



City of  
Tualatin

# The Tualatin Discovery Challenge: A Family Centennial Project

Compile your own **Tualatin Discovery Journal** noting the date of the place you visited and documentation of the following activities (written and photo). Some information is available on websites. Bring your journal to Tualatin Historical Society (THS) by December 1, 2013 for entry to win a \$100 gift card from Bridgeport Village and 12 free Regal Theatre tickets and other great prizes. A panel of judges will select the most complete electronic or hard-copy journal with the winner announced at the 2013 Starry Nights. Finalists will receive prizes as well. If you have questions related to this Centennial Challenge, call the Tualatin Heritage Center, 503-885-1926.

- 1. Hike or bike the Tualatin ArtWalk:** Photograph yourself at each interpretive sign; what historical facts did you learn at each stop?
- 2. Ibach Park:** Who was it named for and their background; take your group or individual photo at one of the historic replicas in the play areas
- 3. Atfalati Park:** How many interpretive signs do you find? What did you learn about native uses of plants; list some examples and take photo of one plant mentioned. What was one family name on memorial trees at the park (look for stone at ground level)?
- 4. Jurgens Park:** What's the theme of this park representing a major Tualatin industry for many years? What was one interesting memorial tree marker you saw along the sidewalks?
- 5. Lake at the Commons:** Carefully examine the wording on granite blocks around the fountain and lake. What were the early names and spellings for our city? Write down a line or two of the etched poetry about the natural history of our area.
- 6. Tualatin Library:** What's showing in the THS exhibit case? What did you learn?
- 7. Tualatin Library:** What books on Tualatin history are available for reference? Find a book or DVD on Tualatin or the Ice Age floods to review with your family and describe something you didn't know before. Photograph the Tualatin mastodon.
- 8. Tualatin Heritage Center:** Visit during open hours Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. What was your favorite exhibit and why?
- 9. Kl-a-Kuts Bridge:** Photograph yourself at the brass sign. Who was this leader and what kind of bridges did he build? What creek flows into the Tualatin River at that confluence?
- 10. Tualatin Community Park:** Find the interpretive sign describing the 1996 flood.
- 11. Tualatin City Operations Center on Herman Road:** What happens here? What services do they provide for local residents?
- 12. Lafky Family:** Mark Lafky made Tualatin history among flower lovers for propagating a first-ever white Dutch Iris he named for his wife Manette. The Lafky name appears on two city landmarks: Lafky House and Lafky Park. Visit them. (To see these white irises in bloom, visit Winona Cemetery in April-May growing in planters near the entry kiosk. Some also grow in front of Lafky House at Community Park and at the Heritage Center).
- 13. Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca:** What is its history and role in the city today?
- 14. Interactive Meridian Line Interpretive Exhibit on the Tualatin River Greenway Trail at 65th Ave. and Nyberg Lane:** Parking is available nearby at Browns Ferry Park. Why is that instrument located there? What did you learn by operating it?
- 15. Sweek House (by WES station):** Who were the Sweeks? What's special about this house? (Please no trespassing!)
- 16. Glacial erratics (between police station and Heritage Center):** How heavy are these boulders? Where did they probably originate? How did they wind up in Oregon?
- 17. Robbins Rose:** There are two moss rose bushes at Tualatin Heritage Center named for the Robbins family. They have some physical differences from modern roses (no sharp thorns, for example). What is significant about the family and this rose. (best time to see blooms and smell: May-June).
- 18. Winona Cemetery:** When was it established? Find the oldest grave

marker near the middle of the south fence. What's unusual about the shape and décor of this marker? Who is buried there? How long did this person live? Find the gravestone for someone buried in the past decade. Who was it and what was their life span?

**19. Pohl Family:** These Tualatin leaders are remembered in two locations: Tualatin High School and the Juanita Pohl Center at City Park. What did they contribute to our city? Take your picture at the memorial flag pole at Juanita Pohl Center.

**20. Tualatin Heritage Trees:** Find one of the more than 30 Heritage Trees (one tree or a stand of trees) designated because of their historical or botanical significance. See City of Tualatin website for a list. What makes your choice unique?

**21. Browns Ferry Park.** Stroll the pathways and count the number of interpretive signs. How long did Zenas Brown operate his ferry? What are the ecological zones covered along this trail?

**22. Tualatin High School:** Visit the display case near the main office. What did you learn about the first Tualatin High School? What sports were big in that time?

**23. Bridgeport Village:** What was located at this site before it became a major shopping and office destination? What natural force created it thousands of years earlier?

**24. Interview someone who lived in Tualatin at least 25 years ago:** Ask them to describe a major employer located at today's Lake of the Commons and Century Hotel. Take your photo with any likely consumer of that product if that factory were still here today.

**We hope you learned more about Tualatin's rich and colorful history by completing the Centennial Challenge!**

