "Cataclysms on the Columbia" revised by Scott Burns and students at PSU describing the Great Missoula Floods. The book was highlighted by Dr. Burns in his January presentation and is now on sale by special arrangement for \$24.95 with \$5 returning to THS for each book sold. Proceeds support Geology and English student scholarships.



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