



# The Homesteader



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## Mark Your Calendar:

**Sept. 1st, 1-4 pm**  
Museum open first Sunday of every month until Memorial Day.  
DeYoung House

**Sept. 12, 6.30 pm**  
Board Meeting.  
DeYoung House

**Sept. 15, 11 am—4 pm**  
WHS Community Celebration "Let'er Boom: Celebrating 125 years of Trains Then and Now." Takes place along the railroad tracks across from Woodinville Post Office on Woodinville Snohomish Road

**Sept. 21, 10 am**  
Program with Elsie Mann, author of *Maltby and Neighbors*, which includes chapters on Woodinville and Grace.  
DeYoung House

**October 10, 6.30 pm**  
Board Meeting.  
DeYoung House

**Nov. 14, 6.30 pm**  
Board Meeting.  
DeYoung House

**Dec. 12, 6.30 pm**  
Board Meeting.  
DeYoung House

**Dec. 14, 10 am**  
Annual Christmas Membership Brunch including Christmas Reading.  
DeYoung House

September-October 2013

## Woodinville Celebrates 125 Years of Trains

Woodinville received its first passenger train service 125 years ago. The Woodinville Heritage Society will honor that occasion with a community celebration Sunday, September 15.

The event includes a mini-train ride for children, historical costumes, music, speeders, speakers, train presentations, and other exhibits. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. along the railroad tracks across from the Woodinville Post Office on the Woodinville Snohomish Road.

The Seattle, Lake Shore, and Eastern Railroad ran its first train September 19, 1888 from Seattle to Woodinville and on to Snohomish.

The free event ties Woodinville and Snohomish together just as the rails tied them together 125 years

ago. Train service put Woodinville and Snohomish on the map and made them into thriving cities.

Today, the Eastside Rail Corridor still connects Woodinville and Snohomish with greater potential to come.

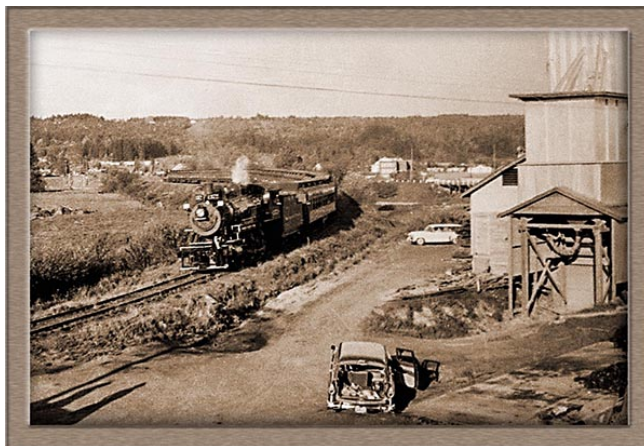
The current operator, Eastside Freight, will run a special VIP caboose from Woodinville to Snohomish at noon. The VIPs on the trip will include the co-chairs of the Eastside TRailway alliance, Rep. Luis Moscoso, and other government officials.

The Pacific Railcar Operators will also be running speeders on the rail before and after the VIP Train Tour. Speeders are historical motorized vehicles, which railroads formerly used to transport crews for track inspection and maintenance. Now private owners will run their speeders for entertainment.

Music performances will spotlight the start and end of the Woodinville to Snohomish trip.

The Woodinville Heritage Society and the Snohomish Historic Downtown Association are the presenting organizations.

The Snohomish celebration will be held Saturday, September 14th, at Harvey Airfield and the City of Snohomish Information Center.



*This view looking east shows a special excursion train called the Casey Jones Special that operated in 1957. Visible landmarks are the former DeYoung Feed Mill at right, the wooden bridge over the river, the Woodinville School at rear, and Hollywood Hill in the distance.*

## President's Message

What a wonderful summer this has been. And, I am not just talking about the weather!! I am very happy to report that our Community Connections have been expanding over the past few months. The Heritage Society's vision states that, "We will be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community." Many thanks to my fellow Board members, the Museum docents, and several members for making our vision more than just words on paper. Because of you, the number of visitors to the Museum has increased from last summer and the Heritage Society's presence around town is at an all-time high.

It is, indeed, heartwarming to hear so many great stories about the Society connecting with members of the community. Thanks to our Exhibit Coordinator, Claudia Cortes, our newest museum exhibit tells the story of the Stimson farm. News of the exhibit intrigued Mary Ann Feczko so she and her family decided to pay a visit to the Museum in early August. It turns out that Mary Ann is a direct descendant of the Stimson family and remains a local resident. We are excited to get to know Mary Ann better and look forward to seeing her and her family again at many of our programs.

The Society hosted a booth at the Woodinville Farmers' Market in June and again at the August Celebrate Woodinville festival. Dozens

of local residents and visitors stopped to find out more about our rich and entertaining history. Many of the local residents were pleasantly surprised to discover that the Museum at the DeYoung House was so close to home. During the Celebrate Woodinville event, John and Leslie Okerman stopped by to chat with our representatives in the tent. Mr. Okerman shared stories of when he was the sternwheeler pilot, the railroad engineer, and a part-time swim instructor at Gold Creek Park! Mrs. Okerman had also been a swim instructor there in the heyday of Gold Creek. We hope to incorporate the Okermans' valuable stories, along with many others, in a future exhibit about Gold Creek Park.

