



Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

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



Save the Date...

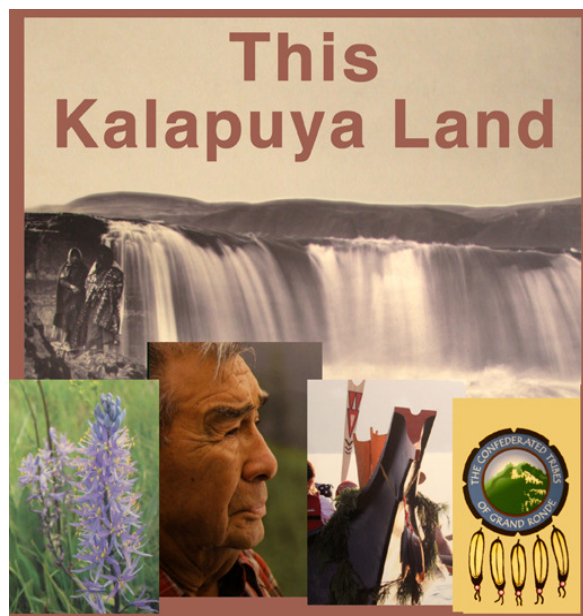
**Evening Program
Is the New Yorker
Magazine Right?
Thursday, January 21
7:00 pm
Heritage Center**

Dr. Scott Burns, THS member, retired geology professor and frequent commentator on TV when the earth moves, will review the latest perspectives on the recent news about a major earthquake in the Cascadia Subduction Zone.



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.

Tualatin's First People: The Atfalati Indians



"This Kalapuya Land" exhibit celebrates the cultural history of Native Americans in this region from the Atfalati band of the Kalapuya Indians through today's amalgamation of 130 tribes.

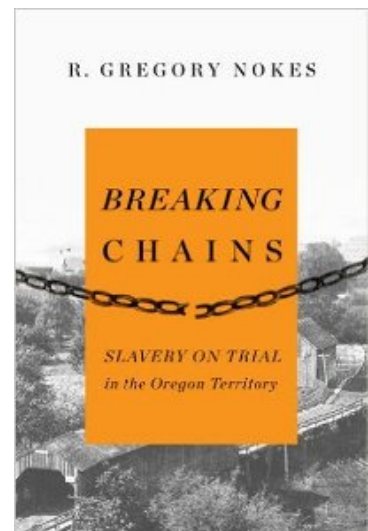
Washington County Museum brings artifacts and stories of Washington County's first residents: the Atfalati Band of the Kalapuya Indians who called this area home. Learn how these original Tualatin Valley families lived and dressed in an interactive presentation. Their descendants today are part of the Grand Ronde Confederated Tribe.

Join us on **Wednesday, January 6 at 1:00 pm** for this interesting program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

Breaking Chains: Slavery on the Oregon Trail

Join us on **Wednesday, February 3, 1:00 pm** when author R. Gregory Nokes returns to the Heritage Center to describe his research on the only slavery case adjudicated in Oregon courts in 1853. Missouri slaves Robin and Polly Holmes were brought to the Willamette Valley in 1844 and kept in bondage until the issue landed in court.

This program coincides with Black History Month. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926



President's Corner

from Yvonne Addington

"Tualatin Oregon-It's Where My Story Begins"

The above message is on the front of my new sweatshirt. It explains my obsession with giving back to my hometown, trying to preserve the unique local history and share it with future generations. It also explains my agreement to serve another year as President of the Tualatin Historical Society which turns 29 in 2016 and the 10th anniversary of the preservation of the old Tualatin Methodist Church, now the Historical Society's Tualatin Heritage Center. You too are welcome to join me in a very unique organization.

I have several excuses for my interest in Tualatin history and anything about the word "Tualatin". I was born in the **Tualatin Mountain Range** in northwest Portland (Another story). I grew up and lived in the **City of Tualatin** as did my grandparents, father, sisters and children. My dad and uncle helped develop the **Tualatin Fire Department**; mom was **Tualatin assistant postmaster** and my Finnish immigrant Grandpa Saarinen worked as groundskeeper at the **Tualatin Country Club**. Husband Jim and I owned and operated two businesses in Tualatin and dad Ted Saarinen owned another one over time. We all enjoyed giving back to our community.

