



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

MAY/JUNE 2012

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

Save the Date...

THS Evening Program

Pacific Northwest Megaflooding: Why We Like Our Region So Much

**Wednesday, May 9
7:00pm**

Donations accepted

A "scientist of scenery" will describe how the Ice Age Floods created the views we enjoy today. **Jim O'Connor** is a Pacific Northwest native long interested in the processes and events that shape the remarkable and diverse landscapes of the Northwest. Following this interest with a Geological Science major at University of Washington and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Arizona, he has spent the last 20+ years focused on the "science of scenery" (as ascribed to the field of geomorphology). For the last 16 years O'Connor has been working at the U.S. Geological Survey Water Science Center in Portland, Oregon.



Narrated Tour of Clackamas County Ice Age Features

Saturday, May 12

See page 3 of this newsletter for more information about this guided bus tour.

Protecting Those Precious Kodak Moments



Wayne Welch, (left) who operated Oregon Photo in Tualatin for many years, will provide pointers and techniques for documenting and preserving old photos. Wayne will also describe how to assure that newer photography technologies will be accessible for future generations.

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Hmmm, what will Wayne say about this old photo?

Mt Hood: History and Hazards and its relationship to the Bull Run Watershed

William "Willie" Scott, research geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, Volcano Science Center, Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver will share historical insights and current research on Oregon's iconic Mt. Hood easily viewed from Tualatin. Dr. Scott will also correct a common assumption on the Bull Run Watershed, source of Tualatin's drinking water. Willie's volcano-related projects at USGS include volcanic history, eruptive process, and volcanic hazard studies in central Oregon and at Mount Hood, as well as at volcanoes in Latin America and Alaska. He specializes in eruptive

processes and hazards at erupting volcanoes as an aid in interpretation of prehistoric events.

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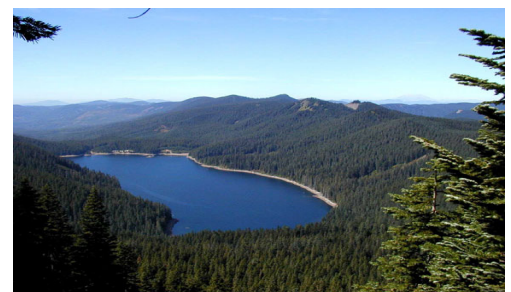


Photo above: Beautiful aerial view of the Bull Run Watershed.

President's Column

From Co-Presidents Larry McClure & Norman Parker

Greetings!

We continue to be busy fulfilling the mission of the Society as well as managing the Heritage Center for the City of Tualatin. We have had a very good year to date as we try to strike a balance between these goals. Some of our activities and rentals are not necessarily history oriented but they do pay our bills. Positive feedback keeps coming on our February Kalapuya Indian and fire department history events and interesting monthly programs.

Our membership is expanding and our board and committees are functioning well. Just this month we received three new members. One is Nathan Andrews, a descendent of early settlers and a member of several prominent Tualatin families. Nathan was the first recipient of our THS scholarship in 2010 and is currently a student at Clackamas Community College with the goal of becoming a doctor. At twenty, he is our youngest member.

We have made a special effort this year to get more committee involvement in the organization and are making real progress. Much of the society's work is now being done by these committees with board oversight and approval. An example is the great work our archives and collections committee is doing in organizing, cataloging and displaying our artifacts. Tote and Stow has donated an additional storage unit and Spacesaver Specialists, Inc has donated and installed shelving at no cost. Now we have more room to better organize our collection. We are always looking for volunteers so please tell us your interests and availability to help out.

At our March board meeting it was decided to give free membership to members when they reach their 90th birthday. Some may be a bit reserved about divulging their age but just let Lindy, Karin or Norm know you are ready for a free membership and we can keep that secret if you wish.

In April, we lost two members and friends when Mary Ann Hulquist and Nancy Nyberg passed away. They will be missed but not forgotten. May bright spring days remind us of their warmth and cheery smiles.

~ Larry and Norm



Memorial Day Ceremony at Winona Cemetery Features Historical Society Members

Winona Cemetery will again honor veterans on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 with a public ceremony at 11 a.m. THS member Bill Gleason will deliver remarks. Bill's career ranged from farm boy to WWII followed by teaching music in Portland Public Schools and service on Tualatin's City Council. Bill's military service included playing in a band in FDR's funeral procession.

Other features this year include the Tualatin Police Honor Guard, a static display by members of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, an Air Force National Guard fly-over and a former WWII submariner/bugler playing taps THS member Dale Potts will serve as M.C.

THS member Kathy Walsh annually coordinates placement of American flags on veterans' graves by local scouts. Lawn chairs are suggested as there is no public seating at the cemetery. Contact person is Dale Potts (503.692.1832).

