



Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

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



Save the Date...Held Virtually

Ice Age Bison in Your Backyard

**Thursday, January 21
7 pm**

Join Jauhn Brasseur for a quick tour of Ice Age bison/bos types and their distribution, comparisons to modern bison/bos, explores evidence of their interaction with comparisons to modern bison/bos and explores interaction with humans.

The Other Flood: Ice Age Bonneville flood on the Snake River

Thursday, February 18, 7 pm

Join Jim O'Connor of the Geology Mineral, Energy and Geophysics Science Center as he discusses the other flood. Discover one of the largest floods on earth, first discovered in 1870's and later rediscovered in the 1950's. This cataclysmic flood was about 100 times greater than the historic Snake River Flood.

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Program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Lower Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center.

For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

www.iafi.org

HELD VIRTUALLY Watch for link on email after Jan. 1

Meet Carlos Horcos-the artist behind Tualatin's centennial art series. Includes a slideshow of his art.



Carlos Horcos



**Councilperson Maria Reyes shares her
perilous journey from Honduras
Wednesday, February 3, 1 pm Live
Watch for link on email.**

City Council member Maria Reyes will discuss her perilous life journey from the farms of Honduras to the streets of LA to Tualatin. Her role as Tualatin's first Latina Councilperson is much more than symbolic. It provides insight and perspective beyond what most of us have ever experienced.

**John Brody: Why Tualatin Became a City...
Wednesday, March 3, 1 pm Live
Watch for link on email.**

John Brody: will describe why Tualatin became a city and the history that the river played in the city's development. He studied Geology at Portland State university. He and his family lived along the Tualatin river near Hazelbrook school.

Tualatin Mastodon in the News

By Andrew R Boehm PhD

Mastodons have figured prominently in the American imagination since the nation’s founding.

Thomas Jefferson, who was famously obsessed with the animals, had bones laid out for study in the White House and is even rumored to have instructed Lewis and Clark to gather evidence of living elephants in the interior of North America.

This was before the concept of extinction was widely accepted which was sadly the fate of these unique animals.

After 250 years of mastodon research, we thought we knew these animals pretty well. They typically inhabited woodlands and swamps, browsing on woody vegetation. They have been found across all of North America, from the Arctic to the Pacific Northwest to Central America.

We had also believed there was only one species of mastodon, with some regional variation in their shape and size. Now, however, it appears that there is much more to the mastodon story—and Oregon may be key to expanding our understanding of these iconic animals. Large fossil sites recently discovered in California and Colorado have precipitated new research on western North American mastodons. In an article from just last year, Alton Dooley Jr. and a team of researchers from the Western Science Center in Hemet, California, found that mastodons are not all the same. Inspired by the recent discovery of the Pacific mastodon, I, along with colleagues Chris Widga from the Center of Excellence in Paleontology at

East Tennessee State University and Emil Karpinski at McMaster University, became curious about why this new species hadn’t turned up in Oregon. To find specimens to study, we turned to Danny Gilmore’s recent research on Pleistocene animals from the Willamette Valley. He had only found a few mastodon fossils, but fortunately there was a very intriguing specimen among them: **the Tualatin mastodon.**



On a recent visit, to the **Tualatin Heritage Center I** was allowed to take detailed measurements of the Tualatin skeleton and take hundreds of photos to create a three-dimensional model of the teeth. After comparing the measurements of the teeth, **it is clear that the Tualatin mastodon is indeed a member of the newly defined Pacific mastodon species**, making it the first reported specimen in Oregon and the northernmost specimen on the Pacific Coast. Interestingly, nearby specimens uncovered in Washington are reportedly *not* members of this new species. This raises new questions: Are the Washington specimens simply misidentified, or did two distinct mastodon species live in close proximity? While it seems that there are more questions now than before, that is the nature of scientific inquiry. Our team seeks to continue study of the **Tualatin Mastodon** while expanding our investigation of the geographic extent of the Pacific mastodon in Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest. Stay tuned.



Mike Full, Yvonne Addington, Andrew Boehm
Examine our tusk and molar

"Special thanks to local and state professionals and volunteers who helped on this research project: Jerianne Thompson, Cindy Frost, Mike Full, Dr. Scott Burns, Dr. William Orr, Daniel Gilmore, David Ellingson, Yvonne Addington, University of Oregon, Portland State University, Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, City of Tualatin, Tualatin Ice Age Foundation, Tualatin Historical Society. " Yvonne Addington

Andrew Boehm speaks on the newly defined Pacific Mastodon Species. Thursday, March 18, 7 pm Virtual



Andrew Boehm PhD, is a research Associate at the UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History. He will speak on the recent discovery and process of measuring the tusk and tooth at the Tualatin Heritage center to help document the new determination.

