



# The Homesteader

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**July 19th, 6pm—9pm**  
**Genealogy Workshop**  
Woodinville Heritage  
Museum

**August 19th, Noon—5pm**  
**Celebrate Woodinville**  
Come to the annual festival  
and visit us in our booth  
for fun history facts.

## BOARD MEETINGS

The Heritage Society Board  
meets at 6:30pm the second  
Thursday of each month at  
The DeYoung House. Society  
members and the public are  
always welcome to attend.

## Pioneer Women of Woodinville: An Exhibit

The Woodinville Heritage Museum is currently featuring six pioneer women, spanning the years 1875-1965, whose contributions went beyond traditional marriage and home-making to support and enrich the community fabric of Woodinville. *The Homesteader* is highlighting Ellen Priest DeYoung in this issue, whose activities were concentrated during 1925-66.

The exhibit can be viewed on the second floor of the museum, where the women's stories, photos and special objects associated with their activities are displayed by curator Claudia Cordes. (In the April-May issue of *The Homesteader*, the subject was Nellie Clarke Stimson, who operated a floral business 1914-1921 from her nine greenhouses on the grounds of the family's Hollywood Farm).

Ellen Priest DeYoung may have felt like a pioneer when the family arrived in 1925 from Kent. John DeYoung had purchased the contents of pioneer Clara Teegarden's general store to launch his Woodinville Mercantile.



Ellen Priest DeYoung, 1912

The family moved into the rear of the store, part of it still a dirt floor.

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## President's Message: The Heritage Society Needs your Helping Hands

At April's Board meeting, the Board approved our "2017-2020 Strategic Plan". Our original Strategic Plan, implemented back in 2012, gave the organization a structure of six committees along with the mission and vision statements that guides our decision-making. The current Plan builds on that structure and identifies critical volunteer opportunities so that the Society can continue to grow and realize our vision.

We need your help!! Below is a list of volunteer opportunities that we have determined are essential for our future success. The opportunities are open to member and non-members. Please contact Rick Chatterton at [Rick@Chatterton1.com](mailto:Rick@Chatterton1.com) or 425-368-8003 for more information.

**Docent Coordinator:** Finds and schedules volunteers to act as Museum

Docents (hosts) at the Heritage Museum.

**Museum Docent:** Welcomes visitors to the Heritage Museum and guides the visitors through the museum experience. A great learning experience for anyone who wants to learn more about Woodinville history.

**Membership and Correspondence Coordinator:** Maintains the Society's membership records and corresponds with the membership and supporters on behalf of the Board.

**Community Outreach Coordinator:** Develops and fosters relationships with other community organizations such as the Woodinville Chamber, Creekside Senior Living, King County Library, etc.

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Collaborates with other team members to find new and innovative ways to keep the Society financially stable.

**Web Presence Coordinator:** Maintains the Society's website and social media presence with current information.

**Community Programing Coordinator:** Assists in finding presenters for our monthly Community Programs.

**Exterior Maintenance Assistant:** Keeps the Museum's grounds in great shape by removing debris from the driveway, walkways and deck on a monthly basis. Also helps with exterior projects such as weeding and trimming.

**Interior Maintenance Assistant:** Helps to keep the public areas of the museum clean. Once a month sweeping and dusting will make a big difference.



## New Novel from WHS Family

One of our Woodinville Heritage Museum docents, **Ruth Roetcisoender**, is justly proud of her daughter, whose first novel was published this summer.

*Stars in the Grass* is a haunting tale of a family who must face life after a heart-wrenching loss. Told in first-person narrative by nine-year-old Abby McAndrews, the story is set in a small Midwestern town in the 1970s. The idyllic world of Abby is transformed when a tragedy tears her family apart. Before the accident, her dad, Rev. John McAndrews, had all the answers, but now his questions and guilt threaten to destroy his family. Her mother tries to hold her grieving family together, but the family is at a crossroads.

The novel's author, Ann Marie Roetcisoender Stewart, was a 1979 Inglemoor High School graduate, obtained UW degree in music, and taught choral music at Leota Junior High 1984-89. She then earned an MA in Film and Television at the University of Michigan, returning to teach at Leota 1991-94.

