



# Tualatin Historical Society Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 2013

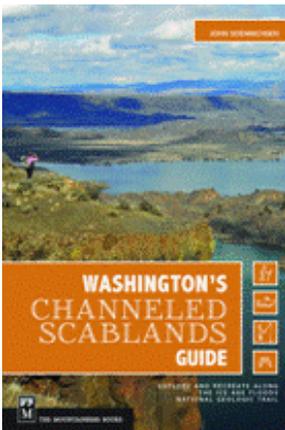
*Founded in 1986, the Society's mission is  
to preserve, promote and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin*

## Save the Date...

### **"Washington's Channeled Scablands - A Visual Tour"**

Thursday, July 18 7:00 pm  
Tualatin Heritage Center

Join us for a presentation by John Soennichsen about his latest book, *Washington's Channeled Scablands Guide*. This visual tour of Washington's five scabland tracts provides dramatic photos revealing the aura and grandeur of each scabland region. John is also the author of *Bretz's Flood*, the biography of Harlen Bretz, the first geologist to research the Scablands and propose its creation by massive flooding. Presentation is free to the public but a \$3 donation for adults is appreciated. For information, call 503.257.0144.



*John Soennichsen's new book  
will be available for signing  
that evening.*

## THS Picnic in the Park on July 10

Join the fun and fellowship at our annual picnic once again scheduled for the main picnic shelter at **Tualatin Community Park**.

July 4 falls on the first Thursday this year, so our annual THS picnic will be scheduled a week later on **Wednesday, July 10 from 5:00-7:00 pm**. This popular potluck replaces the usual Heritage Center monthly meeting at 1:00 pm. Sam Keator will entertain us with Irish music.



## James and Cecelia McKay (1865): Buying the Mill

James and Cecelia's trip to Oregon began in Scotland and was filled with loss. Beginning with a move to Illinois, they came further west across the Oregon Trail and down the Columbia in 1847. They settled with other Catholic families in the St. Paul area. To pay for the mill they sought to buy at St. Paul, they traveled to California in 1849. They returned to St. Paul and raised a large, close and influential family. James began as a ships carpenter and ended as owner of a block of buildings in downtown Portland. It is a story of hope fulfilled. Donna and Mark Hinds, from the Friends of Champoege, perform this vignette in authentic costume.



Bring a dish to share and your own table service, but coffee and lemonade will be provided. For information or to volunteer to help set-up, please call Gerry Brosy at 503.692.1247.

Join us on **Wednesday, August 7, 1:00 pm** for this fascinating program. This monthly program is sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.



*Photo: Donna & Mark Hinds*

## President's Column

From Art Sasaki

Happy summer! As we celebrate the birth of our great nation and the 100th anniversary of the birth of the city Tualatin, it's worthwhile to reflect on the nature and manner of growth and change.

Tualatin's population has grown to over 26,000, surpassing that of neighbors Sherwood, Newberg, and Wilsonville. Our Tualatin Historical Society membership has grown from 100 in 1998 to 223 currently.

The long-term succession, evolution, and impact of nations, cities, and organizations **builds across multiple generations**. Involvement by these new persons is necessary and vital for survival, growth, and impact.

I strongly solicit and encourage your leadership, support, input, and participation by inviting new members, supporting activities, and sharing/enjoying the increased benefits of an important, dynamic society that is protecting the heritage and destiny of our community.

~Art

## From the Archivists' Attic

By Loyce Martinazzi



Found in a March 9, 1917 copy of the Sherwood News Sheet, local reporter Lizzie Smith Robinson wrote:

*"The long contemplated sidewalk or footbridge across the Sweek creek at Tualatin is finished at a cost of less than \$300. The town now has a safe and easy way of communication between that portion of Tualatin grouped about the S. P. station and that portion near the Oregon Electric. Many thanks are due the originator of the new footbridge plan, then alderman John Nyberg."*



## Mask and Mirror Supports THS

We appreciate Tigard-Tualatin's newest traveling Thespians community theatre staging a benefit weekend performance of *A Star Spangled Roadshow* which raised \$525 for the Society. The cast of 20 produced a lively show celebrating the camp shows of the USO with some 20 songs and dances of the World War II era and later. Thank you, Mask and Mirror! Watch for announcements ([www.maskandmirror.com](http://www.maskandmirror.com)) of their future shows typically held at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Tigard.

