



Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014

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



Save the Date...

Evening Program

**Ice Aged Wines and
Sedimentary Vines
Thursday, January 16
7:00 pm
Heritage Center**

Left Coast Cellars in Rickreall takes advantage of its Ice Age legacies of glacial erratics and fossils for visitor viewing and ideal soils for grape growing. Join us for this presentation by Luke McCollom (pictured above), vineyard manager, who graduated from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo with a B.S. in Fruit Science and a minor in Wine and Viticulture. Luke is committed to sustainable vineyard practices and the elemental belief that great wine begins in the vineyards, in the quality of the fruit and in the characteristics of its terroir. He joined Left Coast shortly after its founding in 2003.



*Images courtesy of
Left Coast Cellars.*

McMenamins Old Church & Pub History

Join us on **Wednesday, January 8, 1:00 pm at the Heritage Center** when Tim Hills, historian for McMenamins, gives a presentation about the history of McMenamins Old Church and Pub in Wilsonville. This spot was a hub of activity, back in 1911 when the church was built on an ancient route just north of the site where Boone's ferry made regular crossings of the Willamette River for more than 100 years. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.



Then and Now

Left: Construction of this church was completed in August 1911 by the Wilsonville Methodist Society. Below: Enjoy and experience both old and new. On this site, a newly built restaurant crafted from new and old pieces.



*~ photos
courtesy of
McMenamin*

Black History Month Opens with Salem Museum Curator

Gwen Carr, a leader in the upcoming Oregon African-American Museum in Salem, will headline the **February 5** monthly program of Tualatin Historical Society at **1:00 pm. in the Heritage Center**. Ms. Carr will highlight selected roles and contributions persons of African descent have made in Oregon history dating as far back as 1744.

Close to Tualatin, for example, was John Livingstone, who grew up in Hannibal, Missouri, and was a childhood friend of Mark Twain. A child of slaves, Livingstone remained loyal to his master who brought him West in a wagon with John hiding some of the time in a big box to escape Union soldiers' attention. They arrived in Clackamas County in 1864 where Livingstone eventually took over his former master's ranch, accumulated more farm lands in Oregon, and was a prominent member of the State Grange.

At Livingstone's death in 1912, a Clackamas County justice said: "His skin was as black as coal but his heart was alabaster. His word was gospel and I have often heard the bankers of the city say they would rather have John Livingstone's word than that of any white man in the county in a financial transaction."

In 1911, George Fletcher competed in the World Championship Bronco Riding event at the Pendleton Rodeo event but was awarded second place only to be voted the "people's champion." He was in the first class of inductees at the Pendleton Roundup Hall of Fame in 1969 and also the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2006. Injuries in World War I ended his rodeo career but he continued working as a ranch cowboy in Umatilla County until his death in 1973.

Time Capsule Buried December 19

Tualatin’s year-long Centennial celebration officially ended with the burial December 19 of a welded steel box encased in a separate vault and buried three feet deep near Tualatin Heritage Center along the Sweek Pond sidewalk. A brass plaque identifies the spot and its meaning. Many items were included from residents, businesses, organizations and the City of Tualatin itself. All of the THS publications are there for residents to see when the capsule is unearthed 50 years from now in 2063. So DVDs can be viewed, a small player was included as well to make it easier for folks to play those DVDs given the rapid pace of technology change. Some of the items inside include:

- ~ Centennial coin and logo
- ~ Samples of schoolwork by Tualatin students
- ~ Photos of teachers and TuHS Class of 2013
- ~ THS 2013 newsletters and CD’s of historic photos
- ~ Maps and flyers about where we live
- ~ Minutes of a City Council meeting
- ~ Chamber of Commerce materials
- ~ Menus from area restaurants
- ~ Winning scrapbooks of the Discovery Challenge and much, much more!



Photos clockwise: Box being lowered into ground, long-time Tualatin families (Andrews, Saarinen and Sasaki represented), and Tualatin Historical Society members.

THS Annual Meeting Brings Together Former Presidents

A rare opportunity to photograph previous presidents of the Society presented itself November 3 at Juanita Pohl Center. Pictured left to right and the years they served as president are: Debra Hager (1999), Norman Parker (2006-2008 and 2012 with Larry McClure), John Bowles (1991-1993, 2000), Yvonne Addington (2009-2011), Stan Prier (2001), Diane Barry (1996,1997), Del Judy (1994), Loyce Martinazzi (Co-President w/ Karen Lafky Beach 1986-1988 and solo in 1995), Duffy Hamilton (1989), Larry McClure (2003-2005 and 2012 with Norm Parker), Art Sasaki (2013-2014). Not pictured: Jack Broome (2002) Arne Nyberg (1990), and Paula Stuke (1998).



