



# Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

*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 Age National  
Geologic Trail –  
Becoming a Reality**  
Thursday, October 15  
7:00 pm  
Tualatin Public Library

Rick Thompson, author of Gigafloods, takes us on a visual tour of the proposed National Park Service trail which will include Tualatin.

Ice Age Floods National Geological Trail (IAFNGT) will become a reality in 2016. This year has been spent finalizing the route and the stops where eventually there will be interpretive signs.

The main route of the Trail will cover the Lake Missoula floods from Missoula, Montana to the Pacific Ocean and will have 1,300 linear miles and 2,500 miles of spur and loop trails along the way. It will have at least 350 sites spread across four states. Tualatin, with its many ice age features will be a major stop on the lower end of the trail.

The trail will be under the auspices of the National Parks Service in partnership with the Ice Age Floods Institute and other organizations and facilities. ~cont'd on page 2

## Great Train Robbery of Southern Oregon

On October 11, 1923, brothers Ray, Roy, and Hugh d'Autremont held up Train #13, of the Southern Pacific Railroad just outside of Ashland, Oregon. Four crew members were murdered in the process. The brothers were found four years later and sentenced to life in prison. *The Crime of the d'Autremont Brothers* is a one-hour documentary detailing this 'last great American train robbery.' The story is told through their lawyer who fought for their parole, and a documentary filmmaker who struggled to make a 1973 documentary on the subject. The last brother died in 1984. Award winning filmmaker, Tom Olsen who specializes in documentaries, shares the story. He is a graduate of Chapman University's MFA program in Film and TV Producing.

Tom teaches filmmaking at both PSU and PCC, and serves as the Multimedia Production Specialist at the University of Western States.

Join us for this fascinating documentary, on **Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00 pm**. Monthly program of the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.



**Photo:** Notorious brothers, (from left) twins Roy, Ray and younger brother, Hugh.

## 2015 Annual Meeting Sunday, November 1

Old fashioned potluck fare and good fellowship will highlight the 2015 annual meeting at **1:00 pm Sunday, November 1** at the Heritage Center. A printed 2014-2015 annual report will be distributed. Election of officers and filling of any board vacancies will also be on the agenda along with committee projections of 2016 plans. Recognitions for outstanding service to the Society are always a highlight, including the traditional Martinazzi-Lafky Award. Invite a friend and potential member to celebrate our accomplishments, win a door prize and help

recognize some outstanding folks who have made the Society one of the best in Oregon.

Bring a dish to share and your own table service, beverages will be provided. For information or to volunteer to help set-up, please call Gerry Brosy at 503.692.1247 or Lindy at 503.885.1926.

Remember, there will be no first Wednesday program on November 4 at the Heritage Center.



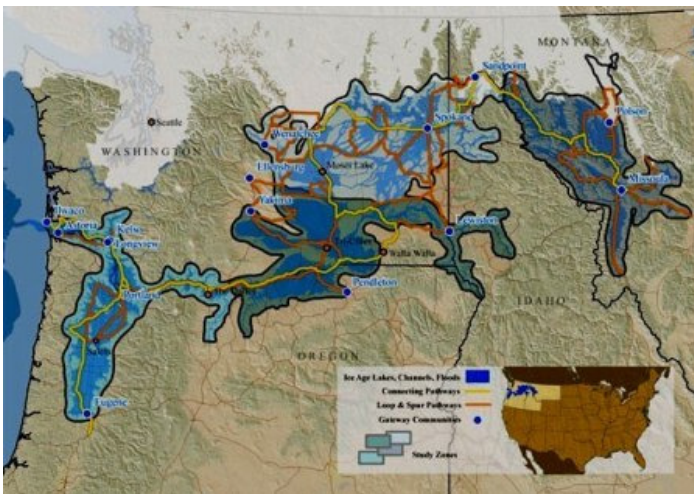
**Ice Age National Geologic Trail**

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Rick Thompson, President of the Lower Columbia Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute has been a part of many of the planning meetings for the trail. He will be presenting the trail as it is now and show some of the ways it will become manifested over the next few years with signs, kiosks and printed material. His presentation will show maps, and photos of some of the areas to be featured.

