



# The Tualatin Historical Society's **2025 Report to the City**



## **2024-25: A magical year**

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

**THANK YOU, TUALATIN.** The new carpet and paint at the Heritage Center looks great! And to Cameron Eby who serves an effective ambassador for day-to-day matters.

*Historical Conjurer, Professor DR Schreiber, performed at our annual fundraiser.*



# All of the things you would expect us to be doing...

- Daytime and evening **programs**.
- Permanent and rotating **displays at the Center**
- **More presence** at community events.
- Adding to our **Oral History** inventory.
- **Visitor** counts and **Membership** up.
- **History Day** for 4<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **Heritage Evening** raised ~\$8k. .
- **New note cards for our Heritage plants.**
- **New filing system** for document archives and add digital record of existing collection.



But we are also so much more!



# Ice Age

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- Home to Lower Columbia Chapter of the **Ice Age Floods Institute.**  
**Program examples:**
  - Martian Megafloods
  - The "Debacle Which Swept the Columbia Plateau" 100 years on.
  - Why the Willamette Valley is Filled with these Remnants of our last Ice Age.
  - Mt. St. Helens May 18, 1980 Eruption 45 Years Ago
- **N.A.R.G**  
(North American Research Group) monthly meetings.





# Live ARTs

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- Tualatin High School **Crimsonnaires**.
- Gods of Carnage (**Mask & Mirror Community Theater** play).
- **Historical Conjurer**. A magic act.
- All the Doctors of our Lives (**Janet Steiger Carr and WilsonvilleStage**)
- A Valentine Mosaic. (music by **Beth Donnelly and Doug Feller**)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Month **Poetry Contest**.







# Educational The Tualatin ^ Historical Society

- **Painting** classes.
- **Writing** classes:
  - Writing memoirs.
  - Writing love stories.
- **Home Schooled** tours.
- Special tours for **Senior Living** groups.
- **Aging in Place** with your Landscape.





# Veterans

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- **Photo documentation of the new Veteran's Plaza** from first shovel to completion.
- Our **Veteran's database**: for local Vets and with public access.
- **Co-sponsor of the Memorial Day lunch** at Community Park.
- New tradition:  
**Operation Coffee and Donuts** for Vets at the Heritage Center on Memorial Day.





# Big Events

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- **“The Fabric of our Lives”.**  
A 2-day quilt show with speakers.
- An **Old Fashion Christmas** with our own real St. Nick!
- History of the **LGTBQ+** in the community speaker program
- **Fossil Fest.**



### 15th Annual Northwest Fossil Fest

**When:** Saturday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-4.

**Where:** Tualatin Heritage Center  
8700 SW Sweek Drive  
Tualatin, Oregon 972062

**Info:** Free Admission to the Festival and the Museum. Sponsored by NARG.







# Community and Fellowship

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- **Hosts** for Tualatin Together and Chamber of Commerce.
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic.**
- **Annual fall membership meeting..**
- **Heritage Evening** fundraiser.
- Regular Participant at **CIO events** and the annual **Senior Resource Fair.**
- **Community access**
  - HOA meetings
  - Rentals from baby showers to reunions to birthday parties to graduation events to celebrations of life.







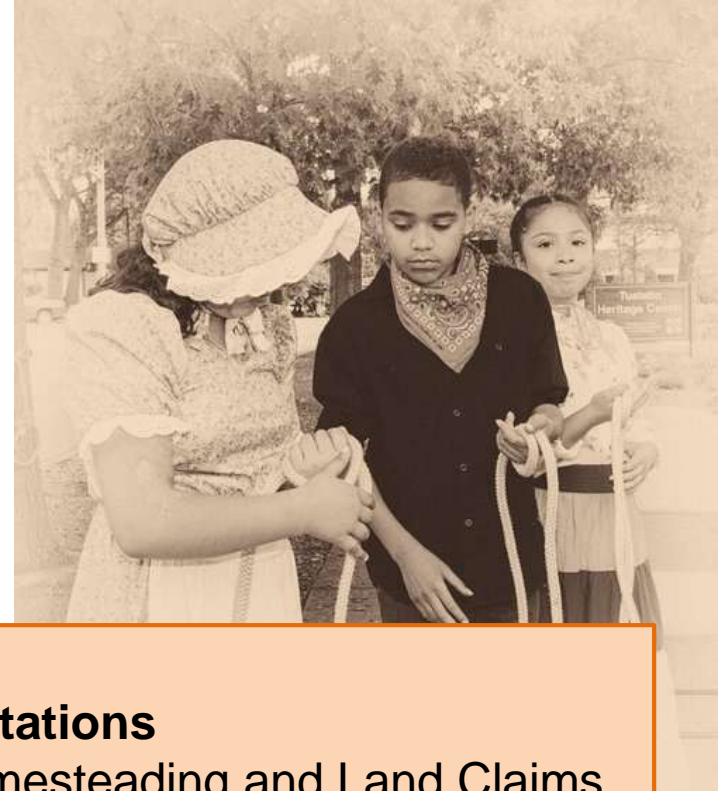
# place where 4<sup>th</sup> graders learn history

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- 30+ volunteers...About 2200 man-hours...~150 students...two Schools...six teachers...~16 parents...

### AND...

- Some chickens and a cow.



