



The Homesteader



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Mark Your Calendar:

January 12, 6.30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

January 21, 10-11.30 am

Rewarding Heritage
Tourism-a Two Month
Journey of WA by Tim Fry
Brightwater Education Ctr

February 9, 6.30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

February 18, 10-11.30 am

"Lucinda Davis, a pioneer
woman of the North
Cascades" by Jesse G.
Kennedy, III, Ph.D.
Brightwater Education Ctr

March 9, 6.30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

March 18, 10-11.30 am

The Sounds of History by
Jack Straw Cultural Center
Brightwater Education Ctr

April 13, 6.30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

April 15, 10-11.30 am

Vanishing Railroads by
Dale Pierce
Brightwater Education Ctr

May 11, 6.30 pm

Board Meeting
DeYoung House

May 20, 10-11.30 am

The Fertile Valley: Our
Cultural Legacy
by Terri Malinowski &
Kevin Stadler
Brightwater Education Ctr

January/February 2017

Old Woodinville Schoolhouse featured: WHS program Jan. 21

A free Saturday morning program Jan. 21 will describe a two-month journey of Washington state called "Rewarding Heritage Tourism" that includes the Old Woodinville Schoolhouse. The program is scheduled 10-11:30 am at Brightwater Education Center, 228th Street SE and Hwy 9.

The speaker is Tim Fry, founder of 468 Communications, who has a background in communications and storytelling. He helps organizations be more visible in their communities through creative storytelling and practical technology. He has worked with companies as large as Microsoft and Verizon and as small as a Lopez Island 8th-grade history class taught by his friend Anthony Rovante.

With Fry's help, Rovante's class created a mobile app called "Washington State Insider," billed as

"history for students, by students."

The app focused on nine "endangered properties" selected by the

Washington Trust for Historic Preservation in 2016. Included was the Old Woodinville Schoolhouse. Fry then took the program on the road in the summer, visiting each of the nine sites with his family to build awareness of the endangered properties.

A native of Spokane, Fry graduated from Georgetown University. He and his family live in Bellingham. He has been recognized with several industry awards for his creative productions and ideas.

His Jan. 21 appearance is part of the monthly series of free programs arranged by board member Deanna Arnold-Frady and offered by the Woodinville Heritage Society at the Brightwater Center.

—Terri Malinowski



Welcome to the Christmas Brunch: Traditions of the Past

Woodinville Heritage Society
board president Rick Chatterton
offers a welcome at the annual
Christmas Brunch Dec. 3
at the Woodinville Museum. (Below)



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Guests at the annual Christmas Brunch browse the variety of foods offered. The event included a brief program that highlighted Christmas traditions and foods of pioneer Italian and Japanese farmers of the Sammamish Valley. (Above)

President's Message

Happy New Year to you and your loved ones. 2017 is sure to be another exciting year for the Woodinville Heritage Society. Along with our informative Community Programs that we have planned and interesting exhibits on display at the Museum, we will continue building our partnerships in the fabric of our community. With building partnerships in mind, the Board is pleased to announce our new tagline, "Did you know...?" We believe that this simple phrase will help to increase recognition of the Society and serve to consistently frame our mission in the

community. At a recent Board meeting, Board member George Phillips suggested that we offer a monthly "Did you know...?" article to the *Woodinville Weekly*. We liked the idea and decided to expand the concept to build our brand. Along with the articles in the paper, you will soon see "Did you know...?" associated with just about everything the Society produces for the public, including remote displays, brochures and *The Homesteader*. We hope that you enjoy these snippets of local history and will share them with your

—Rick Chatterton

Edwin J. Zanassi: February 2, 1925 - December 14, 2016

Edwin J. Zanassi, 91, descendant of one of the pioneer farming families of the Sammamish Valley, died Dec. 14 at Evergreen Hospice after a brief illness. He was born Feb. 2, 1925 in Woodinville to John and Anna (Aries) Zanassi and had lived here all of his life. He attended Woodinville School and Bothell High School, graduating in 1946.

He was associated with a large produce farm south of Woodinville begun by his great-uncle, Tony Zanassi, in 1922 and operated for decades by his father, John Zanassi, and other partners bearing familiar Woodinville names like Vitulli, Delvecchio, Baranzini, Poggi, Pignataro, and Campi, as well as Hesselund and Miller.

