



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*

NEWS BRIEFS

Tualatin High Makes Sports History Despite COVID

The Tualatin High School Boys Basketball team won their first-ever Oregon state championship in March after an on again, off again season due to COVID. The football team came in second in November. Good job, athletes!

Pioneer Days Will Pause

The always popular Pioneer Days for 4th graders is on hold for 2022 as the THS board studies other options for the future. Long-time coordinator Chris Tunstall has resigned after determining that many hard-working helpers were “aging out” and replacements were becoming more difficult to recruit and train. Says Chris: “we held 13 years of Pioneer Days and had many community members, retired teachers, and THS members committed to making a special End of the Trail experience for hundreds of Tualatin children.” The three-day event served over 300 students each June. Here’s what Lisa Helm, a teacher at Bridgeport Elementary, thought about the program: “It was by far the best field trip that Brenda and I have ever taken our students on. Everyone did a stupendous job immersing the students in Pioneer life.” The board welcomes ideas for other ways to teach children about life in the early days of Tualatin.

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WEDNESDAY THS PROGRAMS

Arbor Month Celebration and Poetry Contest Winners

Three winners of the inaugural Arbor Month poetry contest, sponsored by THS, will read their poems **Wednesday, April 6 at 1 p.m.** during our first in-person program since March 2020. Also, join former City Community Services Director Paul Hennon as he explains why Tualatin is a Tree City USA.



For more on this story, see page 7...

Tualatin Veterans to Share Memories



Mayor Frank Bubenik

THS will honor Memorial Day with a special program **May 4 at 1 p.m.** featuring a panel of local veterans sharing their memories. The moderator will be **Mayor Frank Bubenik**, Army, 1985-1987, Germany. Participants will include **James Boyd**, Army, 1966-1969, Viet Nam; **David DeHart**, Army, 1953-1973, Korea and Viet Nam; **Joe Lipscomb**, Navy, 1951-1955, Korea; **William Manderfeld**, Army, 1968-1969 then Oregon National Guard 14 years; **Edward Stern**, Air Force, 1971-2001, Viet Nam and Gulf War; and **Steve Stolze**, Navy, 1969-1972, Viet Nam. Any veterans in the audience will also be invited to introduce themselves. The program will be in person and videotaped by Tualatin Valley Community Television (TVCTV) for easy access later.

Life on the Oregon Trail

Barbara Robbins Stinger—who walked from Parma, Idaho to Oregon City as part of the 1993 Oregon Trail celebration—will relate some of her feet-on-the-ground memories of walking the Trail for 357 miles with others. She also has stories from her Robbins family diaries as they describe the hardships of finally reaching Tualatin. This regular monthly program on **Wednesday, June 1 at 1 p.m.** is an “adult version” of the 4th grade Pioneer Days normally held that week. Barb is the THS co-historian and a board member.



NEWS BRIEFS CONT...

Crawfish Festival Ends



The Crawfish Festival had its last run in 2019 and was canceled due to COVID for the last two years. This annual event started in 1951 and put Tualatin on the map. The company who last handled the logistics no longer

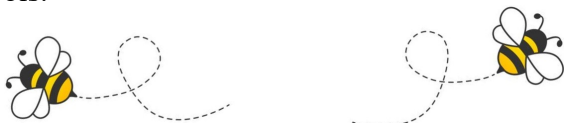
wanted to continue what became a very complex event to stage. The Giant Pumpkin Regatta still attracts thousands and will be held on October 16 this year, a Sunday.

Grange Celebrates 125 Years with History, Seeds and Scoops

Tualatin’s Winona Grange will hold its COVID-delayed 125th anniversary celebration Saturday, April 30, beginning at 10 a.m. The event will include the Mayor’s proclamation to honor Grange history, a brief review of milestones over the years shared by long-time members, free ice cream sundaes, and free garden vegetable, flower and herb seeds for the choosing. The historic hall is located at 8340 SW Seneca.

Bees Will Be Happy!

Our collection of historic plants, Oregon natives, and three producing apple trees in our “back 40” garden areas are looking good thanks to a growing number of volunteers and their gloves. In January, Greg and Karla Doering again pruned our apple trees in preparation for the season. Ross Baker erected a temporary “critter fence” to protect the Lafky Dutch Iris patch which will bloom in late April and May. Early March found Ken and Barb Stinger pruning roses. At any time you may also see Chris Tunstall tending the natives in our two patio planters. City of Tualatin volunteer coordinator Jackie Konen, working with Tualatin High teacher Steve Barone and students from the W.I.S.E. program, will be busy over several days in April and May learning to weed, plant seedlings, and tidy up the landscaping. The city will supply tools.



Happy 100th to Althea Pratt-Broome!

