



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010

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

Save the Date...



"The Valley of the Giants"

Each February, in commemoration of the opening of the Tualatin Heritage Center in 2006, the Tualatin Historical Society presents a look at some aspect of Tualatin history. The next "look" will take us back in time to what Tualatin was like some 15,000 years ago when the area was home to giant animals, long extinct, and was periodically deluged by tumultuous icy floods. It was the Ice Age, and the presenters will show and tell the story of our ice-age past and the evidence that is still visible today.



The family-friendly program will be presented at the historic Winona Grange Hall on Sunday afternoon, February 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Potluck November 7



Good old-fashioned potluck fare and conversation will highlight the 2010 annual

meeting of Tualatin Historical Society this Sunday, November 7 at Tualatin Heritage Center starting at 1:00 p.m. **There will be no regular meeting on November 3.** Bring your own table service as well as a favorite dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

The 2010 Lafky-Martinazzi Award for exceptional service to THS will be revealed during the afternoon.



Come celebrate accomplishments and anticipate activities on the horizon. Election of officers for 2011 will also be conducted.

You might also be a winner in our drawing for special prizes. All comers get a ticket. We might also test your Tualatin history IQ.

Annual THS Wine Tasting and Auction Nets \$6500

Despite the heavy rain, a fun evening was had by all. The event featuring Northwest wines, tasty food and live music from Island Trio helped approximately 100 guests raise \$6500 after expenses to help THS continue its mission. Proceeds will be used to advance the Society's preservation efforts, including storage of its collections.

The second annual affair was held Friday, Sept. 17 at the Heritage Center and on the patio. Thank you to all our generous members and businesses who not only donated goods and services for the silent auction but attended and made purchases. A special thanks goes to the many volunteers who spent countless hours to make this fundraiser a big success.



Above: Fun outside under the big top.



Above: The Emamis and friends enjoy some wine indoors.

President's Column

by Yvonne Addington

What's Going on Here?

Imagine this! As you come into downtown Tualatin from I-5 you see a life-size sculpture of a mastodon that actually lived in Tualatin over 10,000 years ago at the end of the Ice Age. You follow along a well marked interpretive trail to the city library and see the real thing (the mastodon bones dug up in 1962).

Walk to the Lake of the Commons to find a huge crystal-like replica of an iceberg on a piece of granite depicting the real ones that came here from Canada/Montana area with the ice age floods which were over 350 feet deep. Then walk on to the park to see life-sized replicas of giant prehistoric animals (including the ancient crawfish of course).

Further on is Ki-a-kuts Bridge, named to honor the Atfaliti Indians who trace their origins to the same period. See a replica of the giant ground sloth that was found near Fanno Creek, then stop back at the Heritage Center to see the actual mastodon molars and tusk and the actual sloth sacrum.

Along the way are placed large real granite erratics and replicas of other prehistoric mega fauna (bison, horse, mammoths) found in the area. Keep walking to Tigard and Durham parks and watch for many new trails planned. Drive a few miles east to Fields Park on the Tualatin River near West Linn and see the replica of the famous Willamette Meteorite, also brought here by the Missoula floods. Enjoy learning about the area during the Ice Age while getting your exercise or entertaining family and visitors.

Tualatin Historical Society has just received a new Ice Age conceptual plan that may help Tualatin become known as more than just a busy Portland suburb. It gets some of us quite excited about opportunities for economic, historical, cultural, educational, and scientific developments. Not since 1962 when Dr. John George and Ron Sund (PSU students looking for an easy grade) dug up the Tualatin Mastodon fossil, has much attention been given to the possibilities of telling the Tualatin area's Ice Age history to citizens and visitors alike.

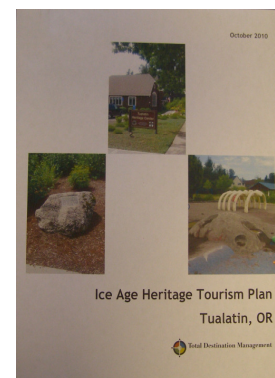
This Ice Age tourism plan was prepared by Bill Baker, a Tualatin resident and consultant known

for his expertise on how to attract visitors. Last spring the Society applied for a \$4,950 grant from the Washington County Visitor's Association in hopes of improving our Ice Age displays of Tualatin area fossils--mastodon tusk and molars, sacrum of a giant sloth, several granite erratics from icebergs that came here at the end of the Ice Age and some Indian relics found along the river and elsewhere in the area long ago. Rather than funding exhibits however, the Association asked us to start with a plan. They also wisely recommended Baker to conduct the study.

