

The Homesteader

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Mark Your Calendar:

November 10, 6:30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

November 19, 10:00 am

General Membership Meeting
Program: Travels to Turkey
Guest Speakers, Jim & Gloria Kraft
DeYoung House

December 8, 6:30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

December 17, 10:00 am

General Membership Meeting
Annual Christmas Brunch
DeYoung House

January 12, 6:30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

January 21, 10:00 am

General Membership Meeting
Program: To be announced!!
DeYoung House

A Journey to the Past with Jim & Gloria Kraft

Please join us on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 am as Jim and Gloria Kraft share with us their exciting journey to Turkey.

Experience the rich history of one of the most historic regions of the world as Jim and Gloria combine their expert photography skills with their entertaining narrative.

You won't want to miss this special Woodinville Heritage Society program. Members and guests are all welcomed to attend.



The nation of Turkey, where Asia and Europe meet. (Map courtesy of lonelyplanet.com)

November 2011

Johnson Service Station Photo Brings Back Old Woodinville's Past and Stirs Memories

A few months back, Karen Choyce contacted the Woodinville Heritage Society through our website and requested information concerning Johnson's Service Station. It turns out that Ms. Choyce had a photo of her great-grandparents standing in front of the service station. The Johnsons purchased the business in 1929 and operated it until 1935. The photo has now been scanned and digitally restored by Jim Kraft. It is now part of the Heritage Society's collections.



The digitally restored photo of Thomas Johnson's Service Station and Confectionery, courtesy of Karen Choyce. Photo restoration by Jim Kraft.

At the November 6th museum opening, Bobbie Rettig arranged for Helen McMahon to meet Karen. As a child, Helen knew Karen's great grandparents who operated the gas station and confectionery. It was a delightful reunion as Helen shared stories of life in Woodinville with Karen.

The service station originally stood at NE 175th Street and 140th Avenue NE, where the NAPA

auto parts store is currently located. The year of the construction is unknown but it was probably built before 1928. Originally it was the Gillespie Service Station and became the Chet & Chet



Helen McMahon shares childhood memories of Karen Choyce's great-grandparents at the Woodinville Heritage Museum.

Service Station in 1928 when it was purchased by Chester Fosberg and Chester Ormbeck.

The following year, Karen's great-grandfather, Thomas Johnson, purchased the building. The March 23, 1929 issue of the Bothell Sentinel read, "Mr. Thomas Johnson from Portludlow [sic] has taken over the Chet and Chet service station and is now having a new bungalow built. His family will move here soon."

About 1934 the Johnsons sold the service station to Paul Hatcher and the name was changed to Paul's Service Station. The following year, 1935, it was sold once more to Walter Gibbs and was renamed Gibbs Service Station.

Woodinville Heritage Society Seeks to Expand in 2012

What an exciting year 2011 has been for the Woodinville Heritage Society. After three decades of planning and hard work, the Woodinville Heritage Museum was opened to the public in June. Our historic collections and documentation expanded greatly. Let's not forget the new parking area and restroom. All of this has been made possible by a small group of truly dedicated member-volunteers.

As we continue to expand and share our vision with the community, we will need help from members like you!! Regardless of your interest and skills we can find something for you to do. You can volunteer a little or a lot. We want to be respectful of your time and interest level. The Society's focus in this coming year is to expand our membership and get more members involved.

Next month we will announce some of the committees and projects that are slated to make the Heritage Society and Museum truly professional organizations. We hope that you will share with your community your spirit of volunteerism. Should you have any questions, please contact Lucy DeYoung (lucydeyoung@isomedia.com) or Suzi Freeman (suzibelle@clearwire.net).

Woodinville Heritage Museum Now Open Winter Hours

The Woodinville Heritage Museum is open the first Sunday of the month from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm thru May. Please stop by and visit and tell your neighbors and friends to do the same. We have changed one exhibit this month from Elmer Carlberg to Ray Freeman. There is always something new to see when you come to the Museum.

The Board would like to thank Terri Malinowski and all the volunteer hostesses. Without you we would not be able to be open. Terri needs hosts and hostesses to help. It is very interesting and the volunteers always have a great time. You don't have to be an expert or historian - we will make sure you have all the training you need. If you are interested, please contact Terri (terrim1@earthlink.net).

WHS Announces New Endowment Fund

The Woodinville Heritage Society has announced the establishment of an Endowment Fund to provide for the long-term care of the DeYoung House or any asset the Society owns that is valued at more than \$100,000. The Endowment Fund is similar to a savings account which will help to ensure the Society is able to pay for the preservation and maintenance of the DeYoung House and any other major assets.

The Endowment Fund differs from the annual operating budget in that the principal cannot be reduced and only the income from interest or dividends will be available for distribution specifically for the maintenance and operation of the DeYoung House. The Board has decided that until the Fund reaches \$100,000 there will be no distribution of income.

Common ways people donate to Endowment Funds include Cash and Securities, Real Estate, Life Insurance, Charitable Gift Annuity, Trust, Bequest by Will, IRA, Profit Sharing, and 401(k) Plans. We kindly ask that you consider including The Woodinville Heritage Society as a potential beneficiary when completing your financial and estate planning. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact any Board Member.

Woodinville Heritage Society Would Like to Thank:

- **The Woodinville Garden Club** for their gracious donation of \$400 to help landscape the a portion of the front yard, between the sidewalk and the picket fence. This was required by the city before we could open.
- **Jim and Gloria Kraft** for planting a variety of bulbs and cleaning up the front of the DeYoung House. **The Woodinville Garden Club** paid for the bulbs, but the hard work was all Jim and Gloria. Just imagine how beautiful spring will be at the House with all of the daffodils and tulips are blooming!!
- **Robin Larson** donated two tables and a fly swatter.
- An anonymous donor from **Creekside Retirement Home** who kindly donated \$20 while visiting the Museum on November 4th.

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

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- The DeYoung Family.....\$7
- John Emil Halver III.....\$7
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- Woodinville Methodist Church History.....\$7
- Life on Hollywood Hill.....\$7
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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
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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.

Coming Up in Next Month's Issue:

- Highlights of our November Program with Jim & Gloria Kraft's adventures in Turkey.
- Christmas memories with Suzi Freeman.
- A peek into the future of the Woodinville Heritage Society.
- Exciting news about our collection of historic items and documents.
- Something special about the Museum's quilts!!

Remember: Membership dues are due in January. The next issue of **The Homesteader** will include a renewal form for your convenience.

The Woodinville Heritage Society is located at the **Woodinville Heritage Museum at the DeYoung House 14121 NE 171st Street Woodinville, WA 98072**, one block east of 140th Avenue.