



# Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

MARCH/APRIL 2012

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

## Save the Date...

Nyberg Protest Saves  
Chestnut Tree  
Thursday, March 22  
7:00 pm



A spreading chestnut tree still standing at the southbound Tualatin Exit 289 ramp is the focus of an evening presentation at Tualatin Heritage Center by Arne Nyberg whose family defied highway engineers to remove the beautiful specimen. Nyberg is active in statewide efforts to identify and save historic trees and will provide information on how to get involved in local Arbor Week activities in April.



*Photo above:  
The Nyberg Chestnut tree with the Sweetbrier Hotel in the background and I-5 without traffic.*

## Genealogy, Past and Present, Finding Out Who You Are

Get an overview of how to begin tracing your family tree with officer, Carol Surrency of the Genealogical Society of Washington County Oregon (GSWCO).

GSWCO is a group founded to help people do their own research and preservation of their family heritage. Join us for this informative presentation on **Wednesday, March 7 at 1:00 pm** at the Tualatin Heritage Center.

Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.



## The Trail to Oregon and an 1860 Blended Family



*Photo above:  
Mark and Donna Hinds dress in authentic costume for a historical look of the past for a performance.*

William Barlow was 17 when his family opened the Barlow Road, a shorter route to Oregon City around Mt. Hood. He later became an important resident of Oregon City where he met Martha who had immigrated to Oregon with a black woman friend. The three opened their home to many children orphaned on the Oregon Trail. Donna and Mark Hinds, from the Friends of Champoege, perform this vignette in authentic costume.

Join us for this interesting program on **Wednesday, April 4, 1:00 pm** at the Heritage Center. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.



## President's Column

From Co-Presidents Larry McClure & Norman Parker

February's double-header anniversary celebrations for Tualatin Historical Society and the Heritage Center were memorable indeed. They also illustrate the scope of our work from pre-historic times to modern-day realities. Our Grand Ronde Tribal friends taught us how Atfaliti/Kalapuya lifeways before European settlement are still being taught to new generations of their native-blooded descendants today. Thanks to coordinator Loyce Martinazzi for making the outstanding February 12 event happen. Two weeks later our city's name carried forward by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue was commemorated in an open house and wonderful new THS book that chronicles the history of Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District. Thanks to Yvonne Addington for shepherding both the book and THS involvement at the third fire station we still call our own. For members of the Grand Ronde Tribe, oral history passed down in stories and songs is a tradition still very much alive. The Fire Department History Committee was able to recapture considerable information despite records being thrown away earlier. Those of us living today must commit to writing down family and organization memories, identifying photos, and describing noteworthy items that will help assure future generations can better appreciate their heritage. Watch for future THS programs that will help you in that process, such as the introduction to genealogy program coming Wednesday, March 7.

~ Larry and Norm

## Arbor Week Good Time to Remember Special Persons

Ten years ago local residents honored special persons with trees for Jurgens Park. Stroll the paths today and you'll see plaques with these inscriptions: the grateful family of Ruth Prier; family of Raymond and Ger-tie Galbreath; Marmie and Peaches, The Mole Patrol; Louis and Mary Sagert; the Sander Family ("Stay the Course"); the family of Victor Pelletier; Shelly and John Ellett; Chester Fischbuch; the Re family; 2000 TLL Softball World Series Team; Tualatin Historical Society; John and Margaret Bowles; Brownie Troop 2161: Amanda, Heidi, Jessica, Laura, Lindsay, Maria Shelby; Jurgens/Martinazzi Families; Stephen and Barbara, Love Forever; Jared W. Hansard; John and Pauline Jurgens; Hilary Titus; Hope Titus; Randy Pitchford; Jackie Rose Hennon; Brownie Troop 223; the Westphal family; Bruce, Mary, Connie, Diana, Caroline Swanson; the Eric and Tracy Torgeson family; the Boatsman family; Micki Sullivan; Nicholas Robert Doades; Jessie.



