

The *Friend-ly* Gazette

November 2015

Editor: Lisa Amato

~ Contents ~

Letter from the President
Page 1

Recommended Reading
Page 2

FHFG Neighbors Open House
Page 3

Record Stores in "The Grove:" An Abbreviated History
Page 4

Grave Matters Cemetery Tour at Mountain View Memorial Gardens
Page 6

Saying Goodbye to a Great 'Friend'
Page 8

Days in the Life of Alvin T. Smith

Memories of Marie Mather
Page 9

Friend Focus: Board of Directors
Page 10

2015 FHFG Holiday Social: Celebrating 'Friends'
Page 12

Letter from the President

By Diane Morris, President

Thank you. Two little words, a whole world of meaning. I was curious, so I went to Google (my newest, bestest friend since I reached that magical "Social Security" birthday a few years back.) I wanted to know the origin of the words "thank you." I learned that we have only been using words to express thanks for about 500 years. Think about what they mean, though; you are showing someone you appreciate what they have just done for you. As someone said to me once, "thank you" is the currency in which we are paid for doing things for someone else.



We all have busy lives, filled with details that sometimes threaten to overwhelm the fragile balance of our days. And I know, because I've spoken with many of you who have said exactly the same thing, that the balance I just mentioned is most precarious at this time of year. We all have only so much time, and there are demands from all sectors on that time. Requests from our families, our schools, churches, civic groups, everyone wants or needs something (and preferably, they want it "yesterday.") The thing is, all of these requests are worthy, but there are only so many hours in a day. So when you volunteer with FHFG, Friends knows you are giving us the most valuable commodity you have: your time.

Even more phenomenal is that you do not get paid for your time, commitment, energies, or efforts. That's amazing, don't you think? That you are willing to do all that work without expecting FHFG to give you something back for that effort. Being a non-profit organization, the only payment FHFG can give you is this: thank you.

When you become a member, come to meetings, join committees, or even bake a batch of cookies, you are building a community of doers. FHFG's members and volunteers all share a philosophy of giving, and hope to make a difference in this world trying to preserve the good and the meaningful parts of our heritage, saving some of yesterday and today to give to the residents of tomorrow. FHFG understands "thank you" isn't enough...but it's a start.

Someone told me recently that Friends' board of directors doesn't involve our members enough in our activities and decisions. Naturally, being overly sensitive, I sputtered and stuttered, and talked about



Left to right, back: Angela Jones, Kathy Juvet, Cindy Dauer, and Randy Johnson. Left to right, front: Any Weston, Ginny Carlson, and Rebecca Vetkos. Photo courtesy of Jim & Diane Morris.

newsletter articles, FHFG books, and annual meeting speeches...but I knew that he was right. FHFG does need to communicate with you, the membership, on deeper levels. So the board is trying to think of new ways of reaching out to you, trying to engage your passion. FHFG has a big mission, and it needs lots of help. The board wants to know if there is something you'd like to participate in that we have not yet tried. Tell us if there is a need we are not meeting. And though we might cringe a little at first if you tell us we are failing in some way, we want to listen and try to improve. FHFG is a great organization, and we want to make it even better.

Continued on page 2...

Letter from the President

...Continued from page 1

FHFG had the cemetery tour this year because one of the members suggested it. Cherie Savoie-Tintary had seen it done elsewhere, and wanted Forest Grove to have its own historical tour. It's as simple as that. FHFG started the Blathering Gathering because someone came to visit the OTS, sat and talked with everyone, and said, "We should get together regularly, and just talk about the 'good ole days'." The people who have worked on the shed behind the Smith house are there whether it is sunny, windy, or, yes, even rainy. They've done a magnificent job making a structure that could stand as long as the Smith house itself. All of these volunteers make FHFG what it is today.

This week, FHFG had an open house for its business neighbors at the A. T. Smith house. Jim is going to write an article about this amazing event, so I won't say much about it now. But I have to say one thing: once again, FHFG came through when it counted. People helped clean, mow, wipe cobwebs, clean windows, bake, and host and guide tours through the house...it was an astonishing display of collaboration to show Friends' guests what makes the members of FHFG so passionate about preserving the heritage here in Forest Grove.

Before I close I want to mention Frederick, the FHFG Chicken, who came into being as a whimsical-but real award. Friends wanted to show appreciation to volunteers who had given "above and beyond" the norm in the preceding month. The first month Frederick visited Randi Johnson, who hosted our summer picnic. In the course of stringing lights for that event, she fractured her ribs, but insisted that the party must go on. The second month Frederick went to stay with Don and Cheryl Skinner, who have done so much to transform the Old Train Station into the place it is today. This month Frederick is visiting the co-chairs of the Cemetery Tour, Mary Jo Morelli and Cherie

Savoie-Tintary, who blazed a new trail for us with an event that is sure to be repeated.