We are very excited to be a part of "Let'er Boom: Celebrating 125 years of Trains Then and Now," taking place on September 15<sup>th</sup> (see the front page for details). Hopefully you can join us. Who knows what stories we will hear, who we will meet next, or what important community connection will be made. Ever since the first families settled in the area, a sense of community has existed here. For over 125 years the residents of Woodinville have worked hard to build those important connections. I am very proud of the Woodinville Heritage Society for continuing this essential tradition.

--Rick Chatterton

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## WHS Picnic and Woodinville Festival



Some of the Woodinville Heritage Society members chat while enjoying the July 20th membership picnic at the DeYoung House. They passed time by playing Woodinville Trivia. Facing the camera at the rear table are Mary Bertram and society president Rick Chatterton. Left to right around the other table are Judy Moore (back to camera), Betty Hays, Terri Malinowski, Suzi Freeman, and Phyllis Keller. Other attendees were in the buffet line or in the kitchen.

The Woodinville Heritage Society staffed a booth at the Woodinville Festival on August 10th. Here, two Gold Creek Park employees from the 1960s, John and Leslie Okerman, exchange reminiscences with Heritage Society members. Okerman was the pilot of the sternwheeler, *Lollipop*, and the engineer for the small train that chugged around the Park grounds. He met his wife, then Leslie Garretson, when she was one of the swim instructors for the pools at the Park. The Okermans live in Woodinville.



## Woodinville's Railroad Depot

In February 1887 construction of the railroad began in Seattle and reached Woodinville late that year. The tracks split at Woodinville with one branch going north to Snohomish then on to Sumas connecting to the Canadian railroad system. The other branch went south to Redmond to the coal mines in Squak (later renamed Issaquah). The first railroad depot in Woodinville was built in about 1888 and was located between the two branches. A larger depot was built a few hundred feet west on pilings. The early business district evolved around the Woodinville Depot. The



Woodin-Sanders Store, the first store in Woodinville, was built on pilings near the railroad depot in 1888. Several more businesses were built on the hillside along Front Street just above the railroad depot establishing the community of Woodinville, which was named by the railroad as were many flag stops such as Grace and Derby.

--Jim & Gloria Kraft

*Woodinville had a substantial train depot standing on pilings by the river in the late 1800s. The main floor offered a waiting room and ticket office, while the second floor housed the depot agent and his family.*

### A warm welcome to Fairwinds Brittany Park

as our latest Community Sponsor. We are excited about the new partnership and we look forward to seeing some of the Brittany Park residents at our programs and Museum in the near future.

### Don't miss our September program

On the 21st at 10 am, Elsie Mann, winner of the Malstrom Award (see *The Homesteader* article in June-July 2013 issue), will be talking about her book *Maltby and Neighbors*. She will give you information about the area you've never heard before and tell about some of the mysteries she solved while researching and writing her book.

### WHS Welcomes Cottage Lake Third Graders

In June, we hosted two third grade classrooms from the Cottage Lake School. Marilyn Fullmer prepared a booklet for each child with facts about their school and the surrounding area. They all loved using the rotary dial phone and the typewriter.

## Value of Participating in Community Activities

I'd like to offer my thoughts on the value of participating in community activities like the recent Woodinville Festival and the regular Farmers' Market in Woodinville. I'm sure it is difficult (especially for Jim, Kevin, Rick, et al) to set up the tent/canopy, stock it with relevant items, and maintain a presence there with shifts by our volunteers.

But it was definitely worth it!

During just one two-hour shift Saturday, I don't know how many times Bobbie Rettig and I described the Woodinville Heritage Museum, explained where it's located ("I live right here, and I didn't even know where it was."), and listened to their reminiscences and comments. I don't know if that was why we had a lot of visitors to the museum the following day when it was open 1-4 p.m. or whether it was because of the nice spread of photos and text in the *Woodinville Weekly*.

The time spent, on August 10, was definitely worth it. Kudos to the board members who persist in ensuring we maintain a visible community presence.

—Terri Malinowski

Thank you so very much, Terri, for articulating so eloquently the joy of success! The Heritage Society and Museum are more than just a repository of artifacts and dusty old documents. It is a community of dedicated individuals who are excited to share the stories of our region. I am personally eager to watch the organization continually grow - one individual at a time and one new story at a time.

Each person has made a difference. Together, we have had a profound effect on the Heritage Society, our neighborhoods, and community. Our vision to "be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community" becomes more and more a reality with each of our activities.

Thank you, everyone, for your summer volunteering: M. Cederblom, L. DeYoung, S. Freeman, M. Fullmer, P. Keller, J. & G. Kraft, T. Malinowski, J. Moore, B. Rettig, and K. Stadler.

--Rick Chatterton

## Available from the General Store

### Books:

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

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- The DeYoung Family.....\$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:

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### Our Mission:

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

### Our Vision:

We will be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community.



### The Heritage Society is now a proud member of:

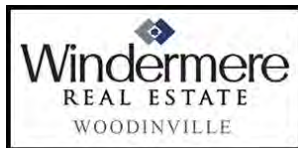


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Museum open 1st Sunday of every month,  
1-4 pm, Labor Day until Memorial Day