

The Homesteader

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Mark Your Calendar:

October 11 6:30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

October 20 10:00 am

General Membership Meeting
Program: Authors **Allen Stein & Paula Becker** discuss their book, *The Future Remembered*. Please note that this event will be held at the Sammamish Grange.

November 4, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Heritage Museum Open
DeYoung House

November 8, 6:30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

November 17, 10:00 am

General Membership Meeting
Program: Readings of Oscar Roloff's war writings honoring our Veterans.
DeYoung House

December 2, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Heritage Museum Open
DeYoung House

December 13, 6:30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

December 15, 10:00 am

General Membership Meeting
Christmas Brunch
DeYoung House

October 2012

Grandma's Fountain and a New Garden Setting Takes Shape at The DeYoung House Museum

The front of the DeYoung House has been transformed into a delightful garden thanks to a generous donation from **Jim and Gloria Kraft**. The area features a beautiful fountain, paved walkway, a welcoming white arbor, and a charming garden setting. Gloria's mother loved water fountains so Gloria's father (who recently passed away) always had a fountain for her. The new fountain is a memorial to Gloria's mother and to all the hard working grandmas who settled Woodinville. Although the original DeYoung House did not have a fountain, Al DeYoung is quite sure that his mother, Ellen, would have loved to have one. We invite all of our members and guests to come, sit on a bench and listen to the soothing sound of a fountain in a flower garden.

The initial idea and planning came from Jim and Gloria. The Krafts also provided major funding for the project and a substantial amount of labor. Over the past few months, the couple could be found working diligently each morning setting up the fountain, positioning pavers, sculpting the landscape, and planting over 80 trees and bushes. This transformation would not have been possible without Jim and Gloria.

In addition, the garden was made possible because of contributions from a variety of organizations, businesses and individuals. The **Woodinville Garden Club** has graciously donated

\$1,000 for the purchase of three stone benches that grace the walkway and fountain. **Molbak's** provided a discount on the water fountain. **Nichols Brothers Stoneworks** of Maltby also extended a discount for the stone benches and pots. **Susie Egan** offered landscaping advice and helped with a business discount for the walkway pavers. Thanks to **Lucy DeYoung** for dozens of established trees and bushes. **John DeYoung** donated three yards of gravel and **Earl Gray** a yard of sand. Heartfelt thanks to all involved.



The new fountain dedicated to the hard working grandmas of Woodinville is elegantly graced by benches in a garden setting.

WHS Vision for the Woodinville Schoolhouse Presented to City Council

A message from Board President, Rick Chatterton: The Woodinville Heritage Society presented our vision for the Woodinville Schoolhouse to the City Council on September 11th. Vice-President, **Kevin Stadler** and I made the presentation which included a brief history of the schoolhouse, identification of other key landmark buildings in our area, possible public and private uses of the facility, funding options, and a call to action by the City Council. Our mission at The Heritage Society includes preserving the artifacts and history of the greater Woodinville area. We firmly believe that the schoolhouse is

the link between our proud past and vibrant future.

In May of this year, the Woodinville City Council asked



Students enjoy a sense of community, circa 1949. Photo lovingly restored by Jim Kraft.

the Woodinville City the Heritage Society and Chamber of Commerce to offer proposals for renovation for the landmark. The WHS Board immediately got to work researching the many uses and funding options. Our best estimations concluded that a mix of public and private tenants would create exciting community gathering spaces including a theater and artist venues. If approved by the City Council, funding for rehabilitation and additional parking spaces would come from General Obligation Bonds, voted on

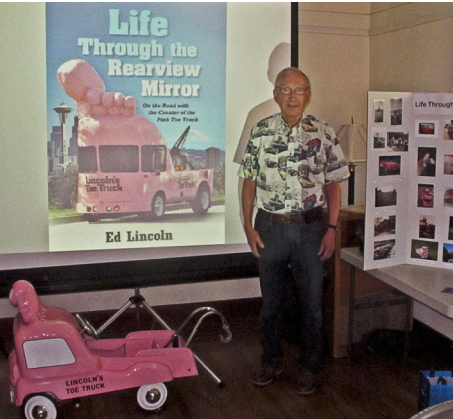
by the citizens of the city. The WHS Board gave unanimous consensus at the May 17th Board Meeting in support of rehabilitating the Schoolhouse and funding the project by voter approved bonds.

At the conclusion of the presentation, we encouraged the City Council to adopt a vision and proceed "quickly" to place a bond issue on the ballot in 2013. The presentation was well received by the various Council Members, City Staff, and the public. It now appears that the City Council will continue their public discussion in November. While the presentation that Kevin and I made was convincing, we must get at least four votes from the City Council in order for us to preserve this important historic building. With your help, the vote could very possibly be 7-0 in our favor. Please take a moment to contact the City Council and voice your support of our efforts by email: citycouncil@ci.woodinville.wa.us.