Officers and board members unanimously elected for 2014 are: Art Sasaki, president; Kurt Krause, vice-president; Barbara Stinger, treasurer; Loyce Martinazzi, secretary. Directors include Yvonne Addington, Evie Andrews, Larry McClure, Norm Parker, Ruth Prier, and Diane Swientek.

At this meeting, Loyce Martinazzi presents Evie Andrews (left) the Lafky-Martinazzi Award. The award is given each year to honor a person or group whose work in the community on behalf of local history furthers Society goals.



"A Power-ful Story That Continues Today"

PGE traces the history of how the falls at Oregon City became the first hub for regional power generation and manufacturing that employed hundreds of Oregonians for generations. PSU geology professor Scott Burns and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde often cite the unique history of the Falls that is still evolving today. The site is now protected as a national heritage area. Join us at the Heritage Center on **February 20 at 7:00pm** for this interesting program. Suggested \$3 donation for adults. For more information, call 503.257.0144



Celebrating Black History Month

Thanks to a small grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, THS is sponsoring several film showings and public discussions over the next three years.

A documentary titled "Freedom Riders" will be shown **Friday, February 14 at 1:00 pm at Juanita Pohl Center** followed by comments from viewers who remember those events in the 1960s.

The second event on **Tuesday at 6:30 pm, February 18 at Tualatin Public Library** will feature Dr. Emily Drew, professor of sociology from Willamette University, who will lead a conversation on "White Out: The Future of Racial Diversity in Oregon." Although census data show Oregon's population becoming more racially diverse, the state remains one of the whitest in the nation. Many Oregonians value racial diversity yet we remain largely isolated from one another and have yet to fulfill the vision of a racially integrated society despite the accomplishments since the civil rights era.



Mary Jane Holmes Shipley Drake 1841-1925

Tualatin Discovery Challenge Ends with Three Winners

A year-long "scavenger hunt" designed by Tualatin Historical Society to encourage residents to explore their community ended December 1, leaving the THS board with the tough decision of how to pick among three outstanding finalists. Bridegeport Village had offered a \$100 gift card and 4 Regal Theatre tickets as the grand prize, so the THS board decided to match that with \$100 cash and the City of Tualatin added four theatre tickets to reward each of the other two entries as well. Here are THS president Art Sasaki's brief remarks at the frigid "Starry Nights, Holiday Lights" festivities December 6: "The Tualatin Discovery Challenge was a year-long competitive opportunity to discover answers to questions about people, places and things unique to Tualatin: our parks, bridges, houses, and the historic people instrumental in Tualatin's development. **THREE** truly outstanding finalists clearly indicated considerable time and great effort spent in discovering answers, plus gaining additional information. The answers came in the form of scrapbooks and 3-ring binders which are included in the time capsule to be buried December 19 and each will receive a free membership in Tualatin Historical Society for 2014. The three winners are: the Williams family: Scott, Shelly, Heidi, and Tyler; the Battilega family: Bernadette, Victoria, Samantha, and Andrea; and the 19 members of the Tualatin Youth Advisory Council. Please join Mayor Lou Ogden and THS in congratulating these winners."



Meet our winners!

Photo top left; The Battilega Family top right; Four members of the Youth Advisory Council bottom left; Williams Family.

Herb Lafky Remembers Early Life in Tualatin Growing Up

Herb was the brother of Karen Nygaard, co-founder of THS, and the father of THS member Sandra Carlson. He died on December 5. Herb's wife, Laurine, lives at Griffin House, 6630 Alderbrook Road, Tillamook, OR 97141.

I came to Tualatin in February, 1928 with my sister Karen and my mother and dad. We settled on a 60 acre farm on the southwest corner of Boones Ferry and Avery Roads. At that time Avery was called Nasoma because near the west end a railroad track crossed Nasoma and the Oregon Electric, a commuter train that ran between Eugene and Portland had a station called Nasoma. It's the same track WES uses now.

The farm had the usual complement of buildings. There was a big two-story house with gingerbread on the ridge lines. The only indoor plumbing was a cold water tap in the kitchen. These days a realtor would list the house as "five bedrooms and a path"! Complete indoor plumbing didn't come until about 10 years later. Then we didn't have to save the Montgomery Ward and Sears and Roebuck catalogs any longer.