I'll try to update you on Frederick's travels as time goes on; he stays for a month at the homes of the recipients, then moves on to another deserving volunteer. Who knows, Frederick may be paying you a visit in the future! But, for the rest of you, whether you ever get a visit from our appreciation chicken or not, whether you get any recognition for your efforts or not, FHFG wants you to know one simple thing: FHFG could not do this without you. Thank you.

~ Recommended Reading ~

Writing at the height of her narrative and imaginative gifts, Sue Monk Kidd presents a masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world.

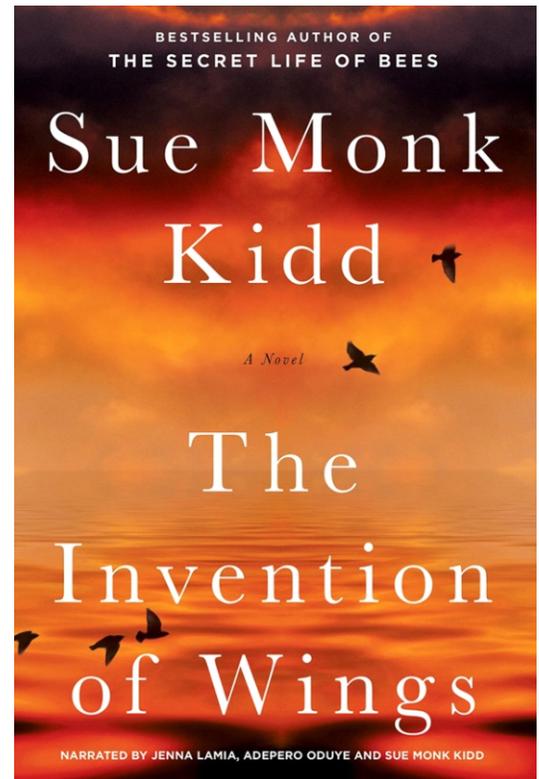
Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women.

Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love.

As the stories build to a riveting climax, Handful will endure loss and sorrow, finding courage and a sense of self in the process. Sarah will experience crushed hopes, betrayal, unrequited love, and ostracism before leaving Charleston to find her place alongside her fearless younger sister, Angelina, as one of the early pioneers in the abolition and women's rights movements.

Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in her search for something better.

This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved.



Editor's Rating: ★★★★★

FHFG Neighbors Open House

By Jim Morris, Member-at-Large



Left to right: Mary Jo Morelli, John Malnerich, Tom Carlson, Don Skinner, Tom Gamble and Jesse VanderZanden. Photo courtesy of Jim & Diane Morris.

The FHFG board of directors held a neighbors open house October 16, 2015, at the A. T. Smith house in Forest Grove. In addition to members of the board, Friends was helped by the wonderful Cheryl Skinner and the talented Marcus Hazelett, who reprised his role as Alvin T. 'God Almighty' Smith from the Grave Matters cemetery tour.

The idea for this open house came from FHFG president, Diane Morris, as a result of meeting a gentleman by the name of John Malnerich, the developer of a new cement processing plant directly to the northeast of the Smith House. When we learned of his endeavor to build a batch plant so near to Alvin's house, most of the board threw up their hands in despair, imagining the potential danger to so many exciting plans. The board's first instinct was, quite honestly, to call the lawyers. Diane took a different approach. Her first thought was to meet and talk about the situation with the developer. That was how the first meeting came about, and the result was a mutual understanding, respect, and willingness to work together to make the best of things. Following the "official" get-together with Mr. Malnerich and the City Planning Staff, Diane said: "With

compromise, it's possible to reach a common ground."

Diane soon realized that most of us at Friends had never met the business owners in our immediate south-end-of-Elm neighborhood, so she proposed FHFG host an open house. In addition to John Malnerich and the other neighboring business owners, Friends invited Tom Gamble (Parks and Recreation Director), Mark Harmon (Washington County Museum Executive Director), Rob Foster (Forest Grove Public Works Department Director), and Jesse VanderZanden (Forest Grove City Manager.)

When the big day arrived bright and sunny, the board and volunteers gathered at the spruced-up Smith house and waited. Friends only regret was that more neighbors couldn't join in the fun. However, the group was very happy indeed when the FHFG special invitees appeared at the door, greeted by none other than Alvin T. Smith himself. The 'neighbors' toured the house for more than an hour, guided by none other than the two original "house savers" themselves: Mary Jo Morelli and Tom Carlson, whose tireless efforts a decade ago provided the impetus to save and prepare the house for restoration. And what a tour it was! Upstairs, downstairs, attic, basement, and outside they went, and the house displayed herself with a gratifying degree of grace and dignity. By the time the touring was over, it was fair to say that she had found some new gentlemen admirers.

As an unanticipated bonus, John Malnerich himself was able to identify the quarry origin of the beautiful wall stones used in the basement. A 'stone man' from way back, John said that he would be happy to provide any other stone/rock-related information we may need in the years to come. As Diane had envisioned, it was a day when Friends did indeed make some new friends.



Marcus Hazelett reprising his role from the cemetery tour as Alvin T. Smith. Photo courtesy of Jim & Diane Morris.