## THS Scholarship Awarded

By Norm Parker, THS Scholarship Chair

We have a winner! The scholarship committee has selected Ryan Houlberg as the 2013 recipient of the \$2000 THS scholarship.

We had 14 excellent Tualatin High seniors who applied this year so it was no small task in selecting a winner. Some reasons for selecting Ryan was his high GPA and his practical approach for his future goals and career. His essay on the importance of history was well thought out. He states "A knowledge of history is essentially a teacher in the right hands" and further explains that learning from past failures and successes gives us a guideline for the future. The board was pleased to have Ryan and his parents, Marissa and Michael Houlberg (pictured below), attend our June 3rd board meeting when we had the opportunity to see firsthand what a good selection he will be as our 2013 winner.

Ryan will be attending Oregon State University in the fall with a major in computer science and will return to keep us posted of his career. This is the fourth year we have awarded the THS scholarship entirely funded outside of our budget by THS member donations. To keep this very important program alive into the future we would be pleased to have continuing financial support from our members.



Photo: All Smiles are Ryan, Marissa and Michael Houlberg with THS Board members Larry McClure and Norm Parker.

## Meet THS' Newest Members



We extend a warm welcome to our new members Jerry and Jan Larsen who have lived in Tualatin for more than 22 years and have a strong interest in local history.

Thank you to all our members for your support!

## Pioneer Days 2013

By Christine Nyberg Tunstall

Driving through Tualatin during the last days of May you might have seen a miniature wagon train winding its way to the Heritage Center. Yes, it happened again for the 7th year! Tualatin Historical Society members and community volunteers hosted over 300 fourth graders for three days at the Center. We provide a historic classroom experience, an artifact station, gardening, hammering tin, making butter, and scrubbing clothes on wash boards. This year, the students sewed a button on their shirt, learned to weave, and stitched on a quilt. The students each were fortunate to receive a Land Grant Certificate for 160 acres. Since it is Tualatin's Centennial, each Certificate was embellished with the 100 year City logo. In preparation, Richard Hall erected the massive tents in a rainstorm. This year, they protected us from both rain and sun. Lindy organized a tasty luncheon for the volunteers while the student pioneers walked to the community park for lunch. We thank all the wonderful volunteers for making a very special event for Tualatin Fourth graders. This fall, the Tualatin High School juniors will be the first pioneers to attend our End of the Trail experience.

**Right:** Who says doing laundry is woman's work? These boys did not want to stop.  
**Below:** Making butter is a popular "hands on" treat.  
 ~Photos courtesy of Laurel Mayberry.



**Below:** Children say the Pledge of Allegiance and sang America (My country, Tis of Thee) in Evie Andrews school room.



**Photo above:** The 4th grade children seem to enjoy walking the Oregon Trail. Most kids including teachers and parents were dressed up in pioneer clothing carrying their lunches in pails, baskets and cloth.

