



Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

*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

The Politics of Sand
Thursday, October 20
7:00 pm
Tualatin Heritage
Center

Tom McCall's beach bill in the 1970s illustrated the power of people who wanted to protect this major natural resource for Oregon. Tom Olsen, a Portland videographer instructor and producer of documentaries, will screen parts of his film "The Politics of Sand".



Photo above: *Tom McCall looks at the former Surfsand Hotel.*
~ *Courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society.*

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



Relive the Golden Age of Radio

Old-time radio expert Dick Karman (pictured left) exhibits radios and replays examples of popular programs dating 50-70 years ago. For those over 70, re-live memories of Jack Benny and Superman in this soundtrack of your life.

Join us for this popular program on **Wednesday, October 5 at 1:00 pm**. A short business meeting precedes the speaker.

~ *Photos are courtesy of Reliving Radio, www.relivingradio.com.*



2016 Annual Meeting Sunday, November 6

Old fashioned potluck fare and good fellowship will highlight the 2016 annual meeting at **1:00 pm Sunday, November 6** at the Heritage Center. A printed 2015-2016 annual report will be distributed. Election of officers and filling of any board vacancies will also be on the agenda along with committee projections for 2017. 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. If any bylaws changes are to be voted on, they will be sent in advance.

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...

The annual meeting replaces our regular first Wednesday program. There will be **no first Wednesday program on November 2** at the Tualatin Heritage Center.



President's Message

*from Yvonne Addington
2016 THS President*

What's Going on Here?

Re-energized Tualatin Historical Society members and partners have completed, or are in midst of completing, several projects of historical significance to the Tualatin area. By reaching out for help to partners and doing research, rediscovery, and restoration, the 2015-2016 years will also go down in history as years when today's citizens made significant contributions to the area's history in projects telling about prehistory, Native American, pioneers and current history. The more we tell our stories, the more interest is shown and more people come forward to help. Keep coming! Thank you so much.

Some THS projects and participants will be explained in further detail in future newsletters and on our website but I can't help bragging about a few of them which are creating current national and regional interest.

One of the great new assets has been the Tualatin River Greenway Trail which includes a timeline along the trail which explains significant events of the area from prehistory to current history. The City funded this project with significant private and public grants. The project continues to get national awards with two or three more coming soon. You can access this Trail at the entrance near the Tualatin Library and other gateways behind CenterCal's shopping center and the Tualatin Mastodon sculpture. Future use of golf carts to show the historical significance of the trail to persons who can't walk it is being considered.

The City, Tualatin Heritage Center and Field's Bridge Park in West Linn have been designated by the National Park Service as "loops" or interpretive sites for the National Ice Age Floods Trail which will be in progress soon. The main trail from Missoula, Montana, through Idaho, Washington, Columbia Gorge, Oregon to the Pacific will be in progress soon and the local interpretive sites will be gradually added.

The extension of S.W. 124th Avenue is being built now, right in the floodway of the Ice Age Floods from Tualatin-Sherwood Road to Graham's Ferry Road by Washington County. Interpretive signs, along with granite and flood erratics found in the

roadbed will be strategically placed to help tell the Ice Age floods story. (most all of Tualatin Valley under 400' elevation was flooded several times). METRO has recently bought park and open space property in the area between Tualatin, Sherwood and Wilsonville for the future Ice Age Tonquin Trail from the Willamette River to the Tualatin River.

A great spring rediscovery story that needs more explanation in the future has been the rediscovery of mammoth, bison, and sloth bones at the University of Oregon museum that were originally discovered in 1976, fairly close to the Tualatin River, by Edmund Duyck as he constructed an irrigation pond on his farm. His son, Washington County Commission Chair Andy Duyck told the story to me about the finding when he was a child but did not know where his Dad had donated the bones. While researching the Tualatin Mastodon at U of O, I remembered seeing a storage box marked "Tualatin River Mastodon" and contacted Edward Davis, museum curator who verified they were donated by Duyck. Mike Full, discoverer of many ancient animal bones, sent me a 1976 news article on the topic. Telling this "re-discovery" to Commissioner Duyck was exciting. Since then, Edward Davis and I were invited to the Duyck Farm to see where the bones were dug up, and last month Commissioner Duyck, his father Edmund Duyck and I got to see the original bones preserved at the University of Oregon Museum. Both Edmund and Andy have long been active in many Washington County organizations.