Tualatin Shelves May Have Been Empty But THS Had a Full Year

The annual THS membership meeting was held via Zoom on November 11. Little did we know that 2020 would shape up the way it did. Still, after absorbing some of the initial cancellations, we got busy making the best of a bad situation. Beginning in April we were able to secure Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) funding for the Historical Society. These unprecedented “loans” from the government are convertible to grants if requirements are met, and we did. Later this fall, we secured additional grants from the federal CARES Act. As the summer unfolded we came up with a number of innovative ways to keep members and our community engaged. We challenged school age kids via social media to keep a log including photos and videos of their experiences for placement into our public archives. Our famous walking map was posted on NextDoor and we sent access information to members. A Women’s Suffrage video link was sent to members in lieu of a program we had to cancel on the same subject by the League of Women Voters.

Because Tualatin is planning a veterans’ memorial, we took advantage of the spirit of the moment by surveying members to gather information about local vets. That info is currently in our online archives.

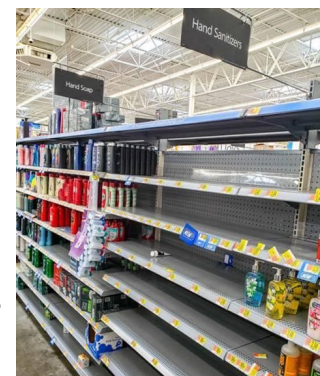
We continued to collect oral histories and through our newsletters tried to capture stories that reflect the zeitgeist of this pandemic. On October 7 we “went live” with Tom Swearingen, Oregon’s Cowboy Poet, kicking off our fundraiser with a raffle and donations—which were incredibly generous. Plans for future programs are well underway now that we are getting the hang of this Zoom thing!



Tom Swearingen live at THC in zoom



Not only was the Tualatin Historical Society recognized as Volunteer Group of the Year, but the City also recognized members who have **10 or more years of volunteering: Yvonne Addington, Gerry Brosy, Lindy Hughes, Bob Hughes, Loyce Martinazzi, Ellie McClure, Larry McClure, Arne Nyberg, Karin Olson, Norm Parker, Barb Stinger, Diane Swientek, Chris Tunstall.**



During our annual meeting we also took time to recognize these important partners: City of Tualatin; Ice Age Floods Institute/Lower Columbia Chapter; Tualatin elementary schools; Garden Corner; Lee Farms; Bosky Dell Natives ; Tualatin Life; Al Stewart Photography; DigaPix; and the VFW.

We spent time during the membership meeting reviewing the financials (complete information and presentation available upon request). Perhaps most importantly we announced the winners of our 2020 Lafky-Martinazzi and Presidents Awards—Michael Antonelli and Lois Roby respectively for their great contributions to our organization. We look forward to 2021 when we can welcome everyone back to our Champagne Brunch for a REAL membership meeting. By Ross Baker



Welcome New Members

Erin Williams
Tim Kent
Alan Lafky
Mark Beach
Rollin Carlson
Laurie Wilkinson



Recognized on a plaque at THC

Founders Club— 3 yr. membership \$250

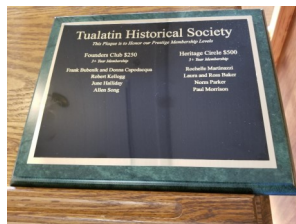
Frank Bubenik and Donna Capodacqua
Robert Kellogg-RENEWED

June Halliday
Allen Song
Steve and Kristin Kunkle
Kay and Lloyd Gooding
Oregon Heritage Council



Heritage Circle-5 yr. membership \$500

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



2021 Tualatin Historical Society Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

- Individual \$25
- Household \$40
- Patron \$100 new level**
- Founder's Club \$250 (3 years)
- Heritage Circle \$500 (5 years)

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Visa/MC accepted

2020 Ends and Virus Continues

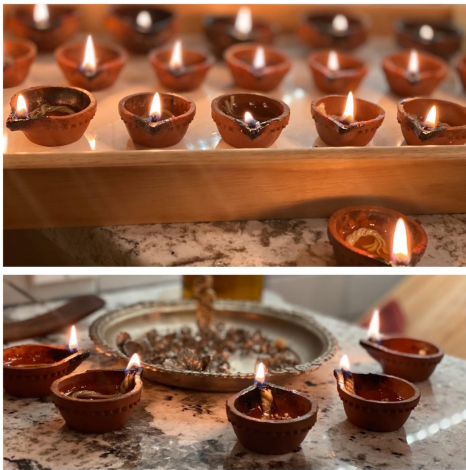
Tualatin and Oregon experienced dramatic rises in Covid-19 during the last quarter of 2020 with predictions of more cases and hospitalizations ahead in winter 2021. Legacy Meridian Park Hospital made the news as one of three locations in Oregon to receive the first doses of vaccine in the nation. The first vaccinations go to health care workers followed by residents in care facilities and vulnerable populations. Schools in Tualatin remained closed to in-person teaching through December. Restaurants were again restricted to take-out or outside dining. Several local businesses have been forced to close temporarily or permanently.