For information on how to donate trees today, contact Carl Switzer, Director, Tualatin City Parks at 503.691.3064. Photo courtesy of the City of Tualatin.

## Change a Life for the Better



What better investment can any of us make than supporting the hopes and dreams of a young person?

We will again be sponsoring a scholarship for a Tualatin High School senior to attend an Oregon college or university. This will be the third year we have done this important community service. Our first two student recipients had very impressive credentials and aspirations and both are doing very well in their college careers. The funding for these scholarships comes from membership donations and not

from our budget. So far we have five people who have made donations in 2012 and we are hopeful for more so that we can continue into future years. We would appreciate if you can support this important cause.

~ The Scholarship Committee

Thank you to the following donors:

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## February 12 Anniversary Event Honors Our Native Heritage

A packed house at the Winona Grange February 12 welcomed a contingent of Grand Ronde Tribe members sharing stories and crafts native people still carry forward today. This was the annual anniversary event celebrating Tualatin Historical Society and the Heritage Center. Mayor Lou Ogden presented a special plaque recognizing Tualatin’s location on Atfaliti Indian homelands.

The Grand Ronde Confederation represents the remaining 27 tribes, including our own Atfaliti Indians, who were forced to their present-day reservation in the 1880s from their traditional territory stretching from the Willamette Valley to the California border. Tualatin’s Ki-a-Kuts Pedestrian Bridge is named for the Atfaliti headman who tried his best to build bridges of understanding between his people and the early settlers in Washington County. David Lewis, Cultural Resources Director for the tribe today, described events of that period and showed a photo of Lewis Kenoyer, the last Atfaliti speaker. THS member Duffy Hamilton observed that one of her relatives is named Kenoyer. The THS library has several reference materials on this history available for check out.

During the afternoon, Indian drummers and singers performed and dancers demonstrated traditional steps which have been passed down for centuries. Youth chosen as royalty for tribal celebrations were also introduced. Of particular interest were native arts available for sale including items made of cedar and dentalium (valuable shells from waters off British Columbia).

Gifts were exchanged by both cultures to express appreciation for our shared heritage. The February anniversary events began as a way to celebrate the opening of Tualatin Heritage Center in 2006, but participation has grown larger than the Center can accommodate. February is also Oregon’s birthday month.

**Photos right:**

*A full day of native culture was enjoyed by all. Photos are courtesy of THS board member, Art Sasaki.*

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## Tualatin's Fire Department's 75-Year History Celebrated

After more than two years of work by those who were part of the story, the history of fire protection in Tualatin from 1937 to 1989 was celebrated February 25 at an open house at the third location of the city's station on Tualatin-Sherwood Road. This was also the exact birthday of Tualatin's first fire chief Bill Barngrover, many of whose descendants attended the party.

An estimated 250 residents and visitors (including former volunteers and their families) enjoyed displays of old equipment, an antique fire truck from Sherwood and took away their first-edition books highlighting the 50-year history. Editor in Chief was Yvonne Addington with additional editing and technical support from Yvette and Annette Saarinen (their father and other relatives were early volunteers) and Maxine Addington, Yvonne's daughter. The 100-page volume summarizes key events and milestones as volunteers moved from a garage at City Hall (located near Clark Lumber where ceramic pots are sold today) to its own pumice stone building west of Winona Grange (now a city parking lot.) Tualatin's department saw its name retained by today's 21-station Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue agency now covering 9 cities and unincorporated portions of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties.

Stories in the book include the historic Ladd House destruction which was the impetus for a local fire station. Other memories reveal how volunteers became involved with civil defense in World War II, the mid-air collision of two military airplanes, the collapse of Boones Ferry Bridge over the Tualatin River, two Nyberg children accidentally setting the family barn on fire (their father was one of the volunteers!), a major fire at the Hervin dog food plant (Tualatin's major employer at the time), and a fireman's discovery of a woman's body across from Tualatin Country Club later determined to be a Green River Killer victim.