## February "You Are There" Play Returns to Winona Grange August 18

If you missed the original play written by Sandra Carlson and Loyce Martinazzi and performed at the anniversary event in February, bring friends to the August 18 reprise, also at Winona Grange at 2 p.m. This is the actual date when the "yes" voters supporting booze won the right to drink in saloons and homes with the resultant taxes to support City infrastructure. The City is providing non-alcoholic refreshments after the play which includes 24 colorful characters from Tualatin village in 1913. You won't want to miss seeing Old Hing and two drunks who obviously were supporting the resolution. (Their current church pastors are being invited to attend the play)

## August 10 Crawfish Festival Needs Your Help



Contact Art Sasaki at 503.682.1945, if you can fill an hour or two time slot at the Historical Society booth at the Centennial Crawfish Festival. We have been invited to set up a special exhibit this year in honor of Tualatin's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday as an incorporated city. In the parade, THS is inviting a "ride along" by any 100+ year olds as a way to recognize anyone alive when the famous vote for incorporation occurred. THS members are also needed to cut and serve the official Centennial birthday cake for Tualatin. Please volunteer for these honors which will occur at 7:15 pm that same Saturday evening right before the big fireworks show (9:00pm) at Community Park.





## Religious Life Has 100-Year Plus History in Tualatin

By Carole Hoss and Larry McClure

Whether relying on volunteers to build from scratch, converting old barns into worship spaces, overcoming destructive fires, growing in temporary spaces like schools or even sharing facilities with other congregations, churches have been a key part of Tualatin life since the late 1800s. The very first church met in what is known today as the "Little Red Schoolhouse" located near the corner of Avery and Boones Ferry. The first actual worship space, a Congregational church (built in an impressive Gothic style) was said to be burned down after children were playing with matches. There was a 40-year period between 1935 and 1975 when no new congregations set down permanent roots. Now, just as in early years, determined and diverse faith-based organizations are still providing a variety of ministries to their flocks. And, this does not count spiritual gatherings that occur in private homes and secular settings.

What follows is a brief chronology of churches that call Tualatin home. Please call 503.885.1926 with corrections and additions for our official records:

### 1910

#### **Tualatin United Methodist Church**

20200 SW Martinazzi Avenue

After first being organized in 1909, the church opened in 1910 not far from the Tualatin Country Club. It burned in 1925 and a new building was constructed in 1926 on Boones Ferry Road next to present-day Clark Lumber Company. The Methodists vacated that building in 1981 and opened their present church. Several nonprofit groups also use space in the building. At various times the old craftsman-style church was used by five other start-up congregations and a wedding supply store. In 2004 it was given to Tualatin Historical Society and, thanks to a partnership with the City of Tualatin, was moved in 2005 and converted into Tualatin Heritage Center in 2006.

### 1935

#### **Norwood Bible Church**

7595 SW Norse Hall Rd.

This rural church began operating at the Norwood Community Hall in between dances on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon boxing matches. Later, volunteers constructed their own building nearby which subsequently burned. The replacement has

been updated over the years and the church celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010.

### 1975

#### **Boones Ferry Community Church**

20500 SW Boones Ferry Rd.

The church property also includes Tualatin's first disc golf course and a community garden.

#### **Horizon Community Church**

23370 SW Boones Ferry Rd.

Founded in 1975, with first services held at the Tualatin Ramada Inn, the congregation (then called Grace Community Church) grew at such a rapid rate that by 1977 the Sagert Farm was purchased and a barn was converted for church purposes. Through the years the church added onto that building and started an elementary school. When the church and school outgrew the expanded Sagert campus (today the location of Horizon elementary and middle school) the South Campus was developed and opened in 2006-7. The church, high school and preschool/daycare are now located there.

#### **Tualatin Hills Christian Church**

23050 SW Boones Ferry Rd.

Opening at first in Winona Grange, the congregation moved into its present building in 1976.

### 1977

#### **Portland Apostolic Lutheran Church**

17871 SW 115th Ave.

With a Finnish background, this congregation started in Eastern Oregon in the 1930s and had two other locations in the Portland area before building the present church in Tualatin.

### 1978

#### **Living Savior Lutheran Church**

8740 SW Sagert St.

Founded in 1978, the church gradually grew and added new sanctuary and education space. On March 19, 2012 an extensive fire seriously damaged the facilities and a capital campaign called "A Time to Rebuild" is still underway. Other churches and community facilities were made available to the congregation until renovations could be completed.

