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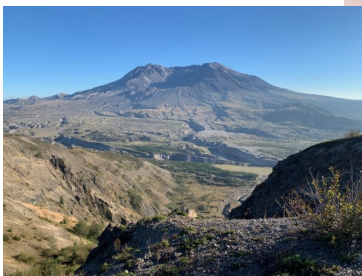
Founded in 1986, the Society's mission is to preserve, promote and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin

Virtual ...Evening Programs

Eyewitness to the Exploding Mt. St. Helens

Thursday, January 20, 7 pm

On May 18, 1980, Keith Ronnholm was camped 10 miles from Mt St Helens and will share his photos of the explosive eruption before racing away from the onrushing blast cloud and falling rocks. While reviewing events of that morning using photos from other eyewitnesses as well, he will also describe how the mountain has evolved since then.



Incredible plant and Animal Adaptations in the Swiss Alps

Thursday, February 17, 7 pm

Join Professor Scott Burns as he discusses the mountain life zones of the Alps and how plants and animals adapt to living in these extreme climatic environments. He will mostly focus on alpine flora, some plant physiology, and wild animals but will also mention some extinct and domesticated animals too.



Program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Lower Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Historical Society. Call Sylvia Thompson 503-257-0144. www.iafi.org, see this site for the zoom link

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This is Where We Want to Stay! Reflections on Conducting Oral Histories

Wednesday, January 5, 1 pm Virtual

Luke Sprunger, author of "This Is Where We Want to Stay" will speak via Zoom. The Latino residents of Washington County grew at ten times the rate of the overall population over recent decades and represent approximately 18% of Tualatin's population today. Luke will explain his motivation to better understand this dynamic migration. His work has been published in the Oregon Historical Societies quarterly journal.

Go to www.tualatinhistory.org for Zoom link.

LAM Research: Tualatin's Largest Employer

Wednesday, February 3, 1pm Virtual

For decades Tualatin's largest employer was Meridian Park Hospital but that changed a few years ago. Lam Research Corporation is an American supplier of equipment and services to the semiconductor industry. Their name is little known outside the chip industry but in their world they are the best and biggest. In Tualatin, Lam Research operates a 600,000-square-foot facility spread across 50 acres. Over the last 18 months alone, that facility added 1,000 new workers.



Jerianne Thompson: More Than Just a Librarian

Wednesday, March 2, 1 pm Virtual

For two decades Jerianne Thompson has climbed to the top of her game in the library business. Starting as a reference clerk at a Tennessee library in 2002 some 10 years later she found herself as Public Services Supervisor at the Tualatin Library. Since 2018 she has been the Library Director and it was just in time for us because she has overseen some of the most tremendous challenges our library has ever faced. From the predictable like reading programs for children to the unknown like how to operate in a pandemic. But wait, it doesn't stop there: our library now offers a Maker Space to help kids learn to be problem solvers.



Revamping the Upstairs Storage/Archives

Since the Heritage Center opened in 2006, the attic has accumulated a variety of donated shelves and furniture to store our growing collection of artifacts and documents. The THS board recently decided to create more uniform and space-efficient shelving. Space Savers, Inc. of Tualatin just installed it in December, creating a whole different room: easier access to the collection, more space to move around, better organization and a cleaner look.



After picture of new shelving upstairs



Ken and Barb Stinger and Sandra L. Carlson cleaning and clearing out upstairs storage area



Upstairs Before New Shelving



The Spacesaver Specialists Inc. crew had a challenge to carry the furniture downstairs. They did a great job and also helped restack our items. Thanks to them, Ross Baker, Larry McClure, Barb and Ken Stinger and Sandra Lafky Carlson who all helped in the preparation for the change-over.

Larry McClure cleaning out files

This project stirred up memories of the changing uses of the attic over the decades, starting when the building served as Tualatin's only church:

Loyce Martinazzi, THS co-Founder, remembers as a child being taught Sunday school lessons there by the other co-Founder Karen Lafky Nygaard, a teenager at the time. Sandra Lafky Carlson remembers the attic being used in the late 1940's as a nursery room where young children could play while their parents attended church services downstairs and the sand table was very appealing!