Record Stores in "The Grove:" An Abbreviated History

By Skip Buhler, Secretary

It's been a while since Forest Grove had a record store. The reasons are many: the sad economy, the constantly changing formats, and the profound digitalization of music played a part in the absence. And yet, records are still beloved and collected by millions; according to most news reports and anglophiles, records are clearly back and in demand! As I've been getting my own record store off the ground, I've been thinking a lot about those vinyl shops that came before. Given my own interest (some would say obsession) with vinyl records, I thought I'd review the phenomena of record buying in Forest Grove.

Before they hit Forest Grove, the phonograph machines were purchased in the Portland area, at familiar stores like Meier and Franks. With the advent of phonograph players around the turn of the century, some businesses in Forest Grove were quick to join in the madness for recorded music.

One of the first stores in Forest Grove to advertise musical products was

Washington County News,
March 14, 1912

Music For Christmas Music For All the Year

If you want to make a present that is a present, decide on "the one incomparable" musical instrument

The COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA

with 12 Double Disc records for \$75. We have cheaper ones which we guarantee to give satisfaction. Come in and hear some selections on the COLUMBIA and make your choice.

Forest Grove Pharmacy

THE BAZAR
FOREST GROVE, ORE.

Leading place in the County for School Books and Stationery; also Christmas Goods, Dolls, Toys, Notions, Fancy German and Japanese Dishes, Vases, etc.

Pianos, Organs, all kinds of musical instruments. Columbia and Victor Talking Machines. Sewing Machines for sale on easy payments.

Washington County News, December 4, 1903

called The Bazar. The owner was K. N. Staehr, a musician trained in Denmark, who opened The Bazar around the turn of the century. Located at 24 Main St. N, The Bazar specialized in large musical instruments, such as organs and pianos, but Staehr carried all types of musical goods, including sheet music, phonographs, and records. By the 1920s, the Bazar was renamed Staehr's Music Store. At the time, 10-inch records were 40 cents apiece. As a side note, Staehr's daughters Anna and Emma operated a photography studio for several years.

COLUMBIA
INDESTRUCTIBLE
CYLINDER RECORD

4 Minutes

And then some

The only Cylinder Records that are right are the Columbia Indestructible 4-Minute records. The superiority of these records over all others is recognized by users of cylinder records. Finest tone. Never wear out or never break.

We are exclusive agents
Forest Grove Pharmacy
C. A. LITTLER, Ph. G.

Forest Grove Press, January 27, 1910

Forest Grove Pharmacy joined in the fun of selling records and record players in the 19-teens. Charles Littler was the proprietor, and the shop was located on the northwest corner of Main Street and Pacific Avenue on one of the upper floors above the bank. Later, a pharmacist named W. N. Bone ran Littler's pharmacy, and we must assume the store kept selling records.

Paterson's Furniture was another

early seller of records and players. Paterson's had originally been a bakery, but soon leased out the bakery to others, and switched to home furnishings...Columbia Grafonolas, Victrolas, and other phonograph machines were sold by furniture stores like Paterson's as they were designed to accentuate the look of the living room. Another furniture store, Childress Brothers, located on Main Street, sold hi-fis and stereos, and one might assume, records too. Most of these early stereo systems were sold with a collection of 78 records to complete the experience. According to a 1949 ad, "slightly used" records went for 20 cents each.

RECORDS

LARGE ASSORTMENT
HUNDREDS
To Choose from
Modern and Western--
R.C.A. Victor Decca Blue Bird Columbia Capital

Slightly Used
20c a record

Geo. G. Paterson

Washington County News-Times,
December 9, 1949

In the early 1950s, the place to go to pick up the latest hits was Dunlap's For Music at 2012 Pacific Avenue. They carried everything from records to musical instruments and sheet music. The Dunlaps were both accomplished musicians, wife Mary teaching piano lessons, and husband Leonard was involved with the Gleeman.

Around 1960, Leonard Dunlap sold the business to Lloyd Westfall. Westfall Music had three locations:

2012 PACIFIC AVE.
FOREST GROVE, ORE. PHONE 5031

Dunlaps' for Music

RECORDS - RECORD PLAYERS
MUSIC - INSTRUMENTS

Pacific University yearbook, Heart of Oak, 1955

Continued on page 5...

Record Stores

(...Continued from page 4)



Ad from Forest Grove directory cover, ca. 1970.
Courtesy of Rod Fuiten.

one in Forest Grove, one in Hillsboro, and a short-lived store in Tillamook. Around 1963, Floyd and Sally Parsons arrived from Hillsboro, where Floyd had been fixing and tuning pianos. Floyd went to work for Lloyd Westfall, and managed the Forest Grove store for a few years before he was offered the business in 1964. It was basically the same location on Pacific Avenue, and Parsons later purchased the building from Don Watrous.

