



# Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2020

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



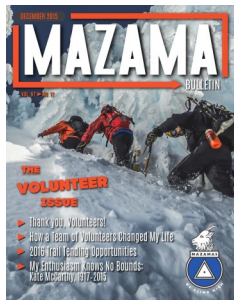
## Save the Date

## Evening Programs

### Mazamas Climb to New Heights

Thurs. April 16, 7 pm

Oregon's premier mountain climbing organization reaches its 125th year with Matthew Brock sharing historic Curtis Brothers photographs of Mount Rainier and Mount St. Helens between the late 1890's and early 1920's



### Glaciers in Antarctica vs. Ours

Thurs. May 21, 7 pm

Tualatin's favorite geologist Dr. Scott Burns shares photos and insights on how Antarctic glaciers relate to those we see in the Pacific NW. Scott visited Antarctica earlier this year. He still lives in Tualatin today. One of his favorite haunts was the gravel pit underneath Bridgeport Village where he often took students from his classes at PSU to trace layers of Ice Age history in the soil

### The Meaning of Climate Change

Thurs. June 18, 7 pm

PSU instructor David Osborne leads a discussion on how the meanings of climate change affect our willingness to take action. Program sponsored by Oregon Humanities conversation Project.

Third Thursday programs are co-sponsored by THS and the Lower Columbia Chapter/Ice Age Floods Institute. \$3 suggested donation for adults.

For more information: <https://iafi.org/local-chapters/lower-columbia-chapter/>

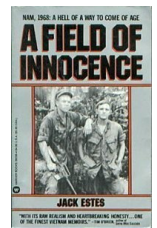
## Daytime Programs

**Due to the COVID-19 Virus the Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed to the public through April 28. All events are cancelled, future events subject to change. If you have any questions please call Cindy at 503-885-1926. Date subject to change.**

### Collateral Results of Viet Nam

Wed. May 6, 1 pm

Jack Estes, author of three gripping Viet Nam memoirs like Field of Innocence, describes the impact of war. His in-laws owned and developed properties in Tualatin during the 1970's around today's Killarney Lane. Jack is married to THS member



### Latino Immigration in Washington County

Wed. June 10, 1 pm

Luke Sprunger, author of "This is Where We Want to Stay" will speak on June 10 at 1 pm. 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 Society's quarterly journal.

### Near Misses on the Lewis & Clark Expedition

Saturday, June 27, 1 pm

California historian Mark Jordan shows how lucky the men and Sacajawea were on their journey when Capt. Lewis slipped off a cliff, boats turned over, grizzlies attacked, bullets narrowly missed and sometimes hit innocent victims, a man got lost, a buffalo ran into camp, and a sudden flood washed away important items.

## Worlds Best Cookie Recipe

Long-time THS member Eddie Torgeson's cookies at monthly meetings were always a hit. Bake some up and bring to a future meeting in her honor!

Eddie Torgeson's Version

**Yield:** 4 dozen

### Ingredients

1 cup butter

1 cup white sugar

1 cup packed brown sugar

1 large egg (or 2 medium)

1 cup vegetable oil

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon baking soda

3 ½ cups all-purpose flour

1 cup rolled oats

1/2 cup flaked coconut

1 cup cheerios (or crushed cornflakes) cereal

½ cup chopped pecans

1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup Heath toffee bits

**Directions:** **Step 1** Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (170 degrees C). **Step 2** Cream together the butter or margarine and sugars. **Step 3** Stir in egg, oil, vanilla, baking soda and flour. Mix until well blended. **Step 4** Stir in the rest of the ingredients. Drop spoonful balls on cookie sheets. Press down balls with a fork dipped in water. If desired, sprinkle with sugar before baking. Bake for 12 - 15 minutes (estimated).. Cool 3 minutes on pan, then remove cookies to cooling rack. THS member (and grandmother) Edie. **Thanks to Margie Torgeson for sharing her mom's recipe.**



**Buy a Brick/Give a Gift** Why not honor the memory of a departed friend or relative or celebrate an event or special place with a permanent brick installed along the rose path at Tualatin Heritage Center. Bricks are currently \$50 each for a 4" x 8" size or \$500 for an 8" x 8". The new bricks are extremely durable and lighter in color for better visibility. Original ones deteriorated and are gradually being replaced, and are now being placed in a designated section for easier location. Contact Cindy Frost at 503-885-1926. Bricks are installed in small batches by THS president Ross Baker as orders are received. Thanks to Cindy, Ross and board member Kristina Wheelock, chair of the Honorary Brick Committee.



## WE REMEMBER

With sadness we said farewell recently to these friends and long-time THS Members:

### Ruth Prier

Ruth was a quiet, devoted THS board member and served as treasurer and hospitality chair for several years. She and husband Stan, a former THS president, spent their last years at Summerfield care home.

