



The Homesteader

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

Help Decorate Woodinville Heritage Museum

Sunday, Nov. 26, 10:00am

Volunteers are invited to help decorate the Woodinville Heritage Museum for Christmas.

Traditional Christmas Brunch at DeYoung House

Saturday, Dec. 2, 10am — noon

The potluck event includes a carol sing-along. Attendees are invited to describe a childhood Christmas tradition.

Holiday Tea for Brittany Park at Woodinville Heritage Museum

Fri. Dec. 15, 10:00am

WOODINVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM OPEN 1:00pm — 4:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 5
Sunday, Dec. 3

BOARD MEETINGS (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

Thursday, Nov. 9, 6:30pm
Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30pm

WHS BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- The Woodinville Heritage Society hosted the North End Heritage Group in October, when representatives from historical societies in Bothell, Kenmore, Snoqualmie Valley, Redmond, Kirkland and Shoreline met at the Woodinville Museum to share ideas.
- The Collections Committee will create a new exhibit in May to launch the summer schedule of weekly Sunday museum openings. One suggestion is to highlight local life during a series of decades such as the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.
- The museum parlor now features a series of photos on portable tripods created by board member George Phillips.

Pioneer Descendants Visit Woodinville Museum

The Woodinville Heritage Museum welcomed several sets of descendants recently, representing pioneer names like Stimson, Calkins and Woodin. These three great-granddaughters of Frederick and Nellie Stimson, 1912 founders of Hollywood Farm, toured the exhibit depicting the farm where Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery now stands.

Fred and Nellie Stimson's son Harold and his wife Abbie Ann Baillargeon had three daughters: Abbie, Mary and Virginia, each of whom had a daughter. These first-cousin descendants (left to right) are Abbie Ann Reed, daughter of Abbie; Mary Ann Feczko of Redmond, daughter of Mary; and Virginia Huish of California, daughter of Virginia.



Abbie Ann Reed, Mary Ann Feczko, and Virginia Huish
Great-granddaughters of Frederick and Nellie Stimson

Another visiting descendant in September was Ardella Douglas of Sedro-Woolley, whose ancestors, the Arthur Calkins family, donated the land on which the Woodinville Schoolhouse stands on Woodinville's main street. The Calkins family homesteaded 160 acres east of the river in 1877.

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Meet Your Board Members

We'd like you to meet the nine board members who administer your Woodinville Heritage Society, so we're launching this new series by featuring Board President Rick Chatterton. In the next issue, we'll introduce Vice President Kevin Stadler.

Rick Chatterton is the President of the Woodinville Heritage Society. He holds a BA degree in History from California State University, Northridge, and a MA degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Arizona. He worked for Royal Caribbean International for 18 years both at sea and in the corporate offices. He currently heads his own consulting business that specializes in branding and product delivery. He has a passion for leadership development.

Why do you serve on the Heritage Society Board? The Society is a wonderful agent for building community and sharing our local history. These factors are important to me. I enjoy working with my fellow board members. The nine of us have diverse backgrounds but all of us are focused on the Society's mission and vision.

How did you become involved with the Society? I have always had an interest in history. When a story is told well, it brings to life the people and events of the past. When my family and I moved to Woodinville in 2004, I tried to find some local history. Unfortunately, there was no museum at that time. As luck