Senior Tualatin residents remember when polio was a national scourge in the 1950s and early '60s, particularly affecting children. It was not uncommon to hear of a person confined to an iron lung. Some were affected by a lifetime of impairment. But, like now, a big breakthrough arrived with the Salk vaccine administered by injection and later as drops on a sugar cube. In fact, a famous song from Disney's "Mary Poppins" was based on this life-saving vaccine: "A Spoonful of Sugar (Makes the Medicine Go Down)"—good advice now once again.

Holiday Traditions from Afar

By Deepa Sarangapani,
THS member from southern India

Karthikai Deepam, (pronounced Car-thi-kai Theepum) is a festival of lights that is observed by the Hindus of Southern India and Sri Lanka. It falls in the month of Karthikai (mid-November to mid-December) as per the Tamil lunar calendar. This is different from Deepavali (the Festival of Lights celebrated all over India) that is celebrated a few weeks prior. On the full moon day of this month, oil lamps are lit and placed in all different parts.



Deepam means lamps and the festival gets its name from the Tamil month it falls on. The legend around this festival is that six celestial nymphs nurtured six babies in a pool on a bed of

lotuses. The babies were then merged into one by Goddess Parvati (wife of Lord Shiva) to form the six faced Muruga, considered the second son of Lord Shiva. While merging he also formed into a six-faced, twelve-handed god. As the six nymphs helped in nurturing the child, Lord Shiva blessed immortality to the six nymphs to live on as stars in the sky. They are worshipped by lighting up rows of oil lamps (*Deepam*) in the evening of the festival day around the houses and streets. Karthikai Deepam is also known as Kartikeya, or Muruga's birthday.

Adults fast during the day and break the fast with foods specific to families. In our home we always make this lentil and rice crepe called *adai* for dinner. We eat it with a variety of sides - a coconut or tomato chutney, some *molaga podi* (literally translated means red chili powder but is a condiment made with lentils, seasonings and yes, dried red chilies) with sesame oil making a paste-like side and some homemade plain yogurt. We also make a sweet dish akin to a brittle but made with puffed rice.

These are shaped into balls and can be compared to a marshmallow treat in a round form but held together with caramel. We also dress up in traditional garb just to keep with the heritage and culture I grew with.



Celebrating with family

Recipe for Adai: Ingredients

- 3/4 cup short grained rice
- 1/2 cup split chickpea lentil (chana dal)
- 1/2 split yellow pigeon peas (toor dal)
- 2 tbsps split yellow lentils (mung dal)
- 3/4 to 1 inch fresh ginger
- 4 to 5 dried red chilies
- 3/4 to 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1/8 tsp asafoetida (available in Indian stores / amazon)
- Salt to taste
- Water as needed to make a thick pancake batter consistency
- Oil or ghee as needed
- 2 tbsp cilantro leaves or curry leaves finely chopped

Method:

- Soak the rice and lentils for at least 2-3 hours.
- Grind it with the rest of the ingredients to the consistency mentioned.
- Heat a pan or griddle (cast iron or non stick works great) on the stove on medium heat. Drop a little water on it. When that balls up, the pan is hot enough.
- Mix in a little extra water if the batter thickens.
- Drop a ladle of the batter in the center of the pan and quickly spread it into a round crepe form. This will be thick, not thin like a crepe.
- Add a tsp of oil around the edges of the adai and let it cook for about a minute.
- When you are able to slide a spatula underneath it, ease it off the pan and flip the adai. Cook the other side for about 30 seconds.

Winter Holiday Memories

Gay Paschoal

Once we three kids were old enough to tramp down into the woods with boots and snow jackets on we would join our dad. My dad carrying a big axe on his shoulder would lead the way around the property looking for the perfect tree. Frequently, back in the 40's and 50's, we would have 1-2 feet snow drifts, so it was always a fun adventure! At first, when we were in our little house, the tree was small, but when we moved to the big house the trees could be really tall (10-15 feet). As we kids got bigger and stronger, we could help dad carry in bigger and bigger trees...Meanwhile, back at the house, my mom was getting the Christmas decorations out, making hot chocolate, putting holiday music on and starting a fire in the fireplace. Remembering these



times always brings back very fond memories.

