



The Tualatin Historical Society's 2021 Report to the City



**This past year was rosier than we
thought it could be...**

...but there were still some thorns.

Historic Robbins Rose at Tualatin Heritage Center



Learning on the fly with the pandemic

- By the start of our fiscal year in July of 2020 we knew the pandemic, then a few months old in the US, was **not going to quickly fade away**.
- We, of course, closed the Heritage center but kept **Cindy busy with some projects** noted in last year's report.



- **Great programs** planned by THS and our Ice Age partners had already been **cancelled**:
 - Latino Immigration in Washington County
 - Near Misses on the Lewis & Clark Expedition
 - Glaciers in Antarctica vs Ours
 - Collateral Results of Viet Nam
 - The Meaning of Climate Change
- And... Perhaps the most tragic loss of all was our beloved **Pioneer Days** for 2nd year in a row.



Still, after a few months of uncertainty, we did manage to put together a great batch of programs



- The Short Beautiful Life of **Interurban Transportation**
- **Councilwoman Maria Reyes’ Incredible Journey**
- **Artist Carlos Horcos** Reflects on his Work for Tualatin and Other Commissions
- **Oregon’s Cowboy Poet Tom Swearingen**
- **Holiday Traditions: Locally & from Afar**
- **Bisons in your Backyard**
- **Jonathan Crane’s Covid-19 Story**
- Scott Burns’ Majesty of the **Swiss Alps**
- **History of Hops on the Tualatin Plains.**
- **Vietnam vet Jack Estes** author of **Searching for Gurney.**



We are keeping busy. Here are some more things you should know.

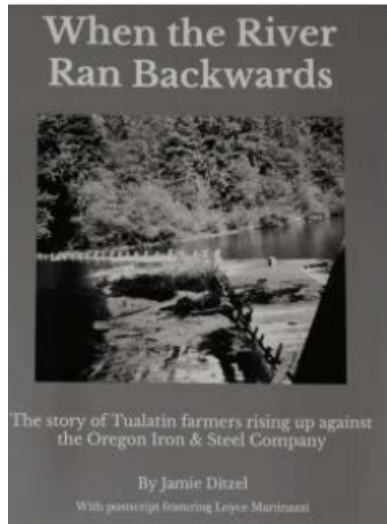
Local artist Carlos Horcos will work with THS to identify projects consistent with our Mission to preserve, protect and interpret Tualatin's rich and colorful history.



- New home for the Lakeridge Rhyolite **Glacial Rock.**
- **The Center is open** Mon-Thurs 10-3. Normal hours will resume this month. Rentals follow state/county guidelines.
- **We continue with oral histories.** Most today are videos. All are born digital.
- **Harvesting our archives** to populate the new web page continues.
- **Taskforces** to focus on volunteers, fundraising and archive management.
- **Our quarterly newsletter** never missed a beat and is still issued regularly
- **Annual picnic will resume** this year with food and music at Community Park. July 7 4:30-6:30

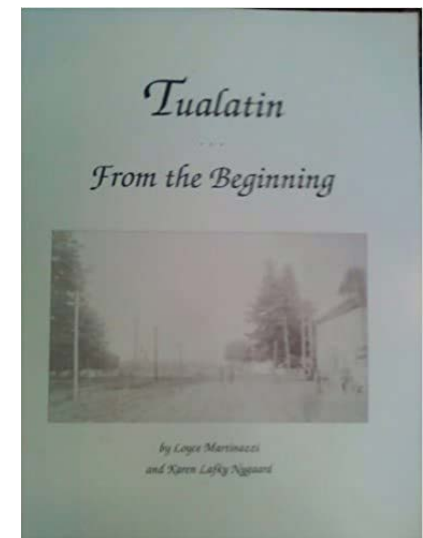


Two Books—so long in the making



PSU intern Jamie Ditzel has helped Loyce Martinazzi keep a promise to her father: “Write that dam story!” Learn about **Tualatin farmers rising up against the Oregon Iron & Steel Company**. The names of the those who sought justice by blowing up the dam are finally revealed! ***When the River Ran Backwards*** is available in our store now.

Our bestselling book, ***Tualatin from the Beginning*** has long been considered the **primer** for anyone interested in really knowing the facts about our history. The 3rd edition will come out late summer with **30 new topics** that cover where the 2nd edition left off!





We continued to celebrate the best of who we are with our annual Lafky-Martinazzi and Presidents Award. The newly named Jack Broome Scholarship gave 2 awards!



*Madison
McDonald*

In 2020, due to the special circumstances around the global COVID-19 pandemic, a special scholarship was added.



*Julio Lopez
Carrillo*



Our new web page: perhaps our biggest challenge during 2021, and something that brings us great pride.

- **All of the stuff you'd expect**

- Articles
- Oral Histories
- Photos
- Videos
- Program information
- Event calendar

- **And plenty you would not:**

- Interactive walking tour of Tualatin's historic sites
- Online store
- Virtual tour of exhibits inside and outside of THC
- Tualatin specific info like the Greenway Trail, Centennial Celebration, Park history and more
- Digital Attic to find everything not yet on our page





And of course.... Outstanding Volunteer group of the year in 2019 and shared honors in 2020.

"We are part of this city's success-- one of America's top ten cities-- along with CIOs, School Administration, Responsive City Government, CenterCal support, etc... We facilitate Tualatin's continuing exceptional civic awareness, pride, and depth"

Art Sasaki
Board Member and
former President of THS





Additional Information

- **Membership:** Up 5%
- **Financials:** We remain healthy
 - **Grants + PPP:** How much and how we spent them.
- **Loss of our home for the Galbreath Wagon**—Lee Farms needs it moved.
- **Board:** two openings.