I attended **Tualatin Grade School**, crawfished, boated and swam in the **Tualatin River**; was treasurer, recorder, municipal judge and first city manager of **City of Tualatin** during the start of great city growth and development. Since I typed the thesis of PSU student John George when he dug up the **Tualatin Mastodon** bones, I was able to recover it for the City. Thus began significant interest in prehistoric Tualatin life over 10,000 years ago. I led Washington County's urban land use plan in the **Tualatin Valley**. With my State of Oregon Community Development Manager position in the Governor's office, I enjoyed working with officials of the Confederated Tribe of the Grand Ronde and learned a lot of history about the **Atfalati/Tualatin Band of Kalapuyans** whose homelands included the Tualatin Mountains and Tualatin Valley prior to the 1855 USA treaty.

Many have heard a lot of my Tualatin stories, sometimes causing some people to roll their eyes to tell me they've heard it before. Sometimes humorous, sometimes sad and sometimes almost unbelievable stories. I feel better about learning that the children of Governor Victor Atiyeh, my first state boss (from the Tualatin Valley) used to remind the Governor at the family dinner table "But Dad, you've told us that story before". He would reply "Yes, but I enjoy telling that story."

I have traveled to many states and other countries, and have not found a better place to live and work than Tualatin, Oregon. So it is fitting to give back as the Tualatin Historical Society captures and shares a part of our city's unique history.

Lately, it has partnered with the City of Tualatin, Chamber of Commerce, individual experts, local schools, state universities and private sector businesses such as CenterCal to tell the Tualatin story. It has been fun working with others to accomplish a number of projects. We invite you to join us in the near future.

~ Yvonne

A Special Thanks

Starting a new calendar for 2016 is a nice time to remember some of the special people whose unsung behind-the-scenes contributions made 2015 another successful year for the Society. You would have had to be at the heritage center at the right time to see **Alan Lafky** and **Sandra Lafky Carlson**, kids of Herb Lafky and grandkids of Mark Lafky digging up the Tualatin Manette white Dutch iris bulbs from our planter boxes so they will be properly cared for before replanting for blooming next May; or **Duffy Hamilton** who drove in from Newberg for the annual meeting along with **Karin Olson** to greet members and help members pay their dues; or **Ken Stinger** who carefully maintains our digital historic photo collection; or **Candice Kelly** who slips over from her condo to open and close the heritage center if needed or turn out lights that might have been left on; or **Donny** who kept the Pioneer Garden watered during the HOT summer; or **Bob Hughes**, who comes in to update and troubleshoot our computers as needed (and his hours count for a nice donation from Intel); and **Diane Swientek** for her seasonal displays at the Heritage Center.

Willamette Falls Heritage Area



The evening program held on **Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm** features Alice Norris, former Oregon City Mayor and past president of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition, will describe how leaders are working to expand this natural resource from a state designation to a national heritage area. Discover the many "firsts" that occurred just downstream from Tualatin. \$3 suggested donation for adults. For information, call Yvonne Addington at 503.625.2704.

THS Annual Meeting

Officers and board members unanimously elected for 2016 are: Yvonne Addington, president; Kurt Krause, vice-president; Barbara Stinger, treasurer; Loyce Martinazzi, secretary. Directors include Ross Baker, Sandra Lafky Carlson, Larry McClure Norm Parker, Art Sasaki and Jim Serrill.

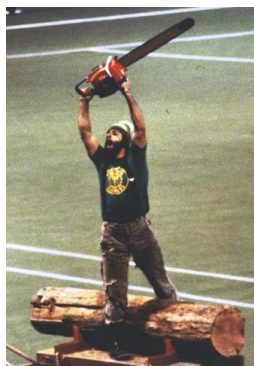
At this meeting, Loyce Martinazzi presented Ross Baker the Lafky-Martinazzi Award. The award is given each year to honor a person or group whose work in the community on behalf of local history furthers Society goals.

Meet Our New THS Board Member

Timber Jim Serrill

A popular addition to the gardening team during Pioneer Days in May will now be bringing his enthusiastic interest in history to THS board decision making. Jim Serrill and his family have lived in Tualatin since 1987. Jim spent his active career climbing power poles and trimming tree limbs for companies like PGE. But what makes kids and parents coming to Pioneer Days want their picture taken with him was his avocation as the mascot for the Portland Timbers soccer team, slicing off a slab each time they scored a goal. Jim created the role in 1978 and continued climbing the pole until job injuries and cancer forced him into early retirement. Timber Jim is still a magnet for fans at every home game where he will now proudly wear the Timbers national title scarf. His new career is promoting community gardening. In June he enlisted the Timbers Army to help with Hilltop Community Garden on Martinazzi Street where he serves as manager. He is also active at Winona Grange and has been invited to help plan a gardening project in Tanzania this spring.