Programs at the Museum Bring Delight to Members and Friends

Chances are you remember **Ed Lincoln's Pink Toe Truck** if you lived in the area thirty years ago. In June, Ed recounted to WHS members and guests tales of his youth in Ballard, his love for Ford Mustangs and how that iconic Pink Toe Truck came about. It was a fun and entertaining morning with lots of laughs. Ed published his unique experience in "Life Through the Rear View Mirror" and signed purchased copies for those in attendance.

Sargent Bruce Smith of the Union Army with his camp attendee and wife stormed the WHS June 23 meeting. **Bruce and Barbara Smith** came dressed in their civil war apparel which they described in detail. Bruce also displayed what a typical union soldier would carry relative to armaments. Bruce said that approximately 6000 civil war veterans are buried in Washington State. The following Washington Civil War Association website can be used to search for a given veteran burial location in Western Washington: www.CivilWarVetsWaStat.com. Barbara dress represented a typical Sunday outfit which included layer upon layer of petticoats, camisoles, corsets and other unmentionables. The program concluded with a 20 minute video of the 2011 Civil War Re-enactment held at Plain located north of Wenatchee. This year's Washington Civil War Association event schedule can be found at www.wcwa.net.



Long time resident of Woodinville, Ed Lincoln, with his "Miniature Pink Toe Truck" was featured in May.



Bruce & Barbara Smith arrived to the DeYoung House in their finest apparel.

Your Heritage Society offers free programs to members and guests each month. On October 20th join us at the Sammamish Grange with authors **Allen Stein & Paula Becker** who will discuss their book, *The Future Remembered*, commemorating the success of the 1962 World's Fair. We return to the DeYoung House on November 17th with Readings of **Oscar Roloff's** war writings honoring our Veterans. We look forward to seeing you!!

Helen McMahon, BHS Class of 1936, Receives Honors

Our very own **Helen McMahon** has been inducted to Northshore School District's Wall of Honor on August 16th. The Wall recognizes outstanding achievements of Northshore alumni, staff and volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the district, community, state, nation or world. For those of us that know Helen, she is the perfect candidate for this honor. Congratulations, Helen!!!

Helen Andersen McMahon, BHS 1936
Community Leader & Volunteer,
Artist, Local Pioneer and Historian

Helen Andersen came to Woodinville in 1923 with her Danish parents. They bought newly logged land adjacent to the original Stimson Poultry Farm. After graduating from Bothell High School in 1936, Helen went on to business college and began working. Helen Andersen married **John McMahon** and they settled on family land to raise their three

nized often, including Citizens of the Year by the Woodinville Rotary Club. Mrs. McMahon has served the Sammamish Grange, Lady Lions, Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Woodinville Heritage Society. She is a popular speaker about pioneer life in local classrooms, and as an accomplished artist, created a coloring book with Woodinville historic scenes. Despite her husband's death a few years ago, Helen McMahon at 94 continues her volunteerism.

Mudslinging Erupts in Race for Mayor of Grace

Things have turned ugly in the Town of Grace. Mayor Terry Jarvis is facing the political battle of his life and it is hard to tell what the outcome will be, much less the race itself. Mayor Jarvis (SoSo Party!) is being challenged by Joe Giuseppe (Ho Hum Party). Recent polls show the two candidates in a virtual dead heat. Giuseppe had publically accused Mayor Jarvis of "this" while the Mayor has tersely responded with "that." There are allegations of corruption, voter fraud, interloping, and something about a tip not being paid at a local diner.

"I am buying my tomatoes early so they have time to rot a bit before the big debate," said a voter who declined to be identified. Sadly, the race has pitted neighbor against neighbor. While neither candidate could be reached for statements, the Mayor has said he will announce the polling location after November 7th.



The battle lines have been drawn as the race for Mayor of Grace really takes to the streets. A state of confusion.

Warm Memories of the Calkins Family Reunion in 1947

By Minnie Frese (Granddaughter of Arthur Calkins). It was July 1947, when Fred and I headed to Orcas Island to view a beautiful piece of property for sale. Considering we had four kids and access was only ferry we rejected the site. So as not to totally waste the Sunday, we thought maybe we could find the Bothell-Woodinville Pioneer Picnic. Not knowing where it was being held we stopped at a service station and discovered it was nearby.

What a surprise to find all the children of Woodinville pioneer Arthur L. Calkins and his wife Samaria with all their spouses and

descendants. My trusty little Kodak box camera captured the scene. Family reunions are so important and exciting that more should be arranged! This one could never be repeated as not long after, the oldest son, John had left this life.



