



# The Tualatin Historical Society's 2023-24 Report to the City of Tualatin

*Let's take a closer look*



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# Overview

- We continue to add to our **Oral History** Inventory.
- In June we launch efforts to document the history of the **LGBTBQ+** community in Tualatin with a kickoff panelist discussion at the Heritage Center and on TVCTV.
- Excellent daytime and evening **programs and events**.
- **Rentals** slowed somewhat in the past months, but visitor counts up ~10% at 500-550 in a typical month.
- **Free membership** offered to city employees and teachers as our way of saying thanks.
- **History Day** now with two schools. Others invited for '25.
- Our best ever **Heritage Evening** coming in September.
- Heritage Plants notecards by local artist Jenny Ree Stout.
- **THS raising its profile** with more presence at community and CIO events.
- **Three high school student volunteers** helping with archives and book reprints.







*“To preserve, promote and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin.”*



- Turtles in the Tualatin
- Ice Age National Geographic Trail
- In Search of Ice Age Beast
- Indigenous Peoples Discussion Day
- Northwest Fossil Fest
- Proving Glacial Lake Missoula Existed
- The Terroir of Oregon Wines
- The Missoula Floods in Portland
- An Unlikely Journey
- The life and times of Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver.
- Monthly paleontology meetings
- Ancient Ice Age Floods
- When the "Sunn" shined in Tualatin
- Wave Erosion in Lake Allison
- History of the Tualatin Country Club
- Fossil Dig in Woodburn Oregon







# The arts continue to be a big part of our programs and events

- Tualatin Public Art. THS in concert with Janet Steiger Carr, Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee Chair, and Julie Ludemann, Tualatin's Recreation Manager.
- Mask and Mirror. "The Gin Game"
- An old fashion Christmas with the TuHS Crimsonnaires
- Royal Doulton Ceramics Display
- Mask and Mirror: Private Eyes
- Arbor Day Poetry Contests
- Wild Over Watercolors
- Cello training workshops
- New Horizons Big Band







# History day for Tualatin Elementary and Bridgeport Elementary

~160 fourth graders & ~ 25 big people explored .... 1 Room School House, Pioneer Artifacts, Laundry, Toys, Ice Age, Native Peoples and Native Plants





# Membership and YTD Financials

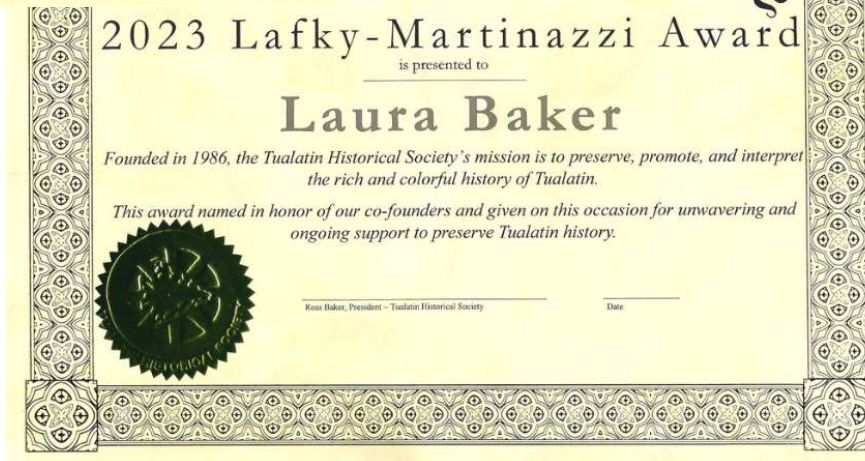
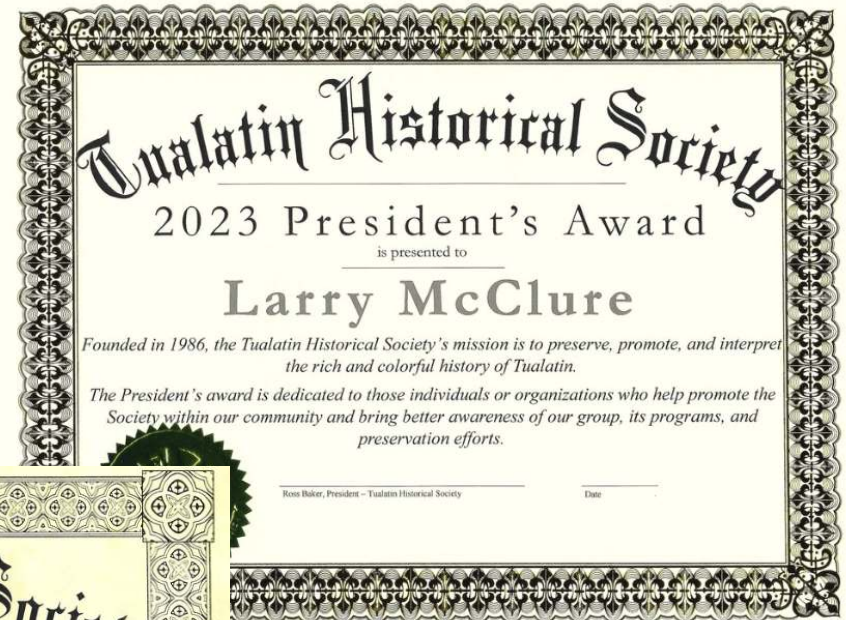
- **Total membership** ticked up this year.
- **Revenue and Expenses** will both be slightly above plan.
- **Expense observations:**
  - Increased costs e.g. insurance, newsletter, internet.
  - Need for more granularity on Operational Expenses. Some accounts, like equipment are available. Some like event expense need to be broken out.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2023/2024 Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>%</u>
Donations/Grants (City & Individual)	10000	16094	161%
Interest	1000	576	58%
Rental (City & THS)	9000	13998	156%
Fundraising	12000	14990	125%
Membership	6000	7155	119%
Products Sales (Jam & Books)	300	557.25	186%
Scholarship	3000	1435	48%
Money Market for the balance	16465	0	0%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 57,765.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,805.25</b>	<b>95%</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2023/2024 Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>%</u>
Payroll	28000	25744.21	0.919436
Professional Services (Tabor Acct)	2000	1965	98%
Fundraising Expenses	6500	5271	81%
Operation	4000	7017.94	175%
Newsletter	1500	1529.83	102%
Telephone & Internet	1500	1682.51	112%
Membership	400	366.96	92%
Alarm System	540	540	100%
Insurance	2600	3126.31	120%
Equipment purchased and rental	500	599	120%
Dues	525	380	72%
Credit Cards Fees	500	293.84	59%
Building & Ground Maintenance	300	100	33%
Scholarship	3000	3000	100%
Monitor of Rentals	250	97.5	39%
Archival improvements	650	154.82	24%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 52,765.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,538.92</b>	<b>98%</b>