Jim Serrill Then & Now



1978



2015

THS Scholarship

For the seventh consecutive year we intend to support youth in our community by awarding a scholarship to a Tualatin High graduate from the 2016 class.

Depending on the response from our members the award will be for \$2000 to \$2500. The funding does not come from our budget so we are hopeful members will continue to support this great program.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

2016 Scholarship Committee

Norm Parker, Evie Andrews, Rochelle Martinazzi, Diane Swientek, and Chris Tunstall



Photo above: (Front row center) 2015 Scholarship winner Adrienne Tedesco and her mother pose for a photo with THS board members during a visit this summer.

Ask About Tualatin History

By Kayla Barrera, Tualatin High School senior

I find it difficult to learn if what's being taught is uninteresting. However, If the topic is something I want to learn about, I no longer have to feign interest. I plan, with the assistance of my mentor Ross Baker, to make Tualatin history come alive for you. Email your questions to the THS historian Sandra Carlson (slafky@aol.com) and we will do the research. Watch for changes to our website and facebook page where we will also (as part of my senior project for the THS membership committee) harvest your questions in the future.



Editor's note: Over the past year THS has had a goal of reaching out to youth who someday may be Society leaders. Kayla responded to the challenge.

When Troubles Come, Tualatin Has Answers

Water over Tualatin's Nyberg Land and Jurgens Park recently was not a surprise to long-time residents who remember the last major flood event 20 years ago when the river ran through downtown causing major damage. Some winters bring snow and ice storms that cut power for extended time and snarl transportation. Windstorms like Columbus Day 1962 occur less frequently yet some Northwest communities have sustained damage from tornadoes in recent years. Sadly, Tualatin has not escaped new kinds of emergencies like the active shooter who killed two and injured three persons at a health clinic in November 2010.

As noted on page 1, Dr. Scott Burns will review the latest research on earthquake probabilities and impacts Thursday evening January 21 at 7 p.m. The question on everyone's minds is "will we be ready?" Construction is underway to strengthen the I-5 bridge and newer schools have been built with safety in mind. Past history tells us neighbors will do their best to take care of each other and some are even bolting homes to foundations as an added measure of protection. Emergency kits are one way families can prepare (flyers available at Tualatin Heritage Center).

Emergency response in Tualatin has progressed a long way since a siren alerted volunteer firefighters to drop everything and scramble to the station. Now one call to 911 means quick action by full-time professionals located nearby. Emergency dispatch is provided by Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency based in Beaverton. (Non-emergency calls should always be made to 503.629.4911.) The WCCCA.com website shows all active emergency incidents, and the free PulsePoint smart phone app allows people to see live incidents, hear emergency radio traffic and be notified if someone nearby needs CPR.

The Tualatin Historical Society book "Tualatin Fire Protection History: 1937-1989" (\$15) details the history of the Tualatin Fire Department which later morphed into Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R). TVF&R is Oregon's largest district providing fire protection and emergency medical service to nine cities and portions of three counties. The first fire truck in Tualatin was based in a garage attached to the first city hall at the corner of Boones Ferry and Tualatin-Sherwood Road (adjacent to today's Clark Lumber/True Value). In 1946 the station opened its first stand-alone building west of Winona Grange at the corner of Seneca and 84th (now a city parking lot).

Today there is one fire station in the city also located at 19365 SW 90th Court. The station is home to the District's Hazardous Materials Response Team and twelve firefighters that work 24-hour shifts. Because of the regional nature of TVF&R, however, a network of stations and fire crews respond daily to emergencies in Tualatin. During a disaster or large-scale incident, fire commanders can coordinate resources and responses from the TVF&R Fire Operations Center located in nearby Tigard.

Many of TVF&R's firefighters are cross trained as paramedics who provide advanced life support and medical care. In fact, firefighters provide medical care in as many as 80% of their calls for service. In some instances, Metro West Ambulance paramedics also provide medical care and transports patients whose injuries warrant a trip to the hospital. Tualatin can boast of a variety of health care providers anchored by Legacy Meridian Park Hospital open 24/7. Kaiser Permanente and Providence health care systems operate large clinics in Tualatin, though they're not open around the clock. For much of its history, Tualatin was served by one or two doctors in a Sherwood clinic who typically made house calls in the area. Now dozens of medical professionals have chosen Tualatin as a convenient location for their office. (At Tualatin Historical Society you can check out a copy of a book written by one of those early Tualatin doctors titled "House Calls" by Thomas L. Stern, M.D.)