### Lynn Vancil

A Viet Nam veteran and 40-year Forest Service employee, Lynn lived in Tualatin with his wife Roz and two children since 1991. He particularly liked attending monthly THS meetings even while in a wheelchair toward the end.

### Jim Waddell

a member of THS while living in Tualatin and then Tigard, Jim had a Texas drawl and joking manner that those who knew him enjoyed, particularly his stories about being an oil man in the South.

## Clarification from Last Issue

Last quarter's newsletter noted that deceased Bob Newcomb was a journalist at Southern Oregon University and Marylhurst. Actually, he was Director of News Services at both institutions.

## Memorial Day Monday, May 25

The City's annual Memorial Day observation is set for Monday, May 25 at Winona Cemetery, 9900 SW Tualatin Rd beginning with a flyover at 10:45. Typically local leaders speak briefly, a local veteran is recognized and Tualatin High School musicians perform. A free picnic is planned immediately after at the Community Park thanks to the VFW Auxiliary, Dalton's Catering and local businesses.



## Historian's Corner By Sandra Lafky Carlson

2020 marks 100 years since U.S. women nationwide got the vote. (Oregon women attained voting rights earlier in 1912, and in Tualatin they helped decide the 1913 vote for incorporation as a city).

In this Centennial of women's suffrage, it seems appropriate to remember a few women who were prominent in Tualatin's past. **Rosie Jurgens Casteel** was one who contributed in many ways to our community.

Rosie was born in the 1880's to William Jurgens and Rosa Sary who wed in 1869 and bought a potato farm in Tualatin. This was where the Apache Bluff neighborhood is now. Rosie was one of 10 children, and attended the Little Red Schoolhouse. She married Harvey Casteel who had been a logger, and worked later as a greenskeeper at the Lake Oswego Golf Course.

Rosie and Harvey had 6 children, 3 of whom died young and were buried in Winona Cemetery. Rosie's life was centered around her family, the church, and the grade school. She served as Tualatin's midwife, probably delivering more babies in town than the doctors did then. She delivered 9 of her own grandchildren. She also prepared bodies for burial. A longtime member of the Tualatin United Methodist Church, Rosie served for 30 years as President of its Ladies' Aid Society, organizing church suppers and quilting bees.

Rosie was active in the P.T.A., and helped take charge of the school lunch program. She and Mabel Heimbach would daily deliver a big pot of home-made soup to the students. For the soup, Rosie collected local farmers' donations of vegetables, and then regularly recruited volunteers to prepare the food for processing in a local cannery.

At Rosie's funeral service, the pastor referred to her as "Truly the salt of the earth".

(One of Rosie's granddaughters is Myrna Andrews Summers, whose photo appears in this newsletter on page 5. Myrna's oral history was recently recorded for the THS archives at her home in McMinnville.)



Rosie and Harvey Casteel

## How to Use the THS Website

We list the THS website address on the back of each newsletter. But after getting to the Home Page, how do you find something? Look at the headings down the left side and start clicking:

**Home:** Photo of THS Board and examples of how we preserve local history

**About Us:** Our founders, mission and a short history of the Society

**Event Calendar:** A quick look ahead at what's happening in the months ahead

**Exhibits, Oral Histories, Archives and Walking**

**Tour Map:** This is the heart of our work

Spend lots of time here.

**Exhibits** gives snapshots of current and recent displays at the Heritage Center.

**Oral Histories** View an interview, for example, with Althea Pratt-Broome and take a tour of Sweek House and hear stories and see transcripts from dozens more personalities.

**Archives** includes photos and scanned articles from newspapers.

**Tualatin Heritage Center** Describes how the Tualatin Heritage Center came about.

**Newsletters:** All THS newsletters since June, 2008

**Volunteer:** How you can help with our various needs for extra hands.

**Join Us:** Membership application

**Contact Us:** How to get in touch with key folks at THS and the Heritage Center.

Changes are made on the THS website regularly. For input and updates, contact Cindy Frost at 503-885-1926. Our website is maintained in loving memory of former THS member Shirley Koch Disch.

We thank Al Stewart for many great photos on the THS website. Visit his website [alstewart.smugmug.com](http://alstewart.smugmug.com) to see his work and services.

## Outstanding Volunteer Group Nomination

THS was nominated for the City's Outstanding Volunteers of the Year in the group Category. A city employee nominates candidate in this group and others.

Thanks to those who serve and report volunteer hours. The reception and award presentation was planned for April 13, but has had to be postponed until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus.

