

The Homesteader

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Mark Your Calendar:

April 16, 10:00 am
Annual Membership Meeting
Program: Stories from Lake
Leota. Guest Speaker,
Verna Zander.
DeYoung House

May 12, 6:30 pm
Board Meeting
DeYoung House

May 21, 10:00 am
General Membership Meeting
Special Preview of the
DeYoung House Museum for
Heritage Society Members
DeYoung House

June 9, 6:30 pm
Board Meeting
DeYoung House

June 18, 10:00 am
GRAND OPENING of the
DeYoung House Museum
Come and celebrate this
wonderful milestone!

July 14, 6:30 pm
Board Meeting
DeYoung House

Helen McMahon Celebrates her 93rd Birthday



Belated birthday wishes to long time and beloved member Helen McMahon. Helen celebrated her 93rd birthday last month and we forgot to acknowledge this wonderful event in our last edition of the Homesteader. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HELEN.

April 2011

Construction at the DeYoung House Nears Completion: Grand Opening Scheduled !!!

This is a very exciting time for the Heritage Society. In each newsletter we say that we are one step closer to opening the Woodinville Heritage Society Museum – and we are! Last month we finished the ADA ramp and next week we will pour the concrete from the driveway to the ramp. **Westhill Construction** did a great job and we highly recommend them. Last month we also extended power, water, and the septic lines to the garage for the ADA bathroom. We feel that the bathroom should be completed within the next two weeks.

The final requirement from the City of Woodinville is to install a street light on an existing light pole across from the house. PSE will install the street light for \$1,238.05. The City's Right-of-Way permit will cost us \$914, or 75% of the cost of the work. Since we feel this in an excessive fee, by the time the Homesteader is published we will have been to the City Council to ask for some relief. So wish us luck!

The Board is also working with **Ron Baum** to develop a plan to put much of the farm equipment so graciously donated by **John and Jane Halver** in the back yard.

We would like to especially thank **Gib, Liz, Stephan, and Nigel Aspen** for spending an entire Sunday cleaning up the yard at the house. Wow! What a great job they did!! The yard looks outstanding.

We have more good news!! We are looking to open the Museum for our members on Saturday, May 21st at our May Meeting! Then, at our June Meeting on Saturday, June 18th, we will have our GRAND OPENING for the PUBLIC. We plan to have the Museum open Sunday afternoons so we will need volunteers to help make this hap-



The completed ADA ramp will allow our guest with special needs easier access to the DeYoung House and Museum.

pen. If you can volunteer, please email Suzi Freeman at suzibelle@clearwire.net or the Heritage Society at info@woodinvilleheritage.org.

We are very excited that the Woodinville Heritage Society Museum is finally coming to fruition after being a goal of the Society for over 30 years. This has been a long process and the Board cannot thank you all enough for your support and financial contributions.

Saving The Old Woodinville Schoolhouse

We need your help now! The City has completed a study on what to do with the Old Woodinville School and they are now requesting public comments and suggestions. The Heritage Society has been involved in trying to save the school for the past 15 years. We would like to see a mix of community and private uses in the future.

Woodinville has the need for a small community theater and library branch downtown. There is also no place for the over 500,000 tourists who come to Woodinville each year to inquire where the over 70 wineries we now have are located or what other activities are availa-

ble. The Old School can serve as a connector between the Tourist District to the south of town (around Chateau Ste.



Michelle), the downtown business corridor and the wineries to the north in the Warehouse District.

If you haven't yet done so, please email the City of Woodinville, as soon as possible, telling the City that the Old School-

house needs to be saved for a mix of community and private uses. Include in your email: the building is an important gateway to Woodinville and can serve as an important connection between the Tourist Area, Downtown, and the Warehouse District; that the Schoolhouse can serve as the Visitors' Center that Woodinville so desperately needs; that Option C would best serve the community; and that improvements should be financed through Voter Approved Bonds.

Please email your comments and suggestions **TODAY** to: Zach Schmitz zachs@ci.woodinville.wa.us

With Heartfelt Thanks to our 2011 Members

The Woodinville Heritage Society Board of Directors would like to graciously thank all of our Lifetime and Annual Members for their support. Your kindness helps to acquire, preserve and perpetuate the artifacts and history of the greater Woodinville area. The Society's purpose is also to educate and distribute historical information to the community and to those interested in our history. If your name is missing from this list, please contact us at info@woodinvilleheritage.org. If you have not yet joined for 2011 there is still time!