We provided Bill with a long list of people to talk to and, after his own extensive research, he came back with several recommendations to enhance Tualatin's image for residents as well as visitors. One of the first projects he recommended was to "connect the dots" with at least 20 organizations, universities and government entities involved in Ice Age activities in the area. He even challenged Tualatin to think of hosting an Ice Age Museum and Foundation. (Think LaBrea Tar Pits museum and displays). Our area is already part of a National Park Service study on the same topic.

But to take the first step, the Ice Age Institute (Lower Columbia River Chapter), the City and the Historical Society sponsored a joint lecture in September by Rick Thompson about the Ice Age in the upper Willamette Valley and what you can see of it today. His excellent presentation attracted over 125 people! Next we had a small walking tour of Baker's proposed Ice Age Trail in downtown Tualatin. There are other projects proposed to enhance Tualatin's identity.

Anyone interested in the Baker report can request a copy by calling the Heritage Center at 503.885.1926. Comments and suggestions are most welcome. Like THS Board member Art Sasaki said at the Board's meeting. "The city has unique possibilities with the plan--fossils, erratics and all—they don't make them anymore".



Ice Age Tourism Plan

~Yvonne

Tualatin River Steamboat Facts

By Jack Brosy

At the Tualatin Historical Society meeting last month, several people requested more information from me about my lifelong interest in steamboats on the Tualatin River. I have lived on the river since 1935. The steamboats were active on the Tualatin from 1852 to 1895. There is more to be told but here are some basic facts.

In order to get products, timber and passengers to the Portland market from as far west as Forest Grove (60 miles) before good roads and railroads were built, farmers used steamboats on the Tualatin River. The timber was mostly used to heat Oswego Iron Company's iron smelter. From 1869-1871, the Tualatin River Navigation and Manufacturing Company hand-dug the canal between the Tualatin River and Sucker Lake (now Lake Oswego). The route avoided the Willamette Falls by entering the mouth of Sucker Creek, across Sucker Lake to the canal leading to the Tualatin River. At the entry to the Tualatin River, go west. Colfax Landing was at the Tualatin River intersection (just east of current Tualatin boundaries) where steamboats were built, launched, repaired and where passengers could board.

Following are the steamboats that provided freight and passenger service on the Tualatin River:

The 'HOOSIER'. There were three "Hoosiers" – the first was an ex-longboat from a sailing vessel. It was converted with a steam-engine from a pile driver. Built at West Linn, then outfitted and launched as the first steamboat from Canemah, a landing on south side of Willamette River above the Willamette Falls....also first above the falls and first at Yamhill River and then the Tualatin in 1852. Built in 1850, 60 feet long, 10 foot beam. #2 unknown. #3 served on Yamhill River

The "YAMHILL". Replaced "Hoosier"#1. It took Hoosier's steam engine. It was built in 1860. It was 76 feet x 15 feet. "Yamhill" was called a steam "scow". It first served on Yamhill River up to Lafayette and McMinnville, then to the Tualatin in 1866. Some records say she was a sternwheeler, but small, slow and probably a side-wheeler.

The "ONWARD". There were two boats by that name. The first was built at Canemah. The second was built at "the Depot", later called Colfax, on the Tualatin at the River end of the Oswego Canal. The canal was hand dug in 1871. "Onward" was built in 1868 and navigated the canal (once) in 1873. She replaced "Yamhill" in 1871. "Onward" was built by Joseph Kellogg who was skipper of the "Yamhill". His family helped build the boat and Kellogg became captain with his family as crew. It was 98 feet long, 17 feet beam and 100 tons.



Steamboat from the 1800's.

The "COWLITZ". It was also built on the Tualatin and the "SWAN" probably built on Tualatin River at Willamette (below the rapids),

The "MINNEHAHA". It was 70 feet x 16 feet with a 3 foot draft, built on Lake Oswego, but made at least one run on the Tualatin River. Freight and passenger service by the "Onward" as far as Forest Grove continued for as long as 20 years until roads improved and railroads entered the valley. This was primarily a winter-time service interrupted by snags, floating logs and mosquitoes. The Tualatin River was declared un-navigable in 1895.



Unidentified steamboat from the THS photo archives.

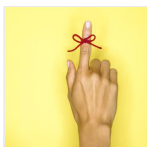
We Now Have a Piano!

Thanks to the Itel family, THS has temporarily accepted a small piano at the Heritage Center for use in concerts, recitals and music programs. Because of space limitations, it is difficult to accept many items we are offered and the piano will be on a trial basis for a year to see how it is used. Another recent offer is for two antique pieces of furniture: an oak wash stand and an oak dresser appraised at over \$2000 total. We may offer these on Craig's List or E-bay unless a Society member is interested in purchasing. These are now in the donor's condo across the street and we also have photos we can email.

