



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

MAY/JUNE 2011

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

Save the Date...

**"Up Fanno Creek"
Wednesday, June 15
Tualatin Heritage Center
7:00pm
Donations accepted**

Eric Lindstrom is in the final stages of a new book about one of the Tualatin River's main tributaries, Fanno Creek, which enters just below Ki-a-Kuts Bridge. The mouth of Fanno Creek was the location of an important Atfaliti Indian artifact. The Harlan ground sloth sacrum on display at Tualatin Heritage Center was excavated nearby. Eric has interviewed hundreds of residents and experts about this important Washington County watershed and the history it has nourished. He will describe his research and share readings from the manuscript. For information, call 503.885.1926.



Above: Fanno Creek joins the Tualatin River near the Ki-a-kuts Bridge.

Flying High: The Latest at Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum

Larry Wood, executive director of the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville, describes the latest exhibits and events at Oregon's iconic museum of air and space flight at the May monthly meeting of Tualatin Historical Society, **Wednesday, May 4 at 1:00 pm** at the Tualatin Heritage Center.

Woods is a retired U.S. Marine Corps colonel who saw active duty in Vietnam with over 250 missions as a fighter pilot. His assignments have been as a flight instructor, maintenance officer, commanding officer and War College professor. Speaking from his own experience, and now as a museum overseer, Wood will review the history of the Evergreen

campus which includes the famous Spruce Goose and now will soon receive space shuttle training modules as those missions end.



*Although perhaps best known for their centerpiece, the original Spruce Goose (photo above), the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum is home to over 200 aircraft and exhibits.
~ photo courtesy of Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum.*

The Oregon Garden Celebrates 10 Years



Join us at the Tualatin Heritage Center on **Wednesday, June 1 at 1:00 pm** and hear from the Master Gardeners who are celebrating the 10th anniversary of The Oregon Garden in Silverton. The *Lewis and Clark Garden*, a living museum of the many botanical finds of Lewis and Clark is just one of the many new gardens that are featured

today. Home gardeners will find this program very informative.

Monthly program is sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. All are welcomed.



The Oregon Garden welcomes visitors with more than 20 specialty gardens and features. The "Northwest Garden" is featured above.

What's going on here?

by THS President Yvonne Addington

Spring has finally arrived and our Heritage Garden will soon be planted by volunteers with flowers donated by the Garden Center. Already the Tualatin Manette (Lafky) iris are stretching higher and the Robbins rose bushes are leafing out. Wonder what the farmers of the 1900s would say about this winter's weather? Extreme? And what would they say about the pelican and all the geese that seem to be hanging out here year-round? There's still lots happening in the area of Tualatin's history, rain or shine. Here is a status report for just some of the projects we are working on. Join us if you are interested.

Where did the old Federal fire truck go?



Photo above: Bill Barngrover, Jr. at the wheel of the first Tualatin Fire Department fire truck in the early 1940s.

All the time the Tualatin Fire Department History Committee has been meeting, we have been asking interviewees if they know where the first fire department truck, a Federal, is now? Still no answers that will lead us to it. Do you have a clue? If so, call the Center.

Sign Up Now for Fire Department History Book



Photo: Bob Romine, retired TRFPD fire fighter, recently donated two very old fire hose nozzles and two plaques that hung in Tualatin's second fire station on 84th and Seneca Street. They were rescued when the fire station was about to be demolished.

The committee is about to wrap up its work. Are there still stories, pictures or memorabilia you may have to add to the collection? We expect a late summer or fall printing of the Tualatin Fire Department

and Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District History (1935-1989). Please register your interest in obtaining a copy so we know how many to print.

U.S. Coast Geodetic Survey Marker Given to THS



Left: Paul Hennon, City of Tualatin, presented THS with the bronze survey marker that was imbedded in the steps of the old brick store for 73 years. It reads: "U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey and State Survey Station No. Y280—Elevation 123'. 1938." It has been replaced by a new marker.

More Tualatin Mastodon Bones Now at Library



Above: Mike Full, Yamhill River fossil collector, examines Tualatin Mastodon skeleton to help identify of 7 more of its bones recently loaned permanently by the University of Oregon. The bones and a graphic are now on display in the smaller THS library cases in the reading room.