For much of its history Tualatin's had no professional police officers of its own but contracted for services from the Washington County Sheriff's office. As the city grew, our police force grew. After moving through several temporary locations, City urban renewal dollars helped build a full-fledged facility in 2000 on Tualatin Road at Sweek Drive. A call for police assistance in non-emergency situations should be made to the dispatch office at 503-629-0111. For news alerts and traffic issues, smart phone users can get a free Tualatin Police Department app. Tualatin Police Department employees a staff of 38 officers and 8 support personnel. However, the station is only open for public access weekdays 8-5.

The City of Tualatin provides materials for making sandbags at its Operations Center at 10699 SW Herman Road. Crews are prepared to act when
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major events disrupt roadways or endanger safe water. PGE and Northwest Natural also have service centers close to Tualatin to handle utility problems. The Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry on Borland Road at Rolling Hills Community Church provides emergency food assistance three days a week. Limited overnight shelter during extreme cold spells is also available at the church.

Resources We Didn't Used to Have

The WCCVA website provides handy guidelines on “How to Take Five and Survive” More helpful tips and links on how to be ready for any emergency are available at the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue website under the tab “Safety and Education.” The American Red Cross “Safe and Well” website also provides suggestions.

(Thanks to THS member Jack Broome for suggesting this topic)

A Real Live Homesteader Among Us

Dual U.S.-Canadian citizen Norm Parker, THS board member and long-time Tualatin resident, will share his family's pioneer story **Wednesday, March 2 at 1:00 pm** at Tualatin Heritage Center. Norm's father immigrated from Grants Pass, Oregon to the wilderness of north central British Columbia in 1912 following the call of free land. Norm was born there where the family stayed until his father's death in 1944. This illustrated program tells a story not unlike Tualatin's own pioneers setting out on the Oregon Trail 60 years earlier.



Photo above: Norm's father built this cabin near the spot where Norm later built his own wilderness getaway.

We Remember...

THS member Helen Ladd Wilson Peterson, 97, passed away December 5, 2015 in Olympia, WA. She was born July 7, 1918 to Burlington B. Ladd and Emma Jurgens Ladd of Tualatin, OR. She was the granddaughter of Tualatin pioneers William and Rosa Jurgens. She graduated from Sherwood High School, Sherwood, OR.

Helen was determined, feisty, and loving as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, career woman, and volunteer. A lifelong advocate for women's rights, she supported women's access to education, and reproductive and legal rights.

She is survived by daughters (with husband, Arthur Wilson), Leslie Rasor of Portland and Linda Panowicz (Rob); grandchildren, Christa Trepte (Gary), Mike Rasor, Leslie Panowicz Ceesay, Robert “Chip” Panowicz; and eight great-grandchildren. Her husband, Earl Peterson of Olympia, predeceased her on May 24, 2014.



Photo right:

The Ladd house was on the north side of the railroad, close to the Tualatin Country Club.

Thank you, Scouts!



In October local Boy Scouts from Troop 423 and Troop 35 once again made major improvements in our west side landscaping. One Eagle scout re-did the patio planters (irrigation and soil replacement) and another re-worked the framework holding our large flower baskets.

Membership Renewal

Time has arrived to renew your membership in the Society for 2016. Your membership is vital to our continued success and we very much appreciate your support.



Renewals received as of 12/22/15:

Yvonne Addington
 George & Evie Andrews
 Nathan Andrews
 Anne Avery
 Art & Diane Barry
 Jack & Gerry Brosy
 Frank Bubenik &
 Donna Copodacqua
 Scott & Glenda Burns
 Sandra Lafky Carlson
 Chris & Joelle Davis
 Robert & Catherine Dexter
 Ken & Rosa Lee Dickson
 Margaret Buswell Fuhrwerk
 Bill Galbreath
 Anita Gilham
 Lloyd & Kay Gooding
 Jean M Graham
 Richard Hall & Rebecca Pratt
 June Halliday
 Drusilla "Duffy" Hamilton
 Joan Hamilton
 Marissa Houlberg
 Lindy Hughes
 James Judy

Cecelia Kelley
 Lloyd & Helen Koch
 Jerry & Jan Larsen
 Mary Leslie
 M. Irene Little
 Toni Martinazzi
 Vicci Lee Martinazzi
 Larry & Eleanor McClure
 Michael Meriwether &
 Penelope Christianson
 Rich & Michelle Mueller
 Lee & Donna Ohanesian
 Karin Olson
 Henry Oman
 Gay Paschoal
 Frances Wager Perry
 Jan Pennington Peterson
 Stan & Ruth Prier
 Susan Raxter
 Colleen Rivers
 Lois Roby
 Ronald & Ilga Ross
 Sagert Family LLC
 Donna Scheckla
 Gary Schneider

Jim Serrill
 Donald Steury &
 Rochelle Wandzura
 Ken & Barbara Stinger
 Eric & Teresa Stone
 John & Suzanne Sweek
 Frank & Diane Swientek
 Ed Truax
 John & Dawn Westphal

Welcome New Members!