Floyd's Music Center was a community staple in Forest Grove for over 25 years. Floyd and Sally were very active in the community, and brought in some big-name artists to play in the store (one of Paul Revere's Raiders came into the store to great fanfare.) You could buy sheet music, take lessons, rent your school band instrument, and buy your vinyl treasures and turntable all at Floyd's. Most people of a certain generation remember buying their first records at Floyd's. The shop had a record booth for a while, where you could listen to tracks before spending any cash. Though records were a substantial part of Floyd's business, tuning and fixing pianos was Floyd's claim to fame, as was the annual fiddling concert/contest that he concocted and conducted, and which coincided with the Gay Nineties week. It was nationwide!

Sally was always working in the store during the festivities, to keep the shop open during the crowded season. She was the main shop keep and bookkeeper, and Floyd

repaired instruments and taught guitar. Rock n' rollers and other teens would gather around the business throughout the year to hear performances at the store, and high school rock bands would practice there at night. The end of record sales for Floyd's came when Hank's Thriftway in Cornelius, and another 88-Cent Store, opened and began selling records at cost. Adding to that, Hank's and the other big supermarkets only sold the top 10 records of the month, whereas Floyd's had a wide selection of genres. Floyd's couldn't really compete with them, and was forced to stop selling vinyl. However, Floyd's continued selling and renting instruments.



IN THE MOOD for Old Time Fiddler's Contest is Floyd Parsons, above, chairman of Gay Nineties Festival event Feb. 28 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. in Grove Theater. Tickets may be obtained at Floyd's Music Center on Pacific.

Washington News-Times, February 19, 1970

1982 was an awful year for the Parsons. First, Sally's mother passed away in Ohio while they were visiting, then their beloved family dog died, and finally, July 14 of that same year, Floyd's Music Center caught fire (blamed on faulty wiring), which spread to the three neighboring businesses, Ballad Town Cafe, Forest Grove Shoe Store, and Hank's Barber Shop. The conflagration totally consumed the four units (the parking lot between

Frye's and WSC Insurance is a sad reminder of where they once stood.) The Parsons and the community were heartbroken over the fire. The Parsons opened another store on the corner of 21st Avenue and College Way (the original site of Roger's City Library) and it did well for about five more years before retiring. But that fire hurts the Parsons to this day.

Shortly after Floyd's closed, Watzup Music came to Forest Grove. They were mainly an instrument store, specializing in guitars, drums, and amplifiers, but they did sell an assortment of records. Same with Flying Pig Music; this store is still in town and has had a small box of records for sale since I've been in the Grove.

The last record store to have a significant presence here was Forest Groove, located in the spot of future coffee establishments (most recently Coffee in the Grove.) They had CDs, a few vinyl records, and if I'm not mistaken, smoking paraphernalia. It was similar in many ways to Hillsboro's Budget Records (RIP.) I'd love to talk to the man who ran this, so if anyone knows him, please tell him Skip is interested in taking his oral history!

This history is by no means definitive. There is much more information out there, but I had to keep this brief due to time constraints. I should close by stressing that, all things considered, vinyl records are the salve for your sanity, and it would be beneficial to give vinyl another try. CDs are disposable, digital will be deleted, but vinyl is nearly forever. If you have any personal stories about any of these shops, the owners, or a fun memory about record collecting and music, please contact Friends at the Old Train Station. We'd love to learn more. Long Live Vinyl!

Thanks to all who helped in my research, including the Parsons Family and Gerry Davis.

Grave Matters Cemetery Tour at Mountain View Memorial Gardens

By Cherie Savoie-Tintary & Mary Jo Morelli
Photos courtesy of Jim & Diane Morris.



Nervous chatter filled the bus as the cast and crew rode from the Old Train Station to the Mountain View Memorial Gardens cemetery. Spirits remained high on the ride back to the OTS with all of the worry gone, and everyone tired after a busy round of multiple tours. Having our bus driver Gary recite a poem about the end of a journey provided an appropriate ending.

A new event for FHFG has been established with a successful cemetery tour on the books. The tour was a challenge to organize, but in the end it came off with hardly a hitch. The enthusiasm of the actors, committee, and volunteers proved amazing. After spending significant time going over details as a committee, board members, and as co-chairs, we have decided to call this event a "serious success," and have had many requests to do more cemetery tours in the future.

Education remains at the heart of FHFG's mission. It fulfilled that goal through a living history experience with "Grave Matters." Friends would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all who participated in this amazing experience.

For those who were not able to attend the tour, Friends is pleased to announce that several of the pioneer portrayals will be reprised as part of the "Friends of the Library Cultural Series" at the Forest Grove City Library Rogers Room Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 7:00pm. Seating is on a first come basis, so arrive early to grab a seat.

Read on to see what each performer's favorite line from their script was, and what it meant to them.



Standing (left to right:) Pam Kelso, Rebecca Vetkos, Jim Morris, David Morelli, Trish Chan, Mary Jo Morelli, Marcus Hazelett, Judy Pond, Fletch Gryllis, Rachel Alvarez, Lee Tintary, Bob Nixon, Joyce Sauber.

