



Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

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



Looking Ahead...

Tualatin Heritage Center to Screen New Documentary On Oregon- Based 41st Infantry Division in World War II

Our well-known Sunset Highway, traveled daily by thousands, carries that name in honor of a famous National Guard division that has its roots in Oregon. To help commemorate Veterans Day, a documentary featuring oral histories of 41st Infantry troops from Oregon in World War II will be shown on **Monday, November 12 at Tualatin Heritage Center. Times are 2 and 7 pm.**

The new release is sponsored by the Tualatin VFW Men Auxiliary. A \$10 suggested donation for adults will help support veteran families and distribution of the DVD to Oregon schools. Bob Lenneville (*pictured here*) of Tualatin, one of the veterans featured in the documentary, is planning to attend.



2012 Annual Meeting November 4

"Banjo Bill", a local music therapy volunteer who loves sharing his talent and THS co-founder Loyce Martinazzi will entertain THS members at the Society's 2012 Annual Meeting and potluck on **Sunday, November 4 at Tualatin Heritage Center, 1-3 pm.**

Bring a favorite potluck dish to share. We will be celebrating another fine year of accomplishments and elect officers and board members for 2013.

Another tradition at this event is awards and recognitions for noteworthy accomplishments since the last November gathering.

More than that, just come and enjoy some good old fashioned fellowship with friends and family. Feel free to invite a potential member or someone who has been inactive for awhile.



The Inventor Elf for Santa Claus: A.C. Gilbert of Salem

THS member Edie Torgeson's famous relative brought Christmas joy to millions of children. After graduating from Yale with a degree in medicine and earning an Olympic gold medal in the pole vault, A.C. Gilbert created the Erector Set, an engineering toy that enabled a young child to build such items as Ferris wheels and bridges. He later marketed a variety of other educational toys ranging from American Flyer trains to Mysto Magic sets, chemistry and telegraph sets.

With his toys (*one is pictured right*), Gilbert hoped to combine fun with an understanding and appreciation of science. Gilbert realized that a child needed playthings that would encourage creative expression and satisfy a natural curiosity about the world.

He was born in Salem on February 15, 1884 in his uncle's Victorian home, now one of three structures that house the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village where kids experience his belief that "playing is essential to learning." The museum's outreach coordinator will be sharing the story of this Oregon legend.

Join us on **Wednesday, December 5 at the Tualatin Heritage Center at 1:00 pm.** Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.



President's Column

From Co-Presidents Larry McClure & Norman Parker

The two of us have been pleased to serve as your co-presidents this past year though it was a "marriage of convenience" since no one else was ready to take the responsibility in November, 2011. In actuality, both of us were not able to be "on the job" at various times of the year so job sharing worked out quite well. Plus, we agree on most things and some even get us confused with each other, thanks to our bald heads. However, it's much better for the organization if one person represents THS as president and brings their own style of leadership and ideas. That's why we are pleased the Nominating Committee has a proposed slate of officers for 2013 that will be voted on at the annual meeting November 4. Please come and give them your voice of confidence. And more than that, please be thinking of how YOU will be able to help preserve, protect and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin in the coming year. Committees will need helpers and new ideas. We are grateful for the support provided by the general membership, the Board of Directors and the various volunteers who serve on committees and carry out projects like Pioneer Days and the Wine Tasting/Auction. Each one is valuable and we don't say "thank you" enough.

~ Larry and Norm

From the Curators' Corner

Some of our treasures which for years have been stored away in attics, boxes and under beds, are now being exhibited at the Heritage Center and at Tualatin Public Library. Since late August (and leaving November 21) you can see a 1890 black and cream lace evening gown as well as a 1910 pink silk designer gown once owned by Claire O'Callaghan's grandmother. The lady, according to Claire, was quite vain about her tiny waist. On a chair beside the gowns is an inside out "waist" or blouse showing the intricate stitching, stays and other devices employed to keep the lady's shape intact.

The history of Tualatin, from the end of the last ice age (remember, there were several ice ages) up to the present time will be showcased at the Tualatin Public Library until November 3. Please stop by and study the amazing progression of time in our area.