We continue to celebrate the best of who we are with our annual Lafky-Martinazzi and President's awards





## The trails ahead: our task list for 2024-5

- Research and document **history of LGBTQ+** community in Tualatin.
- **Continue to refresh board** with individuals having talents identified in our autumn '23 visioning workshop:
  - Leadership
  - Social Media
  - Volunteer Coordination
  - Access to like-minded organizations.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of **“Tualatin from the Beginning”**.
- Finding a permanent home for the **Galbreath farm wagon**.
- Tualatin **veteran database**.
- Finding placement for **propellor from 1952 crash** of B29 Super Fortress.
- **Move “Ice Age” fountain** from Lake at the Commons to Heritage Center, Celebrate **Veteran Memorial Plaza** opening.
- **“A Stroll through the Cemetery at Dusk”** –recreating popular 2020 event.
- **Sweek House**.







# Sweek House Update

Althea Pratt's daughters have met with Mayor Bubenik, Parks Director Ross Hoover and City Manager Sherilyn Lombos.

The Historical Society hopes this is the beginning of a process that will save the site for future generations to access and enjoy our only National Historic Landmark.

In the meantime, THS has formed a task force to address some more urgent issues with the hopes the Sweek House can be occasionally open to the public.





## New board members are bringing a fresh perspective...and we are thrilled!



- **Stella Uselman** has a self-described love of older homes in Tualatin. She wants to make our community aware of those and their individual stories. She herself lives in the “Salzer/Jurgens” house which was identified as historically significant in a survey commissioned by the city back in the 80’s. She works for FedEx and attends Portland Community College.



- **Matt Kleinke** has an extensive leadership background in the semiconductor industry. He brings strong technical and social media competencies that are sorely needed at THS. He is no newcomer to volunteer roles and has served in various capacities. His kids both graduated from Tualatin High School. Matt hold a BS in Organizational Behavior & Management and has an MBA in E-Commerce





## 2024 Board Members

- Ross Baker, President
- April Wicker, Vice-President
- Sandra Carlson, Historian
- Kristina Wheelock, Treasurer
- Art Sasaki, Secretary
- Yvonne Addington
- Larry McClure
- Barbara Stinger
- Stella Uselman
- Matt Kleinke
  
- Rick Wheelock, Manager



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## Join us for Heritage Evening 9/13

### **Featuring Historical Conjuror Professor DR Schreiber.**

Enjoy scrumptious food and adult beverages while being entertained with a historic look at the beginnings of modern magic in this magical journey on the patio of the Heritage Center.



**Heavy appetizers...desserts...wine...beer...silent auction...raffle...wine pull...more...**

**We will have limited seating this year to make sure there is plenty of room for our guests**