



# Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2012

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



## Looking Ahead...

### **"Bird's Eye View of the Missoula Floods" September 12, 7:00 pm Tualatin Public Library**

You might have seen Rick Thompson on Grant McOmie's "Getaway" program on KGW-TV on glacial erratics in relation to the Lake Missoula Floods. Come learn more about these prehistoric events.

This new presentation features aerial photos and videos of Rick's 2012 photography flight over southeastern Washington's dramatic scablands, Dry Falls, Palouse Falls and other spectacular geological landmarks. You will grasp the enormity of the catastrophic Lake Missoula Floods that rushed across four states and left scars all the way to the Pacific Ocean, including Tualatin's own Tonquin Scablands. \$3 suggested donation for adults.

Please note this is a Wednesday evening program at Tualatin Library, not at the Tualatin Heritage Center. This annual September narrated presentation is a partnership between the Lower Columbia Chapter of the Ice Age Institute, the City of Tualatin Library, and Tualatin Historical Society. Books, DVDs and maps will be on sale by Ice Age Institute volunteers.

## **Dear Old Golden Rule Days: Oregon Schools Remembered**



Tualatin's own Oregon Teacher of the Year and the State School Superintendent who gave her that award

will jointly review how education has changed in Tualatin and statewide on **Wednesday, September 5, 1:00pm**. THS board member Evie Andrews still substitutes occasionally at Tualatin Elementary School. Dr. Verne Duncan (*photo above*) attended a one-room school in Buell and later was a teacher, principal, district superintendent, ESD superintendent and college professor before election as State Superintendent. He retired as a

state senator in the Oregon Legislature where control of K-12 education rests today. He now spends much of his spare time researching his family's pioneer roots in Oregon. He is a close friend and shirt-tail relative of THS member Edie Torgeson. This special "back to school" program will include a "taste" of what Evie does with 4<sup>th</sup> graders who participate in the annual Pioneer Days sponsored by THS each May. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

## **Know Your Tualatin Historic Homes and Buildings**

Join THS member John Bowles on a narrated visual tour of Tualatin's historic structures on **Wednesday, October 3** in anticipation of the city's centennial celebration in 2013. Tualatin Historical Society experts Loyce Martinazzi and Yvonne Addington will provide additional information as we study selected photos from the Society's archives and city maps showing where these homes and buildings are (or were) located and in many cases how they looked in years

past. This is the regular monthly meeting of the Society and is open to the public. John is a previous president of THS and was instrumental in preserving historic houses in Tualatin. He built several scale models of these and the old Methodist church that have been very effective in fund raising. These will be on display at the October meeting which starts at 1:00 pm. See photos of some the historic buildings on page 3 of this newsletter.

## President's Column

From Co-Presidents Larry McClure & Norman Parker

If you ever wonder if THS is making a difference in the lives of Tualatin residents, then hang around the Heritage Center for a few hours and talk with visitors who come to see us.



Photo above: 4th grader Cody, mom Beckie and brother Tanner with harvested veggies.

While weeding the 4<sup>th</sup> graders' garden area in late August it was rewarding to help one family who dropped by to actually harvest corn, potatoes, squash, tomatoes and flowers the students had planted during our THS Pioneer Days in the spring. Even the father, a chap-erone on the earlier May field trip, had never seen how pota-toes grow from a little eye in a cutting.

As we approach the Centennial of Tualatin in 2013, we want to offer more such learning opportunities for our community to learn how this place we call home came to be. Thanks to our THS curators, for example, you can see right now an 1862 sewing machine and vintage dresses on display on the Heritage Center stage. These authentic artifacts were donated by long-time Tualatin families. The city's Arts Advisory Committee is seeking photographs of iconic landmarks such as the Hervin Company (Blue Mountain Dog Food) and Sweetbrier Inn for rendering in a special watercolor art series. Events like the Crawfish Festival next year offer more opportunities to help residents gain a perspective on life and time. One idea being considered is inviting anyone who's 100 years old to ride in the parade. Your suggestions on how to celebrate Tualatin's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary are needed. The THS program committee has devised one great way to be informed about Tualatin landmarks for our October monthly meeting (see story on page 1). Be ready to amaze your neighbors and visitors about a number of historic homes in our city, not just our wonderful Sweek House.

~ Larry and Norm

## Ice Age National Trail Idea Still Being Pushed

Past THS president Yvonne Addington was invited to participate in a four-state interagency planning project in July. Held in Kennewick, Washington the large gathering resulted from a National Park Service initiative to develop interpretive maps, signs, visitor centers and educational programs that inform the public on how the massive floods shaped our landscape from Montana to Oregon. Also attending were Paul Hennon, Community Services Director for the City of Tualatn, and Linda Moholt, Chamber Director. Each of them will also be serving on various sub-groups to build public and private support.