More projects are in progress. Before the end of the year, a Native American interpretive sign will be erected at the Tualatin Heritage Center thanks to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the City of Tualatin. The Tualatin (Atfalati) band was merged into the Confederation. Tribal Council member Jon George, Stacia Martin and Michael Karnosh have been key in getting this project going again as well as THS Board members Ross Baker, Barbara Stinger, Larry McClure, Yvonne Addington and Park Director Paul Hennon. Look for a future dedication, including drumming and dancing by Tribal members.

On display at the Tualatin library is a painting of an ancient salmon by Joanie Livermore, illustrator for OHSU's Dr. Albert Starr (inventor of heart valve). Mark Buser has donated two Stev Ominski paintings of the Willamette Meteorite which was transported in an iceberg from Canada to West Linn (along Tualatin River) during the Ice Age floods. ~ *continued page 3*

A contract has been signed with Allen Steinke, Yamhill County wainwright, to restore the farm wagon given to THS by Larry Lee of Lee Farms. It was given to him by Mark Lafky (who farmed the land on SW corner of Boones Ferry Road and Avery Street and grew irises such as the nationally patented “Tualatin Manette” iris which can be seen at Tualatin Heritage Center. Mark indicated the wagon was used by many other local farmers.

An Oregon Trail wagon that came to the Tualatin and Yamhill Valleys has been donated by Mike Full and is being researched with cost estimates for reconstruction being obtained. The wagon would complement the annual 4th graders Oregon Trail Days held by THS in cooperation with Tualatin-Tigard School District.

We are working with Portland State University and Pacific University on grants to update and scan our records, oral histories and much more. Tualatin elementary and high school teachers are working on art and history projects with THS and the Grand Ronde Tribe.

The big white tent on the Tualatin Heritage Center patio September 11 helped accommodate an overflow crowd of well-wishers paying respects to one of our city’s most visible figures Rick Hannegan (*pictured below*) who died earlier in the month after years of fighting Parkinson’s disease. Rick was the last of his family to run the popular Hannegan Mobile Station on the corner of Boones Ferry and Nyberg Street. It began operation when our population was just 300. Known for his big smile, customer service was Rick’s middle name. In earlier years the Hannegan family home was just east of the station.



Rick was a dear friend to many. When I was city manager and wanted to know what was going on in the community, I invariably went to Rick to find out. His father Vic and grandfather Frank (former mayor of Tualatin) all gave the same warm response to their customers. He set a great example for us all. He will be missed by many.

~ Yvonne

Fire Destroys Clark Lumber/True Value Hardware

A Tualatin icon was totally destroyed July 31 and with it went over 50 years of a family business that was a community favorite. Clark Lumber opened in 1965 after the prior Silvey Lumber Company ceased operations. That family business had been underway since World War II.

Ancient Wonders game and card shop still operates in an original Silvey building facing Boones Ferry. Clark Lumber/True Value played a behind-the-scenes role for dozens of community nonprofits which has immediately been felt. Homeowners and contractors alike relied on the store’s friendly customer service and “can do” attitude not found in big establishments.

Photo below: After the fire.



Photo above: Before fire.



Owner Harvey Clark and associates are still determining next steps, but immediately set up operations in a temporary trailer in the parking lot to accommodate customer orders and deliveries to construction sites. They hope to rebuild. Cause of the fire is still under investigation. Fund raisers to show community support were soon launched. One option is www.crowdrise, then go to “Clark Lumber and True Value Fire Relief Fund” to donate.

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.