There were two big barns, a cow barn and a horse barn, a hen house, a granary and a shed for pigs. One end of the granary was used for a wood shed.

To get wood to burn in our kitchen and pot-bellied stoves, I remember my dad met a fellow (Al Christensen) who owned several acres along Blake Road and was interested in getting it cleared. There were several old growth douglas fir trees that had blown down in wind storms so my dad got a cross-cut saw and took me along to saw the logs into lengths that could be handled. I was about ten years old and could barely see over the logs!

After getting the log into ten foot lengths, dad would use wedges and a sledge to split the wood into manageable lengths. Those would then be loaded on a hay rack and a team of horses would haul the load about a mile back to our farm. After several trips, dad would have Frank Wager (who lived on Tualatin-Sherwood Road) to come with his portable saw and cut the wood.

During the depression, I remember visits every two or three months by salesmen who represented the Raleigh and Watkins companies. The Watkins salesman always had a stick of Beeman Pepsin gum for me. In the eighth grade we had an elderly teacher named

Minerva Powell. She was a good teacher but strict. She did not permit anyone to chew gum in class. But I liked it and she caught me a couple of times. For discipline she would bring me in front of the class, hold one hand and hit it with a ruler--not the palm side of the hand, but the knuckle side.

I tried to get even, though. I learned to push the wad of gum in my mouth against the roof of my mouth with my tongue so it would stay there. Miss Powell had her desk at the head of the class and the rows of desks went from her desk to the end of the room. My desk was the last one in one row.

So one day I was chewing gum. I kept one eye trained on Miss Powell so when she spotted me chewing away she got up and came my way. I pushed the gum against the roof of my mouth. When she got to my desk she asked "Herbert, are you chewing gum?" I replied "no ma'am." She said "open your mouth." She looked and saw nothing, but said "lift up your tongue." I did, but again she saw nothing, paused a moment and then returned to her desk. While her back was turned, I held the wad of gum between my teeth to show those seated near me. That was my 15 seconds of fame in the eighth grade. In fairness to her she was a good teacher and I recall her penmanship was almost perfect. In those days she did a lot of writing on the blackboard.

Sometimes on a warm summer night I would sleep outside on an army cot. I can recall seeing the Milky Way and sometimes a meteorite. These days with what they call "light pollution" the Milky Way is only visible east of the Cascades.

Little things come to mind that in a way relate to the Great Depression days. For example, candy bars. In those days they cost a nickel. The names were pretty much the same as now: Mars, Snickers, Baby Ruth, Milky Way and Three Musketeers (this one had three bars inside, now it's just one).

Making root beer was usually done each summer. The extract was made by Hires or Schilling. A recipe would call for five pounds of sugar, five gallons of water, half a yeast cake and lots of stirring. It was bottled in pint or quart canning jars, placed on their sides in a warm place for one or two days and then stored upright at 40-45 degrees F for three or four days. Serve chilled. Making ice cream was another summertime job. My dad would give me a quarter and have me get a bag and jump on my bike and go

down Boones Ferry Road to Sagert Street where Harry Munniksma had a dairy. He always had ice on hand so for the quarter he would give me enough ice to make ice cream. My mother would prepare the mix and my dad would break up the ice, add rock salt and have me crank the freezer. For doing that, I got to lick the paddles!

Another diversion was to take the bus that went from Tualatin to Portland to see a movie. I would go with one or two friends such as Bob McReynolds, Wilbur Nyberg or Merle Pennington. In Portland the Circle theater was on Third Street. It cost 10 cents. The Capitol nearby cost 15 cents. Broadway Avenue had the Paramount, Broadway, Mayfair and Orpheum theaters. They cost more.

The movie actors and actresses had names that to me were famous for a long time: Clark Gable, William Powell, David Niven, the Barrymores, Myrna Loy, Jean Harlow, Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire and so on. The radio provided some entertainment, too. I recall Amos and Andy, Mert and Marge that were 15 minute programs. One Man's Family was a half-hour long.

There were times when people passing by would see our Dutch iris blooming on the farm and would come to buy some cut flowers. The bloomed in May, just in time for "Decoration Day" now called Memorial Day. We did not have a roadside stand but dad would sometimes put out a sign advertising apples, berries and vegetables that were in season. Anything for a little money.