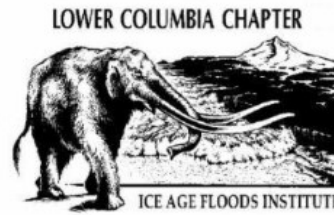
This petite lady with a passion for

preserving Sweek House and putting Tualatin’s only historic structure on the National Registry of such properties, will be reaching her 100-year milestone on April 19. Althea’s list of noteworthy contributions to Tualatin and the region are led by the founding of Willowbrook Summer Arts Camp (readying for its 40th season at Browns Ferry Park), and co-founding The Wetlands Conservancy with her now-deceased husband Jack Broome in 1981. Starting with the wetlands near Sweek Pond and the Heritage Center, the Conservancy has protected more than 1,500 acres of wetlands in 32 preserves stretching from the Portland Metropolitan area to the southern Oregon Coast.



Bricks Installed at Long Last!

A big thank you to Keith Hedlund of Hedlund Masonry for his timely work. We appreciate your patience and hope you will stop by to see your bricks on our walkway. Thank you to former manager Cindy Frost, and THS Treasurer Kristina Wheelock for their hard work on the brick project to this point. Look for more opportunities to purchase bricks in the future.



Thursday THS/IAFI Programs

Zoom links for all programs can be found at www.iafi.org

April 21, 7 p.m.



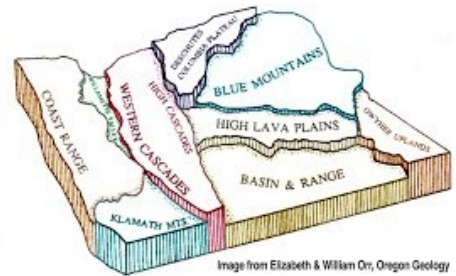
Bill Burgel - "Kayaking Down the Columbia: Evidence of the Lake Missoula Flood from the Perspective of the River"

This presentation will show evidence of the power of the Lake Missoula floodwaters at various points along the Columbia River between Grand Coulee Dam to the mouth of the Willamette River here in Portland. The author has kayaked nearly the entire length of this stretch of the river taking hundreds of photos as he drifts along downstream

May 19, 7 p.m.

Sheila Alfsen - "Assembling Oregon"

Oregon is a state of wondrous natural beauty, with its diversity of stunning landscapes and even climates- all a result of its geology. A "photo-tour" of the state divides it into its physiographic regions, each distinct from one another due to their varied and complex geologic history. This presentation will visit each one, highlighting some of the notable locations and explain how they formed. To wrap it up, a visual display will place all the pieces of the state in their chronological order. Come and see Oregon take shape before your eyes!



June 16, 7 p.m.

Clark Niewendorp - "First Iron Smelting Operation on the Pacific Coast, Lake Oswego, Oregon"



Clark Niewendorp

The story of mining iron for the furnaces at Oswego (i.e., Lake Oswego), Oregon provides one more piece of the tapestry that makes up the fascinating history of Oswego's iron industry. Over a period of 27 years the smelting operation in the small town of Oswego produced 93,404 tons of pig iron. The first furnace was built in 1866, went into operation in 1867 and smelted iron ore intermittently until 1885. A portion of the furnace still stands at George Rogers Park. A year later a new furnace was built a short distance north and operated from 1888 until 1894. Nothing visible remains of this furnace except the furnace's crucible.

Walking Through Time: The Meridian

Tony Straub of Tualatin reached out to the Historical Society regarding the Meridian marker he read about in a roadside attractions book. We assured him it was still there, but his search spawned an idea. Ross Baker, President of the Historical Society, asked Tony to take a photo of himself when he found the marker. In the future, we will feature others who share a photo of themselves near a Tualatin landmark. We will include a bit of historical context of the location. Tony found the marker right where it was supposed to be, behind Stonestrow Apartment complex along the Tualatin River Greenway. Thank you to Tony Straub and his friend for sharing their walk through time in Tualatin.



Tony Straub (above) and his friend Tanya Miller (photographer) visit the Meridian Marker

The City of Tualatin erected the monument after members of the Tualatin Historical Society requested that 65th Avenue be dual signed to include its original name Meridian Road. Because 65th borders two counties what seemed a simple nod to our local history became bureaucratically infeasible. The marker was dedicated June 20, 2008.

Send us a picture of you or your family at a historical site in Tualatin:
manager@tualatinhistory.org



TUALATIN



From Chapter 2 of *Tualatin...From the Beginning* by Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard. Look for the updated third edition on sale soon.