Rick Chatterton, President
Woodinville Heritage Society

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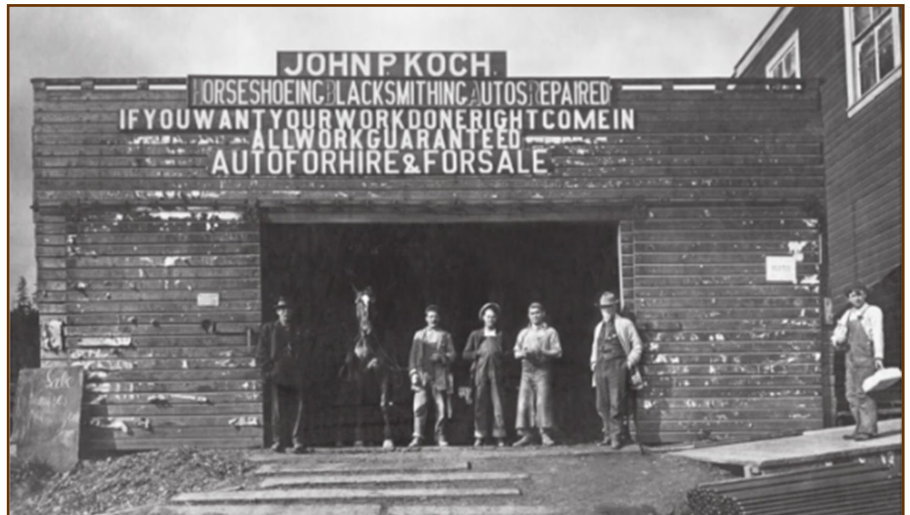
Did You Know?

In this 1916 photo depicting Woodinville blacksmith Johann Koch and his friends, the building facade advertises more than horse-shoeing and auto repair!

The small white placard on the far right wall promotes "Seely and Pelton, Veterinary Surgeons."

Who would have thought the village of Woodinville warranted two veterinary surgeons in 1916?

Heritage Society board members Kevin Stadler and Jim Kraft made this interesting discovery when they magnified the photo, which appears on page 24 of the book *"Images of America: Woodinville."*



Donation Surprises the Heritage Society

The Woodinville Heritage Society was stunned and delighted in early October when a check for \$20,000 arrived from the Elizabeth Ruth Wallace Trust. The funds are designated in part for badly needed electrical upgrades to the DeYoung House and installation of track lighting throughout the museum rooms to illuminate and enhance exhibits and artifacts. The money will also cover designation signs for museum displays. The check was presented by Kevin Stadler, vice president of the heritage society and a nephew of Mrs. Wallace.

Elizabeth Stadler Wallace came to the Pacific Northwest with her family from Montana in 1928 when she was four years old, and the family settled in Alderwood Manor.

She graduated from Edmonds High School in 1942, and for the next seven years she worked as a civilian employee for the US Army in Seattle, Alaska and Tokyo, Japan. Returning to the states, she married Bryan Wallace, a California pharmacist, in 1950. For 20 years, they operated a pharmacy there until selling it in 1974.

After her husband's death in 1989, Elizabeth Wallace managed and owned several California travel agencies and traveled the world until her retirement in the late 1990s. She died at her home in Mountain View, California on Dec. 4, 2016.

Woodinville Museum: A Community Partner



Members of the Woodinville Garden Club took advantage of the spacious deck of the DeYoung House on the Woodinville Museum grounds on a sunny September day.

The event aligned with the museum's stated vision "to be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community."

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would have it, I met a few nice people at the Heritage Society's booth at the Celebrate Woodinville event. They shared with me some of the publications, and soon after that I offered my services as editor of *The Homesteader*. I met my closest friends while serving on the Board and can honestly say, I would not have the sense of community that I do have without the Woodinville Heritage Society.

What would you say is the most fulfilling aspect of your commitment?

I love seeing the organization evolve. I am so proud of our Committee Chairs who have worked diligently to organize our collection, created meaningful exhibits and gardens, and enhanced our Community Programs. Because of their efforts, more and more of our neighbors are able to identify and recognize the Society.



Where would you like to see the Society in ten years? It's fair to say that our offerings to the community will have expanded greatly. We have thousands of documents and photographs in

our collection that tell great stories of our past. I believe the Museum will become an invaluable resource for researchers of all ages. My vision is that all of this information will be easily assessible to the public. In addition, I am confident that more school children will have the opportunity to learn of our rich past as we continue to build our connection with local educators.