Suggested donation of \$3 per adult. Monthly program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

**Proposed Route of the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail**



**Drawing above:** Proposed Ice Age Floods Pathways (touring routes) and possible locations for interpretive facilities. (figure prepared by [Jones & Jones](#)) ~ courtesy of [www.iafi.org](http://www.iafi.org)

**Salvage Paleontology: Fossil Rescue at Construction Sites**

Fossils are protected resources at ground-disturbing construction sites on public lands in the United States. A matrix of federal, state, and county laws require the retrieval of fossil objects that might be used for display, research or teaching. Sheila Alfsen will speak on her experiences in the salvage paleontology industry working in the western United States.

Join us for this interesting program on **Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 pm.** Suggested donation of \$3 per adult. Monthly program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.



**Photo above:** Snowmass Water and Sanitation, and Gould Construction employees Kent Olson and Jesse Steele hold mastodon tusks uncovered at the reservoir excavation site near Snowmass, Colorado. ~photo courtesy of Mercury News



**Photo above:** A mastodon jaw parts and detached skull was unearthed by heavy equipment operator, Vernon Kessi while digging a sewer line for a new Corvallis apartment complex in December 2011. ~ photo courtesy of Corvallis Gazette Times & Amanda Cowan

**Take Advantage of Tax Breaks!**



Remember your donations to Tualatin Historical Society as the year ends are fully tax deductible. After supporting THS in this way, you can also benefit by donating to the Oregon Cultural Trust and this latter gift is an Oregon tax credit. Details available on the Oregon Cultural Trust website. THS has received four grants from this source since 2006.

## Tualatin Families Celebrate Christmas

Bring examples of your own traditions for an hour of stories, music and treats that will be enjoyed in many Tualatin homes during the holidays. Learn how those practices evolved and what they mean for persons whose family roots stretch around the world. Join us **Wednesday, December 2 at 1:00 pm** for this festive program.



**Above:** Scandinavian Yule traditions in Tualatin are many and varied. We will sample some of the butter-rich cookies right out of local kitchens. On Christmas morning, families of Danish descent look forward to a tasty bowl of tapioca or rice pudding. The person who gets the single almond hidden there will have their wish come true. Afterward, they dance around the Christmas tree.



## Curtis Tigard Looks Back

*By Loyce Martinazzi*

Curtis Tigard, 106 years young, patriarch of the nearby Tigard community, reminisced recently about the notorious night life roadhouse, the “Spinning Wheel”, which he remembers well. Located at the west end of Hazelbrook Road on a knoll, the building was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin on the night of December 12, 1936. Read the story of the Spinning Wheel in this month's Tualatin Life newspaper.



**Photo above:** Old Timer Curtis Tigard shares memories with son Dave Tigard and Rochelle Martinazzi. Dave and Rochelle attended Tigard High School together.



**Above:** The December 2 meeting will include a presentation on Christmas traditions south of the border which hundreds of families in Tualatin will be celebrating this month. One is the popular “Three Kings Sweet Bread” pictured above which is one of many Mexican baked goods sold at La Montana 3 Market/ Taqueria on Warm Springs St. adjacent to Rodda Point. The store's owner Enrique Chanez will be sharing some of the unique ways Latino families remember their heritage.

**Left:** Caroling is another popular tradition.

## Auction & Wine Tasting Event

Nice weather brought a good turnout of over 100 folks looking forward to the traditional fine music of the Heritage Relics, tasty food, NW wines and friends to help THS continue its mission. Lots of generous bidders and donors helped with this year's gross revenue bringing in over \$9,000.00.

Proceeds will be used to advance the Society's preservation efforts, including display and storage of its collections, hosting all Tualatin 4th graders for "Pioneer Days" and sponsor historical, cultural, civic programs just to name a few.

The eighth annual affair was held Friday, September 11 at the Heritage Center and on the patio under a big tent. 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.*



- Barbara & Ken Stinger
- Sue Raxter
- Ellie & Larry McClure
- Diane Swientek
- Rhonda Verbeck
- Karin Olsen
- Marianne Germond
- Laura & Ross Baker
- Marty & Scott Denis
- Kathy Karapondo
- Kay & Lloyd Gooding
- Carol Hoss
- Cyndi Klauss
- Candice Kelly
- Beverly Robinson
- Blair Hughes
- Grant Hughes
- Haley Bevendich
- Marie Walters
- Katie Walters



## THS Honor Roll



The grades are in for 2015! The following businesses have earned an A+ with their generous donations of cash, goods and services. Please give them a big thank you and give them your business whenever possible. Also listed are members and friends of THS who generously donated goods, services and cash.

Thanks to all of you!