Sitting (left to right:) Cindy Dauer, Brenda French, Cherie Savoie-Tintary, Diane Morris

Henry Buxton, Sr.

'My name is Henry Buxton, and I was born in Derbyshire, England in 1797.'

"My name is Henry Bookston, and I was born in Darb'sher, England in 1797." By the end of the first sentence, the accent had been established, and the character in place.

- David Morelli



Henry Buxton, Jr.

'On this journey I started out a boy, and grew into a man.'

This [line] shows the actual hardships which they endured.

- Fletch Grylls

Dr. Robert Nixon

'One day an Indian friend rushed into our cabin shouting, "Hyak Klatawa" (which means get out of here as fast as you can.) Renegades from the reservation planned to kill and burn as many settlements as they could. We loaded the wagon and fled to the east.'

That warning saved their lives.

- Dr. Robert Nixon



Alvin T. Smith

'If any man is not willing to work, then he should not eat.' I feel this quote really brings out A. T.'s demeanor very clearly, and demonstrates his strict approach to God's words of the Bible. I have come to the belief that he was known in the community as 'God Almighty' Smith not because he apparently used that term frequently, but because he lived by and judged himself and others by his harsh interpretation of the words of The Bible.

- Marcus Hazelett



Mary Richardson Walker

'With nearly every breath I took, I feared danger and peril awaited, and that every day could be my last.'

- Judith Pond



Emeline Caldwell Clarke

'We really didn't do anything that special.'

They did a lot of good/special things and it took lots of sacrifice and determination on their part.

- Brenda French

Abigail Raymond Smith

"I offered love and food to those who entered my home."

- Trish Chan

Rev. Harvey Clarke

'Joe Meek got us and says, "Who's for divide? All for report of the committee and organization follow me.'"

- Lee Tintary



Margaret Dolly Hinman

'We girls would sneak out of services to see what the Methodists were doing across town.'

- Tabitha Fitzgerald

- Rachel Alvarez



The responses of tour guests were gratifying. Friend Judy Goldman had this to say: "I enjoyed the "Grave Matters" very much. So many things came together to make a successful tour! I thought the scripts and actors were great; the presentations superb; and the costuming worked. I wanted to congratulate you and the FHFG members who made this all happen."

If you have a family member at Mountain View Memorial Gardens or Forest View cemetery, and would like to share their story with us, please email cemeterytour@fhfg.org.

Saying Goodbye to a Great 'Friend'

By Melody Haveluck, Vice President



Marie Mather, 1941 - 2015

At our last board meeting, Diane asked if someone would write an article about Marie Mather since she had just recently left this earth. I raised my hand and volunteered, not knowing what a task this would be. How do you sum up the essence of a person?

I started by interviewing her daughter, Amber Mather, asking her to give me a recap of her mom's life. She started out by sharing that Marie was all about nature, the outdoors, and spending time with her family. She loved birds, walking in the woods, hunting, and the Ochoco Mountains in Central Oregon. Although Marie had been to New York, Washington DC, and Alaska, in her eyes nothing beat Oregon.

Marie came to live outside of Forest Grove with her adopted parents as a young girl. She graduated from Forest Grove High School in 1960, married, had children, then grandchildren she loved spending time with. Marie worked at various jobs, but the one she enjoyed the most was running the Main Street Bed and Breakfast here in Forest Grove. Amber shared that many of the people who stayed there became extended family, and that her door was always open. Amber also lives her life this way; people are welcome to her home as they were to Marie's.

Amber shared some favorite memories of her mother with me. She would be walking down the street with her mom and say "Look at the pine cone." Marie would say, "That's not a pine cone; it's a cedar cone." Marie knew what the types of various ferns were. She knew what leaf belonged to which tree. "She could look at a bird's feather and tell you what species of bird it came from," Amber said. A cousin's son on Facebook wrote that Marie was with him when he bought his first bird book as she gave him his love for nature. "That's who Mom was," said Amber. "The outdoors, gardening - all of that."

I do not know the exact date when Marie joined FHFG, but I do know that she was a force within the organization as president, secretary, treasurer, board member, and energetic worker in our effort to save the A. T. Smith house. She was very active in the organization, and was determined to share her love of Forest Grove with the community. Marie did this by creating many opportunities for the public to visit and learn about the architecture of homes representing the many



FHFG mortgage burning at the ATS, April 15, 2010. Photo courtesy of David Morelli.

different periods of Forest Grove's history.

Marie loved gardening, and was a regular member of the FHFG Garden Tour committee. Amber recalled one garden tour that included aprons; Marie had a large assortment and shared them for the garden tour. "She gave us the love of all these things. The pride, excitement, and energy we got from Mom," Amber added.

I spent the rest of my time with Amber looking through pictures. We came across a couple of pictures of Marie and her dog Lucy. I remembered that I first met Marie as she and Mary Jo Morelli were walking their dogs through the neighborhood. She even managed to persuade Steve and me to put our garden on the garden tour in 2011.