“A little bit of an Outlaw”:

The colorful life of Larry Lee *By Ross Baker*

Crawling through the moonless autumn night in 1945, fourteen year old Larry Lee and his pals Floyd Trump and Mike Wyatt struck out on another secret mission. Larry was a bit disappointed that the rest of the posse was not joining them that night. The Lacey brothers—Bill was a great pal of Larry’s—had already chickened out. Altogether, some 7-8 of Larry’s pals (both boys and girls) were part of a master outlaw ring of ...toilet tippers! Larry knew you had to get out a few days before Halloween or all the good toilets would have already been tipped. What he did not know was that this particular season would be spectacular. The stuff of legends. The gang hit Bill Sagert’s place. Bill was in the barn milking cows. At that time, barns had a piece of lumber that lay over brackets to keep animals inside. This night, Larry and his pals decided Bill was the potential animal. No doubt he would be if he were free to catch them in their next act of mischief. Larry does recall that the next day they felt so bad they went back to set it upright. Perhaps also to make sure ‘ol man Sagert got out of the barn? Or, maybe they did it because in an earlier “tipping” event the proprietor was sitting in wait. It remains unclear if it was Herg Lafky or Clyde Huskey waiting inside that outhouse with a gun. During that particular escape another pal John “Bobby” George ended up in the ditch next to the railroad track. Ah...good times!

Kids don’t need friends

With a contagious laugh and still that boy wonder in his eyes Larry recalled his story recently to Tualatin Historical Society members Loyce Martinazzi and Yvonne Addington. Laurance Lee refers to himself as a little bit of an outlaw. He was born on February 16, 1931 in Roseburg, Oregon. Though he would move from there at the age of 6 he would always consider Roseburg his home town. Larry’s mother died when he was 10 months old leaving his father Roger Allen Lee to raise Larry along with siblings Darwin, Lila and Louise. The family bought 40 acres near what today is Meridian Park Hospital and the Fox Hills neighborhood. Roger was somewhat of a different person at different times. On one hand he was a naturalist. The Sequoias that he planted in 1937 still stand near the homestead today. Stunted by being planted too close together they could perhaps remind you of the other side of this stern father. Not thinking

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that kids really needed friends, he made sure Larry had plenty of chores and was not very accommodating of his children’s social calendars. Larry’s first couple of years at school was at the old city hall near the Methodist Church awaiting the completion of the new brick school (1939). Larry honestly recalls the primary reason for enjoying school was to avoid the work waiting back at the farm. And Larry had friends. Plenty of them. Some he met while cruising around in his first car, a ‘34 Plymouth Sedan. Others he met on his basketball team. Some say Larry was the best ball player around in those days, a claim he disputes saying that honor goes to Robert Quigely. Together they and the rest of the team played in barns all around Tualatin.

Accidental Berries

After one year of college at OSU, Larry’s dad put the pressure on to leave school. Larry’s siblings did not think that was a good idea—after all they had gone to school. Ultimately Larry made the decision himself. He left because he wanted to get married and did exactly that with Loyce Martinazzi on June 2, 1952. Early on the Lee’s became established in the berry business. But it almost was not. Early land purchases totaled 75 acres but the coming of I-205 took 45 acres of that. Holding out for a better offer from the government for the land claimed via eminent domain seemed to be a fool’s task, but it worked. They quadrupled the funds from the sale and were able to buy another 40 acres. The Lee’s also ended up renting some land that was too wet for anything but strawberries. For 2 years they did the backbreaking work of harvesting their own crop. Then the U-pick idea was suggested by a friend. Larry recalls not thinking much of the concept at the time, but it worked. Today Lee’s Farm is a local institution that surely every resident of Tualatin knows.

Sows in the back seat

Berries didn’t always allow the Lee’s to make ends meet in the early years. Larry drove an oil delivery truck. But after that was done he would scramble over to the Winona Cemetery on Tualatin Road to make some extra money by digging 2, yes 2 graves. By hand. Sometimes in the dark. Even Loyce, the kids, nieces and nephews would help by push mowing the property. But wait, there were more money-making schemes. For reasons Larry does not recall today the back seats were out of his ‘52 Chevy. Along with his father-in-law Art Martinazzi, Larry ventured over to McMinnville to an auction.

