



SCAPPOOSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

April 2023

Happy Mother's Day ♡

at the Watts House
Sunday, May 7th
and Sunday May 13th
(May 13th is sold out)

To reserve tickets,
call or text
971-645-3320
Tickets are \$25 each

IT'S A CONTEST!

Wear your best decorated hat to the Mother's Day Tea for the chance of winning a prize!



Remember the donated organ story in last month's newsletter? Here is 'the rest of the story' on how the organ came to the Watts House, now prominently displayed in the house foyer...

Torry and the "Tarbell" girls had been talking for 4-5 years about his pipe organ. Last May, Eva & Evelyn attended a special Mother's Day Tea fundraiser at the Historical Watts House. Again, we asked them if they would like to have this pipe organ and...BINGO, the new Board Members said yes!!

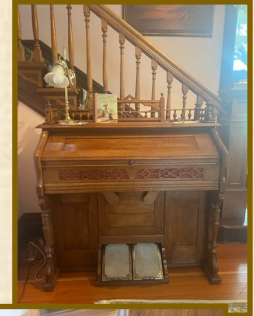
On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, Torry and Joyce delivered the pipe Organ.

Scappoose Historical Society President and Curator Karen Holmberg accepted it with all smiles.

Torry then told us "the pipe organ came around the 'Horn' on a sail boat and was delivered to the Scappoose Congregational Church". It is estimated, maybe, to be 150 years old. We have no record of when the pipe organ ended up in the basement of the Watts House.



A Torry Johanson, left, donated the pictured organ to the Scappoose Historical Society and Watts House. Johanson delivered the organ to Scappoose Historical Society President Karen Holmberg on Tuesday, Nov. 26.



Thank you again to Torry and Joyce, we all feel that Irene Watts was watching us with a smile!
-November 2019



*When you are in Scappoose,
plan on a visit to the Watts House.*

Ooooooh, this is going to be a Christmas to remember! Planning has been long underway for the big Grinch reveal! Our hard working Board members are already working on decorations.

"Thank you" to volunteer Pam Willemse who came to help at the last work party! Stay tuned....



Historical Society pres.
Janet Williams



Board treasurer
Rene Pizzo



Volunteer
Pam Willemse

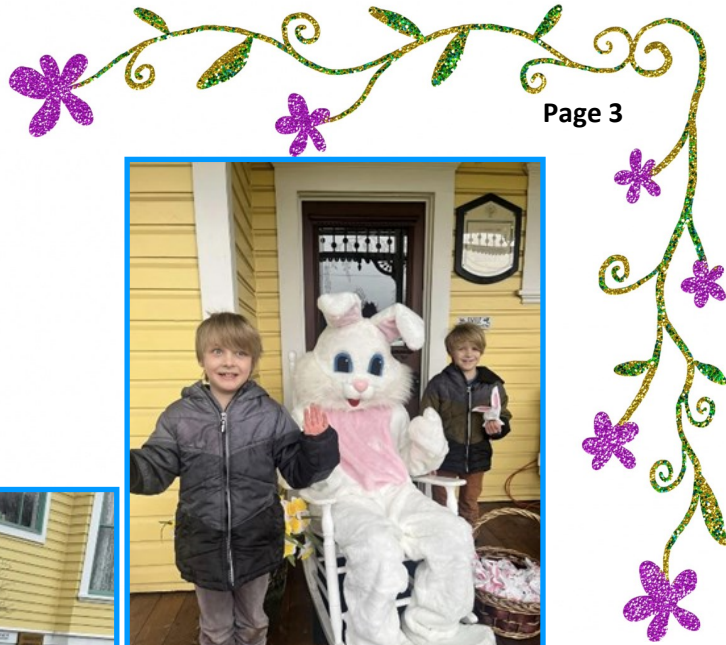


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OUR EASTER "PARADE"!