It would be so easy to go on and write more about this amazing person. All the volunteering she did with different organizations; the lives she touched; the contributions she made to her family and friends; and the effect she had on this community. She will be missed by many, but I for one will not be able to look at a historical home, see a garden, find a bird's feather, or work at the A. T. Smith house without remembering this special lady. Thank you, Marie Mather, for gracing us with your presence.

You will be missed.



Mary Jo Morelli (far right) and Marie Mather (center) recruited some young friends and family members on Monday to bundle up holiday lights for downtown merchants. Members of the Holiday Display Team will distribute the festive strands during tonight's Late Night Tonight events downtown. (For a list of evening activities see page 15A.) The young helpers, who gathered at the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce office, were (from right) Belle Morelli, Kendell Hall, Lindsey Martinez and Markie Mather. For more information about the light program call the chamber at 503-357-0223.

Forest Grove News-Times, November 1, 2006

Days in the Life of Alvin T Smith

By Mary Jo Morelli, FHFG Historian

FHFG has been hearing about the Alvin T. Smith diary for years now. I admit to being fairly knowledgeable about Smith's diary and the house details; however, new questions have come up about when certain things took place in the construction, and old questions continue to re-surface. Let's find those answers together!

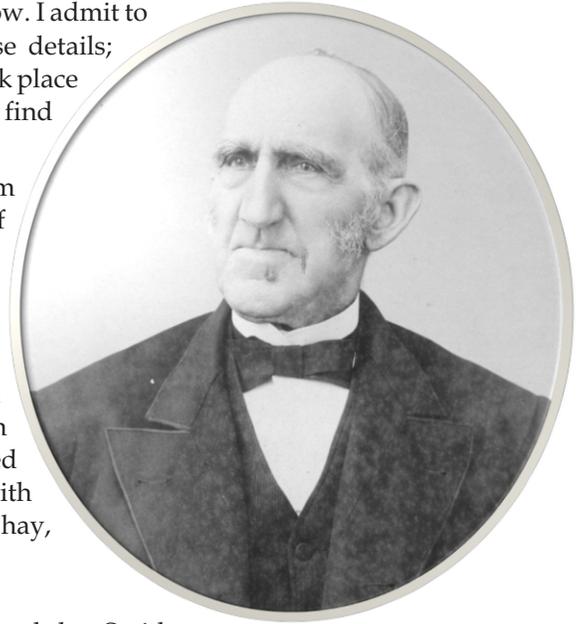
FHFG is entering a new stage of revival with the ATS house, and I am introducing a series in which we will walk through the process of Smith building the house. I will be doing a monthly synopsis of diary entries with a primary focus on activities relating to the house's construction.

August 1852

There was a distinct change going on in Alvin Smith's daily routine in August. He was methodically getting repairs done on his farm equipment, and selling off some of his livestock. Smith also visited local lumber mills. Some of his regular routine was maintained with chores, a trip to Portland, working on apple trees, hauling oats and hay, keeping up with the mail, and Probate Court.

September & October 1852

It was September 29th and 30th, exactly 11 years after claiming the land that Smith made this diary entry, "Fixed a foundation to lay my lumber upon." As time progressed into October, he butchered cattle, made trips to Portland on business, and always attended 'meeting' each Sunday.



A. T. Smith, 1802 - 1888.
Photo courtesy of Pacific University archives.

Henry C. Raymond, Abigail's nephew and son of her brother Ebenezer Raymond, arrived on the scene on October 10th. Smith spent the next several days "in the woods cutting wood" and "halled up 2 loads of wood." The following day, October 14th, he "let out my cows to Henry Raymond and gave Raymond 4 more" for one year's time. Henry Raymond was taking care of Smith's cows by October 17th. Two days later Smith went to Portland, and bought a cooking stove for \$75. He was busy getting grain to and from the Davis grist mill, and performing chores around home.

November was always an interesting month as Smith's birthday was November 17th. Watch the FHFG Facebook page and website for monthly additions to this saga, and keep an eye out for the next *Friend-ly Gazette* for more days in the life of Alvin T. Smith.

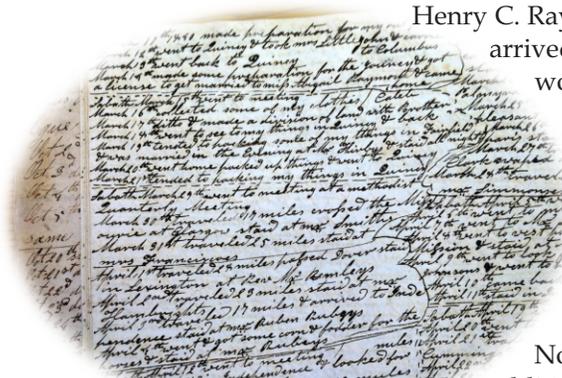


Photo of actual entries in A. T. Smith's diary.

Memories of Marie Mather

Marie was president of FHFG in 2008 when Mary Jo Morelli and I agreed to author the Arcadia book about Forest Grove. The three of us signed the contract in my dining room. Marie and Mary Jo would walk their dogs, Lucy and Lady, over to my previous home on Birch Street - actually, the dogs led them to my house because they knew I had dog treats! I'll miss you Marie.