Centerpiece of the THC stage display is an 1862 Elias Howe treadle sewing machine. Howe patented the first sewing machine in 1848, although Isaac Singer later stole many of his ideas. The machine once belonged to the Ohling family and was donated to the historical society by Helen Schaber. The display will be dismantled after Thanksgiving to make space for the Lumiere community theatre Christmas show.

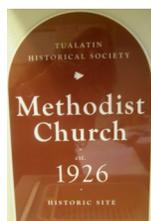
Frances Wager Perry recently donated some lovely artifacts, including household items belonging to her mother's family, the Ciminis. On display in a glass case are a china covered vegetable dish belonging to her grandmother Nettie Clevenger Ciminio, which may have been a wedding gift. Among the other memorabilia Fran gave the Society were beautiful hand crocheted doilies, and a full set of gorgeous bed linens, hand embroidered and tatted. Fran worked in the Tualatin Post office owned by Lizzie Robinson Jones. Once when delivering the post office rent check, Fran commented on an old white water pitcher with blue decoration. "You like it?" asked Lizzie. "You can have it." It had been in Lizzie's family for years. Lizzie's parents were Leonard and Caroline Smith, owners of the Tualatin Mill Company and Brickyard.

*Archivists and Curators,
Lois Roby, Loyce Martinazzi, Diane Swientek, Rochelle Martinazzi, Evie Andrews and Yvonne Addington.*

We're Making a Holiday Wish List

What do we wish would appear under our tree?

- \$75 for an historic site sign for someone's landmark property
- \$50 for a brick in someone's honor on the patio
- A standing metal cabinet to properly store vintage clothing. (check with Loyce Martinazzi on size)
- "Open Now" sign for Heritage Center
- More volunteers for THS committees



THS Honor Roll



The grades are in for 2012! The following businesses have earned an A+ with their generous donations of goods and services. Please give them a big thank you and give them your business whenever possible.

Advanced Business Networks, LLC
 Al's Garden Center
 Aman Arts-Linda Aman
 Attrell's Sherwood Funeral Chapel
 Axis Crane
 Baja Fresh
 Barbara Dieringer, LMT, HHC
 Big Al's Steaks
 Brian Clopton Excavating
 C&E Rentals
 Carole Hoss, artist
 Century Farm
 Cheer Me Up! coffee
 Cheryl Duvall, RN, LMT
 City of Tualatin
 Clark Lumber True Value - Tualatin
 Clark Napa Auto - Tualatin
 Cold Stone Creamery
 Comfort Inn & Suites
 Compass Computing
 Costco Wilsonville
 Cynthia Paris Scarves
 Design Resource Group
 Dickie Jo's Burgers Tualatin
 DigiPix Film & Video Transfer
 Dodie Starbuck- Your Style Design
 Dutch Bros.Coffee, Tualatin
 Famous Dave's BBQ

“Lessons from Lincoln: Is Political Bipartisanship Possible?”



A conversation on how Abraham Lincoln achieved political bipartisanship will be led by Professor Richard

Eutalain to launch the 2013 monthly programs sponsored by Tualatin Historical Society.

Garden Corner
 Grant Yoakum, Attorney at Law
 Haggen Foods Bakery
 Holiday Inn Wilsonville
 In Color Hair Salon
 Judy's Cream Caramels
 KAI USA - Kershaw Knives
 Lee Farms
 Miller Insurance
 Naomi's Lampshades
 Nurture Inspired Hair
 Pacific Natural Foods
 Pacific West Roofing
 Panera Bread
 Paws 'n Tails Pet Sitting
 Pepiot Painting
 Portland Badge Company
 Pro-Gro Mixes
 Robin Anderson
 S&A Irish Events
 Sherwin Williams Paint Tualatin
 Sherwood Auto Repair
 Sherwood Ice Arena
 Sterling Bank
 Threat Dynamics
 Trader Joe's - Lake Oswego
 Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
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 Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
 Tualatin Dream Dinners
 Tualatin Life - Jonathan Crane
 Uncorked NW Wine Tours
 Village Inn
 West Coast Bank
 Winona Grange
 Women of Watercolor- Artist Guild

This interactive program will engage participants in a dialogue on how these lessons might apply to our present climate at the national and local levels. Eutalain is currently working on a book that focuses on Lincoln and the Oregon Country. Join us for this program on Wednesday, January 2 at 1:00 pm at Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, call 503.885.1926.

