



The Homesteader



Woodinville Heritage Society, P.O. Box 216, Woodinville, WA 98072 www.woodinvilleheritage.org

Mark Your Calendar:

May 5, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Heritage Museum Open
DeYoung House

May 9, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Board Meeting
DeYoung House

May 18, 10:00 am
Program: Unlocking the
Secrets of Family Photos
DeYoung House

May 26
Museum begins every-
Sunday openings, 1-4 pm,
until Labor Day

July 7
New exhibit featuring
Hollywood Farms: 1913 to
present
DeYoung House

July 20
Annual Picnic

Sept. 21
Program with Elsie Mann,
author of *Maltby and
Neighbors*, including
chapters on Woodinville
and Grace
DeYoung House

Dec. 14
Annual Christmas Brunch
including Christmas
Reading



May-June 2013

Elsie Mann Receives Malstrom Award

The League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations is a membership group of heritage organizations from throughout Snohomish County.

Its purpose is to coordinate these member organizations for mutual assistance. Each year the League presents its Malstrom Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to preserve heritage in Snohomish County.

This year the Woodinville Heritage Society was well represented at the awards ceremony held March 23, at the Floyd Norgaard Center in Stanwood. Kevin Stadler Vice President of the Woodinville Heritage Society was recently

elected President of the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations. As President he presented the 25th annual

Malstrom Award to Elsie Mann for her book *Maltby and Neighbors*. Elsie is longtime member of the Woodinville Heritage Society and a treasured local historian.

In her book Elsie documents the history of South Central Snohomish County, including the communities of Maltby, Grace,

Cathcart, and Clearview, as well as settlements at Paradise, Crystal, Echo, and Lost Lakes. Her several decades of research were brought together resulting in a book

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Woodinville Heritage Society Endowment Fund

The Board of Directors would like to remind everyone that last year the Society started an Endowment Fund where the interest will be dedicated to support our capital

facilities. The only facility the WHS owns at this time is the DeYoung House. It is important to the long term integrity of the DeYoung House and the Woodinville Heritage Museum that we

build up a big enough endowment fund where the interest will take care of any future long and short term maintenance we need to do on the facility. We hope that you, our members,

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When the River Provided Thrills...

Early steamboats that carried passengers and cargo stopped running on Squak Slough after 1916 because the new Lake Washington Ship Canal had lowered the lake and river depth. But boaters found other uses for the stream, which was becoming known as the Sammamish Slough or Sammamish River.

In March of 1934, the Seattle Outboard Association organized the "Lake Washington-Lake Sammamish Weekend Steeplechase" on the river. The race was so popular that the association held a second race a month later, renaming it the Sammamish Slough Race. Both the name and race quickly became an annual event, usually held in early April, and attracting thousands of spectators who lined the riverbanks from Kenmore to Redmond. Thrills and spills were guaranteed as the boats thundered

along the shallow, snaking river at speeds of up to 80 mph from the river's mouth at Kenmore to Lake Sammamish near Redmond, returning in the afternoon.

But in the 1976 race, a boat ran up onto the riverbank and injured a spectator, Ron Clausen. Clausen, an accomplished University of Washington pole-vaulter, suffered a broken leg and did not compete again. Likewise, 1976 was the last year of the Sammamish Slough Race. The accident was a factor, but declining public interest also played a role. By 1976, the Sammamish Slough had become a far cry from the original Squak Slough. Several dredging and river-straightening projects had altered the river. After a more extensive project in 1965, the river was half as long, narrower, and largely reduced to a tranquil stream that provided few thrills.

--Terri Malinowski

Tribute to Minnie Frese: 1919-2013

Minnie was a sweet, feisty little lady. Jim and I met her the first time when we were called to negotiate a stalemate between Minnie and her relatives versus the City of Woodinville. Why us? We don't know but it led to a very nice friendship. After several meetings, this pioneer persevered and, in 2008, got the City to pay for and display a plaque showing that Arthur Llewellyn and Samaria DeWitt Calkins donated the land where the Woodinville School stands today.