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Well a deal just too good to be true came about and they won themselves a few pigs. 13 of them. So with the back doors open; holding the hogs by the hind legs; they lifted the piglets into the trunk of the trusty Chevy. All except the sow and another baby pig, that is. With the car now full of porkers and Art, it did not really seem that odd to Larry until he was on 99W heading home when all of the southbound traffic could not help but notice, point and laugh at the unusual passengers peeking out the windows of that Chevy.



Photo : Laurance "Larry" Lee today.

“I’m not really an old timer but there are not a lot older than me”

Over the years Larry has seen an amazing list of things happen in Tualatin. The beginnings of I-5 before World War 2 along a line of what we know as 65th Avenue today. There were other I-5 routing considerations for Meridian Road too. He witnessed the start of Meridian Park Hospital against the better wishes of some locals who thought it would create problems for the river. Others thought Tualatin’s sewer system could not handle all the germs being washed down by the hospital. Larry was even around one day when a sea lion wandered up into Saum Creek. But that’s a story we will have to ask Larry about on another day.

New Shed

Thanks to the City of Tualatin, we now have a place to stash garden tools, hoses and supplies as well as support equipment that clutters indoor office spaces and closets. The free-standing structure was designed to match the craftsman-style look of the old church and is also painted brown. It is snuggled behind trees and bushes on the southwest side of the building.

Photo right:
Tireless garden volunteer, Donny Barham poses with our new shed. Thanks, Donny!



Columbia Gorge: 50 Million Years of Geologic Tumult

Lloyd DeKay, geologist, shares a place we now see as a peaceful, idyllic Columbia River Gorge retreat that is the exceptional product of over 50 million years of violent volcanic activity, immense floods of lava and raging iceberg-laden waters.

Join us on for this interesting program on **Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 pm.** Suggested donation of \$3 per adult. Program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144. www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia



Annual 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, local beer and members and friends to help THS continue its mission. HUGE THANKS to lots of generous bidders and businesses who not only donated goods and services for the silent auction but attended and made purchases to help bring this year's gross revenue in at just a smidgen under \$10,400.

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 annual affair was held Friday, September 9 at the Heritage Center and on the patio under a big tent.

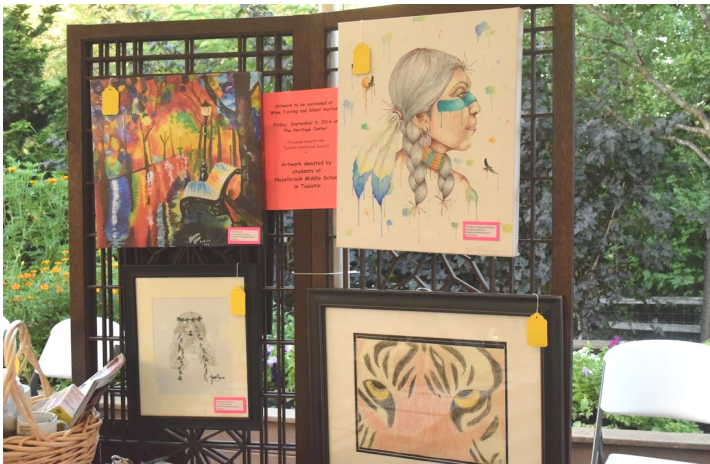


Photo above: Some of the beautiful art work donated by Hazelbrook art students and their art teacher.

Thank You
FOR YOUR HELP

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| Barbara & Ken Stinger | Bob Hughes |
| Ellie & Larry McClure | Candice Kelly |
| Diane Swientek | Jena Hughes |
| Karin Olson | Grant Hughes |
| Marianne Germond | Mariah Bevendich |
| Laura & Ross Baker | Haley Bevendich |
| Marty & Scott Denis | Austin Muchmore |
| Mary Hammond | Susan Noack |
| Kathy Karapondo | Sue Raxter |
| Kay & Lloyd Gooding | Cynthia Paris |
| Doris Gleason | |

A special thanks goes to the many volunteers who spent countless hours to make this fundraiser a big success.