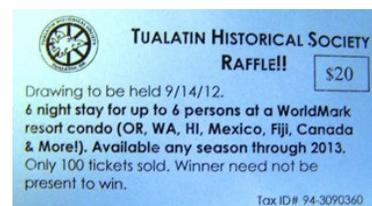
THS Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Grosses over \$8200

A fun evening of Northwest wines, tasty foods donated by area businesses and live music from Island Trio helped over 100 guests help THS continue its mission. Proceeds will be used to advance the Society's preservation efforts, including storage of its collections.

The third annual affair was held Friday, September 14 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. Lindy was the sparkplug that made it happen.

And the Winner is...

THS member Bob deLisle!
 THS member Bob mailed his money in for the lucky winning raffle ticket from his new home in Indiana.



Farewell, Friend

Tualatin Historical Society members grieve with the family of longtime member Glen Allen who passed away recently. His memorial service will be held at Timberline Baptist Church in Sherwood on November 3 at 2:00 pm.



Out from the Shadows: Women of Zimbabwe Special Photo Exhibition

Tualatin Heritage Center will be hosting a photography show by local photographer Paul Sivley in the near future. The show features images from three trips to Zimbabwe, Africa, over the past four years. Paul received a Regional Arts and Culture Council grant for his most recent trip. The focus of his work is on inspirational women in Zimbabwe from all walks of the society and economy who could serve as role models for young women. The show was scheduled October 26 - November 9 but Paul's father took suddenly ill. Call 503.885.1926 for an update on the new dates.



An evening event will include a presentation by Paul, including details on some harrowing events that occurred on his most recent visit. Paul held a similar exhibition two years ago at the Tualatin Heritage Center.

A Lumiere Christmas 2012



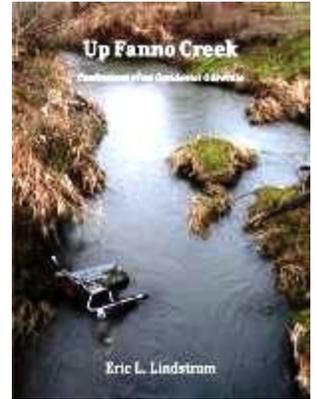
Come and see the Lumiere Players perform one-acts and short pieces at Tualatin Heritage Center reflecting Christmas nostalgia. The centerpiece play "Christmas 1933" by Larry L King, features a middle-aged man and his aging parents remembering Christmas Eve of 1933, when the father got lost in a blizzard with toys bought on credit so his five-year old son would find the magic of the season under the Christmas tree. The child's holiday excitement is set against the harsh realities of the Depression. The story showcases rural family values, the trouble of the times, and a warm, family Christmas morning. Other short dramatic subjects range from the platform of the North Platte Canteen to a bridge in NYC and other nostalgic pieces, including two musical numbers. Performance dates are November 30, December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, Friday & Saturdays 7:30 pm; Sunday matinee, 2 pm. Tickets \$12, \$10 for Tualatin residents and \$5 for youth.

Reservations available at 503.277.0164.

Double Header Coming Up

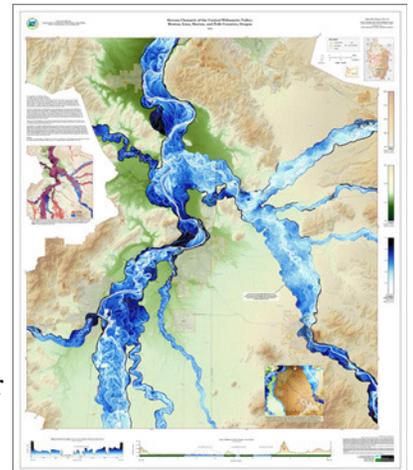
Fanno Creek History and Book Signing

Eric L. Lindstrom, author of "Up Fanno Creek," will share insights from his multi-year research on the Fanno Creek watershed at a **Wednesday, November 14 book signing at Tualatin Heritage Center, 7:00 pm.** Nicknamed "Drano Creek" in the 1960s, Fanno Creek empties into the Tualatin River at the Ki-a-Kuts Bridge near Community Park. Drawing from interviews with individuals who live along the creek and many agency studies, the history begins with the Ice Age and Kalapuya life and traces the social, economic and ecological impacts on this urban stream. For information, call 503.885.1926.