DOROTHY GORE BEASTON



Dorothy Gore Beaton

January 7, 2011 she woke as always in the middle of the night to stoke the fire, she smelled smoke! She tried to use the telephone but her fingers would not cooperate. She crawled on her hand and knees to the back door, she was 85 years of age. She made it to the neighbors to call the fire department. The fire engine could not get there as a tree had fallen across the road somewhere on Dutch Canyon Road. The fire destroyed her home where she had raised her children and lived in for sixty plus years. She was not able to save any of her memories.

Dorothy was born in Arkansas October 3, 1925. In Antlers, Oklahoma to William Gore and Betty Morton Gore. She was one of five girls, raised by their mother in a 'Widows colony' in Oklahoma.

Two sisters married two brothers. She married William "Bill" Beaton at the young age of 15, on March 28, 1941. Her sister Nova married Walter Beaton. The brothers and sisters came to Oregon about 1946/47. They both had six children. Dorothy and Bill lived first on Callahan Road, then Heins cabins in Scappoose, and last they settled in their home in Dutch Canyon. Their six children: Bill, Charles, Patsie Ebert (Paul), John, Laurie

Turner (Jim), Tim (Rita) Beaton. All children attended and finished school in Scappoose.

Dorothy had a doll shop called 'Bea's Little People' on Dutch Canyon Road where she assembled and dressed beautiful porcelain dolls of every sort. She also repaired most other types of dolls. It was an enjoyable business for her.

She also loved to write poetry, and declared her best poems came during the hardest times. That, raising children and quilt making occupied her time. She was an avid quilter. She spent many years at Scappoose Senior Center as a long-standing member of "The Quilters".

In her spare time, you could find her making pies for local restaurants, raising rabbits to sell, also sold eggs and cream, canned and baby sat, neighborhood children. She had 50 or more blueberry bushes that she picked and sold for many years. A remarkable lady she was. She always said "Idol hands are the devils play-thing.

Dorothy continued to live on the farm independently, until she broke her hip and became bed ridden. She passed September 10, 2014, at her home in Scappoose. Bill had passed away in 1997.

Widows Colony in Sand Springs, Oklahoma – The Colony was a row of 30 shotgun houses surrounded by shade trees on land near what is now Charles Page High School. It was a gift from oil millionaire Charles Page, whose own mother was widowed when he was a child. He also provided an endowment to operate the colony.

It admitted widows with two children or more and gave families a quart of milk each on Monday if they were seen in church on Sunday. Into the 60's, the colony was still there, widening its eligibility to divorced women. (*The Tulsa Tribune, Tulsa, Oklahoma July 16, 1998*)

Information for article furnished by Rita Beaton and Patsie Beaton Ebert.



Patsie Beaton Ebert (l) Rita Beaton (r)



EARTH DAY TOURS AT THE WATTS HOUSE!

The Watts House will be open for tours from
12:00 to 3:00pm

Saturday, April 22nd

A great day to visit the Watts House!
And we'll have free lemonade and cookies!



INFORMATION

Visit and Like our

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*Scappoose Historical
Society Watts House*

You can find information, ask questions, and send messages from our page

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Send info to Holly Allison,
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Wednesday following each
month's meeting.
Photos are especially
Appreciated! Include your
contact info.

ONGOING WORK PARTIES!

Join us on the **first Tuesday of each month** for our monthly work party.

It's all about the Grinch this Christmas and we have lots to do!

Call or text 971-645-3320 or
email scappoosehistoricalsociety@gmail.com for more info



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ON THE
FRONT PORCH!**



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SAVE THE DATES!

- ◆ **Saturday, April 22nd, 12-3pm: Earth Day Tours, cookies and lemonade!**
- ◆ **Saturday, May 6th, 10am: General Meeting at the Watts House**
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 2nd 6-8pm: Work party!**
- ◆ **Sunday, May 7th, 12-2pm: Mothers Day Tea and hat contest!**
- ◆ **Saturday, May 13th, 12-2pm: Mothers Day Tea and hat contest!**