### 1983

#### **Tualatin Presbyterian Church**

9230 SW Siletz St.

After meeting in private homes, the fledgling church purchased land in 1983 and the church began meeting at the former VFW Hall and then the former Methodist Church until construction of its present building in 1987.

**1984**

**Rolling Hills Community Church**

3550 SW Borland Road

This church opened in September 1984, but that was only the beginning of a several-year expansion of land and building space which culminated in 2003 with groundbreaking for today's landmark building with a central worship space seating 2500. The Tualatin School House Pantry relocated at the church's lower level in June 1, 2009 and Northwest Children's Outreach opened in May 1, 2010. A Severe Weather Shelter subsequently opened to homeless people when the temperature dips below 32 degrees in winter or above 100 degrees in summer. Shower and laundry facilities support this ministry.

**1986**

**Cambodian Buddhist Temple**

Built and operated by the Cambodian Buddhist Society of Oregon, the temple serves persons from the entire Portland area and beyond.

**1989**

**Mount View Baptist Temple**

22222 SW Grahams Ferry Rd.

After starting out in a daycare center on Avery Street, and meeting subsequently in several other community facilities, the congregation now shares space with Tualatin Seventh Day Adventist Church (which holds its worship services on Saturdays).

**1990**

**Christ Community Church**

22100 SW Grahams Ferry Rd.

Originally starting at Bridgeport Elementary School, the church took over the present building in 1997 after its use by other congregations. Tualatin High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets there. The facility is also used by the Sunrise Montessori School and the church operates a community garden.

**1992**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

22284 SW Grahams Ferry Rd.

This local stake of the Mormon church was dedicated in 1992.

**Resurrection Catholic Parish**

21060 SW Stafford Rd.

The church was created from a former equestrian center with the horse stable converted into worship space. Dedication of second-phase new buildings was held in 2002 and construction of a Faith Formation Center is planned. A community garden was launched this year.

**1994**

**Neighborhood Church**

21065 SW Stafford Rd.

Moving to Tualatin in 1994 from Portland, the church later opened Stafford Academy for pre-schoolers through sixth grade in 2004.

**1995**

**Abundant Life Family Church**

8340 SW Seneca St.

Starting out with worship services and weekly activities at the Van Raden Community Center, and for a time at the Tualatin Heritage Center, the church now holds weekly services at the Winona Grange.

**1998**

**Tualatin Foursquare Church**

18080 SW Boones Ferry Rd.

The congregation had its beginnings in 1980. Construction of the Tualatin church was completed in March, 1998.



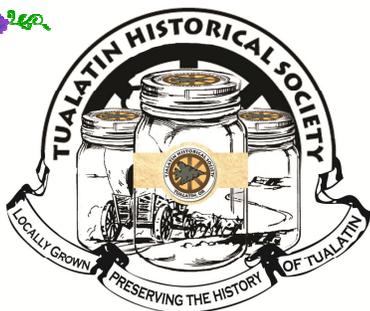
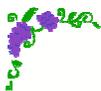
**Megafoods: The Channeled Scablands, Mars, and Beyond**



**Photo above:** *Dr. Baker collects sample. Photo is courtesy of Bruce Bjornstad.*

For more than 40 years University of Arizona Regents' Professor Vic Baker has been studying the most spectacular and immense flood phenomena known to occur anywhere in the universe. Immense megafoods of the last Ice Age created bizarre landscapes as in eastern Washington and here in Tualatin area and altered the circulation of the oceans which changes the Earth's climate. Even more surprising has been the discovery that much larger megafoods occurred billions of years ago on the planet Mars. These discoveries are showing that Mars, like Earth, had a

long-term cycle of water circulation that produced a habitable planet. Maybe other planets had the same? Join us on **Thursday, August 15, 7:00 pm** at the Tualatin Heritage Center.