Lisa Amato

It was a great joke between Marie and me that she was out of town when History Buffs photo shoot was done in July 2003. I am sure it is the only significant Friends event she missed. She felt really lucky about missing that one! Also, our dogs Lucy and Lady attended every meeting or work party at the ATS for years!

Mary Jo Morelli



I always really enjoyed working with Marie when she was president. She obviously cared deeply for the A. T. Smith house and preservation of the history of the Forest Grove area. She was a gem.

Grant Davis

Barry and I really enjoyed working alongside her at the work party at the A. T. Smith house. She was so dedicated, and a lot of fun to be with. We miss her.

Jill & Barry Wilson

Friend Focus: Board of Directors

By Diane Morris, President

I have been highlighting life stories of some of our members for the past several newsletters. Someone recently suggested for this issue, instead of one feature, I do a quick sketch of each of the members of the board of directors. These are short accounts, in their own words, of each of these special "Friends." I asked them also to include one fact that few, if any, of us would know, even if we were close friends. The results are really interesting and lots of fun to read!



Diane Morris, President

I was an Air Force brat, moving around the world every three years while getting a wonderful "real" education in history and geography. I've been married to the finest husband any girl could hope for - 46 years and counting! We moved here 16 years ago because our children left North Carolina to visit Oregon, and would not leave this beautiful state. We're so glad they did; this is the best place in the world.

Surprising fact: I have no sense of time or direction! I need my husband Jim to be my timekeeper because I get preoccupied with my projects, and I still get lost in Forest Grove...



Melody Haveluck, Vice President

I'm a native of Washington County. I grew up on a farm in the West Hills, and have lived in Forest Grove since 1990. I joined not for the history aspect of the organization, but because of the really cool events, and to make new 'friends.' I've met some fascinating people, chaired and worked with great people on committees, and have totally fallen in love with Alvin and Abigail Smith's home, this town and its history.

Surprising fact: I started my working career out of high school as a fork-lift driver for a cannery, and later worked at a machine shop and foundry, being one of the only women there in an all-men working environment.



Skip Buhler, Secretary

I'm a history nut, an avid researcher, and am obsessed with capturing the oral histories of the area. I love writing about local history, and more broadly, art and art history. I have a doctorate in Art History (yes, I'm an art doctor.) I'm also an audiophile and vinyl junkie, and after much dreaming and planning, I'm opening a record store in town within weeks. I also live with three wonderful women.

Surprising fact: I recently wrote a chapter for a Frederick Remington catalogue raisonne, which should be available in a few months.



Tom Carlson, Treasurer

I'm a native Oregonian and a retired U.S. Navy dentist who served 20 years. My wife Ginny and I own and have restored an 1877 historical home four miles south of Forest Grove. We've been associated with FHFG since 1993, and at one point I was the co-chair (with Mary Jo Morelli) of the committee that paid off the A. T. Smith house.

Surprising fact: At one point in my Navy career I was "Nuclear Weapons Verifying Officer," and would unscrew a plate on a nuclear warhead to read off the head's serial number...and there were several warheads on each missile!



Cristy Santangelo-Verant, Member-at-Large

I have been a part of Friends since 2014. I was brought to FHFG because I was researching my family heritage locally while helping my elderly grandfather stay busy and engaged. We discovered several fascinating finds, and the research helped reduce the stress of being a new caregiver. I currently have my own events business, and have been fortunate to chair some fun and awesome events for Friends. My husband Rob and I are Pacific University alumni, and we love Forest Grove as a place to raise our 6-year-old daughter.

Surprising fact: I have the largest collection of old left-handed mustache cups. They are rare because in the past it was deemed a sin to be left-handed or "simply improper," so they didn't make very many.



Don Skinner, OTS Manager

As a young guy growing up in Forest Grove and riding a Harley chopper, I never would have guessed that after walking into the OTS I'd fall in love with the place and would become the manager of a museum. On a more personal note, I'm still happily married to my high school sweetheart, have two children, and two grandchildren. I'm a fifth generation Oregonian whose family followed Stephen Meek on that terrible trail.

Surprising fact: I was in the Boy Scouts for three years, and never advanced beyond Tenderfoot, nor worked to be awarded any merit badges - but I had more fun than anyone else in the troop! (Editor: For those that know Don, this fact is not so surprising...)

Friend Focus: Board of Directors (cont.)



Mary Jo Morelli, FHFG Historian

I am a native Oregonian whose family settled in the Gresham area in 1852. I grew up hearing the old family stories, and tagging after my grandfather on the family farm.

Surprising fact: My pets are always given names that are a reflection or description of personality, manner, and appearance: Buttons, Frisky, Curly, Lady, Magellan, and MeeToo.



David Morelli, ATS Property Manager

I am a grandfather trying to do what I can to preserve this community for my children's children. I learned to appreciate history and the natural environment from my wife. We spent eight years building our first house.