What do you see is the biggest challenge right now? We need more volunteers! Our current volunteers are outstanding and have worked tirelessly over the past few decades. But, as the organization strives to "perpetuate the artifacts and history of the greater Woodinville area," we will need a larger pool of volunteers to make this vision a reality. The commitment is light and I invite those of all ages who are interested to help us.

Pioneer Descendants Visit, continued from Page 1

Earlier in the summer, two descendants of Ira and Susan Woodin, for whom this community was named, stopped by to see the museum exhibits.

Still another visitor, Brian Ritts of Kirkland, is a grandson of the pioneer Durham family whose property along 136th Avenue NE, just south of Woodinville High School, looked eastward over today's Highway 522.

Brian was accompanied by his own son, Sam Ritts of Edgewood, WA.

Old Woodinville Schoolhouse Named to National Register



Old Woodinville Schoolhouse

The Woodinville Schoolhouse has now been named to the National Register of Historic Places!

The structure was the first brick schoolhouse east of Lake Washington when it was built in 1909. The two-story school stands on NE 175th Street adjacent to the Woodinville ball fields, on the same site of two previous wooden schools, a one-room building built in 1892 and a two-room school in 1902. The land for the school site was

originally donated by early settler Arthur Calkins, who gave the northwest corner of his 160-acre homestead for that purpose in 1892.

In 1936, the schoolhouse underwent a major renovation as one of the nation's WPA projects and even that is now deemed historic, according to Dr. Brooks, who noted, "Woodinville School is a representative example of the work conducted by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression of the 1930s."

The building is currently vacant, having served the community as an elementary school for nearly 70 years. Later, it housed the City of Woodinville's first town hall in 1993 until a new city hall was built behind it.

The National Register "records the tangible reminders of the history of the United States and is the official repository for... cultural resources worthy of preservation," according to Allyson Brooks, the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Phyllis Keller, representing the Woodinville Heritage Society, submitted a nomination to the state earlier this year for placement of the schoolhouse on the State Heritage Register, which then occurred in July. In her letter to Keller about the National Register, Dr. Brooks commended the Woodinville Heritage Society for its ongoing "support and stewardship of this significant property."

Did You Know?

Just so our readers know that history DOES indeed repeat itself, we found an ad that was published 100 years ago in the Seattle Times about the desirability of land in Woodinville and Bothell. (As you know, homes and acreage in Woodinville are selling today for up to double what they were valued at just a decade ago.)

This ad from an October 13, 1907 edition of the Seattle Times classified section by Seattle realtors Lonegren &

Wedmark illustrates what we mean about history repeated:

"A great many people in Seattle are looking around for small ranches and farms, but they are not able to find anything at suitable prices.....we can sell you good land within a mile of Woodinville (the next railroad station after Bothell) from \$50 to \$80 per acre. We can also sell you good improved 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50-acre farms five miles out from Bothell from \$40 to \$100 per acre. Lake Washington boats

make regular trips to this thriving and growing village. This country is well-settled and when the new Everett-Seattle electric road is built, this will be the coming farm country. Buy now while the prices are low. They will soon go up. See us Monday."

The reference to the "electric road coming" apparently refers to the Bothell- Everett highway which opened a few years later, linking Seattle to Everett and south Snohomish County via Bothell.

Become a Member. Contribute. Volunteer.

I would like to become a Member:

- ☐ \$15 Student / Teacher / Senior (60+)
☐ \$25 Individual ☐ \$40 Family
☐ \$500 Single Lifetime

I would like to Contribute:

- ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$10
☐ Or \$ _____

☐ *I would like to Volunteer.*

Please give this completed card & payment to a Heritage Society representative.

Or, mail to this address:

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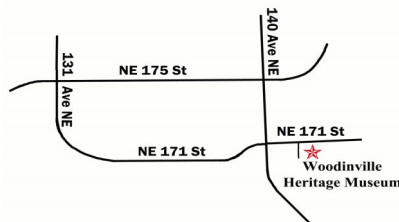
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AND

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Our *vision* is to be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community.