

The Homesteader

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Mark Your Calendar:

September 21, 1:30 pm
King County Council Budget
Committee Meeting
Ordinance #2010-0466

September 23, 7:00 pm
City of Woodinville Landmarks
Commission Meeting
**Consideration for Landmark
Status of the DeYoung House**
Woodinville City Hall Chambers

October 14, 6:30 pm
Monthly Board Meeting
DeYoung House

**No October Membership
Meeting**

November 18, 10:00 am
Membership Meeting
DeYoung House

November 11, 6:30 pm
Board Meeting
DeYoung House

December 9, 6:30 pm
Board Meeting
DeYoung House

December 15, 10:00 am
Holiday Potluck Brunch
DeYoung House

Commission to Consider Designating the DeYoung House a City Landmark

Great news! The City of Woodinville through the King County Landmarks Commission is considering to designate the DeYoung House a City landmark. This is a major accomplishment for the Heritage Society in preserving Woodinville's history. This also brings us one important step closer to making the DeYoung House the Society's museum.

The official designation will take place at Woodinville City Hall in the City Council Chambers on Thursday, **September 23rd at 7:00 pm**. This will be our September Membership Meeting. **Please come and celebrate with us.**

September, 2010

Exciting Times for the Woodinville Heritage Society Museum

We have moved one step closer to opening our Museum! This week we started our street and parking improvements. This includes putting in a sidewalk with a curb and a planting strip in front of the house, repaving the driveway and adding 10 parking places in the back of the house including a handicapped parking place in



Removal of the poplar tree makes way for a new sidewalk at the DeYoung House.

the garage. There will no longer be parking in front of the house. The parking places and area to back-up will be constructed out of a permeable concrete. This way we won't increase our pervious surface and have to put in retention facilities. This project will cost us about \$60,000 and should take about a month to complete. Before we could start our street improvements we had to remove a 60+ year old poplar tree from alongside the driveway. It was very interesting to watch them take the tree down.

We are also in the process of getting a "change of use" permit from the Department of Health. Our drawings for our handicapped ramp have been completed and we are talking with various contractors to get our costs down. We are working with the City of Woodinville on alternatives for a handicapped restroom and hopefully we can come to a resolution soon. We are making great progress towards getting the Museum open in January, 2011. However, we still need \$45,000+ to fund all the projects we need to do so we can open as planned.

We need your help and support. Fundraising letters are in the mail, so please give generously (donations are tax-deductible) so the Heritage Society's dream of a Museum can become a reality. One last note: Our apologies to Terry Petter for the misspelling of his name in our fundraising letter.

The "Old School Committee" Focuses on Preserving our History

Saving the Old Woodinville School has always been one of the highest priorities of the Woodinville Heritage Society. In addition to being one of the few City designated Landmark Buildings in town, it was the center of the education and social life throughout most of Woodinville's history.

The site of the Old School House dates back 118 years to 1892 when the Calkins family donated the land for a wood frame school building. Fire destroyed the structure in 1908 but the school was rebuilt the following year with brick masonry. Originally a four room, two story schoolhouse,

the building was expanded in 1936 and 1948 to accommodate the growing community.

The Old School House served as Woodinville's first City Hall from 1993 to 2001. In February, 2001, the Nisqually earthquake caused severe structural damage and the building has remained unoccupied since then.

As the City of Woodinville is about to unveil its study of the cost of renovating the Old School, the Heritage Society has reinstituted its "Old School Committee." The primary goal of the Committee is to preserve the structure and its historic

importance to the city and region. The Committee is seeking individuals and groups who are interested in making the Old School once again a part of the fabric of our community.

As a starting point, the Old School Committee is currently collecting names, phone numbers, addresses and/or email addresses of students who attended the Old School. If you are interested in serving on this Committee, helping us save the Old School, or if you have information about former students please email us at: info@woodinvilleheritage.org

Society Members Enjoy a Series of Educational and Entertaining Events

The Woodinville Heritage Society has hosted several interesting and enjoyable programs over the past few months. If you have not been able to attend then you have really missed out on a lot!!

In June, **Frank Rosin**, a member of the Radio Club Enthusiasts of Puget Sound put on a great demonstration of old time radio sound effects. Frank took us back to those nostalgic days when the only form of entertainment was gathering around the radio set to listen to our favorite drama or comedy. What a pleasant trip down memory lane.

Next, our own **Kevin Stadler** enlightened us with an very interesting and informative program on the Seattle-Everett Interurban Railway. Kevin displayed many fantastic pictures and had all of us thinking about how all things go around and come around. My, what could have been if they had saved the rail line? If you would like to know more

about the Interurban Railway, just ask Kevin as he and his sister have written a book on the subject.



Frank Rosin displays a variety of whimsical devices used in the making of old-time radio shows.

We also had a delightfully humorous and insightful presentation from member **Terri Malinowski**. Talk about a fantastic trip down memory lane!! Terri talked about living on Hollywood Hill in the 1950's and 60's and being the local Woodinville reporter for the Northshore Citizen. The pictures of Gold Creek when it was at its hey-day were worth attending the meeting. Many of us have forgotten all about the steamship they had that went up and down the Sammamish River.

Last month we held our second **Annual Picnic**. Several of the Heritage Society members attended this late summer event. With all the laughs and stories that were shared, a good time was surely had by all. What an enjoyable evening with a variety of delicious foods and jovial conversations. Hopefully we will see you next year—or at one of our upcoming events. It just keeps getting better!!

THE DeYOUNG HOUSE MUSEUM NEEDS YOUR GENEROSITY

We need your help to reach our goal of opening the DeYoung House Museum in January 2011. Although we have raised over 50% of the \$105,000 needed, we must still raise \$47,000 to complete several projects. We hope that you will make your tax-deductible donation today, whether it be \$5 or \$5,000. Every dollar brings us closer to opening the DeYoung House Museum and sharing Woodinville's heritage with the public.

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
- 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.

With Many Thanks...

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Lois Sharpe donated photos of Woodinville in the 1980s and a book about the Frank Evans Family.

Barbara Donnelly gave us a photo of Reverend Moats of the Woodinville Church (1963-1967) and his unusual cattle.

Ann Chase Photography gave us the Pictorial Section of the Seattle Times February 1, 1959. It includes an article on the Western Town of Rusty Gulch.

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