

# The Historacle

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## Talent Historical Society



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## Fundraising at Camelot

Please plan on attending the Talent Historical Society fund-raiser at the Camelot Theater on January 28th for the performance of Bullshot Crummond. The play is a rollicking comedy; a parody of low budget 30's detective movies that typifies British heroism. Teutonic villain Otto Von Bruno and his evil mistress crash their plane in the English countryside and kidnap Professor Fenton who has discovered a formula for making synthetic diamonds. It's Bullshot Crummond to the rescue! Together with Fenton's lovely daughter, Rosemary, Bullshot pursues the trio and finally triumphs by shooting the rest of the cast.

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### When:

Wednesday night, Jan. 28th 2009

7-8 p.m. wine/drinks, snacks, desserts

8 p.m. the show begins

### Where:

Camelot Theater

101 Talent Avenue

Talent, OR

541-535-5250 for reservations

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Tickets \$18.00

Just when we thought all traces of Samuel and Huldah Colver vanished with their old house on Highway 99 in Phoenix, photos of the two surfaced from an unlikely source. It is almost as if they did not want to be forgotten. We offer a glimpse of their faces to keep their memory alive. The photos are courtesy of Maxine Kincaid who had the old Stearns family album which contained these pictures. For more detailed information on this fascinating family please visit the Talent Museum and look through their file.



Huldah Calendar Colver



Samuel Colver

# Photo Collections

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Since starting the Talent book project, dozens of new photo collections have come to light. In the past, people have been understandably reluctant to donate their family photos. While we are still interested in the original images, scanning takes the bite out of sharing photos with us. The originals can remain in family hands and scans can be made to preserve the history of our area for the society.

A big thanks goes to the following who let us scan their photos :

Maxine Kincaid who is a Stearns family descendant.

Bud Gleim who still lives in the old Gleim family home on Wagner Creek Road.

Jerry McGrew who is related to the Wolters, Pelletts, and Helms families who help build Talent.

Jim Maize who from the Wells family who homesteaded outside of Talent towards Ashland.

The Kerby family who settled on Yank Gulch.

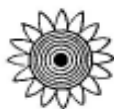
Brittson family members, Sandra Stiefel, Marty Fletcher, and Marilyn Evans.

Brian Roberts who has photos of Gibson Street where his family lived.

Liz Carter who has a trunk with precious photos of the Beeson family.

Bob Jacobs who helped track down Patterson and Jacobs family photos.

I know there are more photos out there and people I haven't asked yet. So please, this is a good time to remind others to offer their photos for scanning. We are hoping to be able to put all the new photos on a DVD and play them on a TV set for museum visitors to enjoy.



# Envisioning Oregon

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The University of Oregon, Oregon State University, the Oregon Historical Society, and Lewis & Clark College, are all working together on a project called Envisioning Oregon. They are asking small organizations like Talent Historical Society to be a part of a immense task of collecting the rich documentary heritage of Oregon. Much of

“The intent is to build the living memory of our era and preceding eras through acquiring important collections...in an intentional and coordinated manner.”

our history could be lost because of limited resources to identify, collect and make available our historical and cultural heritage.

A five-year-plan will be developed by the above institutions and as many organizations as possible are called to participate. Our director, Jan Wright, recently

went to Philomath to meet with the principals and add our voice to the statewide effort.

In January all heritage organizations in Jackson County will hear a presentation by James Fox, Head of Special Collections at University of Oregon about the project and how we can be a part of it. The meeting will be held at the Talent Historical Society Museum at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for this important meeting to find out how you can volunteer to help collect and document Oregon’s heritage.

Jackson County Heritage Association  
Meeting

10:00 a.m. at the Talent Historical Museum  
Thursday, January 8th, 2009

Please join us to learn more about local  
heritage issues

## Talent Book Coming Along

Our director, Jan Wright, is making progress on the Talent Book. It should be ready in time for the Talent Harvest Festival in September of 2009. If you would like to assure a copy, please call 512-8838 and reserve yours before September. The book will certainly encourage you to see Talent in a new way. The pictures used in the book are guaranteed to bring up people, places and things about Talent that you never knew before and will be a lasting treasure to share with your friends and family.