Lifetime Membership

**Welcome to our newest Lifetime Members:
Jean Bloom and Sue Kienast**

Sharon Ballisty
Pam Bauer
Gladys Berry
Jean Bloom
Bus & Ida May Brown
Linda Cooper
Dennis & Debbie DeYoung
John & Diane DeYoung
Lucy DeYoung
Al & Donna DeYoung
Stella DeYoung
Lance DeYoung
Barbara Donnelly
Michael & Dena Donnelly
John & Jane Halver
Debbie Halver-Hanson
Cherry & Terry Jarvis

Mary Karr
Phyllis Keller
Sue Kienast
Will Knedlick
Gloria Kraft
Robin Larson
Nancy & Martin
Helen McMahon
Louise Miller
Egon & Laina Molbak
Linda Packard
Pat Perkins
Terry Petter
Roger & Bobbie Rettig
Lois Sharp
Pam Stewart
Kathryn Thurman



Annual Membership

Liz Aspen & Family
Guy Baltzelle
Ron & Judy Baum
Beverly Beardsley
Kathy Betteridge
Mavis Board
Merwin Cederblom
Rick Chatterton & Steven Franz
Virginia Christensen
Claudia Cordes
Blake & Camille DeYoung
David DeYoung
Dorothy DeYoung
Rosemary DeYoung
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Larry DeYoung
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John & Nan Hughes
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Deb & Rod Sternagel
Alan & Nancy Stand
Jennifer & Bill Taylor
Lorraine Thayer
Paul & Judy Thomas
Juanita Verschuyt
Dick Vitulli
Wendy Walsh
Ed Zanassi

February and March Membership Programs Bring History to Life

Just north of Woodinville's city limits lies the "Mystical Township" of Grace. Did you know that Grace's motto is, "Having Fun is Serious Business"? Did you know that they have their own flag and their own calendar and almanac? Sound crazy? Well, in February the Mayor-for-Life of Grace, Terry Jarvis, Grace Historian, Elsie Mann, explained

all of these facts and more at the Heritage Society's General Membership Meeting and Program. The Mayor regaled the audience with tales of historic fact mixed with humorous tradition and (some would say) unrealistic trivia. You could hear the audience's laughter all the way back at Grace's Lutfisk Factory ruins. Terry certainly does live by the township's motto.

Terri and Elsie also presented to the Heritage Society a bound set of The Greater Grace Gazette. The Gazette is Grace's version of a newspaper, minus the news and oftentimes minus the paper.

In March, Susie Egan was equally amusing and informative as she gave a wonderful program on the history of Cottage Lake. From early settlements of the area to Norm's Resort, and from lumber mills to present day, Susie described in a very interesting fashion the history of the area.

For over a decade now Susie and her husband have been uncovering and chronicling Cottage Lake's past. They have conducted personal interviews of many past and pre-



Susie Egan discusses logging around Cottage Lake in the late 1800s at your WHS's March Program.

sent residents of Cottage Lake. One of the most talked about locations was Norm's Resort where locals once gathered for picnics.

While Susie is dedicated researching the Lake's past, she is also involved with preserving its future. Along with several of her neighbors, Susie is actively involved with Friends of Cottage Lake, a community-based group committed to improving and defending the health and continued enjoyment of Cottage Lake.



Grace Historian Elsie Mann, Lucy DeYoung and the Township's Mayor-for-Life, Terry Jarvis.

Joan Pinney's Artwork Adorns New Woodinville Medical Center

Historic images of Woodinville now grace the walls of Evergreen Medical Center's new Woodinville offices. Joan Pinney, a long-time watercolor artist of northwest and maritime scenes was commissioned to provide artwork for the new medical facility. The Woodinville Heritage Society provided several historical photos to Joan from which she could choose. Seven colorful and bright paintings representing our city's past can be seen at Woodinville's newest building.

Joan Pinney and her stunning artwork have been honored by the Northwest Watercolor Society, Foss Maritime calendars and the West Coast Paper Exhibition. Her beautiful works of art truly re-



One of Joan Pinney's delightful works-of-art that is on display in the new Evergreen Medical Center. The seven paintings that are on display must be seen in person to fully appreciate their detail, color and beauty.