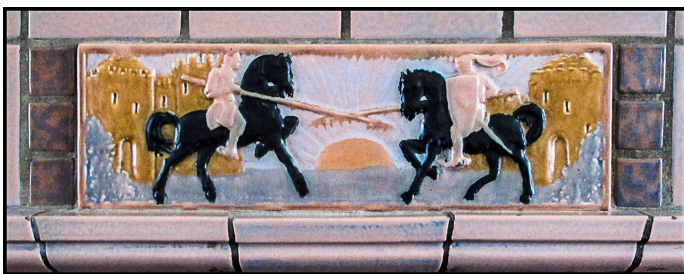
Back row: George Calkins, Rosa (Calkins) Ray, Ethyl (Lively) Calkins, James A Waller. **Middle row:** George (Irby) Calkins, John Thomas Ray, William R Calkins, John Calkins, Theodore Calkins
Seated: Wallace Calkins, Daisie (Calkins) Waller, Osie (Phillips) Calkins, Grace Kinnith (Couture) Calkins, Arthur L Calkins, jr.



Descendants of Woodinville pioneer and homesteader, Arthur Calkins, gathered on Orcas Island 65 years ago.

Research Reveals the History of DeYoung House Fireplace Tile

Gloria Kraft has researched the tile that adorns the fireplace at the Museum. Here is what she discovered: California Art Tile Company operated in the San Francisco Bay area from 1922 to 1964. Many tile companies operated here as they were able to get the special clay and sand locally. Cal Art tiles are distinctive with subdued colors and earth tones and not highly glazed. They have a realistic matte finish resulting in a mellow, informal appearance that was popular during the Arts and Crafts period of interior decorating.



James White Hislop (1860-1932), a Scottish third generation tile maker arrived in California in 1884. He worked for several different brick and tile companies as a foreman before starting the Clay Glow Tile Company with two of his sons. A year later the company incorporated, included more owners and changed its name to California Art Tile Company. By 1928 they were doubling their sales every year. The tiles were sold by tile and mantle dealers throughout the U.S. and Canada including Seattle. The majority of their tiles showed Medieval, Spanish, Mexican and Western motifs. Ellen and John DeYoung chose the "Two Jousting Knights" and "End of the Trail."



Thanks to Claudia Cordes, this beautiful new WHS Banner hangs in the Museum. Claudia hand-stitched the banner, which is adorned with the Society's logo. Thank you, Claudia, for this wonderful handcrafted gift.

Come join us at the
**Woodinville Heritage
Museum**

Open the first Sunday of each
month from September to May,
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

WHS Mourns the Passing of Two of Our Friends

Roger Rettig

The most loved husband, dad and Papa, **Roger K. Rettig**, age 72, passed away, April 25, 2012, in Kirkland, Wash. He was born to Roy and Mildred Rettig on July 15, 1939, in Seattle, Wash.. He grew up in Bothell and lived the majority of his life in Woodinville. Roger graduated from Bothell High School in 1957, joined the Marine Reserves and went on to graduate with his bachelor's degree in accounting from Golden Gate University. After college, he moved back to this area, fell in love and married Bobbie Graep in June 1965. They have enjoyed nearly 47 years of a wonderful life together.

He worked for the Burrough's Corporation and then was an auditor for the state of Washington for several years. He then began in commercial real estate in the 1970s. Roger was a community activist. He established the Hollywood Hill Association and was president for several years in the early 1970s. He was also a member of the Downtown Woodinville Property Owner's Association and lifetime member of the Woodinville Historical Society.

He was known for his regular letters to the editor in the Woodinville Weekly. As a proud American, he was a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Roger was the eternal optimist: there was always blue sky! Gardening, boating, fishing, crabbing, and scuba diving. He had several Bonsai trees and loved to share his corn, tomatoes and raspberries with family, friends and neighbors. He loved the boat trips with family and friends on the Wiki Wiki in the San Juan Islands, Gulf Islands and most of all catching the "big ones" off the west coast of Vancouver Island. He and Bobbie shared the love of scuba diving for 20+ years in the Caribbean; his favorite place was being anywhere on the water. Known as Papa to his four grandsons, he thoroughly enjoyed doing all things "boy," attending sporting and school events, as well as spending holidays together.

Roger suffered a massive heart attack due to a blood clot that totally occluded the blood flow to his heart the night of April 12. The cardiologists said it was a miracle he survived as they had never seen a patient live through this. Roger wanted to hang on long enough to say his goodbyes to his family and friends and did so through his loving eyes. He was always a fighter and truly our miracle!

Roger is survived by his loving wife Bobbie; daughters ,Robyn Metz (Wade), and Renee Olson (Greg); four Papa-loving grandsons, Andrew and Nathan Metz, Josh and Ben Olson; brothers, Richard (Marisella) of Florida, Edward of North Carolina, Jim (Jan) and Jerry (Nancy) all of Woodinville, and many cousins, nephews, and nieces.