Seward & Theresa Eggleston
 Robert Kellogg
 Scott Judy
 Tom & Hillary Lipman
 Gary Peterson

New Honorary Members*

Enrique Chanez
 Ross Fogelquist
 Logan Mante
 Eleanore Mickus
 Tom Olsen
 Adrienne Tedesco
** Our program presenters receive a 1-year honorary membership.*

A New Cover for our Heads!



The City of Tualatin contracted for a new roof for Tualatin Heritage Center in mid-October. A shiny copper cap was installed on the steeple. The heritage center was built in 1926 as the Methodist Church and was given to THS by the final congregation to use the building (Tualatin Church of Christ). It was moved to its present location in August 2005 as property of the city but managed by THS. The center officially opened its doors in February, 2006.



Heritage Center January Event Calendar

Tualatin's First People: The Atfalati Indians THS Monthly Program

Wednesday, January 6, 1:00 pm
See page 1 for more information.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, January 8 & 22, 10:00 am-Noon

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



Is the New Yorker Magazine Right? Ice Age Evening Program

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 pm
See page 1 of the newsletter for more details. For more information, call 503.257.0144



February Event Calendar

Breaking Chains: Slavery on the Oregon Trail Wednesday, February 3, 1:00 pm

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

Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, February 5 & 26, 10:00 am-Noon

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

Willamette Falls Heritage Area Thursday, February 18, 7:00 pm Donations accepted

See page 2 for details. Monthly program co-sponsored by Ice Age Floods Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

March Event Calendar



Tualatin Historical Society Program Wednesday, March 2, 1:00 pm

See description on page 5. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, March 13 & 27, 10:00 am-Noon

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

History of the Development of the Continental Drift—Sea Floor Spreading Hypothesis Ice Age Evening Program Thursday, March 17, 7:00 pm

Prior to 1972, geology text books used a theory known as "diastrophism" to describe how rocks appeared to have been moved around. Fold and thrust belts, huge anti-clines/synclines, extensional faults, Benioff Zones, and volcanoes all seem to indicate that tremendous forces at work wrenching rocks, mountains and other earth forms.

Initially scorned, the concept of continental drift when combined with sea floor spreading has resulted in being today's prevailing hypothesis to understand the movement of the continental plates. Join Bill Burgel as he walks through the series of pivotal and fascinating discoveries of Wegener, Hess, Tharp, Heezen, Bullard, Vine & Matthews, and Wilson in the 40 years between 1924 and 1963 that shaped plate tectonics.

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Everybody Loves Cookies

A big thanks goes to Jim Serrill, Karin Olson, Chris Tunstall, Eleanor Mickus and Enrique Chanez for providing treats and Ruth Prier and Gerry Brosy for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in October and December. They were delicious!



What a Gift for New Generations!

This year's sixth awardee of the THS scholarship (see page 3) brought the grand total to \$12,500 we've given since the program began. Your tax deductible donation for this and other special projects of the Society will assure that our mission to preserve, promote and protect Tualatin history moves onward.

Your 2016 Tualatin Historical Society Board

Executive Board:

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

Directors:

Ross Baker
Larry McClure
Norman Parker
Heritage Center Director- Larry McClure
Art Sasaki
Jim Serrill

Newsletter Editor - Larry McClure
See our current and past newsletters in color and other articles of interest at www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org.



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

**Red Cross Blood Drive
City of Tualatin
Police Services Building
8650 SW Tualatin Road
Friday, January 8, 2016
9:00 AM—2:00 PM**

To schedule your appointment or for more information contact Jennifer Patterson jpatterson@ci.tualatin.or.us or call the Red Cross at 1.800.833.2767.

Give blood. Change a life. Be proud.



30th Anniversary

*We are celebrating our anniversary...
30 Years for Tualatin Historical Society!
10 Years for Tualatin Heritage Center!*



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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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