# Welcome Recent New Members

Oregon Heritage Council  
Cindy Schultz  
Tom Swearingen  
Mary Rennebohm  
David and Jean Avison  
Kate Johnson  
Vicki Boarsman  
Les Boatsman

## Recognized on a plaque at THC *Founders Club*— 3 yr. membership

Frank Bubenik and Donna Capodacqua  
Robert Kellogg  
June Halliday  
Allen Song  
Steve and Kristin Kunkle  
Oswego Heritage Council  
Lloyd and Kay Gooding

## *Heritage Circle*—5 yr. membership

Rochelle Martinazzi  
Laura and Ross Baker  
Norm Parker  
Paul Morrison  
Larry and Ellie McClure  
David and Diana Emami



# Tualatin Historical Society Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Individual \$25
- Household \$40
- Founder's Club \$250 (3 years)
- Heritage Circle \$500 (5 years)

Mail form and payment to P.O. Box  
1055, Tualatin, OR 97062  
Make Checks to Tualatin Historical  
Society – Visa/MC accepted



# THS Summer Picnic. Wed. July 1, 5 pm

We are holding our annual THS Summer Picnic for THS members, friends and guests at Tualatin Heritage Center this year. Bring a potluck dish to share. Lemonade, dinnerware provided, if needed.

## AT THC this year !



Stewart Photography  
Member's Picnic July 3, 2019



© Al Stewart Photography  
THS Member's Picnic July 3, 2019

## City Recognizes Volunteers

On Jan. 22, the city of Tualatin held a special brunch at the heritage center to say “thank you” to those who have completed 10+ years of volunteer service in the community.



Yvonne Addinton, Linda Moholt, Jerianne Thompson and Lisa Thorpe (all are THS members, Jerianne and Lisa are also city employees)

### 10-Year THS volunteers invited were:

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| Larry McClure    | Diane Swientek               |
| Loyce Martinazzi | Lindy Hughes*                |
| Chris Tunstall * | Gerry Brosy*                 |
| Norm Parker *    | Arnie Nyberg                 |
| Bob Hughes       | Ellie McClure                |
| Barb Stinger     | Yvonne Addington* * Attended |

## An April Fool’s Joke

When THS members Art and Diane Barry were busy raising a lively family of 4 children, Art would tend to lie in bed as long as possible before having to get up for work in the morning. He would rise in plenty of time for work but some days Diane would worry and want to make sure he was up and getting ready for work. One April Fool’s Day when the kids were in their early teens, Art was catching a little more than usual shut-eye. The kids decided to get him up in their own way. They (all 4 of them) dashed into the bedroom and yelled, “Come quick, Dad! Mom’s fallen down and broken her leg!” Needless to say, Art jumped out of bed immediately—to be greeted by a room full of giggling off-spring yelling, “April Fool! He got out of bed on time for many months after that!”

## Oral Histories Continue

Photo is of THS member Myrna Andrews Summers, and her daughter Diana Summers Turner. Myrna’s oral history was recorded recently by Loyce Martinazzi and Sandra Lafky Carlson for the T.H.S. archives. Myrna grew up in a Tualatin, and her Tualatin roots go deep, back to her great grandparents William and Rosa Jurgens. They owned and farmed 160 acres in the late 1800’s where the Apache Bluff neighborhood is now. William Jurgens played several instruments and led the Winona Grange Band. And music is still an important part of the family culture. Myrna’s parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with much family singing..



Myrna Andrews Summers & daughter Diane Summers Turner

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**Marionberry is back!!** Come in for a fresh inventory of jams and seedless Jams from Glenmore Farms Inc. in Canby. We have marionberry regular and seedless, red raspberry regular and seedless and strawberry . Only \$5



**We Love Cookies** Thanks to Attorney **Robert Kellogg P.C.** for stepping up to be our sponsor for hospitality at monthly programs.



Those wonderful treats that you will have at our THS meetings monthly are provided by his office. Think of Robert for your will/estate and planning needs. Robert is a THS Founders member. 503-486-5041

## Father's Day Sparks Memories

Several THS members passed along enduring wisdom from their dads.



### Wendy Disch

When I was about 17, my grandfather and I were walking across a freshly-plowed field. With one hand he reached down picking up a handful of dirt. With the other hand he reached in his pocket and pulled out a dollar.

Holding the dirt-filled fist uncomfortably close to my face he said, "Take care of this..." He dropped his fist and waved the dollar in my face, "and you'll always have enough of this". I made sure I didn't roll my seventeen-year-old eyeballs into my head.

He continued waving the dollar in front of me, "Focus on this," he said of the dollar, "and you won't have either one". I guess to make his point, he threw them both to the ground. I've thought about this so often. It was an important story and lesson I think far too many people ignored.

### Rochelle Martinazzi

My dad would always tell us, "Work a little harder than you're paid for and you'll always have a job." (Good advice today, I'd say!)

### Toni Martinazzi

On Father's Day, year in and year out we played this "prank" on our daddy Art Martinazzi:

"Daddy, the cows are out! The cows are out!" He was a good sport and knew we were joshing him.