Locally in Tualatin, consultants have already started work with the City, THS and Chamber and other partners to plan our own Ice Age Discovery Trail, thanks to a County Visitors Association grant. THS is seeing an immediate impact with the installation of two brass plaques near our two large glacial erratics carried to Oregon on Ice Age Floods icebergs. The Society is helping is helping underwrite these and another interpretive sign to be developed for the erratics as a match. The two plaques resemble the one placed outside the Center entrance in 2006.



Photo above: David Ellingson and some of his students.

If you are interested in visiting the Woodburn High School site where students are uncovering bones of ancient flora and fauna from a dry creek bed this summer, leave your name at the heritage center (503-885-1926) before September 20. We'll car pool there on Saturday, September 22. Teacher David Ellingson spoke this spring and this is an opportunity to see how students have reconstructed the giant *bison antiquus* in his classroom and even do some sifting in the dirt at their actual dig site yourself. Access is available only in the driest part of the year. There's talk of encouraging our own local schools to think about this possibility here.



## Auction Items are Rolling In

We have been busy procuring donations for the our silent auction. They are coming in but we still need more. Any item, large or small is greatly appreciated. Need ideas? Just give us a call.



Some of our donations include:

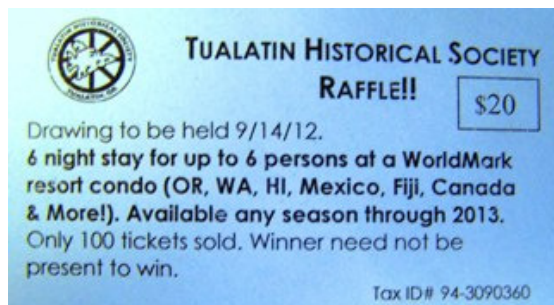
- Beautiful original artwork and jewelry
- Certificates for Christmas tree, wreath/swag
- Gift baskets of all kinds
- Gutter cleaning certificate
- Weekend cottage stay in Pacific City and various hotel stays
- Collectibles
- Various restaurant gift certificates
- Interior decorating consultation
- Salon and massage certificates
- Lawn & Garden Items
- Antique car ride
- Judy's cream caramels (*Lindy's personal favorite!*)
- Wine, wine, and more wine

and much more! If this sounds good to you, call Barbara today and reserve your auction tickets at 503.645.1596.1926. To donate call Lindy at 503.885.1926 or email [lindy.thc@gmail.com](mailto:lindy.thc@gmail.com).

**Thank you for your support!**

## One in a Hundred Chances to Win!

Yes, that's right. Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold. This could be your vacation of a lifetime! *Transportation not included.*



Call Lindy at 503.885.1926 to secure your ticket.

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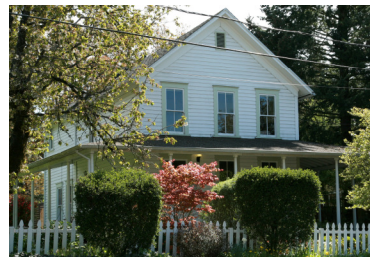
## Know Your Tualatin Historic Homes and Buildings

*Right:  
Logan House*



*Left:  
Jurgens  
Barn*

*Right:  
Winona Grange Hall*



*Left:  
Francis House*

## Geologist Looks at Northern Path of Ice Age Floods

Bruce Bjornstad will provide an armchair guide to the "northern reaches" of the Ice Age Floods at **7:00 pm. Thursday, October 18** at Tualatin Heritage Center. Bruce is a licensed geologist and hydrogeologist and senior research scientist at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington. He has studied the Ice Age floods for over 30 years and is the author of several technical papers and two books on the subject. His first book "On the Trail of the Ice Age Floods: A Geological Field Guide to the Mid-Columbia Basin" was published in 2006. Bruce along with Gene Kiver, emeritus professor at Eastern Washington University, just released a second book in the *On the Trail of the Ice Age Floods* series titled "The Northern Reaches". The program is jointly sponsored by Tualatin Historical Society and the Lower Columbia Chapter, Ice Age Floods Institute. A \$3 donation from adults is suggested.



# Join us for Wine, Food and Silent Auction

**Buy your ticket today!**



Enjoy the sounds of Island Trio

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 14**

**TIME: 6:00-9:00 PM**

**Where:**

**Tualatin Heritage Center  
8700 SW Sweek Drive  
Tualatin, OR 97062**



You are invited to attend our Second Annual Wine, Food and Silent Auction fundraiser. Help us continue with the Society’s mission “to preserve, promote, and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin”.