Surprising fact: I have spent more time underwater than most people, and never got wet. (Editor: ?)



Joyce Sauber, Member-at-Large

My Shorb family came to Gales Creek in 1864, and I am proud to say that I am a fourth generation Oregonian, living just around the corner from where they settled. I wrote a weekly Gales Creek community newspaper article for the Hillsboro Argus for 35 years.

Surprising fact: I have lived beside Iler Creek most of my life, and I still enjoy wading in the creek with children while fish swim around our feet.



Jim Morris, Member-at-Large

I was born and reared in North Carolina where I spent my summers chasing snakes and lizards, or fishing at Myrtle Beach with my cousins. When I was 11, I went to summer camp for a month. We had unexpected visits from TWO hurricanes, Connie and Diane, and managed to survive them both.

Surprising fact: I spent five blissful years working at a "retirement job" at Music Millennium in Portland.



Cherie Savoie-Tintary, Member-at-Large

I lived in my home town of Norco, California, for 35 years before moving to Oregon in June 2014. I've been a hairstylist for 21 years, and own Heritage Salon on 21st Avenue in downtown. I have been a photographer who shoots 35mm film on a camera I have had since I was 16.

Surprising fact: I'm a collector of many things, including vintage hair equipment, antique camera equipment, and clown costumes.



Amy Weston, Member-at-Large

I moved to Forest Grove from Southern California about a year and a half ago. I LOVE this town, and I feel so fortunate to be part of FHFG. I'm so happy to have met all of the wonderful people who are such a special part of my life up here!

Surprising fact(s): Let's see, something no one knows about me, hmmm. This is a tough one because I am a somewhat loud, sassy, open book pretty much all of the time. I'm afraid of heights, I love Cocoa Puffs, and I love rap and hip hop music.



Cindy Dauer, Member-at-Large

I'm a Northwest native and dedicated community activist. I wish I had more time to canoe the Tualatin River, work in my garden, and repair my historical home in Hillsboro. I've been volunteering with FHFG since 2013.

Surprising fact: I have a collection of beach glass from San Juan Island which once belonged to my grandfather.



Randi Johnson, Member-at-Large

I'm a native Oregonian, an avid gardener, and a lover of antiques. My husband and I moved to Washington County in 1975, and raised our three children in Forest Grove.

Surprising fact: I'm horrible with technology, and actually didn't type this...my daughter did.

2015 Holiday Social: Celebrating 'Friends'

Old Train Station | December 6, 2015 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm

By Jim Morris, Member-at-Large
Photo courtesy of Jim & Diane Morris.

Time for FHFG's annual gathering at the Old Train Station (OTS) to celebrate the organization and its members. Last year's elegant trip back in time will be "brought up to date" with holiday hi-jinks and hilarity, a night dedicated to the proposition that a year of good, hard work deserves a night of well-earned fun!

As with last year, there will be music ringing from one end of the OTS to the other, and FHFG can promise some of the least tasteful and most fun holiday tunes from your childhood along with many traditional favorites. There may even be a holiday sing-along with Amy Weston leading everyone in unique renditions of Christmas standards.

There will be raffles, silent auctions, and games guaranteeing fun for all ages. Rumor has it there may even be an Elvis sighting with lots of Elvis-related rarities for sale at auction. Attendees must promise not to ask "The King" to sing, however; his voice is not what it used to be!

Following the success of Friends' great summer picnic, the board has decided food for the holiday party will also be of the potluck variety. Friend's is asking the membership to bring fun finger foods of all kinds, while the board will provide certifiably delicious desserts. There will also be complimentary holiday spirits in the form of delicious punch, both "regular" and "high test."

FHFG has already secured many fine auction and raffle items, but there's always room for special items and events to be added as prizes. If you have a suggestion for one of those, please contact our holiday social chairman, "Captain Tom" Carlson, at TCdigs@frontier.com.

Finally, and most importantly, this Friends holiday party will be a time for sharing and celebrating with fellow members. By this, I mean sharing memories, recipes, family traditions, favorite songs, games and other holiday treats. As a group who appreciates its history, FHFG knows there will be many wonderful things to share and celebrate. Can't wait to see you there!



Friends of Historic Forest Grove

1936 19th Avenue

PO Box 123

Forest Grove, OR 97116

Stamp

Phone: (503) 992-1280

Email: fhfg07@gmail.com

Web: fhfg.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Like Us
On Facebook!**

To all FHFG's wonderful members and those who enjoy reading its newsletter, there are other ways to communicate your thoughts to us! One is the use of Facebook. If you are a Facebook subscriber, FHFG has a page in which it tries to promote and inform people on current events as well as history items.

Although Like-ing us on Facebook is a way to get FHFG information out to your Facebook contacts, a better and more effective way is Share-ing us. Selecting Share instead of Like additionally gives you an avenue for adding your comments and thoughts. There are some great events coming up, and what an easy way to let all your family and "Friends" know about Friends! FHFG looks forward to hearing from you through Facebook!