Lidar, Landslides, and the Missoula Floods in the Portland Region

Oregon geologists Bill Burns and Dan Coe will present new maps depicting over 7,000 landslides in the Portland metro area **Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 pm at Tualatin Heritage Center.** As the Missoula floods rushed out of the constricted Columbia River Gorge and entered the Portland Basin, they created much of the



large-scale geomorphology that exists today. Features include huge primary channels that are in some places scoured down to bedrock, large sand and gravel bar deposits, and extensive fluvial sculpting throughout the basin. Lidar data was used to create a map that is colored and shaded to reveal relative and absolute changes in elevation within the area inundated by the Missoula floods. For a preview, see <http://www.oregongeology.org/pubs/ims/p-ims-036.htm>. This program is sponsored in cooperation with the Lower Columbia Chapter, Ice Age Floods Institute. A \$3 donation for adults is suggested.



November Heritage Center Events

Pilates

Thursdays, November 1, 15, 29, 11:30am–12:30pm
\$10 per class drop-in

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 revitalized! For information, call 503.939.5800.



Clothing Swap

Friday, November 2, 6:45pm, 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!

Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Fridays, November 2 & 30, 10:00am-Noon

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

The Jungleers

Monday, November 12

Show times 2:00 & 7:00 pm.



A documentary of the 41st Infantry in WWII. See article on page one of the newsletter.

Bird and Nature Walk

Wednesday, November 14, 9:00am

Join us for bird walk at Hedges Creek Marsh. This 1 ½ hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.691.1394.

Fanno Creek History and Book Signing

Wednesday, November 14, 7:00 pm.

See page 4 for more on this interesting program.

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Lunch Hour Celtic Solo Concert Series

Wednesday, November 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 **AnnaLee Foster Driscoll**, an Oregon native and folk harper of Irish/Scots roots who has performed and toured through Ireland and Europe with the Irish Harp Orchestra. For information, call 503.691.2078



December Heritage Center Events

An Oregon Legend: A.C. Gilbert, Inventor of the Erector Set

Wednesday, December 5, 1:00pm

See page 1 for details about this program. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

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\$10 per class drop-in

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Bird and Nature Walk

Wednesday, December 6, 11:15am

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Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Fridays, December 7 & 21, 10:00am-Noon

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



Lunch Hour Celtic Solo Concert Series

Wednesday, December 19, 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 **Jack Dwyer**, a young singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist based in Portland. For information, call 503.691.2078

What's New for Adults 50+ at the Library

Volunteer to be a Homework Helper - Grades 2-5 or 6-12. Homework Helpers commit to two hours, once a week for 9 months (academic year); enjoy working with children or teens, are patient, enthusiastic, dependable and flexible; and are attentive and listen to the student. They monitor the student's understanding of the subject, use concrete examples whenever possible and are ready to coordinate or multitask with more than one student at a time, if necessary. Homework Helpers do not do the student's work for him. The ultimate goal of a Homework Helper is to help students help themselves by motivating them, building their confidence and engaging them in active learning. Homework Helpers must be knowledgeable in science and math. To apply visit <http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/library/adults-50>.



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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

Need a place for your gathering?
The Heritage Center is available for rent. It's perfect for weddings, receptions, memorial services and meetings. For information, call 503.885.1926.

Want Some Old Elementary School Bricks?



THS inherited more than one truckload of bricks salvaged after demolition of the 1939 elementary school on Boones Ferry. Most of the bricks still have mortar attached. Donations will be accepted. Please call, 503.885.1926.

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