Minnie was descended from Mayflower pioneers and called Woodinville home. Her grandfather homesteaded 160 acres here in 1877, where Molbak's is today. He was responsible for planting the large linden tree, which was over 100 years old, that lived in their parking lot. Minnie's mother was Daisy who was born here, attended

Woodin School, and married at age thirteen.

Minnie Frese considered herself one of the many Calkins family members.

She attended regular Calkins reunions, kept up on Woodinville happenings via the computer, and loved all of us at the Woodinville Heritage Society. She made us a friendship quilt. She also donated copies of her book about the Calkins family: *Ancestors and More*, for WHS to sell.

Minnie kept in touch frequently and was always cheerful, even through the many physical difficulties of old age. I'll always remember how she laughed when I told her



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undocumented areas.

In judging the Malstrom Award, Cristy Lake and Jessie Cunningham of the Northwest Railway Museum wrote the following critique.

After careful review of each impressive project, we have selected a winner that we feel best meets each of the criteria of new or unique information, interpretation and/or discoveries; contributing to the preservation and/or interpretation of Snohomish County; use of Best Practices; effective collaboration with other community organizations; and creative use of resources. Though each of the nominees had impressive projects, we have selected Maltby and Neighbors by Elsie L Mann. This work not only met all of the criteria, but it also created a lasting legacy for Snohomish County that will be around for many generations. It demonstrated an impressive amount of research, hard work, and collaboration.

To purchase a copy of Elsie's *Maltby and Neighbors*, please contact her at (360) 668-6011.

—Kevin Stadler

North End Heritage Forum

On March 20th of this year, Woodinville Heritage Society hosted the north end historical organizations at the Woodinville Museum. This included the Woodinville, Redmond, Kenmore, Bothell, Kirkland, and Duvall Heritage Societies. These twice yearly meetings give us an opportunity to discuss problems we have had as well as possible solutions. We share ideas hoping to inspire each other. This was our fourth meeting and we concentrated on fund raising. Publicity is at the top of the list to assure that a fund raiser is successful.

Various fund raising ideas have been used in the past and were shared at this meeting. Most of the organizations have local history books or DVDs or archival photos for sale plus various forms of memberships and memorials. Silent auctions and estate donations were discussed as possibilities for raising money in the future.

—Suzi Freeman

Unlocking the Secrets to Family Photos



Do you have photos like the one above? Bring them to Gloria's workshop, May 18th, 10 am to noon.

Please register to join the workshop:
Gloria Kraft
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Friends and supporters will consider contributing to the WHS's Endowment Fund. Currently, we have \$825.37 in the Endowment Fund, so we have a long way to go. While we are dependent on the generosity of our individual and business members and other supporters for our annual operating budget, we hope you will also consider helping to ensure the long-term capital health of DeYoung House and Woodinville Heritage Museum with a contribution. Contributions can be made in several ways: individual or business contribution, memorial denotations and remembrances in a will.

If you have questions about the Endowment Fund, please contact:

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that I decided her daughter moved her to Canada because on her own she would get into too much trouble. Minnie was almost ninety-four when she died in February. Minnie is survived by her daughter, Janis, and her sister, Virginia.

—Gloria Kraft

**Welcome New Members:
Mace Brady and Sharon Nelson**

Available from the General Store

Books:

- Village in the Woods..... \$16
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Books and DVDs can be purchased by sending a check for the total amount *plus \$2 shipping for each item*. Don't forget to indicate which books and DVDs you would like to purchase.

Send your check along with your name and mailing address to:

Woodinville Heritage Society
PO Box 216
Woodinville, WA 98072

DVDs are also available for purchase (\$7 each) at the **Woodinville Weekly Office** (just east of the Woodinville Post Office), 13342 NE 175th Street.

Our Mission:

The Society's mission is to acquire, preserve, & perpetuate the artifacts and history of the greater Woodinville area.

Our Vision:

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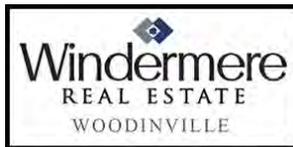
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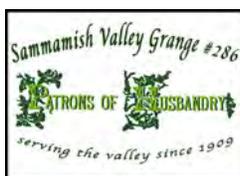
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