Harvest Festival Celebrates Fall



Above: Thanks to Lee Farms, location of our September 25 Festival, and to Jon Hartman who supervised the apple cider press.



Just a reminder...

~ Please remember to park in the designated Heritage Center side of the Tualatin Police parking lot. We know that there are instances when that is not possible when the lot is full and you have to park outside of the designated area. But try to park there first. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

~ The Tualatin Heritage Center will be on the usual holiday schedule with the following closures:

November 25, 26

December 24 - December 31

We will reopen on January 3 at 10 a.m.

Membership Renewal

Time has arrived to renew your membership in the Society for 2011. We will be accepting membership renewals at the annual meeting on Sunday, November 7. We now accept Visa and MasterCard payments. Your membership is vital to our continued success and we very much appreciate your support.



New Members!

Please welcome:

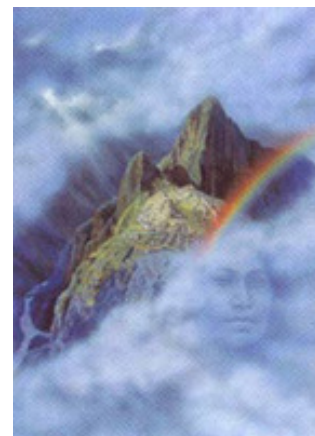
- ~ John Cody
- ~ Marge Congress
- ~ Clyde Kellay
- ~ Terrell Banks
- ~ Connie Graeber
- ~ Eleanor Antal

Congratulations Lumiere Players

The Tualatin City Council, on recommendation of the Arts Advisory Committee, has awarded Lumiere Players its first Arts Enhancement Award presented to founding producers Hal Long and Lynn Wolfe. Lumiere Players calls Tualatin Heritage Center its home and has a long record as a successful community theatre featuring performers of all ages.

Welcome Carole Hoss!

Stop by and say hello to our second valuable assistant keeping the Heritage Center a welcoming place to visit. Carole is happy to be here in "leafy" Oregon after living the last fourteen years in SF, New Mexico. A professional artist by trade, ask her to show you photos of her paintings. Carole comes to us through Experience Works which also arranged for Cynthia Paris to gain work skills with us since December. Both Cynthia and Carole will appreciate any job leads you have.



An oil painting done in honor of the holy city of the Inca, Macchu Picchu, high in the Andes of Peru.

Heritage Center November Event Calendar

Tualatin Historical Society Annual Meeting & Potluck November 7, 1:00 pm

For information, see Page 1 or call 503.885.1926.



Pilates Floor Class

November 4, 11, 18, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Beginners and intermediate welcome. \$10 drop-in per class, \$8 per with 10 class pass. Bring yoga mat. To sign-up, call Barbara at 503.939.5800.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop

November 5 & 19, 10:00-12:00 pm

Bring your project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.



Clothing Swap

Tuesday, November 9

7:00 – 8:00pm, Free!

Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse and attend this clothing swap. Bring something, take something. All sizes of women and teen clothing and accessories. This popular swap is held quarterly. For information, call 503.716.8910. Swap to save a planet...and some green!

Nature & Birdwalk

November 10, 9:00 am

Join the Wetlands Conservancy for a short walk around Sweek Pond. Call 503.691.1394 for information.

Dulcimer Jam

November 14, 1:00-3:00 pm

Donations welcome.



Tualatin Studio Tour

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

November 26, 27, 28

10:00-5:00pm

The Heritage Center is one of many locations where artists will be displaying their work. For information visit tualatinstudiotour.com.



December Event Calendar

Christmas at the Sweek House

December 1, 1:00 pm

Members of the Pratt-Broome family, who restored the 1858 Sweek House, Tualatin's only listing on the National Registry of Historic Places, share holiday memories and artifacts from days gone by. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.



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Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard

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Start your holiday shopping here!

Why not give a gift of Tualatin history?

Our Heritage Center "Store" has a wide variety of items that capture the memories, the visuals and even the tastes of early Tualatin.

Books

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.

Cataclysms on the Columbia: The Great Missoula Floods (2009 edition) by Scott Burns, Majorie Burns and John Eliot Allen

Autographed copy \$25 (add \$3 for postage)

Notecards

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

New! The Robbins Rose note card \$3.00 each



Heritage Jams & Jellies

\$5 and \$2 (Glenmore Farms is the original name of the Byrom place.)

~Now accepting VISA and MasterCard!

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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

Corrections:

The Tualatin Historical Society strives to be accurate, fair and complete in its coverage, and corrects significant errors of fact. If you see an error in the newsletter, please call 503.885.1926 or email us at larry.mcclure@gmail.com or lindy.thc@gmail.com. Thank you.

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