THE GREAT TERRITORIAL SURVEY

In June, 1851, the newly appointed Surveyor General, John B. Preston, set to work. About 1 1/4 miles north of present Sylvan, he drove a stake in the ground as the starting point¹. From there he established the Willamette Meridian running north and south, from Puget Sound to the California border, and the Willamette Baseline running east and west, from the Snake River to Tillamook Bay². He then proceeded to divide the territory into townships (north-south) and Ranges (east-west), six miles on a side; then divided the 6-square-mile townships into 36 Sections of one square mile each. The 36 Sections were later divided into quarters of one-half square mile each. Two Sections in each 6-mile Township were to be reserved for school use.

Survey crews of eight to ten men, including cooks, and camp tenders, slowly hacked out 165,000 miles of section lines. Carrying 16-foot measuring rods, transits, and tripods, the surveyors laboriously mapped the valley floor. Chopping through the bark, they “blazed” marker trees, inscribing Township and Section numbers into the bare wood. “Witness trees” several yards away were also blazed in case the marker tree fell.

Land contours, soil conditions, woods, and waterways were noted and drawn while in the field, as were dwellings and existing claims. Territorial roads, often little more than tree-cleared paths or Indian trails, were also drawn in.

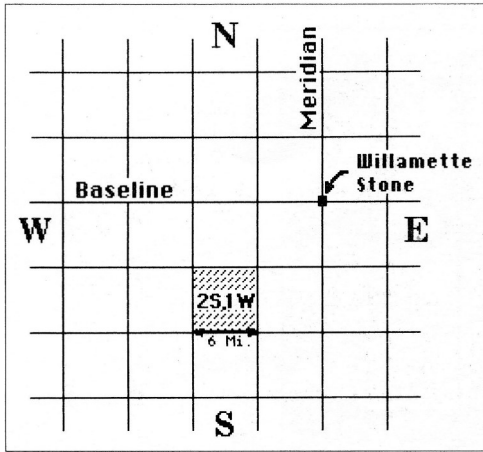
[1] The stake was replaced in 1885 with the “Willamette Stone,” which is now in a tiny state park in Portland, off NW Skyline Blvd. at the border of Washington and Multnomah counties.

[2] Meridian Road (renamed 65th Ave.) and Baseline Road follow these lines.

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TUALATIN = T 2S, R 1W + T 2S, R 1E

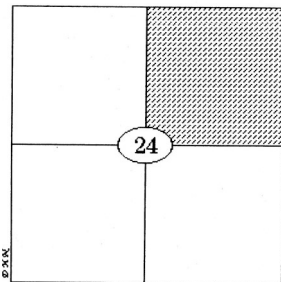
Portions of Township #2 South, Range #1 West, and Township #2 South, Range #1 East, with the Meridian line running through the middle, would eventually become the community of Tualatin...



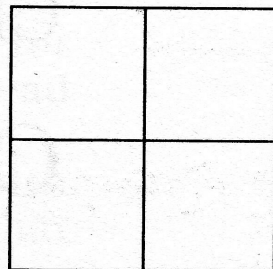
The Willamette Valley was divided into Townships, of 6 miles on each side...

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7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

...which were divided into 36 Sections, 1 mile to a side, of 640 acres each...



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...which were divided into 4 Quarters, 1/2 mile to a side, of 160 acres each.

Each Quarter was further divided into quarters of 40 acres



Karen Riley-Quilt Maker
By Sandra Lafky Carlson

If you've been in the Heritage Center recently, you've seen the beautiful Tualatin-themed quilt re-hung in the entry. Tualatin quilter Karen Riley made this quilt in 2013 to commemorate the Oregon Centennial and then gifted it to the Tualatin Historical Society.

As a new Tualatin resident several years ago, Karen helped in our project to erect signs for local historic houses. She worked with Jan Giunta, Chris Nyberg Tunstall and Larry McClure. While on this project, Karen was inspired by the local history she learned which led to the theme of this quilt.

Karen loves projects and is often motivated to make quilts as gifts for friends, family and for her grandsons' school fundraisers. Her architect husband often helps with original drawings of a subject, which are then traced onto fabric, cut and glued onto backing. Additional work can include sewn outlines, embroidery, beadwork and ribbons.

THS Receives Second Shuttered Venue Grant

From special federal and state funds designated for group spaces that lost revenue because of COVID-19, the Historical Society has received a second grant of almost \$5,000 to partially make up for reduced rentals. Safety protocols closed down the Center for group sizes larger than 20 for many months. Rental income makes up a large portion of the THS budget.



THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR RENEWING.