Available for \$20 at Tualatin Heritage Center, proceeds from sales will be set aside by THS for future reprints. THS and TVF&R contributed \$1000 each to the initial production. The idea for the book started with THS member Henrietta (Rita) Barngrover, daughter of the first fire chief, who was concerned that these memories would be lost if the Society didn't move quickly.

Retired TRFPD firefighters composed the core THS Fire History Committee and attended most of the monthly meetings. They guided the work, contacted former firefighters, researched and wrote some of the stories. These hard workers were Jerry Hess, Gordon Scott, Bob Romine, Don Anderson, Craig Daufel, Ken Warren; Brian Clopton (present TVF&R Board member) and Brian Barker (present Public Information Officer and contact with current TVF&R administration). Barngrover family members at almost every meeting were: Henrietta "Rita" Barngrover Conover, daughter of first Fire Chief William Barngrover; John and Veta Barngrover Repcik (Veta granddaughter); Dona Andrews Adams (granddaughter); Don Adams (great grandson). A significant number of photographs were loaned by retired firefighters Gary Toll of Nevada and Joe Martin of Sherwood. One of the committee members traveled monthly from Lacey WA to help.

Speakers at the open house included Tualatin Mayor Lou Ogden, TVF&R Chief Michael Duyck, THS co-president Norm Parker, and past THS president Yvonne Addington who coordinated the overall project. Other key personnel were Brian Barker (TFV&R Public information Officer) and Case Brown (Tualatin Station captain).

According to a former TRFPD employee, most records from Tualatin Fire Department (1937-46), Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District (1946-1989) were destroyed by TRFPD just prior to its merger with TVF&R. "It took over two years to re-create just some of the Tualatin area's 75-year fire history and more photos and anecdotes are still coming in" Yvonne said."

Exhibits of original fire department equipment were prepared by Ken Warren, one of the early volunteers. A special display of old firemen's badges was prepared by Don Adams, great grandson of Chief Barngrover. Posters showing these badges can be ordered through THS.

Giving advice on the book before she died last year, Karen Lafky Nygaard (a co-founder of THS) said "make it a personal reflection of the way things used to be, the recollection of the community, the sad and glad stories, how Tualatin Fire Department became a center of community activities and include the memories of as many persons as possible." First reviews indicate her guidelines were followed.

Photos below are from the 75th anniversary of the Tualatin Fire Dept. now *Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue* and the THS book release of *Tualatin Fire Protection 1937-1989*. Photos were provided by THS vice-president, Art Sasaki.



### The Demise of an Ice Age Giant

A teacher and one of his Woodburn students will share the spotlight at the **April 19** joint program sponsored by THS and the Ice Age Floods Institute/ Lower Columbia Chapter. The presentation begins at **7:00 pm at the Heritage Center**.

David Ellingson is a Woodburn High School science teacher who engages his students in on-site paleontology studies at the school campus where they've found and reconstructed the bones of a *Bison antiquus*. Each year students reassemble more pieces and it now stands 8 ft high on the back wall of his classroom. Professionals help him each year; a city back hoe digs out more remains in the fall (which means a lot of bones get broken).

WHS student Alex Velasco will describe his own senior research project based on the paleontological work. He determined that the giant critter likely died from cancer of the bone.

Ellingson was one of the presenters at the 2011 THS anniversary celebration at Winona Grange. Attendees at the April 19 meeting will be able to sign up for a visit to the Woodburn school later this year.



*Photo above: David Ellingson (pictured far right), Woodburn High School students and the Bison Antiquus bones in his classroom.*

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## Membership Renewal

Time has arrived to renew your membership in the Society for 2012. Your membership is vital to our continued success and we very much appreciate your support.