# Join us for Wine, Food and Silent Auction

## Buy your ticket today!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**DATE: FRIDAY, 9/13/13**

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

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



You are invited to attend our Fifth 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
- 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
- Back by popular demand - Music from *Island Trio*
- Wall of Wine - wine bottle grab bag
- Raffle drawing



We have only 120 tickets available, so get yours today. Tickets are \$25 each (21 years and over) and may be ordered by phone, Barbara (503.645.1596) or Lindy (503.885.1926) or email [lindy.thc@gmail.com](mailto:lindy.thc@gmail.com).



 **Heritage Center July Event Calendar**

 **Heritage Center August Event Calendar**

**Tualatin Riverkeepers Photo Exhibit**  
**Weekdays, July 1-31, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Come and see historic photos of Tualatin River from its source to the confluence with Willamette that includes people, boats, bridges and resorts like Roamer's Rest. For information, call John Fervia at 503.218.2580.

**THS Annual Picnic in the Park**  
**Wednesday, July 10, 5:00-7:00 pm**  
**Tualatin Community Park Main Shelter**



Note: The annual picnic replaces our regular THS monthly program usually held at the Heritage Center. See page 1 for more information.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
**Fridays, July 19 & 26,**  
**10:00 am-Noon**



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



**Ice Age Evening Program**  
**"Washington's Channeled Scablands - A Visual Tour"**  
**Thursday, July 18, 7:00 pm**

See page 1 of the newsletter for details about our evening program. For information, call 503.257.0144.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
**Fridays, August 2 & 16, 10:00 am-Noon**



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**Tualatin Historical Society Program**  
**Wednesday, August 7, 1:00 pm**

See description on page 1. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

 **Clothing Swap**  
**Wednesday, August 14**  
**6:45 pm to 8:00 pm**

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!

**Megafloods: The Channeled Scablands, Mars, and Beyond**

**Thursday, August 15, 7:00 pm**

See details about our evening program at the Heritage Center on page 5. For information, call 503.257.0144.

**You Are There! Celebration of the City of Tualatin's Centennial Year**

**Sunday, August 18, 2:00pm, Donations accepted**

See page 3 for details.

 **Farewell, Friend**

Arlene Casteel Stites, granddaughter of early Tualatin residents William and Rosa Jurgens (Jurgens Road), died June 25, leaving only two other Jurgens grandchildren still alive: Helen Ladd Peterson and Jeanne Jurgens. Young Arlene is pictured in this photo at the 1926 dedication of the old Tualatin Methodist Church (now Tualatin Heritage Center). Some of her stories of growing up in Tualatin are recorded in the THS publication "Tualatin When We Were Young: Memories of the 1910s, '20s and '30s". She was a sister of Evelyn Andrews, mother of THS member George Andrews. Three children survive. As of press time, no times have been set for memorial events. Call THC at 503.885.1926 for information.



~Photo from the Tualatin Historical Society archives.

**Your 2013 Tualatin Historical Society Board**

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See our current and past newsletters in color and other articles of interest at [www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org).  
Website updates- Lindy Hughes

**Duffy Hamilton Honors Great Grandchildren**

Duffy, who now lives in Newberg, stopped by the Tualatin Heritage Center recently to purchase an inscribed brick on the THC patio in honor of her latest great-grandchildren Adam Bowman, Noah and Rachael Tomlinson. The new bricks will join Duffy's other family bricks, pictured below. You, too, may wish to recognize someone in this permanent way. Orders now will be installed during the coming weeks when the weather is dry.



**Everybody Loves Cookies**

A big thanks goes to Del Judy, Jane Brown, Evie Andrews, and Ruth Prier for providing cookies and Ruth Prier for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in May and June. They were delicious!



**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

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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](mailto:larry.mcclure@gmail.com) or [lindy.thc@gmail.com](mailto:lindy.thc@gmail.com). Thank you.