

# The Homesteader

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May 2012

## Mark Your Calendar:

**May 5, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**Woodinville Heritage Society**  
**Museum** open to the public.  
DeYoung House

**May 19, 10:00 am**  
General Membership Meeting  
Program: "Life Through the  
Rearview Mirror," with **Ed**  
**Lincoln**.  
DeYoung House

**June 3, 10, 17 and 24,**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**Woodinville Heritage Society**  
**Museum** open to the public.  
DeYoung House

**June 14, 6:30 pm**  
Board Meeting  
DeYoung House

**June 23, 10:00 am**  
General Membership Meeting  
Program: Civil War Reenactment.  
DeYoung House

**Please note the date change!!!**

**July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29,**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**Woodinville Heritage Society**  
**Museum** open to the public.  
DeYoung House

**July 12, 6:30 pm**  
Board Meeting  
DeYoung House

**August 5, 12, 19, and 26,**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**Woodinville Heritage Society**  
**Museum** open to the public.  
DeYoung House

**August 9, 6:30 pm**  
Board Meeting  
DeYoung House

**September 2, 1:00 pm**  
**to 4:00 pm**  
**Woodinville Heritage Society**  
**Museum** open to the public.  
DeYoung House

**September 13, 6:30 pm**  
Board Meeting  
DeYoung House

**September 15, 10:00 am**  
General Membership Meeting  
Program: A Special Day with  
Egon Molbak and Family.  
Sammamish Grange

## Members and Family Enjoy Oscar Roloff Stories and Photos From a Bygone Era

In March, Heritage Society members shared more than a dozen of **Oscar Roloff's** stories and photos about Woodinville's hermits, its law breakers and people who made us laugh and made us sad.

We were especially honored to have in our audience his widow, **Elaine**, and family members **Ashley Hill, Raina Roloff Torres and Luis Torres**.

Oscar was a war correspondent and a nationally renowned and inexhaustible journalist whose stories and photographs have been published by UPI and many other major news agencies. Oscar wrote about his life and the lives of many residents in and around Woodinville from the 1970s until his death.

Some of the stories we brought to life that day began with the tin cow and calf that once stood in the valley near Hollywood School and how Paul Waterman and Gary Vig decided one morning that the "landscape lacked something ... such as a cow or two." We told the story of Henry Blum, a gentle hermit, who lived on 5 acres of swampland near Woodinville and why he made his own concoction for coffee from the horse-tail plant. We read about Harry Tracy, a convict, and his brother-in-law Dave Merrill who fled an Oregon prison, headed northwards, ending up in "our" valley and while near a Spokane wheat field boasted, "I'll never be taken alive," shot and killed himself. And we read about Grandma Pe-

terson's pioneer life along the Sammamish River and how the boat skipper told her how many passengers wanted one of her home cooked meals by the number of toots of his whistle. Our last story was the funniest - *The Woodinville out-house caper* about Francis Rivers' desire to keep a one-holer on his front lawn as a conversation piece.

We have boxes and boxes of Oscar's writings. It is our intention to share more of his stories in the fall. It will be another fun and enlightening meeting that shouldn't be missed.



**Ashley Hill, Elaine Roloff, Raina Roloff Torres, and Luis Torres join us to celebrate Oscar Roloff's life and writings in March.**

## A Message from the Woodinville Heritage Society President of the Board, Rick Chatterton

The 2012-13 Woodinville Heritage Society Board of Directors was announced on April 21st. It is my honor to take on the role and serve you as Board President. **Kevin Stadler** is our Vice President, **Lucy DeYoung** is Treasurer and we welcome **Terri Malinowski** as Secretary.

I would like to thank last year's Vice President, **Suzi Freeman**, and Treasurer, **Judy Moore**. Both Suzi and Judy will remain on the Board as a Members at Large. Continuing as Members at Large are **Merwin Cerderblom, Phyllis Keller, and Jim Kraft. Marilyn Ful-**

**mer** has stepped down from the Board but will remain active as our Membership Chair. Great organizations start with great people and The Heritage Society has certainly been fortunate to have such greatness over the years. I am personally thankful for each of these fine people for their dedication and foresight.

Our primary focus in the upcoming year is to support the **Heritage Society Museum** at the DeYoung House. The Museum opened to the public last June and displays some of Woodinville's most cherished artifacts. It is truly the embodi-

ment of the Society's mission and vision. In order to accomplish this lofty goal, we plan to build on the foundation set by last year's Board. We are currently recruiting volunteers who would like to serve on one of our Volunteer Committees. If you are interested, please contact me at **(425)368-8003** or at [rchatter@frontier.com](mailto:rchatter@frontier.com).

Finally, I would like to invite everyone to visit the Museum (see page 2) or enjoy our many exciting Programs. On behalf of my fellow Board Members, I look forward to welcoming you at the DeYoung House.

# Have You Seen What's New at the Museum?

The **Woodinville Heritage Museum at the DeYoung House** winds up its winter schedule on Sunday, May 6, open from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

On display will be laminated Woodinville-area maps from 1908 and the 1930s, 1950s



Photos & artifacts help illustrate the history of Woodinville as displayed in the DeYoung Room.

and 1970s. Viewers can see how their current properties looked during those eras. An early-day radio will play background music reminiscent of those eras.

Beginning with Memorial Day weekend, the museum moves to a weekly schedule: every Sunday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm through Labor Day weekend in September.

Beginning June 3, a special exhibit will highlight at least eight general stores that served Woodinville-area residents from 1880 onward. These include the Neilsen, Teegarden, Hollywood, Homestead, Miller, DeYoung, Mack, Hinman and Rongve stores. Photos and artifacts will be on display.

The museum's handsome, two-story DeYoung House features furnishings that date to the 1930s and earlier. The house was built on Woodinville's main street in

1932 and was occupied by John and Ellen DeYoung and their six children for 30-plus years. The house was moved in 1973 to its present location at 14121 NE 171st St.

The home's kitchen and bedrooms contain various articles and furnishings that belonged to the DeYongs. Other rooms offer special exhibits that will change regularly throughout the summer and early fall, including quilts made by Woodinville pioneer Susan Woodin and other early quilters.

**More information:**  
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## WHS Remembers Seattle World's Fair 50th Anniversary

On April 21st, exactly fifty years to the day, WHS members celebrated the opening day of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. This was our April Program featuring a performance of **Book-It Repertory Theatre's "The Future Remembered."** Four actors dramatically portrayed a variety of historical figures who were influential in bringing the world to Seattle a half century ago. The performance also included an interesting slide show illustrating events leading up to opening day and highlighting memories of the six months of the fair. It was an entertaining and educational program enjoyed by all in attendance.



Actors from Book-It Repertory Theatre take a bow following their entertaining performance.

## Available from the General Store

### Books:

- Village in the Woods..... \$16
- A Glimpse of Woodinville.....\$10
- Woodinville Coloring Book.....\$5

### Life in Woodinville DVDs:

- The DeYoung Family.....\$7
- John Emil Halver III.....\$7
- School Days - The 40s & 50s.....\$7
- Woodinville Methodist Church History.....\$7
- Life on Hollywood Hill.....\$7
- Woodinville - The Early Days.....\$7

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:

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

## The Woodinville Heritage Society would like to thank our Business Sponsors.



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