And a special thank you to our:

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We Remember

Joanne (Jo) Remillard, oldest of the five Martinazzi sisters, died February 18 at age 90. Jo was active at the Tualatin Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School. They lived in Sherwood where they operated a service station and later moved to Arizona. Jo related many stories of her growing up years which included walking to church each Sunday from the family's farm on today's Jurgens Road where weeding was a regular chore. Jo remembered a particularly "terrifying" rowboat ride to school during one of Tualatin's big floods. Meanwhile, Loyce, Rochelle, Toni and Vicci also remember and willingly share stories of life in Tualatin.



JACK BROOME SCHOLARSHIP

Jack Broome Scholarship Time Drawing Closer

The Jack Broome Scholarship committee has agreed to award \$3000 to a qualified Tualatin High graduating senior in 2022. This will be the twelfth consecutive year of the program which is entirely funded by a few members of the Historical Society. Norm Parker, chairman, says, "we are hoping for more of our members to contribute. It is a very worthy cause and furthers our mission of community support and promotion of Tualatin history." The committee also includes Chris Tunstall, Gerry Brosy, Rochelle Martinazzi, Diane Swientek, and Kay Gooding.



2021 Scholarship Recipient Alexi Burgos-Davila



**HAPPENING AT
THE HERITAGE CENTER**

Every Tuesday night at 5:30 p.m., and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., come join Weight Watchers. Open to new members anytime.

Wednesday, April 6 at 1 p.m.

Arbor Month celebration and Poetry contest winners

Wednesday, May 4 at 1 p.m.

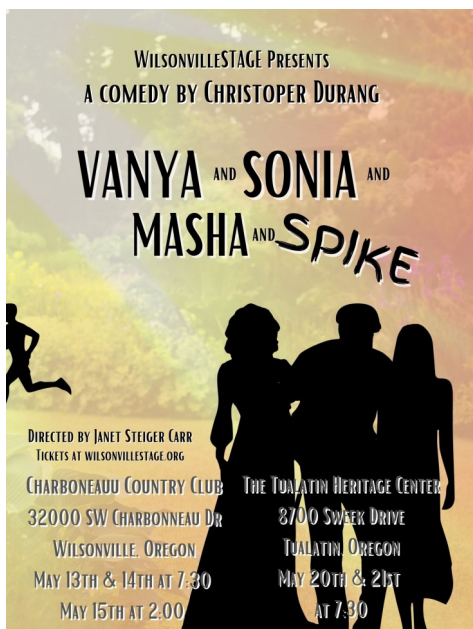
Tualatin Veterans to Share Memories

May 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m.

WilsonvilleSTAGE presents:

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

by Christopher Durang



Wednesday, June 1 at 1 p.m.

Life on the Oregon Trail

Barbara Robbins Stinger

Sunday, June 26 at 7 p.m.

Alberto Cumplido

Classical Guitar Concert in the Garden

THS Tree Poetry Contest Goes Viral

The historical society offered to sponsor the contest as part of the city’s Arbor Month in April. Loyce Martinazzi, author, playwright and Historical Society co-founder; Cindy Dyson, local author and host of the Poems by Heart podcast; and Tom Swearingen, Tualatin’s very own “Oregon Cowboy Poet”, agreed to be judges. THS member Paul Hennon, who originally created the Tree City USA program for Tualatin, will share how the program has grown over the years.

The poetry contest also caught the attention of Jonn Karsseboom, owner of Garden Corner nursery, who stopped over one day to make a video promoting the contest and the Society. To see Jonn’s “one man show,” go to The Garden Corner’s YouTube page. He is the videographer, on-camera announcer and production crew combined. The Garden Corner is awarding each of the winners a tree in recognition of their efforts. The nursery also donates two hanging baskets each year for our patio. Rick Wheelock, THC manager, originally suggested the poetry contest idea.

THC Welcomes the North American Research Group (NARG)

The Heritage Center is excited to welcome NARG. After two years of hosting their group meetings online, they return to in-person gatherings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., starting April 6. NARG is “a diverse and dynamic group of men and women sharing a mutual respect and passion for geoscientific study and fossil collecting. Our international membership of over a hundred ranges from 10 to 80+ years in age.”

They welcome new members at any meeting. Membership starts at just \$25. Check them out at www.narg-online.com

Interim Gone in Front of Manager Title

After we were lucky to have Rick Wheelock serve as interim manager of THC with Cindy Frost’s departure in December, the Board has now selected him to fill the role permanently. Rick has a full agenda of tasks and always welcomes visitors 10-2 weekdays. Learn more about Rick on the THS website.

Your 2022 Tualatin Historical Society Board

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Keep Checking THS Website

Check out the ever-changing THS website for profiles of upcoming programs, events, and several new oral histories now available for listening and viewing anytime.

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Tualatin Historical Society Annual Picnic will be held Wednesday, July 6, at Tualatin Community Park.

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