**New member,**  
Nick Hornshoh!

### Renewals as of 1/25/12:

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 Toni Anderson  
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 Brian Clopton  
 Henrietta Conover  
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### Lumiere Players Spring Production is Yummy!

Lumiere Players present "The Red Velvet Cake War", a riotously funny Southern-fried comedy. The three Verdeen cousins could not have picked a worse time to throw their family reunion. They face an uphill battle as a parade of wildly eccentric Verdeens gathers on the hottest day of July, smack-dab in the middle of Texas tornado season. Things spin hilariously out of control as this fast-paced romp barrels toward its uproarious climax. You won't want to miss this! For reservations, call 503.692.9796. Performance dates are listed in this newsletter on the Heritage Center calendar page.

**Enter to win!**  
**Red Velvet Cake Contest**  
 Saturday, March 3, 1-3 pm  
 Tualatin Heritage Center  
 Bring 1/2 cake for display and cake walk and 1/2 half for judging. Prizes awarded in 1st, 2nd, 3rd divisions.  
 Winners announced at 1:30.



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Call 503.692.9796 for details.



## Heritage Center March Event Calendar

### How Do I Get Started With Genealogy?

**Wednesday, March 7, 1:00pm**

Get an overview of how to begin tracing your family tree with an officer, Carol Surrency of the Washington County Genealogical Society. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

### Thursday Pilates

**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 11:30am–12:30pm**

**\$10 per class drop-in/ \$8 per class with 10 class pass**

Barbara Dieringer leads this class. Pilates will safely nourish your back, your abdominals and restore elasticity to your entire body. For information, call 503.939.5800.

### Knitting and Crochet Workshop

**Fridays, March 2 & 16, 10:00am-Noon**

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

### Bird and Nature Walk

**Wednesday, March 6, 9:00am**

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

### Lumiere Players Spring Production

**Friday/Saturday, March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, April 6, 7, 7:30pm, Sunday, March 18, 25, April 1, 2:00pm, \$10 THS member, resident, seniors, students, \$12 nonresident**

Lumiere Players present "The Red Velvet Cake War" You won't want to miss this one! Details on page 6. For reservations, call 503.692.9796.

### Lunch Hour Celtic Solo Concert Series

**Wednesday, March 21, 12:15pm-1:15pm, \$10**

Bring your sack lunch and enjoy an hour of some of the best Irish music by some of the top players in the world! S&A Irish Entertainment presents **Peter Yeates**, veteran singer/songwriter/guitarist from Dublin Ireland. For information, call 503.691.2078.

### Nyberg Protest Saves Chestnut Tree

**Thursday, March 22, 7:00 pm**

See page 1 for details.

## April Event Calendar



### The Trail to Oregon and an 1860 Blended Family

**Wednesday, April 4, 1:00pm**

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### Pilates

**Thursdays, 5, 12, 19, 26, 11:30am–12:30pm**

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### Knitting and Crochet Workshop

**Fridays, April 6 & 20, 10:00am-Noon**

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### Bird and Nature Walk

**Thursday, April 12, 8:00am**

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

### Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising

**Saturday, April 14, time tbd**

It's an encore performance of **Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising** with special guest **Brian Oberlin** at the historic Tualatin Heritage Center!! Last year this show sold out! Come early to get a good seat. It's not only a guaranteed night of great music and fun, but we'll also be celebrating Kathy's 50th birthday! For more information call 503-691-1177.

### Lunch Hour Celtic Solo Concert Series

**Wednesday, April 18, 12:15pm-1:15pm, \$10**

Bring your sack lunch and enjoy an hour of some of the best Irish music by some of the top players in the world! S&A Irish Entertainment presents **Kevin Carr**, soulful and exciting fiddle player, whose style draws from Irish, Quebecois, Appalachian and bagpiping roots. His performances are a mix of stories, fiddle and pipe tunes. For information, call 503.691.2078.

### Ice Age Program

**The Demise of an Ice Age Giant**

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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

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