Chris Nyberg Tunstall remembers sanding and painting the floor, probably in the early 1960's with her brother so their youth group could have a meeting place. She says the sanding machines had minds of their own! Both Chris and Loyce remember dressing in the attic for wedding or wedding receptions held downstairs.



Rochelle, Jo, Toni, Loyce, and Vicki Martinazzi at Toni's wedding in 1954

Heritage Center Wins Backyard Habitat Certification

Thanks to many volunteer hands, Tualatin Heritage Center has been awarded the Backyard Habitat Silver Certification designating our patio and garden area worthy of visitors who would like to learn more about how to make their own home and public landscaping more eco-friendly. The program is sponsored in the NW Oregon region by the Columbia Land Trust and Portland Audubon. The team also said they will be promoting our garden for its handicapped accessibility.

Criteria we met included: (1) Removal of certain invasive species, (2) Naturescape has more than 5% in locally native plants in various height layers, (3) Reduction in use of pesticides, (4) Consideration of wildlife needs (like beneficial insects) and (4) Stormwater Management (water conservation). Tahn Kehmeier and Susie Peterson, two experts in the above practices, toured the campus October 21 on an official visit to review an application submitted by Chris Tunstall.

The native plants installed originally in the two patio planters were an Eagle Scout project along with binders of plant guides mounted on pedestals. Chris worked over the past two years to secure more plants from Bosky Dell Natives to fill in blank areas where annuals were formerly added each summer. The site assessors were impressed by our plant

identification signs and the two updated guidebooks for visitors coordinated by THC manager Cindy Frost. Also attention-getting was weed removal work regularly done by Karin Olson and Margie Torgeson over the past several years.



Karin Olson digs weeds.

(However, Karin has now retired from spearheading these tasks, so we are searching for her replacement.). A number of recommendations were made for shrub and tree replacement (we lost a big one this fall!) and for insect attractors like small bundles of sticks and piles of stones lying on the ground and mason bee houses and small dishes of water for insects to drink. These later actions can help move our award level to Gold and on to Platinum

The website for the program at www.backyardhabitats.org includes resources and links for anyone wanting more details about the program and implications for landscaping in the Portland metro region.



Photo caption: Chris Tunstall and Larry McClure hold metal plaque for the Backyard Habitat Certification which will be installed in the patio area.

Holiday Decorations for 2021



Karin Olson and Sandra Lafky Carlson next to newly decorated tree

December brought holiday decorations to THC! Karin Olson and Diane Swientek decorated the tree with vintage ornaments, and surrounded it with toys and gifts to provoke nostalgia. Loyce also provided a festive wreath hung outside.

The paper dolls are freestanding, illustrated in great detail front and back. As you can see, most dolls in this series have a white complexion and very similar facial features. There were a few other paper doll collections of the time that depicted more diverse skin colors and features. But after Barbie dolls were introduced in 1956, children's interest waned in paper dolls. The original paper dolls sold for 25 cents each. Today, they are popular collectibles and in mint condition they sell for much more than that.



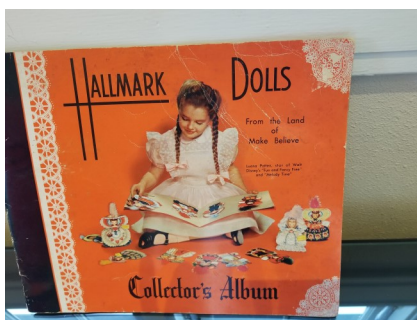
Karin Olson loaned her 1940's collector albums

Karin loaned her collection of Hallmark Story paper dolls for temporary display at the Heritage Center. This collection was released by Hallmark in 1948 and contains 3 series: Dolls from Make Believe, Dolls of the Nations, and Little Women Dolls (inspired by novel Louisa May Alcott's).