Janet Carr

Janet fondly looks back on 17 happy years in Eugene where she directed and narrated an annual Advent series at her church featuring children, youth and adults reenacting Biblical events leading to Christmas. Believing that adults should be telling the story to children, and not the other way around, she recruited old and young adults alike to rehearse the movements while she narrated. Children hung ornaments made in their classes on a tree near the altar where they sat and listened. One year 23 volunteers showed up to participate and somehow she was able to costume them all! "My favorite service was the Kings who stood in the bell choir balcony where they found the star and then walked down the sanctuary aisle singing their verses. They were all members of the Eugene Bach festival choir and had magnificent voices. Then they sang the final verse around the little ones and knelt before the manger with Mary and Joseph to present their gifts." Janet has made the script available for families and other churches alike.



Tualatin's 1996 winter flood



Duffy Hamilton

Duffy Hamilton will never forget a Christmas about 1937 when she was around 8 years old. She was living with her grandma several houses east of Hanegan's service station on Seneca. One of Tualatin's floods covered the town right before Christmas Eve and Mr. Hanegan pushed his rowboat to their house and evacuated them to the John Roberts family near where Dutch Brothers is today. This memory is still strong for Duffy because grandma was in the process of finishing new clothes for her favorite doll which was left behind in the flooded house for two weeks. Duffy remembers the doll did get its clothes in time for her birthday in January!

Sandra Carlson

One of my fond Christmas memories as a child in the 1950's was making taffy. My mother would boil sugar, butter and vanilla. While it was still quite warm, my brother and I were handed a lump to stretch and blend. Then we pulled it into a rope and cut it into bite-sized pieces. Waiting for it to cool was the hardest part. Our parents eventually began to get store-bought candy but it never tasted quite as good as homemade taffy!



Gerry Brosy and Bill Avery

Each shared similar stories of anticipation of Christmas. Only one gift could be opened on Christmas Eve. Like many experienced the next morning, the traditional stocking Santa had filled typically contained an orange, nuts, hard candies and some useful items. Often pajamas and socks were under the tree but the exciting gift might be a new bike.



Ayda and Samuel Getahun

New residents Ayda and Samuel, whose family ties are in Ethiopia, honors Christmas twice thanks to the Julian calendar which their home country follows. "On December 25 we have adopted the American way since the whole season is filled with meaningful and fun activities, especially for the kids. We may cook one or two traditional dishes to add to our table, but that's about it. On January 7, we wear our traditional clothes, go to church in the morning, and have traditional dishes for lunch and a coffee ceremony with extended family members and loved ones (no, kids don't get a second set of gifts)."



Heritage Center Closures

The Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed to observe Martin Luther King Jr Day.

on Jan. 18, and February 15, for Presidents Day!



Historian's Corner

by Sandra Lafly Carlson



Maria Sweek was an adventurous, high-spirited and resourceful woman. She was born in Missouri in 1833, orphaned at the age of 10, and married to John Sweek in 1852. That same year she and her husband joined a large wagon train of settlers headed for Oregon. Years later, Maria recounted

the adventures they had along the Oregon Trail and upon settling in the Tualatin area. Their wagon train was so long that when she viewed it from a hill, there were wagons as far as the eye could see in both directions.

She told about losing their supplies in a boat sinking in the Missouri River, of having to cook over a fire of cow dung patties, and of a Sioux Indian offering her husband 10 ponies for her. Maria and John settled in Tualatin and built a small log cabin. Over several years, John was often gone, freighting goods to Idaho to sell to the miners there. Maria was left on her own to care for their young children, fend off cougars, and arrange the building of a larger house. She financed the house completion by hosting dance party sleepovers, charging \$1.00 for each participant. The house, which they named Willowbrook (a beautiful adaptation of a Southern Colonial style) still stands in Tualatin. It is on the National Registry of Historic Structures and is a private residence.



Maria was a compassionate neighbor, once caring for a motherless baby girl and nursing her along with her own baby son. When Art Martinazzi was born to Nettie and Julius in 1902, Maria walked the mile uphill to their home, taking chamomile tea to soothe the sickly baby. Nettie and Julius had already lost two sons. John and Maria had 6 children, who were the first from Tualatin to attend college. Alexander became a state senator, and Thaddeus became the first Tualatin mayor. Maria Sweek's memories are included in a book of Tualatin settler diaries called "Life in a New, Untamed Land", which can be purchased at the Tualatin Heritage Center, Sweek house is featured in a CD also on sale.

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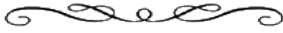
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Congratulations to **June Halliday** for naming the butter churn in the prior newsletter!!!
 Let us know if you know what this new item from our attic is. Email your answer to askabouthistory@gmail.com

As we approach the winter season, we may experience inclement weather that could possibly cause the Heritage Center to close. ❄️

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The Center is open to the public Monday-Thursday from 10am to 3pm during Covid. The Tualatin Historical Society holds open program meetings in the Center at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month virtually.

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