We are still networking with people interested in the Tualatin area's Ice Age floods and ancient animals. If you have information about erratics or prehistoric animal bones, please contact us. Someday we may be part of the national Ice Age Trail with our own interpretive signs describing geologic landmarks and mega-fauna bones close by. So what do you think about a natural history museum right here in Tualatin?

~Yvonne

Nostalgia Sale Attracts Curious Visitors

Your spring housecleaning of collectibles and antiques as well as board-approved "deaccessioning" of items with questionable links to Tualatin turned out to be a fun event that also netted more than \$400 for the Society budget. Buyers included a 17-year old member of Beaverton Historical Society whose passion is local and state history, particularly maps. Local antique dealers also spotted some bargains. Thanks particularly to THS members Richard Hager who spent several hours the day before on pricing and to Charlie Harbick of Sherwood's Railroad Street & Antique Mall who helped verify suggested prices. This one-time sale replaced the Antique Appraisal event held in other years.

Riding the Rails

Join THS board member Art Sasaki on the first "train trek" adventure for Summer 2011 on Thursday, June 23 from 8:45am-4:30pm. Your cost will be your Tri-Met day pass. We'll take the last WES train of the morning from Tualatin station, connect with Max and head north to visit the memorial for the WWII Japanese internment processing center at Expo, then head over to the east side of Portland for lunch on our own, with a special side trip on the new Max line heading south to Clackamas Town Center. **Call 503.885.1926 to reserve your place by noon on June 22.** For our return; we catch the first WES heading to Tualatin that afternoon. Some walking required; all ages welcome.

Scholarship Fund Approaches \$3,000

 Norm Parker, chair of the THS Scholarship Committee, reports the donation campaign has exceeded expectations well above the \$2,000 initial target. Seventeen donors made this possible and the \$830 additional funds primes the pump for 2012. The Scholarship Committee met in late April to choose this year's winner who will be presented the award at a May 31 school celebration and will also be invited to a THS meeting in the future. "Thank you all for the support for this very worthwhile Society program," says Norm.

THS Partners Up with Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge

The May 12-15 Bird Festival at the Refuge is reaching out to local partners this year to include a look at local natural history beyond its own borders. Tualatin Heritage Center will be open Friday as well as Saturday to welcome out of town visitors wanting to see our displays of giant animal bones and erratic (rocks floated on ice rafts). Atfaliti Indian artifacts and our other local history information will also be promoted. DVDs about the Floods will be shown at intervals during each day.



Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is the sponsor for this 4-day celebration of our amazing avian friends! Over 50 lectures, workshops, walks, tours, and hand-on activities are planned from beginning bird walks to special photography paddles along the Tualatin River.

Our THS partner, Lower Columbia Chapter/Ice Age Floods Institute, is sponsoring narrated half-day deluxe motor coach tours on Saturday, May 14 around the Tualatin/Sherwood area to examine the Tonquin, Sherwood, and Nyberg Creek flood channels, Koller wetlands, kolk lakes and impressive giant ripple marks left by the waters. Stops at the library and heritage center will examine mega-fauna bones and an opportunity to buy Ice Age books, maps and THS products.

The two trips are led by Rick Thompson whose popular lecture in September on the Ice Age floods filled the library community room. In addition to pointing out fascinating evidence at each site (things you may not have noticed before), Rick will provide those who register with a detailed map and printed background information for later driving tours with your own tour group. The coach tour starts and ends at the Sherwood Home Depot parking lot where a shuttle will then take you to the Refuge grounds where no parking is available that day. Call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144 for details on times. Ice Age Floods Institute members get a discounted rate of \$40 and non-members will pay \$55 for the luxury coach ride, narration and snacks. For more details on the wide-ranging activities at the Refuge that weekend, see www.tualatinbirdfestival.org

THS Photo Collection Goes High-Tech

~ submitted by Karen Lafky Nygaard

The Tualatin Historical Society has an enviable collection of photographs of Tualatin's people and places, beginning with a tintype of Oregon Trail settlers Billy Greenwood, Adam Shaver and Joe Galbreath. The collection continues to grow as visitors bring in a precious print and ask if we'd like to have it, to which the answer is generally YES.

For precious pictures that the owners are not ready to part with, there is now a scanner in the office, so photographs can be scanned on the spot and returned. Lindy Hughes and volunteer Leslie Rasor are skilled in using the scanner.