Evening programs Continued from page 1 **Dr. William (Bill) Orr** talks on Oregon's Volcanic History & Fossils

Thursday March 17, 2022 7 pm

One of the best kept secrets in Oregon Geoscience is the close relationship between the tectonic history of our state and its magnificent fossil record of both plants and animals. Thomas Condon's book, *The Two Islands*, alludes to this and Bill came to this realization some ten years into his career in Eugene. The fossil record entombed in terrestrial, aquatic marine and non-marine sediments is both diverse and very well preserved, owing to Oregon's location on the leading edge of a moving tectonic plate.



Bill Orr took his training in Geology in Oklahoma, California and Michigan. He retired in 1997 from the University of Oregon as Emeritus Professor of Geology and continues to write and teach from his home near Salem. The 30 or so books he has written include standard references for Oregon geology and paleontology.

How to Double Your Donations!

No one looks forward to the annual tax filing deadline ... but how would you like to **double** your donation to arts, cultural and history organizations in 2021 **for free** with just a few browser clicks? You can, if you donate first to an eligible organization like Tualatin Historical Society and then provide a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust. Every dollar donated to the Oregon Cultural Trust reduces your Oregon tax bottom line. For example, a \$100 matching donation to OCT will reduce the Oregon tax you owe by \$100, or increase your refund by \$100. It's that simple. THS has benefited from Oregon Cultural Trust grants in the past and we will continue to apply in the future. Your donation needs to be made by Dec. 31,2021



Brick Sales on Pause

With 379 newly-engraved and higher-quality bricks now installed in the Tualatin Heritage Center walkway, our volunteers will be taking a well-deserved break. Sales of bricks to honor and memorialize persons, places and events began shortly after the Center opened in 2006 and largely financed the patio. However, over the years most became illegible due to weather and wear and original purchasers were asked if they wanted a new one. Persons interested in purchasing a brick in 2022 will be placed on a waiting list. We appreciate the work of Kristina Wheelock, Cindy Frost and Ross Baker who,



with others helping, made the replacement from old to new happen. In the meantime, let us know of anyone with brick laying skills and Ross will gladly hand off his knee pads after we accumulate a batch of new orders.

New Year Brings Changes in Personnel

After four and a half years as manager of Tualatin Heritage Center, Cindy Frost made a career change in mid-December. We sincerely appreciate Cindy helping bring us to a new level of success



For an interim period the THS Board welcomes Rick Wheelock, an 18-year resident of Tualatin with a particular interest in area history gained while curating a rare book collection at Marylhurst University. Rick enjoys volunteering as a photographer and is skilled in technology useful as THS also moves ahead to reach new audiences. He is also in the final editing stage of our upcoming new edition of *Tualatin from the Beginning*, the encyclopedia of city history originally authored by Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygard. As a bonus, he lives directly across the street from the Center! Stop by during regular work hours 10-2 weekdays and say hello. The board is now determining next steps for staffing.

Valentine Spirit is Here at THC

Feb 12, 2021

Local soprano Beth Donnelly and Baritone Doug Feller will continue spreading the love of Valentines Day with a special concert.



Details to be announced and space is limited to due Covid.

Details to follow.

Welcome New Members:

- Barbara Sherman
- Emi Storey
- Amy Stout
- Doug Silvey



Center Plans New Group Seating

After 15 years of wear and tear and heavy lifting, watch soon for new, lighter and durable chairs at the Heritage Center that can be more safely handled by volunteers. The THS board agreed it was time for seating that can also be stored on rolling trolleys for easy removal from the closets. Funding made possible by the September Heritage Evening fundraiser.



Pandemic Continues to Affect Tualatin

As 2021 ended, the Covid 19 virus was still impacting daily life with daily cases not abating as hoped earlier in the year. Indeed, the variant known as Delta was spreading as the nation also watched yet another mutation nicknamed Omicron emerge, apparently from South Africa.

A large percentage of adults in Oregon received vaccinations, but not everyone. With children ages 5-12 eligible to have the shots, Tualatin schools were once again in person with students accustomed to wearing masks. The same habit was also seen in local businesses. Many residents needing non-emergency surgeries were waiting for care. With capacity maxed at 20 for social distancing, THS was still unable to hold large in-person meetings, however some were delivered simultaneously using Zoom (video conferencing technology) to reach persons unable or not willing to expose themselves.