Stewart is married and lives with her family on a sheep farm in Virginia. But she'll be in Woodinville this month, and her mother Ruth has arranged a public book-signing at Brittany Park on Friday, July 28, at 2 pm.

Ruth, who lives at Brittany Park, has been a Northshore resident for 53 years. The family originally lived in Kenmore.

## Thank You, Boy Scout Troop 422

The Woodinville Heritage Society would like to thank Woodinville's Boy Scout Troop 422 for their help in the spring cleaning of the Heritage Museum front yard on May 21. The scouts (Luke Fasciano, Kyle Hale, Evan Hudson and Austin Pierce) and parents (Jim Fasciano, Mei Hale, Bill Pierce, Lori and Neil Hudson) cleaned the vinyl fence with scrub brushes and spread six yards of top soil throughout the flower beds. The front yard is now ready to greet visitors all summer.



The Heritage Museum will be open to the public every Sunday until Labor Day from 1 to 4 pm. Please stop by and enjoy the museum grounds and the indoor displays telling the history of Woodinville. The museum is located at 14121 NE 171 Street in Woodinville.

## May Community Program: Sammamish Valley Farming

The story of early truck farming in the Sammamish Valley was the focus May 20 when Woodinville Heritage Society members Kevin Stadler and Terri Malinowski presented "The Fertile Valley: Our Cultural Legacy."



The ethnic diversity of truck gardening, 1923-1968, highlighted the hard-working Italian, Japanese and Filipino farmers who cultivated sprawling vegetable fields for more than 40 years in the valley.

The presentation was the last of the free 2016-17 community programs at the Brightwater Education Center. A new series will begin Saturday, Sept. 16, at 10 am (topic to be announced in the next *Homesteader*).

## Do you Need Help with your Genealogy?

Are you interested in researching your family genealogy? Need help in getting started? Or solving an ancestral "brick wall" with information you already have?

The Susan Woodin Chapter of DAR is conducting volunteer help sessions on the third Wednesday night of each month from 6 to 9 pm at the Woodinville Heritage Museum.

The first session was offered June 21. "We were able to help nine people who came," said new chapter president Lucy DeYoung. The next session is Wednesday, July 19.

The DAR volunteers are skilled in research, obscure information and ancestry resources. DeYoung explained that no question is too simple or involved. "We love to help," she added.

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## ***Chick Incubator & Gas Pump Acquisitions are Part of Our Local History***

The Woodinville Heritage Museum acquired two "heritage" contributions: a poultry farm incubator and the Mack Store gas pump. Visitors are invited to view these artifacts of local history. The items are being displayed in the museum garage, which became available after volunteers cleaned, painted and created space for large items.

The latest donation is a colorful incubator that for decades produced purebred chicks at the Heisdorf-Nelson Poultry Farm on Hollywood Hill. An exterior label says it was manufactured by the Cyphers Incubator Co. in Buffalo, NY.

The incubator may even date to the years when the property was the Hollywood Poultry Farm, founded by Frederick Stimson and Mort Atkinson in 1913. The fertilized eggs came from the farm's award-winning White Leghorn chickens. Once they hatched, the chicks were shipped to destinations around the globe, including Japan and Europe. Up to 30,000 baby chicks were shipped annually in the farm's heyday.

The waist-high, bright-red incubator and its detachable coal burner that piped heat into the incubated eggs have been stored at the farm site, now a residential development called The Farm.

"We appreciate the opportunity to have this interesting artifact with its drawers and shelves," said museum collections chair Suzi Freeman. "It shows just how the incubation process took place."

Another item of historical interest is the gravity-fed gasoline pump that was a mainstay of Gene Mack's Store on the Woodinville-Duvall Road at 168th Avenue NE. The store and its outbuildings were demolished in recent years after decades of business.

The Texaco pump operated with a mechanism that pumped a maximum 10 gallons of gas into the glass crown from a buried tank. The gas was then dispersed by gravity flow into consumers' vehicles. "When we had electric-power outages, this was the only place to get gasoline," Freeman recalled.