Your attendance and donations will enable us to:

- Work to save endangered historic sites and buildings, like the Brick Store
- Present monthly programs with guest speakers
- Collect and archive historic photos
- Put on special historical events
- Annually host Tualatin 4th graders for “Pioneer Days”
- Maintain a garden of heirloom plants & erratics
- Identify important sites with markers, like the Willamette Meridian Marker
- Sponsor historical, cultural, civic and environmental classes and workshops

In addition to an array of intriguing auction items, you will find the following activities:

- Taste some fabulous Northwest wines
- Beer & non-alcoholic beverages
- Enjoy scrumptious hors d’oeuvres and desserts
- Wall of Wine - wine bottle grab bag
- Raffle drawing

We have only **120** tickets available, so get yours today. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by phone Barbara (503.645.1596) or email [lindy.thc@gmail.com](mailto:lindy.thc@gmail.com).

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 **September Heritage Center Events**

**Dear Old Golden Rule Days:  
Oregon Schools Remembered  
Wednesday, September 5, 1:00pm**



See program details on page 1.

**Clothing Swap  
Thursday, September 6, 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!

**Pilates  
Thursdays, September 6,13,20,27, 11:30–12:30pm  
\$10 per class drop-in/ \$8 per class with 10 class pass**

Its energizing and restorative qualities leave you feeling uplifted and revitalized! For information, call 503.939.5800.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop  
Fridays, September 7 & 21, 10:00am-Noon, Free!**

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

**Evening Program: Bird’s Eye View of the Lake  
Missoula Floods  
Wednesday, September 12, 7:00pm  
Donations accepted**

Back by popular demand, Rick Thompson provides another updated overview of the Ice Age Floods impact on the Northwest and our local area with new aerial photos. See page 1 for details. For information, call 503.885.1926.

**THS Wine, Food and Silent Auction Fundraiser  
Friday, September 14  
6:00-9:00pm  
Location: Tualatin Heritage Center  
\$25 per person, 21 and over only**



Join us for the Tualatin Historical Society’s annual fund-raising event “*Locally grown...preserving the history of Tualatin*”. Enjoy the sounds of Island Trio, taste Northwest wines with delicious food, and silent auction, \$25 per person. For tickets and information, call **503.885.1926** or email [lindy.thc@gmail.com](mailto:lindy.thc@gmail.com).

**Bird and Nature Walk  
Thursday, September 20, 8:00am  
Free!**

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.

**October Heritage Center Events**



**Know Your Tualatin Historic Homes  
and Buildings  
Wednesday, October 3, 1:00pm**

See program details on page 1.  
For information, call 503.885.1926.

**Pilates  
Thursdays, October 4,11,18,25, 11:30am–12:30pm  
\$10 per class drop-in/ \$8 per class w/ 10 class pass  
For information, call 503.939.5800.**

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop  
Fridays, October 5 & 19  
10:00am-noon, Free!**

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

**Bird and Nature Walk  
October 17, 9:00am, Free!**

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.

**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 **Colleen Raney** who breathes new life into the old tunes, finding facets in the music that haven’t been heard before. It’s earned her a following both among longtime adherents of Celtic music and younger fans who are new to the genre. For information, call 503.691.2078.

**Evening Program: Geologist Looks at Northern  
Path of Ice Age Floods  
Thursday, October 18, 7:00pm  
Donations accepted**

See page 3 for topic details. For information, call 503.885.1926.





**Tualatin Library Announces:  
Workshop for Older Adults  
to Document Their First-  
Hand Memories**

*Capturing Time: an Exploration of Experience* is an 8-week workshop series offered at the City of Tualatin's newly renovated Juanita Pohl Center. Participants will have the unique opportunity to create a bound book that will document their travel experiences and other memorable events and allow them to share their observations and insights. This one-of-a-kind historical record will be a lasting legacy for future generations! Special guest writers and artists will assist participants. Held Wednesdays, October 10–November 28, 2012. Two class times available: 9:00-11:00 am or 1:00-3:00 pm. \$40, materials included (scholarships available: no one will be turned away!). To register, call Cheryl Rogers-Tadevich (workshop facilitator) 971.241.4312. A gallery reception to follow series completion. Brought to you through a partnership of the Geezer Gallery and the Hoover Family Foundation.

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Tualatin Historical Society  
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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.

**Your 2012 Tualatin Historical Society Board**

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