St. Nick Makes Visit to Tualatin Heritage Center

Nick Brosy, grandson of THS member Gerry Brosy, welcomed some 90 visitors Saturday, December 4 in lieu of our regular December monthly program.



Santa Nick Brosy and visitor

Thanks to elves Diane Swientek, Sandra Carlson, Karin Olson, Cindy Frost, Ross Baker, Sam Baker, Robert Schiskey and Loyce Martinazzi, the Center was decked inside and out with festive décor. Wrapped cookies awaited guests. Janet Brosy, Nick's mom, made the vintage Father Christmas outfit for Santa whose white beard was authentic. More photos are available in the THS website photo archives.



Now Our Rhyolite Has Its Own Bronze Plaque

Thanks to the Tualatin Historical Society, the Ice Age Lower Columbia Chapter and Tualatin Ice Age Foundation, we have succeeded as a group in creating a new bronze plaque together. Special thanks to Cindy Frost, Paul Hennon, Sea Reach Ltd., Sylvia and Rick Thompson, Dr. Scott Burns and Yvonne Addington.

This rhyolite volcanic rock was found in April, 2021 during the construction of Lakeridge Middle School (4700 Jean Road) in Lake Oswego, Oregon by the superintendent for Skanska Construction, Jacob Parker. It was found among a large deposit of over 100 very large basalt boulders during the excavation of the new school. Rhyolite is very rare on this side of the Cascade Mountains. It was most likely transported here by one of the 40 Missoula Floods that came through Lake Oswego between 15,000-18,000 years ago. It originated probably in eastern Oregon or Washington and was either transported here on an iceberg or as bedload bouncing along the bottom of these large floodwaters. Special thanks to Brian Clopton Excavating for transporting it here to this site from Lake Oswego.



Dr. Scott Burns, Geology Department, Portland State University
Installed on May 17, 2021 by the Tualatin Ice Age Foundation and the Lower Columbia chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute.



THC Manager Cindy Frost and Ian from Sea Reach Ltd. at installation

Early School Desk Returns to Tualatin



Desk before restoring

A desk used by students at one of Tualatin's first school buildings has been restored and is now on display at Tualatin Heritage Center. With assistance from Yvonne Addington and Ike Kirkbride, Janet George, daughter of Dr. John George who originally dug up Tualatin's mastodon bones, donated the desk parts her family had kept for many years. THS president Ross Baker then reconstructed the pieces to their original appearance. The old school was located just north of today's Marquis senior living campus and the Chelan Apartments on Boones Ferry Rd.

Over the period 1865-1930, two more floors were added to the wood-frame building by jacking the structure up another level as needed to accommodate more kids in the growing community. After the 1939 brick elementary school was opened, the old wooden structure was converted to apartments owned by then Mayor Omer Moore who named it Tualatin Gables. The brick school was also later demolished when a new Tualatin Elementary was built on Avery St.

Historic photos showing evolution of the old school building (with students in front) are also on display at the Heritage Center. THS historians usually accept donated items that have a demonstrated tie to Tualatin history and can be displayed or stored easily.



Desk after orange oil restoration

Your 2022 Tualatin Historical Society Board

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www.tualatinhistory.org.

Happy New Year! It's Membership Renewal Time

We hope 2022 finds you and those you love healthy and safe. A HUGE thank you to all who have been so faithful in supporting the Tualatin Historical Society during the difficult months of 2021. We will continue to find creative ways to bring you programs that highlight the rich and colorful history of Tualatin. Don't forget to check our new and improved website tualatinhistory.org for the latest information on upcoming programs and events, new book releases, articles, oral histories, photographs, items for sale, and much more! We ask that you renew your membership for 2022. The Individual and Family levels remain the same (\$25 and \$40), but you might want to consider moving up to the **Patron level** we introduced last year (\$100). We are again offering **thank you gifts** for new Patron, Founders Club and Heritage Circle memberships – watch your mail for details.

Historical watercolor note cards by Carlos Horcos are one of the gifts at Founders Club and Heritage Circle Membership levels



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