### Yvonne Addington

I remember the day I turned 21 in Tualatin, I went to Tualatin Fire Department to register to vote. Fire Chief William Barngrover was the Registrar. Since Mom was Republican and Dad was Democrat, most dinners included a sometimes vigorous political debate. Confused, I asked the Chief what I should do as to "political party". He seriously advised: It is not important what party you belong to: It is only important that you VOTE.

Then he took out a quarter from his pocket and said "heads for Democrat or tails for Republican", then flipped the coin onto the floor. and determined my political party. Advice worked: I got along pretty well with both party people in my 36-year public career. Advice still seems good today.

### Lois Roby

It was late August 1947, Cleveland Ohio. Dad and I were killing time driving through local Brookside Park while Mom had a church meeting. We often did this while she was shopping too.

I had graduated from high school the year before and worked to save money to go to college --- clear across the country in Bozeman Montana. The conversation drifted about my plans and Dad suddenly changed the subject and sort of hemmed and hawed and at once I thought --- "Here comes the birds and bees conversation". I felt amused and didn't help him a bit and was inwardly smiling to myself as I drove along. He fumbled trying to come up with the right words and finally said, "I just want you to remember no matter what happens -Your never in a corner. There are always choices!" Over the next 70+ years those words have reappeared at just the right time!



## Want to Foster an Historic Plant?

Several of the Society's artifacts are not in display cases or stored away for safekeeping, but grow right outside the heritage center. Still, there's always a concern about loss and how to get more eyes on Tualatin's heritage plants around town. Your board is inviting persons who might like to plant one or more at their business or home, depending on the season and number of starts or bulbs available. Plants we are considering for fostering are the Lafky Iris, Nyberg Snowdrops, Martinazzi Daffodils, Cimino Hops, JRC Thompson Hydrangeas, Itel Roses and Robbins Rose. Volunteer foster parents must agree to care for the specimen according to accepted horticulture practice and be willing to share historic information and photos if requested. Email [askabouthistory.org](mailto:askabouthistory.org) if interested.



Our patio planters now contain only Oregon natives thanks to assistance from Bosky Dell Nursey, recognized as the local authority in this field. Revised identification guides and new historic plant signs will also be prepared in the coming weeks. Thanks to Karin Olson, Ken and Barbara Stinger, Chris Tunstall, Joyce Davis, Sandra Carlson, Cindy Frost and Bob and Lindy Hughes for landscaping care during the year.

**A big thank you to Michael Antonelli** at *Tualatin Life* for producing flyers for our annual auction and for many articles about Tualatin Historical Society in the paper. His paper is a great addition to Tualatin. Michael is the publisher/owner of the paper for the past 4 years. He mails Tualatin Life to 100% of the residential and business mailboxes in Tualatin and also publishes *Tigard Life* and the King City Civic Association (KCCA) newsletter.



# Upcoming Annual Events:

**Pioneer Days  
June 3-5**



**Summer Picnic Potluck  
July 1 at THC 5 pm**

**Viva Tualatin July 25 held at Community Park**

**Annual Heritage Auction Event  
September 11 6-9 pm**

**THS Annual Meeting  
Nov. 4 luncheon 12 pm**

**Holiday Program  
Dec. 2 1-3 pm**



**Thank You** to the City of Tualatin and to our Alarm Co. We have 6 new smoke detectors at THC to help protect our artifacts and building.

Mark Recor (Alarm Co)  
And Cameron Eby (city)

## Heritage Center Special Event Calendar

See all programs on Page 1



### Knitting and Crochet Workshops

Fridays, April 3 10:00 am-Noon

Fridays, May 1, 29 10:00 am-Noon

Fridays, June 19 10:00 am-Noon

Bring a project or start one. All levels welcome.

### May Event Calendar

**Happy Mothers Day...May 10th**



### June Event Calendar

**Pioneer Days with 300 4th graders from 3 area Tualatin grade schools. June 1-5.**

**Happy Fathers Day June 21**



Chris Tunstall, Larry McClure and Karin Olson plant our newest native plants in the patio beds. Thanks to Lory Duralia at Bosky Dell Natives nursery in West Linn and to Chris Tunstall for the new plants. And look for our newest metal signs designating heritage plants.

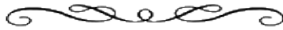
### Your 2020 Tualatin Historical Society Board

**Executive Board:**

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Secretary: Cathy Stockwell  
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Historian: Sandra Lafky Carlson

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### Whatz It??

What do you think this is?  
Email  
[askabouthisty@gmail.com](mailto:askabouthisty@gmail.com)  
with your answer.

The Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed for our annual “Pioneer Days’ with Tualatin 4th graders on the following dates, June 1-5.



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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 June for Pioneer Days.

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