I have always been fond of fishing. It seems like I've done a lot of fishing but not all that much catching. My first fishing trip was organized by Yvonne Addington's dad, Ted Saarinen. He and the two Harkness boys (Clyde and Glen) and I set out for Saum Creek. We walked east on Avery until the road turned south about four blocks to Robbins Road and then east for about half a mile to the creek. When we got to the creek, Ted picked out a hole and told the rest of us to get our own. I don't remember if any fish were caught. I didn't catch any. But I learned what snelled hooks were and night crawlers too.

In the THS newsletter for June there is a picture of the first graduating class for the original Tualatin High School in 1915. There were four in that class including Orpha Alspaugh. She became Mrs. Fred Sagert and her son Earl Sagert was in the high school class of 1936. That year was the last year for the high school until the new one opened 15 or 20 years ago.

When my dad started raising Dutch iris he would often be working in the field close to the ground and occasionally would find an Indian arrowhead. I found a few but I did find an atlatl stone while plowing behind a team of horses. When I found it, I didn't know what it was. It was about six inches long, flat on one side and curved on the other. About a half inch from each end on the curved side there is a row of notches. I later found that was used as a weight attached to a stick three or four feet long that was used to hurl a spear. I was told that American Indians went from throwing spears to using bows and arrows. So apparently that stone was there for a long time before I found it.

I recall the sound of a bob white quail sitting on a post in our garden. And the crowing of a ring-neck pheasant and the drumming of a male ruffed grouse coming from the woods near Teton and Avery streets. About 1933 a huge flock of sandhill cranes landed in the field occupied now by the new Tualatin Elementary School. My dad got his shotgun, asked me to circle around them staying at least 200 to 300 yards away until I was directly north of them. Meanwhile, he hid behind a rail fence that was on the south side of Avery. When I started walking toward the cranes they flew south toward my dad and he was able to shoot one and we were able to cook and eat it. A couple days later I had a drumstick in my lunch about a foot and a half long!

During this time my mother and three neighbor ladies would have weekly social get-togethers. One was Clara Sunde who lived across Boones Ferry Road from us. Another was Violet Van Loo (Frances Strang's mother) who lived south of Avery on 190th, and one was Jane Ibach who lived near Ibach Park. Jane Ibach was the only one who drove and that was a Model T. Mrs. Van Loo came from England and Mrs. Sunde came from Norway so their Thursday socials were called League of Nations meetings.

I recall when mother prepared the noon meal she would step to the kitchen door and call out to my dad "yoo hoo" and he would answer "hoo." We would get a little piglet each spring, feed it kitchen scraps through the year and butcher it in the fall. We always had chickens, mostly leghorns and plymouth rocks. They were good for eggs and fried chicken.

Thanks for following along with my rambling.

~ Herb Lafky, August, 2009



Membership Renewal

Time has arrived to renew your membership in the Society for 2014. Your membership is vital to our continued success and we very much appreciate your support.

Renewals as of 12/20/13:

Yvonne Addington
 George & Evie Andrews
 Nathan Andrews
 Art & Diane Barry
 John & Kim Bartholomew
 John & Margaret Bowles LM
 George & Patricia Bowlsby
 Jack Broome &
 Althea Pratt-Broome LM
 Jack & Gerry Brosy
 Jane Brown
 Scott & Glenda Burns
 Sandra Lafky Carlson
 Charles & Barbara Chicks
 City of Tualatin LM
 Brian Clopton HM
 Craig & Judy Daufel LM
 Chris & Joelle Davis
 Keith & Carol Dickson
 Abigail Elder
 Margaret Buswell Fuhrwerk
 Annita Gilham
 Lloyd & Kay Gooding
 Debra Hager
 Lorraine Hager
 Lynn & Dagmar Haight
 Richard Hall & Rebecca Pratt
 June Halliday
 Drusilla "Duffy" Hamilton
 Jon Hartman HM
 Adrienne Heathman LM
 Don Hesterley LM
 Betty J Hoen

Michael & Marissa Houlberg
 Lindy Hughes
 Del Judy LM
 James Judy
 Sam Keator & Ann Doherty
 Cecelia Kelley
 Candice Kelly
 Lloyd & Helen Koch
 Kurt & Eleanor Krause
 Mary Leslie
 Eric Lindstrom
 M. Irene Little
 James & Irma Markel
 Edith Matheson
 Larry & Eleanor McClure
 Ned & Diane Miller
 Tom & Sharon Miller
 Scott & Jane Morrill
 Robert & Kathleen Newcomb
 Arne & Colleen Nyberg LM
 John Nyberg LM
 Ellen Nyberg LM
 John Nyberg LM
 Lee & Donna Ohanesian
 Karin Olson
 David Parker
 Norm Parker
 & Loyce Martinazzi LM
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 Frances Wager Perry
 Ken & Bonnie Peterson
 Stan & Ruth Prier

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 Lois Roby
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 James Waddell
 John & Dawn Westphal
 Herbert & Nancy Zachow

LM: *Indicates Lifetime Member*
 HM: *Indicates Honorary Member*

Welcome new members!