## Shot Gun on Display

A shot gun with a past is on display at the Talent Museum. This interesting gun has been in the Snook family since it was purchased in the 1880s or 1890s. Frank Snook came from Colorado with his family to the Talent area about 1901. They lived up Wagner Creek and raised their children there.

Come to the museum to check out the gun and the clock on exhibit from the Snook family.

## Place Name Project

Where are Wrangle Gap, Quigley Rocks, Brick Pile, Bell Town, String Town and Freeze Out Cabin? These places associated with Talent could become unknown if we don't record and inventory them in an organized manner. The Place Name Project started by Charlene Brown at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society continues with a few interested volunteers today. If you know of a place that may not be fully documented that you would like included in this listing of places in Jackson County, please contact Jan Wright at 512-8838 or at [jan@talenthistory.org](mailto:jan@talenthistory.org) to register your favorite place names. Anne Billeter is in charge of the project and we would like to begin accepting names of streets, homesteads, gulches, creeks, and of course, towns for this comprehensive list of place names. The project would like to record the names, site locations, dates, people, and name meanings as well.

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### Museum Staff:

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Dick Simonson  
Pat Bentley  
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Ralph Hunkins  
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# Drawings Draw Funds

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Apparently, my 5 year old granddaughter, Acacia has been listening when I talk about the financial situation at the Historical Society. She quietly set about making an unsolicited solution to the problem and surprised me with drawings she asked me to display at the museum as “fund-raisers”. No amount of money could repay my heart the love I have for her and her sweet attitude! Here is a sampling of her drawings from some of the photos on the Talent Historical Society website ([www.talenthistory.org](http://www.talenthistory.org)). Feel free to accept the challenge of fund-raising with a project of your own or come in and purchase a copy of one of Acacia’s drawings!

Wedding of Bert and Bessie Bell November 1910.



Acacia’s rendition of the Bell wedding



Acacia’s drawing of the teddy bear and the Kime family.

Kime family photo from the [www.talenthistory.org](http://www.talenthistory.org) website

# Mural Planned for Museum

Talent Historical Society Museum has a blank spot above the stage. We will be working with Middle School art teacher, Brian Taylor and Talent Middle School students to create a mural to fill our museum with colorful memories. The idea came from a mural from California done by students to express different scenes throughout the state. Why not get the young students to express how they feel about Talent by painting individual pictures of our town as it is now to form a collage type mural in the museum? By having young people participate, it is hoped they will be more likely to visit the museum and be interested in history.

Pat Bentley has volunteered to help with the project (more help is welcomed) to judge and arrange the art on the wall above the stage. We are planning to have the students use acrylic paint on masonite boards which will be organized into a cohesive wall of art. Students will be asked to choose from landmarks and buildings, personalities and scenes that tell the story of Talent as it exists in their lifetime. Suggested subjects for their paintings will be the Community Hall, the post office, skate park, Hanscom Hall, coffee shops, abandoned buildings, orchards, Main Street houses, businesses, and landscape features that are familiar to us all. The students could also do portraits of important people in town such as the mayor, school principal, or people who have lived here a long time or were born yesterday. We are excited to see what they think should be included and will ask them to each chose a different subject so there will not be 9 different paintings of the skate park. If you have ideas for this project or would like your middle school student to participate, please let us know before mid January.

Please be a part of this art project! Donate your time or a tube of acrylic paint to the Middle School students who will paint pictures of Talent for the Museum. Businesses are especially encouraged to invite students to paint their establishments. Call 512-8838 for details on how you can help.

# Memberships this Quarter

## **Renewing Members**

Karen Carr  
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John & Lilliam Rockfellow  
Bruce Snook  
Charlotte Toon

## **New Members**

Dan & Linda Jackson  
Dick Phillips  
Joan Dean

*Thank you!*

**Memberships good from January to December 2009**

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