THS Honor Roll

The grades are in for 2016! 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* | Kaady Car Washes |
| Aman Arts-Linda Aman | Kathy Karapondo |
| Ancestry Brewing, Tualatin | Candice Kelly* |
| Archer Vineyard | Kurt & Eleanor Krause* |
| Anonymous Donor* | Tom & Emilie Kroen |
| Ross & Laura Baker* | Lakeside Family Dentistry |
| Barhyte Specialty Foods | Amanda Ballard of |
| Diane & Art Barry* | Marquis Tualatin |
| Big Eddy Tap House | La Sen Vietnamese Grill |
| Sandra Lafky Carlson* | Larry & Ellie McClure* |
| Ed & Joanne Casey* | Mayor Lou Ogden* |
| CenterCal Properties | New Seasons Tualatin |
| City of Tualatin Parks Dept | Colleen O'Callaghan* |
| Columbia Bank Tualatin | & Jack Estes* |
| Scott & Marty Denis | Karin Olson* |
| Dutch Bros. Coffee | Judye Palmer |
| Cindy Frost of | Loyce Martinazzi* |
| Mary Kay Cosmetics | Mask & Mirror |
| Mike Full* | Norman Parker* |
| Bill Galbreath* | Paws for Elegance |
| Doris Gleason* | Quick & Clean Services |
| Michelle Kaiser of | Rallison Cellars |
| Edward Jones | Art Sasaki* |
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| Findlay Dodge Jeep | Jim & Diane Serrill* |
| Chrysler Ram Dealership | Silverado Portland |
| Hazelbrook Middle School: | Ken & Barbara Stinger* |
| Art from... | Diane & Frank Swientek* |
| Alessandra Avalos, student | Trader Joe's Lake Oswego |
| Gemma DiForio, student | Tualatin Police Dept. |
| Kiley Stone, student | Gerry & Chris Tunstall* |
| Caden Kneeshaw, student | Uncorked NW Wine Tours |
| Rachel Dimick, student | Gail Walsh |
| Chelsey Peterson, | Quick & Clean |
| Art teacher | Carpet Cleaning |
| Lindy & Bob Hughes* | Rochelle Wandzura* |
| Judy's Cream Caramels | Whole Foods Bridgeport |
| Del Judy* | WillaKenzie Estate |
| | Martha Wolfe |
| | Wild Over Watercolor |
| | Guild of Artists |

Heritage Center October Event Calendar

THS Monthly Program

Wednesday, October 5, 5:00 pm

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

Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, October 7, 28 10:00 am-Noon

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

Ice Age Evening Program Thursday, October 20, 7:00 pm

See page 1 for details.
For information, call 503.257.0144.

November Event Calendar

THS Annual Meeting & Potluck Sunday, November 6, 1:00 pm

See page 1 for details. Yearly business meeting sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society.
For information, call 503.885.1926.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop Fridays, November 4 & 18, 10:00 am-Noon

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

Quarterly Clothing Swap November TBD, Call 503.885.1926 for update 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!

Ice Age Evening Program Thursday, November 17, 7:00 pm

See page 5 for details.

Everybody ♥ Cookies!

A big thanks goes to Lindy, Evie Andrews and Jane Brown for providing treats and Gerry Brosy for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in August and September.

December Event Calendar

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

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

THS Monthly Program Wednesday, December 7, 1:00 pm

Did You Know?



Oregon author Ken Bilderback provides little-known information on how our local Atfaliti Indians were pushed to today's Wapato Lake near Gaston as settlers invaded their homelands. He will also reveal some uncovered facts about an infamous murder in Tualatin.

Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

Heritage Center Closures

The Heritage Center will be closed to observe
Thanksgiving on
Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25
and
Holiday Break from
December 25 through January 1.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



Photo above: Folks enjoying the auction festivities.
Auction photos courtesy of THS member Art Sasaki.

Your 2016 Tualatin Historical Society Board

Executive Board:

President: Yvonne Addington
Vice-President: Kurt Krause
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Art Sasaki
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Ross Baker
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Norman Parker
Jim Serrill
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.

What Will Santa Bring?

Remember the THS gift shop when making your Christmas list. What better ways to pass along Tualatin history than through books for all ages and our famous Heritage Preserves!



The Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed to observe Veterans Day on Friday, November 11. Honor and Thank a Veteran!

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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 for July and November.

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