Carl & Kristen Switzer
 The Battilega Family
 The Williams Family
 2013-14 Tualatin Youth Advisory
 Council Members



"Herb Lafky was an avid fisherman!"

Loyce Martinazzi sent us this wonderful photo of Herb Lafky with his "catch" from the photo archives.

A memorial and celebration of life gathering for Herb is currently in the planning stages. We should have the details in the next couple of weeks. Call 503.885.1926 for information.



Heritage Center January Event Calendar

Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, January 3 & 17, 10:00 am-Noon

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



THS Monthly Program

Wednesday, January 8, 1:00 pm

Tim Hills, historian for McMenamins, gives a presentation about the history of McMenamins Old Church and Pub in Wilsonville. See page 1 for more information.

Bird and Nature Walk

Thursday, January 9, 9:00am

Join us for a bird walk at Hedges Creek Marsh. This 1 1/2 hour walk around Sweek Pond is led by the Wetlands Conservancy. For information, call 503.227.0778.

Ice Aged Wines and Sedimentary Vines

Ice Age Evening Program

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 pm

See page 1 of the newsletter for more details. For more information, call 503.257.0144



February Event Calendar

Tualatin Historical Society Program

Wednesday, February 5, 1:00 pm

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

Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Fridays, February 14 & 28, 10:00 am-Noon

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"A Power-ful Story That Continues Today" Evening Program

Thursday, February 20, 7:00 pm

Evening program at the Tualatin Heritage Center. See page 3 for details about this program. For more information, call 503.257.0144



March Event Calendar

Creating Your Own Family History Book

Wednesday, March 5, 1:00 pm

THS member Jerry Larsen will describe how he used free software to create a print-ready book of Larsen family history including photos. Jerry will provide a step-by-step set of guidelines on how to create the narrative and other tips and techniques he learned by doing it himself. He made copies for relatives and also created a website for the book and is willing to help others as well. Come learn how to be a family historian from one of our own members!

Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, March 14 & 28, 10:00 am-Noon

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Ice Age Legacy: Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge Provides Year Round Learning

Ice Age Evening Program

Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm

Another large-scale local benefit of the Ice Age Floods is "our" wildlife refuge which stretches from within Tualatin city limits (onion flat area) as



far as Gaston where the remaining Atfaliti Indians spent their last years before removal to the reservation in Grand Ronde. A representative of the Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge will share historical and natural history of the Refuge, including upcoming events at their visitors center along Highway 99. This Federal refuge is unique because it can be reached from urban centers by public transportation and offers things to do and see in all seasons of the year. The area was scoured by the Lake Missoula floods as Lake Allison covered our valley. For more information, call 503.257.0144

Your 2014 Tualatin Historical Society Board

Executive Board:

President: Art Sasaki
Vice-President: Kurt Krause
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Kurt Krause
Larry McClure
Norman Parker
Diane Silvey Swientek



Heritage Center Director- Larry McClure
Newsletter Editor - Larry McClure
See our current and past newsletters in color and other articles of interest at www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org.
Website updates- Lindy Hughes

Welcome Rhonda!

Stop by and meet Rhonda Vertek who joined us in November thanks to the Experience Works Program. Rhonda comes with a long background in the printing industry but then downsizing eliminated her position. Experience Works is designed to help older adults learn new skills through on-the-job experience. Her salary is paid by Experience Works using federal employment funds. Lindy is her mentor. Carole Hoss, our previous intern, is now learning more advanced data entry skills at the Friends of Beaverton Library bookstore which sells used books direct to the public and online via websites such as Amazon.com.

Everybody Loves Cookies

A big thanks goes to Kathy Newcomb and Lindy Hughes for providing cookies and Ruth Prier and Gerry Brosy for making coffee for the THS monthly program in December. They were delicious!



Tualatin Heritage Center Holiday Closures:
December 26 through January 1, 2014

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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 month.

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