June 26 Lunch Celebrating Country Club Centennial Includes Old-timers Sharing Memories

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Tualatin Country Club founded originally because Portland's Jewish community was forbidden to join social clubs or play golf anywhere in the area. 103-year old Curtis Tigard, one of the first five non-Jewish members allowed to join in 1964, will be one of several long-time members and staff who will share stories of earlier days on Tuesday, June 26. There are a few seats left for this event which was an auction item last September. Contact larry.mcclure@gmail.com if you would like to participate. There will be a guided tour of the course and clubhouse featuring a number of historical items now installed as part of the centennial celebration.



Mark your calendar and save the date!
Join us on **September 14** for our Fourth Annual Wine, Food, and Silent Auction event. This event is Tualatin Historical Society's major fundraiser.

Tualatin Elementary Third Graders Study Local History

by Loyce Martinazzi

Third grade teachers at Tualatin Elementary School assigned an interesting project to their young students this winter. Copies of pages from *Tualatin...From the Beginning*, were passed out to the students who were asked to write up the topic in their own words and draw an appropriate illustration. A Tualatin time line, using the student's finished papers, was mounted on the hall wall.

Evie Andrews, a former Oregon Teacher of the Year who still teaches at Tualatin Elementary occasionally, and I were invited to visit the combined classes. Copies of the individual pages were projected and each child raised their hand when theirs was shown. I read their stories, praised each student, and made a correction where necessary.

We were impressed with such a novel way of teaching local history. During the class time, the children were listening intently and at the end asked interesting questions.

While telling about the new THS fire department history book, I mentioned that when the fire siren used to sound each man in the community left what he was doing to go fight the fire. No one knew when his house or barn would go up in flames next. I said that my dad heard the siren one day and left me the cow to finish milking. I said I stripped the cow dry. One girl said "Oh, you got to milk a cow? How awesome you got to milk a cow?" I tried not to chuckle as I told the girl that it wasn't a matter of getting to milk a cow but that cow has to be milked every night and morning, rain or shine.

Kids today do not know where water comes from. While telling what life was like in Tualatin in the 1940s, I mentioned we did not shampoo our hair or bathe every day. "Eew" was the comment. (We washed all over with a washcloth, soap and warm water, however.) The kids were puzzled. "Didn't you have very much water?" one girl asked. "No, we did not have much water," I replied. "We had a well and when the well went dry we had no water, so we were careful."

We told the students that next year all fourth grade students were going to visit the Heritage Center, where they would learn how life was like during pioneer days in a one room school. I said Mrs. Andrews

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would be the teacher, and Evie remarked laughingly that it would be a lot different than what they were used to now.

Annual Pioneer Days May 22-25

Tualatin Heritage Center will be busy those four days and as local 4th graders learn about life in pioneer times from devoted volunteers coordinated by Chris Tunstall and Evie Andrews. This is an educational day full of activities and demonstrations. and One way you can show your support is providing lunch treats for the staff, several of whom are on loan from local businesses. Volunteers usually get a break at 11:30 each day while students are at the community park for lunch. For information about how you may contribute, please call 503.885.1926.



Photo above: THS member Sam Keater greets kids at the Toll Road stop requesting "two-bits" from each student. Some kids react saying, "You want what?"



May Field Trip to Explore Clackamas Ice Age Flood Evidence

Our Ice Age Floods/Lower Columbia Chapter partners invite THS members to join an all-day motor coach field trip to Clackamas County and the east Willamette Valley on Saturday, May 12. Participants will see flood effects such as water gaps, flood channels, giant current ripples, the second largest Willamette Valley erratic boulder and more. Also visit some historical spots where the Lake Missoula Flood had an impact on settlement and commerce. This is a guided bus tour. For more information, including ticket cost, call Rick Thompson, 503.257.0144 or call the Heritage Center. Rick and Sylvia are wonderful guides and you'll leave with your own printed booklet and maps.

June Evening Speaker to Trace Oregon Latino Workforce

Washington County Museum Outreach Educator and former attorney Dr. Ilene O'Malley describes how the Bracero Program of the 1940s brought thousands of Mexican workers to Oregon and Washington County on **Thursday, June 21, 7:00 pm** at Tualatin Heritage Center. While the Bracero Program led to permanent change to local agriculture during that era, Latinos are still a major economic force in our communities today and some say Oregon agriculture and commerce depends on the Latino workforce more than ever. Local Tualatin business and community representatives will add their perspective. Before coming to the museum in March, Ilene was an attorney specializing in migrant agricultural labor law in Oregon. As a Mexican historian (PhD 1983), she specializes in the period 1910 to 1940.

In Oregon, the Bracero program ran from 1943-1947. By the time the program ended in Oregon, over 200,000 men had been supplied to the United States from Mexico as farm labor. About 15,000 of those men helped harvest Oregon crops.