A celebration of Roger's life was held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Bothell First Lutheran Church and a private family burial was held at the Woodinville Cemetery

Family and friends are invited to share stories and memories on the CaringBridge website:

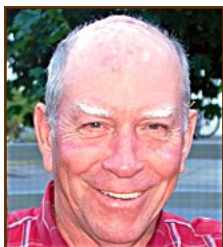
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rogerrettig/>

Remembrances may be made to:

- Evergreen Healthcare Foundation Medic One Fund
or to the General Hospital Fund
12040 NE 128th Street MS #5
Kirkland, WA 98034

- Puget Sound Crab Association:
www.pugetsoundcrabassociation.com/membership

Roger, the man with the biggest heart, will be dearly missed by his family and friends. We love you! Semper Fi.



Helen Woodin Eakin Elliott

At 101 years of age, **Helen Woodin Eakin Elliott** passed away on June 6, 2012, in Yakima, WA. Helen was born September 17th, 1910, in Woodinville, WA to Frank and Anna Johanna Woodin, descendants of the founders of Woodinville. The family moved to the Yakima area in 1915 and Helen attended Wide Hollow Grade School, Yakima High School, Yakima Valley Junior College and Washington State Normal School in Ellensburg, WA.

In 1930, Helen married Marvin S. Eakin. They had three sons, Bob, Bill and John. Helen spent these years being a mother, a farmer's wife, an apple packer and a part-time school teacher. Marvin died in 1960. For the next twelve years, Helen continued to run the apple farm and raise their youngest son, John. In the meantime, she finished her teaching degree at Central Washington College of Education in Ellensburg, WA, eventually becoming a full-time teacher at Mountain View Grade School. Helen taught school for over 30 years, starting in a one room school with four children in Goose Prairie, WA and ending her career at Apple Valley Grade School.

In 1972, Helen married Eyler Elliott. They lived in Yakima. They spent much of their time traveling and at their home on Hood Canal. Eyler Elliott died in 2004. Helen moved to Englewood Heights Senior Living Community, where she peacefully enjoyed her final years.

Helen was preceded in death by her son, Bob Eakin, her parents, her brother Ira Woodin, her sisters Lillian Woodin and Clara Ernst, her first husband Marvin Eakin and second husband Eyler Elliott. Helen is survived by her daughter-in-law, Mary Eakin and grandchildren, Kathy Hodges, Susan Henry and Julie O'Neal, son Bill Eakin, wife Lois and grandchildren, Linda Eakin-Johnson, Ron Eakin and Cindy Talbot, son John Eakin, wife Susan and grandchildren, Matt Eakin and Aaron Eakin. She is also survived by her fifteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Our family would like to thank Englewood Heights Senior Living Community and Yakima Memorial Hospice for such devoted care. A memorial service was held at the Keith & Keith Terrace Heights Chapel on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Interment is at West Hills Memorial Park. There was also a graveside service June 13th.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Memorial Hospice or Cottage in the Meadow (in care of Keith and Keith Funeral Home, 902 West Yakima Ave., Yakima WA 98902) or to the Woodinville Heritage Society, PO Box 216, Woodinville, WA 98072 or to Rocky Mountain Mission (in care of Patrick J. Twohy S.J., 924 East Cherry St., Seattle, WA 98122).

To share a memory of Helen visit www.keithandkeith.com

Editor's Note:

Roger Rettig's obituary and photo: Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home and Cemetery (<http://www.washelli.com/obits/obituaries.php?obitID/226945>)

Helen Woodin Eakin Elliott's obituary and photo: Yakima Herald (<http://www.yakima-herald.com/obits/2012/06/10/helen-elliott>)



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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.

Appreciation to Lifetime Members

A plaque honoring our Lifetime Members is now prominently displayed at the Woodinville Heritage Museum. The Society is honored that the following Lifetime Members graciously support our organization and mission:

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 & Rosemary DeYoung / Barbara Donnelly / Michael and Dena Donnelly / John & Jane Halver / Debbie Hanson / Cherry & Terry Jarvis / Mary Karr / Phyllis Keller / Sue Kienast / Will Knedlik / Gloria Kraft / Robin Larson / Nancy & Dan Martin / Helen McMahon / Louise Miller / Egon & Laina Molbak / Linda Packard / Pat Perkins / Terry Petter / Roger & Bobbie Rettig / Lois Sharpe / Pam Stewart / Kathryn Thurman

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

How would you like to be part of an organization that brings our community's vibrant past to life for future generations? If you are interested in sharing your talents as a committee member contact Suzi Freeman at: **suzibelle@clearwire.net**

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