Barbara and Ken Stinger are doing the mammoth job of organizing and digitizing the collection in their home office. About 1600 photos have been digitized to date and are stored on the Society's computer in the Center in a program called "Thumbs Plus." Thumbprints of all the digitized photos can be viewed in a white notebook kept in the Center library.

None of the original photos that we have collected have been discarded. They are being stored in archival-grade sleeves and boxes.

It's not a done deal yet, however. Duffy Hamilton, the earlier keeper of the photo archive, included available descriptive metadata on the photos and it is listed in the Thumbs Plus program, and her files contain original descriptions of many of them. But a lot of the pictures lack identification. Portraits of ladies in turn-of-the-century dresses, snapshots of cute kids at play, and old folks on front porches—who are they and when were they taken?—not one word on the back of some of these gems!

Wagons Hit the Oregon Trail for 5th Year

Fourth graders from all three Tualatin elementary schools will again learn how the settlers built new lives in Oregon during the annual four-day living history days May 16-19.

When they pull their wagons to Tualatin Heritage Center each day, dozens of volunteers provide hands-on experience considered normal 150 years ago: churning butter, scrubbing laundry on a wash board with smelly soap, sewing buttons on clothing, playing non-electronic games, finding their Tualatin donation land claim, planting a garden, and sitting quietly on a bench while doing arithmetic on their slates in a one-

So beginning with this issue, we'll print a few pictures and ask readers if they can help us identify them. We begin with some colorful old barns.

Who Built These Barns?



Barn # 1



Barn # 2

Barn # 3



Barn # 4

These pictures of old barns, presumably in Tualatin once, and maybe still, are a mystery. They've been added to the Society's photo collection over the years with no identification. If readers know where any of them are and on whose farm they once stood, please let us know.

room school. Students also guess how THS pioneer artifacts from days gone by were used (coffee and corn grinder, butter molds, etc.)

Christine Tunstall, Evie Andrews, and Barbara Stinger are the trail masters for this huge effort which requires dozens of volunteers each day. Christine reports many calls already from folks willing to spend about 5 hours each day or all four days, plus assisting with set up and clean up. If you can't personally help, bringing food for volunteers is always welcome. Students eat their lunches at the community park.

Call 503.885.1926 if you can help or donate food.

Heritage Center May Event Calendar

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Wednesday, May 4, 1:00pm

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Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Friday, May 6 and 27, 10:00am - Noon

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

Pilates

Thursdays, May 5, 12, 26, no class on may 19

11:-30am – 12:30pm

\$10 per class drop-in/ \$8 per class w/ 10 class pass

Barbara Dieringer leads this class. Pilates will safely nourish your back, your abdominals and restore elasticity to your entire body.

Places to Visit, People to Meet

Monday, May 9, 1:00- 3:00pm

This month's Wanderlust Support Group shares information, photos and experiences about traveling around England, Scotland, and Wales. Call 503-885-1926 for the scheduled locations this month or to get on the mailing list.

Clothing Swap

Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 – 8:00pm

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



Ice age Exhibits at the Heritage Center

May 13 & 14, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Motorcoach Tours of Tualatin - Sherwood Ice age Floods landmarks

May 14, See page 3 for details.

Dulcimer Jam

Sunday, May 15, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Free! Donations accepted.

Bird and Nature Walk

Tuesday, May 17, 8:00am

Meet at the Heritage Center

This 1 ½ hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.691.1394.



June Event Calendar

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Barbara Dieringer leads this class. Pilates will safely nourish your back, your abdominals and restore elasticity to your entire body. Its energizing and restorative qualities leave you feeling uplifted and energized!

Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Friday, June 3 and 24, 10:00am - Noon

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

Dulcimer Concert

Sunday, June 5, 7:00pm

Maddie Mac Neil, internationally-known vocalist and hammered and mountain dulcimer performer will be giving a "house concert" at the Heritage Center. For tickets and information, call 503.885.1502.

Bird and Nature Walk

Wednesday, June 8, 8:00am

This 1 ½ hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.691.1394.

Dulcimer Jam

Sunday, June 12, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Free! Donations accepted.

Enjoy the beautiful sounds of one of the oldest instruments around.

Places to Visit, People to Meet

Monday, June 13, 1:00- 3:00pm

This month's Wanderlust Support Group shares information, photos and experiences about traveling around the world. Experienced travelers and daydreamers welcome, along with suggestions for future topics. Call 503.885.1926 for the scheduled locations this month or to get on the mailing list.