### 2025 Learning Stations

One Room School House  
Pioneer Artifacts  
Native People and Plants  
Farming

Homesteading and Land Claims  
Pioneer children's games  
Ice Age Animals  
Laundry



## And, oh yeah, local history The Tualatin ^ Historical Society

- **Quarterly newsletter** packed with historical news and upcoming events.
- **Oral Histories**—Capturing those who make history in Tualatin.
- The **Galbreath Wagon** coming to the Heritage Center.
- **Library Case Displays. e.g. Sewing through the Ages.**
- **And, of course, programs** on the history of Tualatin and our local area:
  - Tualatin from the Beginning:  
The Early Years.
  - Tualatin from the Beginning:  
In My Lifetime.
  - History of Sherwood.
  - Willamette Falls Heritage Area.
  - History of American Quilt  
Shows, Museums and  
Collections.
  - Here: The legend of the land  
where Vet's Plaza now stands.





# YTD Financials:

Revenue should finish  
FY 24-25 as expected.

## REVENUE to Date

	2024/2025 Expected	YTD thru April 2025	%	NOTES
Donations (City & Individual)	10000	20912.22	209%	We received a couple of large unexpected anonymous donations
Interest	1000	2102.55	210%	\$2000 reinvested from one year CD
Rental (City & THS)	9000	6570.27	73%	
Fundraising	12000	9374.81	78%	
Membership	6000	7154.18	119%	
Products Sales (Jam, Books, Notecards & Classes)	300	194.09	65%	
Grants	0	0	0%	
Scholarship	3000	1460	49%	
Money Market for the balance	16465	0	0%	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>57,765.00</b>	<b>47,768.12</b>	<b>83%</b>	

- Overall, we expect to hit our revenue target with no need to use money market funds.
  - Donations and Membership better than expected.
  - Fund raising and product sales likely to end year slightly down.
  - About 1/3 of our savings tied to short and mid-term CDs.
- We like but rely very little on grants.





# YTD Financials:

Expenses expected to finish  
FY 24-25 slightly under budget.

EXPENSES to Date				
Expense	2024/2025 Expected	YTD thru April 2025	%	Notes
Payroll	28000	22069.96	79%	
Professional Services (Tabor Acct)	2000	2045	102%	
Capital Projects	1000	0	0%	
Fundraising Expenses	6500	4314.56	66%	
Operation	4000	3088.72	77%	
Newsletter	1500	1377.71	92%	
Telephone & Internet	1500	1696.35	113%	Comcast price increases
Membership	400	300	75%	
Alarm System	540	540	100%	
Insurance	2600	2698	104%	
Purchase for resale (Jam, Books & Notecards)	500	586	117%	Ordered new line of products: Heritage Flower Notecards and Postcards.
Equipment purchased and rental	500		0%	
Dues	525	0	0%	
Contributions	100	0	0%	
Building & Ground Maintenance	300	1600	533%	Brought in outside landscapers to keep up with landscape maintenance and prepare for wagon.
Scholarship	3000	3000	100%	
Monitor of Rentals	150	0	0%	
Archival improvements	650	600	92%	
Book Printing	2000	0	0%	
Brick Project	1500	160	11%	
Credit Cards Fees	500	364.27	73%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57,265.00</b>			
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>44,440.57</b>	<b>78%</b>	



# Membership

- **Total membership** ticked up slightly this year to ~250.
- Top level **Members have been very generous.**
- New **Business Membership** we hope to grow—free mention in our quarterly.
- **29 Seniors over 90!**
- **Free Community membership** for City employees, Police, TVF&R and Teachers.

<b>Heritage Circle (\$500)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Founders Club (\$250)</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Patron (\$100)</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Business</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Individual</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Senior (90+)</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Community</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Life</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Honorary + 1 yr.</b>	<b>25</b>



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







# History never freezes-- our tasks list for 2025-26

- **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"**.
- **Galbreath farm wagon** at Heritage Center.
- Tualatin **veteran database**.
- First oral histories for **LGTBQ+** community in Tualatin.
- Finding placement for **propellor from 1952 crash** of B29 Super Fortress and **ice sculpture fountain** removed from Lake of the Commons.
- **Sweek House** community awareness.





## Sweek House VIP Tour

On Sunday July 13, the Pratt Family along with the Tualatin Historical Society will host an open house of the Historic Sweek House—Tualatin's only home on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tours of the home will be available to members and by invitation. RSVPs will be required.



A committee has been established with the purpose of supporting community access as a historical and cultural resource via short term openings or events and long-term public ownership with a focus on preservation and education.



## 2025 Board Members

### Back Row:

- Matt Kleinke, Secretary
- Rick Wheelock, Manager

### Middle Row:

- Stella Uselman
- April Wicker, Vice-President
- Kristina Wheelock, Treasurer
- Sandra Lafky Carlson, Historian

### Front Row:

- Ross Baker, President
- Larry McClure
- Barbara Stinger
- Yvonne Addington

### Not pictured:

- Art Sasaki







# Heritage Evening 2025 will be September 5

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

**This year's theme: Tualatin Trivia**  
*Come and Join in the fun, win prizes and be thoroughly entertained.*

The settlement which became known as Tualatin was first called:

1. Sweekville
2. Galbreath
3. Bridgeport
4. Boone's Landing