*\* denotes THS member*

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Yvonne Addington*            | La' Sen Vietnamese Grill  |
| Aman Arts-Linda Aman         | Lakeside Family Dentistry |
| Archer Vineyard              | Phillip Margolin          |
| Anonymous Donor*             | Marquis Tualatin          |
| Ross & Laura Baker*          | Larry & Ellie McClure*    |
| Ron Bannister                | Ken & Vicki Miller        |
| Diane & Art Barry*           | New Seasons Tualatin      |
| Big Eddy Tap House           | North by Northwest Books  |
| Cabela's Outdoor Store       | Coleen Nyberg*            |
| Ed & Joanne Casey*           | Karin Olson*              |
| Scott & Marty Denis          | Judye Palmer              |
| Eye Impressions              | Norman Parker*            |
| CenterCal Properties         | Darcy Pottle              |
| Century Farm                 | Pro-Gro Mixes             |
| ~Rochelle Martinazzi*        | ~George & Evie Andrews*   |
| City of Tualatin Parks Dept. | Quick & Clean Services    |
| Clarity Wellness Massage     | Rallison Cellars          |
| Clark Lumber True Value      | Sue Raxter*               |
| Columbia Bank Tualatin       | Art Sasaki*               |
| DPI Specialty Foods          | Silverado Portland        |
| Dwayne Scales, Grillmaster   | Kathleen Smail            |
| Edward Jones-Michelle Kaiser | Ken & Barbara Stinger*    |
| Eva's Doggery                | Summerfield Golf Course   |
| Gina's Dry Cleaners          | Diane & Frank Swientek*   |
| Grimm's Fuel Company         | Trader Joe's Lake Oswego  |
| Liane Harvey                 | Tualatin Park Veterinary  |
| Heritage Center Knitters     | Tualatin Pharmacy         |
| Lindy & Bob Hughes*          | ~Patrick Bowman           |
| Innovative Bakery Resources  | Gerry & Chris Tunstall*   |
| Judy's Cream Caramels        | Uncorked NW Wine Tours    |
| Kaady Car Washes             | G. Walsh                  |
| KAI USA - Kershaw Knives     | Rochelle Wandzura         |
| Kathy Karapondo              | Martha Wolfe              |
|                              | Women of Watercolor Guild |

## We Have a Winner!

We had another successful raffle fundraiser raising \$2150. The winning ticket was held by Tualatin resident, Mona St. Clair She and her husband Scott look forward to their weeklong getaway in the Manzanita beach home of THS members Ross and Laura Baker who graciously donated the prize.



# Oh what a night...



**Photo Above:** Our fearless auction leader, Barbara Stinger encourages the crowd to bid high and often on silent auction items. Scott Denis is in the background.

**Photo Below:** This annual event is not just a fundraiser. It is also a social event. Here, THS members Gay Paschoal, Jane Brown and Yvonne Addington catch up on the latest and reminisce the past.



**Photos Below:** The Heritage Relics treated us to some wonderful entertainment, Sue Raxter and Laura Baker 'hock' gift cards, folks enjoying great wine and delicious food.

## Sampling of Donated Silent Auction Bid Items



**Above items:** 2 tickets to an Oregon State football game donated by Norm Parker this year went for \$150!, Colleen Nyberg made this beautiful handwoven lap blanket, Volunteer Marianne Germond made this earring and necklace set and wine-themed baskets were popular bid items.

## Daniel Boone: The Tualatin Connection

By Yvonne Addington

Daniel Boone, born in 1734 in Pennsylvania, became a frontiersman who explored and helped open the Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri territory. In 1846, Daniel's grandson Alphonso Boone led family members in 11 wagons over the Oregon Trail and filed land claims on the south side of the Willamette River. In the same wagon train were Thad and Maria Sweek who filed land claims and platted land in the downtown Tualatin area (Sweek house still exists) plus Vetel Cimino who claimed land on Tualatin-Sherwood Road. Maria Sweek was matchmaker for Vetel and Sonora Boone, Alphonso's daughter. Vetel and Sonora Cimino had four children and some of their descendants (the Ciminos, Wager, Koch families) farmed some of these original claims for many decades.