The braceros saved American agriculture during the war years. Yet to this day, those hundreds of thousands of men are given little recognition.

Photos and excerpts courtesy of opb.com.

Summer Picnic Moved to Wednesday, July 11

Because July 4 falls on the first Wednesday this year, our annual THS picnic will be scheduled a week later on Wednesday, July 11. Mark your calendars now and be thinking of relatives, friends and neighbors who enjoy good food, fellowship and more Tualatin stories. More details coming next issue.



The Feeling of Paper



Wish you had a printed copy of this newsletter? Just go to THS website (www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org), click "newsletter" on the left column and hit the "print" button for the May-June Issue and there you are. It will even be in color if you have that capability at home. We can't afford to print and mail color versions.

Who Provides Those Door Prizes?

You can! Your program coordinators appreciate donations of items we can use for the monthly drawings. Recent examples have been free Irish concert tickets donated by Sam Keator, gently-used history-related books, potted plants, bouquets, baked goods and in the summer wonderful fresh garden produce.



Historic Building/Site Signage Under Discussion

A committee of local residents and THS representatives is studying the possibility of developing historic building signs in Tualatin. The idea originated as part of Citizen Involvement Organization discussions and includes THS members Chris Tunstall, Larry McClure and Kurt Krause and new members Jan Guinta and Karen Riley. Such signs are common in other cities to identify where early families resided or buildings that played a significant role in local history or even events of significance. The planning committee is still investigating alternatives and costs, including homeowners' responsibilities and financial responsibility. Mayor Ogden supports the concept.

Farewell, Friends

Tualatin Historical Society members grieve with the families of Mary Ann Hulquist, Nancy Nyberg and Pete Hager, who passed away recently.

Photo right: Mary Ann portrays past Winona Grange Master, Jessie Byrom at the Tualatin Heritage Center anniversary program, HerStory: 'We did it Women' in February 14, 2010.





Heritage Center May Event Calendar

Protecting Those Precious Kodak Moments

Wednesday, May 2, 1:00pm

See program details on page 1.

Thursday Pilates

May 3, 10, 31, 11:30am–12:30pm

\$10 per 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.

Spring into the ART GARDEN!

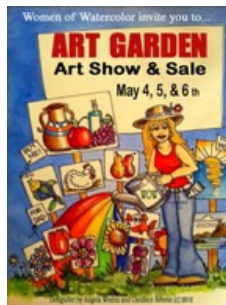
May 4,5,6

Friday noon-8:00pm

Saturday noon-8:00pm

Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm, Free!

Women of Watercolor present their Spring Art Show & Sale 2012 celebrating Mom & Dad with Paintings & Gifts for everyone. Built around a “go to market” theme, the show brings you original fine art paintings, giclees, prints, and art cards. Both a gallery show and art sale, visitors will find art to enjoy and buy for those last minute gifts. For information about WOW and the show, contact Angela Wrahtz at angela.wrahtz@comcast.net.



Bird and Nature Walk

Wednesday, May 9, 8:00am, Free!

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

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Clothing Swap

Wednesday, May 10, 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!

Lunch Hour Celtic Solo Concert Series

Wednesday, May 16, 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 **Johnny Connolly and Cary Novotny**. For information, call 503.691.2078

Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Friday, May 18, 10:00am-Noon

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



June Event Calendar

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Fridays, June 1 & 15, 10:00am-Noon

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Gracias Amigos: Our Debt to Mexico

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Thursday, June 21, 7:00pm

See page 4 for details.

Your 2012 Tualatin Historical Society Board

Executive Board:

Co-Presidents: Larry McClure & Norman Parker

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Kurt Krause

Diane Silvey Swientek

Historian - Rochelle Smith

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Honorary Board Member:

Loyce Martinazzi

Website - Lindy Hughes, See our current and past newsletters in color and other articles of interest at www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org.

Membership Updates

Your membership is vital to our continued success and we very much appreciate your support.



New members!

Nathan Andrews

Janice Guinta

Karen Riley

Check out these new additions to our Library!

On DVD:

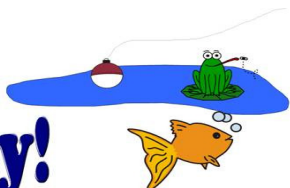
- *The Aurora Colony "A Vision Pursued"* - Discover the story of the Aurora Colony, a promised "Eden" at the end of the Oregon Trail
- *Mystery of the Megaflood "Examining the World's Most Catastrophic Flood"*
- *The Great Ice Age Floods "Catastrophic Transformation of the West"*
- *Sculpted By Floods "The Northwest's Ice Age Legacy"*

Books:

- *"Wreck and the Sinking of the Titanic"* © 1912
- *"Native Plants in the Coastal Garden"*



**Happy
Father's Day!**



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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.