Ed's father, John Zanassi, had immigrated from the village of Mongiardino, east of Genoa, Italy. After buying into his uncle's farm, John married Anna Aries in 1923, and they lived in one of eight white bungalows built by the partners along 140th Avenue NE, where the farm

stretched westward to the Sammamish River. Their son Ed worked on the farm as a youngster and eventually became a partner, too, in 1946. More than 200 crates of lettuce and other vegetables were trucked daily to produce warehouses near today's Century Link Field. Later, the partners marketed their produce locally to Safeway and Associated Grocers. The farm was sold in 1968. Ed then worked for Safeway Stores until he retired.

Ed Zanassi is survived by his wife Eva and daughter Elaine, both of Woodinville; granddaughter Danielle of Lake Stevens; and sister, Virginia (Wayne) Gibbs of Woodinville. Services were held at Acacia in Seattle Dec. 20.

Remembrances in Ed's memory may be made to the Woodinville Heritage Society, Evergreen Hospice at Evergreen Health, or to the BHS Scholarship at Scholarship Foundation of Northshore.

--Terri Malinowski

Membership Drive

Did you notice anything missing from the stacks of Christmas cards, donation requests and monthly bills in your mailbox? The Heritage Society Board recognizes that our members receive enough mail in December and have decided to postpone our Annual Membership Drive until

February. Annual Membership will now cover March through February. The Board has also approved an expanded list of membership benefits, which we will share with you when we send out renewal notices in February. We think you will like this list of benefits!

—Rick Chatterton

Did You Know.....?

Woodinville and much of Puget Sound shut down 100 years ago in 1916, due to a record snowfall. Actually, to be accurate, it happened 101 years ago when snow started falling on Jan. 31, 1916 and continued falling through Feb. 1. In that 24-hour period, 25 inches of snow fell, on top of 20-23 inches of accumulated snow from earlier days. Then a brisk wind blew the snow into five-foot drifts. Schools closed, businesses shut down, and people huddled in their homes.

Today, 10-12 inches of heavy, wet snow is considered an epic snowstorm because it creates havoc for auto, train, and air travel. Even 2-3 inches today turns evening commutes into parking lots. But in 1916, dirt and gravel roads were common, and

vehicles were rare. Cars had begun to sell in 1915, but available roads weren't up to auto traffic in the snow. Air travel was non-existent. People struggled to navigate on foot, horseback or in wagons. Firewood and food were high priorities.

Two other notable snowfalls had been recorded in Woodinville and Puget Sound. The Big Snow of 1880 saw a five-day continuous snowfall beginning on Jan. 5 and piling up into six-foot drifts over the ensuing days. In 1893, snow fell steadily between Jan. 27 and Feb. 8, amassing 45 inches total and concluding with temperatures of 5 degrees below zero.

So, 10-12 inches doesn't sound so bad now, does it?

—Terri Malinowski

Pioneer Woman of North Cascades Operated Roadhouse, Raised a Family

The story of Lucinda J. Davis, a pioneer woman of the North Cascades, will be featured Saturday, Feb. 18, as part of the Woodinville Heritage Society's monthly program series. The program is 10-11:30 a.m. at Brightwater Education Center, 228th Street SE and Highway 9.

Presenting the program is Jesse Kennedy III, PhD, who is executive director of the Skagit County Museum in Bellingham. A popular speaker, Jesse Kennedy appeared several months ago here in a program describing the Skagit Hydroelectric Project.

This time, he will focus on a tiny woman who operated a roadhouse in the wilds of the North Cascades for trappers, miners and explorers on the rocky trail from Marblemount to the "end of the road" at Cedar Bar in the late 1890s. After trekking 24 miles, travelers found this diminutive woman raising her family and offering hearty meals for forty cents and beds for 20 cents.

Kennedy will tell the colorful story of this pioneer woman from New England who raised a family that valued education, industry and social etiquette. The program has been arranged by Woodinville Heritage Society chair Deanna Arnold-Frady.

--Terri Malinowski

WHS has discovered Lucinda Davis was also the grandmother of longtime Woodinville resident Donald Egbert, giving the program a "local" connection.

Two
Vintage
Photos of
Lucinda J.
Davis



Available from the General Store

Books:

- *A Glimpse of Woodinville*..... \$10
- *Images of America: Woodinville*..... \$20
- *Village in the Woods*.....\$16
- *Woodinville Coloring Book*..... \$5

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- Woodinville Methodist Church History.....\$10
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- The Molbak Story.....\$10

Books and DVDs can be purchased by sending a check for the total amount *plus* \$4 for the first book and \$3 for the first DVD for shipping (add \$2 for each additional book or DVD). 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, PO Box 216, Woodinville, WA 98072

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.

WHS is a 501(C3) non-profit organization.

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at the DeYoung House
14121 NE 171st Street
Woodinville, WA 98072
one block east of 140th Avenue NE.**

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