Celebrated Northwest artist, Joan Pinney, has been recognized for her watercolor paintings that depict the lifestyles, landscapes and seascapes of our region.

flect our regional lifestyle. Joan's latest works based on Woodinville's history capture and give life to a time that "once was." To learn more about Joan, see some of her other artwork and fine out when her next show is, check out her website: www.joanpinney.com.

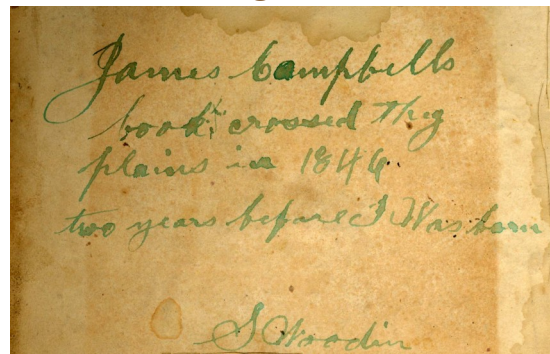
In addition to Joan's artwork, the new Evergreen Medical Center is also displaying several black and white photos donated by the Woodinville Heritage Society. We are very excited to have a presence in the building and hope that you will stop by in the near future to enjoy Joan's delightful works-of-art and some historic photos of Woodinville. The medical center is located on 140th Street NE near the DeYoung House and opened to the public in March. It serves the City of Woodinville and surrounding areas with out-patient and urgent care services.

Family Bible that Crossed the Plains Finds a New Home at the DeYoung House Museum

What a story this Bible could tell!! **David Taylor** of Longview, Washington, recently donated an antique Bible to the Woodinville Heritage Society. This is no ordinary Bible, however. This one originally belonged to Susan Woodin's father, James Campbell who carried it with him when he crossed the plains and immigrated to this area in 1846. Nearly one hundred years later, in 1950, the Bible was found in a used bookstore in Kent and purchased by a member of David Taylor's family. The James Campbell Bible has returned to Woodinville, thanks to Mr. Taylor. It will be on display at the Museum when it opens in May.

The inscription on the inside cover of the Bible was written by Susan Woodin, wife of Ira Woodin. It reads, "James Campbells book crossed the plains in 1846 two years before I was born. S. Woodin"

A very gracious "thank you" goes to Mr. Taylor and his family for their kind donation of this historic Bible.



Inside cover of James Campbell's Bible.

Letter to the Editor, June 20th, 1889

Alice Gotchy wrote this letter to the Wisconsin Journal 1889. It was a rebuttal to her brother-in-law who came to the Washington Territory with Alice's family and then returned to Wisconsin, disgusted. In response to this letter, most of the Gotchy Family later moved to Washington.

Bothell, W. Territory, June 20, 1889

Dear [Wisconsin] Journal:

We are way out in Western Washington where we can look from our door and see the great white peak of Mount Tacoma [Mt. Rainier] towering above the horizon and numerous other peaks. It is a most delightful climate. We noticed in a local paper an item about Mr. Albert Gotchy's going back to Wisconsin better satisfied with that state than ev-

er. Now I will tell you the plain truth in these few lines. Mr. Gotchy arrived here during the rainy season and went away before it was over and of course he had not much of a chance to judge, for he was alone and his wife and little ones were not here with him. And all who ever experienced a home-sick feeling know that a home-sick man will be gloomy in the most brilliant sunshine. Perhaps if Mr. Gotchy had had his family with him, he would have formed a different opinion of Western Washington.

We arrived here the 27 of last November. The rainy season had just commenced and it lasted until the last of March. From that time on, everything has been growing nicely. The fog has disappeared and only comes during the rainy season, not every day as some people state. Among the advantages we have here, cattle don't have to be fed during our winter and, without any food except what they can pick, they will look better than most of the Wisconsin farmer's well-fed stock in the spring; there are no potato bugs or mosquitoes, nor deep snow nor blizzards nor droughts to hurt the crops. We have all kinds of berries, black raspberries, salmon berries, thimble berries and black berries. All kinds of tame fruit grow here that one is a mind to set out and take care of and the nicest of all is the cool breezes we always have here. The coldest weather we experienced last winter was 26 degrees above zero. I have left out one advantage, that is farmers don't have to give their produce away here. Butter is always sold by the roll, not quite two pounds in a roll, and a roll is always from 50 to 60 cents; eggs never have been less than 25 cents per dozen since we have been here, and potatoes \$1.00 per sack. Alice Gotchy

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:

Woodinville Heritage Society
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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.

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