**Above:** Completion of the Baldock Freeway Bridge (now Boone Bridge) in 1954 resulted in decommissioning of the ferry, which made up to 300 trips per day, carrying up to 12 autos daily time

### Boones Ferry and Boones Ferry Road

Boones Ferry Road is today one of the busiest roads in the Portland-Tualatin-Salem area. Not many modern residents are aware that in the late 1840s there once actually was a ferry on the Willamette River at Wilsonville built by Alphonso Boone and operated by Alphonso's son Jesse Boone. It was first oar-powered by Atfaliti (Tualatin) Indians before the introduction of an electric cable. It carried 12 wagons (later cars) per trip, 24 hours per day. Jesse, with the help of Tualatin land owner Thad Sweek and other farmers, then built the approximately 16 mile plank road called Boones Ferry Road to get their crops to market and travelers to and from Portland and Salem. The road still exists from the Willamette River north to near the Sellwood Bridge landings. Until being over-shadowed in 1954 by I-5 linking Mexico and Canada in 1954, this was a main Willamette Valley transportation linkage for over 100 years.

## Tualatin-Sherwood Road Connection

Tualatin-Sherwood Road, once a market road, is now one of the busiest roads in the area but not many modern residents or industrial businesses are aware that many acres of the land along the road and in the Cipole swamps was once the land of Vetel and Senora (Boone) Cimino who raised hop plants for beer. Hops for beer are re-emerging crops in the Tualatin, Willamette and Yamhill Valley and are becoming famous world wide as micro-breweries grow in popularity. Rich soils deposited from numerous ice age floods were a major reason the pioneers located in these valleys.



**Photo above, circa 1905:** Vetel Cimino and Zeke Eddy farms employed many in the community. Workers shown here celebrating the end of the hops picking season.

### A Historic Hops Plant Still Lives in Tualatin

Thanks to THS volunteer Bob Hughes, a lone historical hops plant from the Cimino farm, donated by Lloyd and Helen Koch, can still be seen at the Tualatin Heritage Center, climbing high upon a light pole with its beautiful and abundant hop cones very visible right now. The Cimino hops plant is located between two multi-ton erratics/rocks also brought to this area on icebergs during the same ice age floods that brought the rich soils.



For more information on this local history, see a notebook kept at Tualatin Heritage Center and research available on the internet.

## Heritage Center October Event Calendar

### THS Program

Wednesday, October 7, 1:00 pm

See page 1 for details. For information, call 503.885.1926.

### Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Fridays, October 2 & 16, 10:00 am-Noon

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

### The Beauty of Our National Parks

#### Ice Age Evening Program

Thursday, October 15, 7:00 pm

See page 1 for details. Meeting held at the Tualatin Public Library. For information, call 503.885.1926.

## November Event Calendar

### THS Annual Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, November 1, 1:00 pm

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

### Clothing Swap

Monday, November 3, 7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:45 pm



Recycle, reduce, reuse by attending our quarterly 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 6 & 20, 10:00 am-Noon

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

### Salvage Paleontology:

#### Fossil Rescue at Construction Sites

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## December Event Calendar

### Tualatin Families Celebrate Christmas

Wednesday, December 2, 1:00 pm

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### Knitting and Crochet Workshop

Fridays, December 4 & 18, 10:00 am-Noon

Bring a project or start one. Complete you holiday gifts. Help is available. All levels welcome.

## Heritage Center Closures

The Heritage Center will be closed to observe Thanksgiving  
on  
Thursday, November 26  
Friday, November 27  
and  
Holiday Break from  
December 25 through January 1.

Don't miss the annual meeting...

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 1



## Everybody ♥ Cookies!

A big thanks goes to Ruth Prier, Del Judy and Jane Brown for providing treats and Ruth Prier and Gerry Brody for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in August and September. They were delicious!!

## Your 2015 Tualatin Historical Society Board

### *Executive Board:*

President: Art Sasaki  
 Vice-President: Kurt Krause  
 Secretary: Loyce Martinazzi  
 Treasurer: Barbara Stinger  
 Historian: Sandra Lafky Carlson

### *Directors:*

Yvonne Addington  
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 Norman Parker  
 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](http://www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org).

## Great Holiday Shopping at THS

You can fill your Santa sack this year with some great items that friends, relatives, and YOU will enjoy:

"I Wonder...", the colorful hardback relating a child's wonderment about what it must be like to be a mastodon, just \$10 each.

"Selected Photographs from Tualatin's History" containing 100 views of Tualatin's earliest houses, farms and transportation in one handy volume, also just \$10.

"Gigaflood", Rick Thompson's newest book on the Lake Missoula floods in the NW Oregon/SW Washington area, \$22.

PLUS, all the previous titles of publications on Tualatin's heritage, including the fire department history. Also available in limited quantities, the comprehensive "Tualatin From the Beginning" large book written by Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Nygaard, which will be re-released in an updated edition next year.

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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 except July and November.

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