The Woodinville museum garage also displays lettered signs from past eras including M.W. Mill Co. (Washkuhn Mill at Cottage Lake), Halver homestead (residence of pioneer John Halver family) and "Woodinville Rodeo June 29," (referring to the annual rodeos once held at the corner of today's NE 175th Street and 140th Avenue NE).

On the wall of the garage are shadow boxes that display small tools used by

pioneers. The display was created by local Boy Scout Noah Schram as his Eagle Scout project. The garage space also contains a wringer washing machine, crosscut saws, and the giant circular saw that slashed through timber at Saginaw Mill, once located just south of the Woodinville river bridge.

Another historical artifact is the pair of tall, wood-slatted columns rescued from the porch of the 1902 Woodinville School that burned in the winter of 1908 when the classroom stove overheated.

Visitors are welcome at the Woodinville Heritage Museum, 14121 NE 171st St, every Sunday, 1-4 pm, until Labor Day. Then the museum is open the first Sunday of each month, 1-4 pm, until Memorial Day, 2018. Admission is free.



**Our latest acquisition is a decades-old chick incubator from the Heisdorf-Nelson Poultry Farm.**

## ***Pioneer Women of Woodinville, continued from Page 1***

The DeYoungs later rented a house near Woodinville Cemetery. Meanwhile, Ellen had

been collecting house ideas and found a Dutch Colonial design she liked in a magazine. The DeYoungs obtained land on today's NE 175th Street where Chase Bank now stands, and the house was built in 1931. Ellen and John had five sons--Milford, Lowell, Bob, Jim and Al--and a daughter, Anna Frances, so the household was lively.

From her second-floor sewing room, Ellen looked down on NE 175th Street. Residents passed along, farmers used the road as their "farm to market" route, and motorists traveled what was then the Woodinville-Duvall Road.

And while John was operating his Woodinville Mercantile, Ellen assessed

other needs in her community. Involved in PTA, she launched a lunchroom program at Woodinville School by collecting funds from local merchants and lobbying the school board to take on the program, volunteering to serve the daily hot lunches herself. Ellen helped found Cottage Lake Orthopedic Guild, a group that supported Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle. She was long active in the women's group at Woodinville Methodist Church.

During World War II, Ellen worked in her husband's store and supported numerous home-front projects. She always fed anyone who came to her back door seeking a meal. She also took in boarders, including railroad depot agent Eldon Gray. The agent was responsible for daily trains passing through Woodinville including medical trains travel-

ing through town with wounded veterans, heading for the military hospital at Sand Point in Seattle.

In later years, Ellen DeYoung's home-grown primroses won regional gardening awards. After her husband's death in 1966, Ellen remained a force in the community until she died in 1981. Her legacy continued with her son Al's long-time commitment to Evergreen Medical Center's founding and current status, as well as her granddaughter Lucy DeYoung, who was elected to Woodinville's first city council and became the first mayor.

The DeYoung home was moved to NE 171st Street in 1973 and today, of course, houses the Woodinville Heritage Museum.

## Police Beat, 105 Years Ago

From the May 25, 1912 issue of the *Bothell Sentinel* newspaper, a front-page item illustrates that crime has always been with us: "The Parson Hotel at Woodinville was robbed Thursday afternoon very cleverly by a man who had just arrived and engaged a room, pretending he was going to work in the mill. His preparation for work consisted of ransacking the house (hotel) of everything he could lay his hands on of value, including a nice leather suitcase to contain his other plunder. Then he lit out for Seattle. The sheriff is now on his trail."

In this 1912 postcard of Woodinville's Front Street, looking westward, the Parsons Hotel is the second building on the left. This photo and others like it can be found in our book, *"Images of America: Woodinville,"* which is available at our General Store. All proceeds from the book go towards supporting the mission and vision of the Woodinville Heritage Society.



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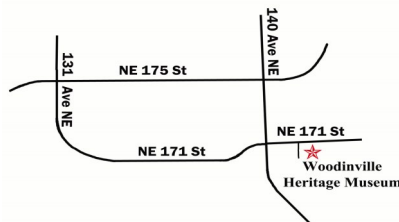
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1st Sunday each month

AND

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