



The Homesteader

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January—February 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS

Paula Becker Discusses Author Betty MacDonald

Sat., Jan. 20, 10am—11:30am
Brightwater Education Center
22505 Hwy 9, just north of Costco
Discussion about her popular book
"The Egg and I"

Jane Morton Highlights "Good' Ole Days" of Eastside Transportation

Sat., Feb. 17, 10am—11:30am
Brightwater Education Center
22505 Hwy 9, just north of Costco
How did early pioneers and later
settlers get around the Eastside?

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

Sunday, Jan. 7
Sunday, Feb. 4

BOARD MEETINGS (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:30pm
Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:30pm

WHS BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- Appearing at the Nov. 9 board meeting were Woodinville City Manager Brandon Buchanan and Councilwoman Elaine Cook to answer questions about the forthcoming proposal for the Old Woodinville Schoolhouse. Buchanan said a request for proposals drew only one response, that of MainStreet Properties. The group proposes to start in early 2019 and finish by 2021 to restore the schoolhouse, create main-floor retail space and build a five-story apartment beside the schoolhouse.
- Vice president Kevin Stadler led a discussion on seeking credible estimates for new interior lighting in the museum and its exhibits, using a recent donation from the Elizabeth Wallace Trust.

Paula Becker Discusses Author of "The Egg and I"

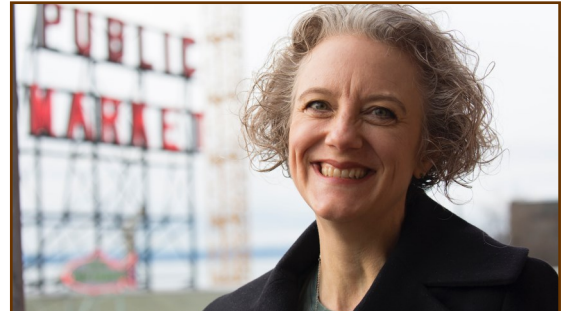
The engaging story of American author Betty MacDonald is the subject when Paula Becker appears Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Brightwater Education Center. The free 10 a.m. program is presented by the Woodinville Heritage Society in conjunction with Humanities Washington.

Brightwater Education Center is located at 22505 Highway 9 (Woodinville-Snohomish Road), just north of Costco.

Betty MacDonald appeared on the American literary scene in 1945 with her popular memoir, *'The Egg and I,'* a witty tale about operating a family chicken ranch on the rustic Olympic Peninsula. Her off-beat humor and irreverent take on small-town life among the chickens was just what the American public needed after the grim years of World War II. Although she wrote autobiographically, MacDonald stretched the truth on occasion. But her book sold one copy every 22 seconds, it was said.

Paula Becker is from the Speakers Bureau of Humanities Washington which gives free public programs on history,

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Paula Becker
January 2018 Speaker

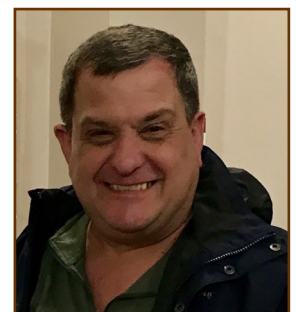
Meet Your Board Members

We'd like to introduce to you the nine board members who meet monthly to discuss and make decisions regarding your Woodinville Heritage Society and Woodinville Heritage Museum. *The Homesteader* will feature one member in each issue. In this issue, meet current Vice President, Kevin Stadler.

Kevin Stadler, Vice President of the Woodinville Heritage Society, has been a member for eight of the ten years he has lived in the community. "I've been interested in history as long as I can remember. It was my favorite subject in school," he recalls. His grandparents came to the Alderwood Manor area in 1928, where he grew up and graduated from Lynnwood High School.

Kevin can slip seamlessly into any history he encounters, evidenced by his 20-year membership in the Lynnwood-Alderwood Heritage Association while putting in time as vice president and president during that period. He also served four years as president of the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations.

Enthusiastic about his adopted hometown, Kevin admits, "I'm all about telling the story of Woodinville heritage." He explains that fellow board member Phyllis Keller was responsible for his involvement in the Heritage Society and its efforts to preserve the Woodinville Schoolhouse. That affinity plus his governing streak



Kevin Stadler, Vice President
Woodinville Heritage Society

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Getting Around the Eastside in the "Good 'Ol Days"

Ever wondered how you would get from Woodinville to the village of Bellevue in 1910 to visit some family friends? Would you paddle a canoe down the river and then along the Lake Washington shoreline? Or ride your horse along a crude woodland trail through Juanita and on to Bellevue?

Learn more about early-day transportation on the Eastside when Jane Morton appears Saturday, Feb. 17, as part of the Community Programs offered by the Woodinville Heritage Society. The free program begins at 10 am at the Brightwater Education Center, 22505 Highway 9, just north of Costco.

Morton, education coordinator at the Eastside Heritage Center in Bellevue, calls her program "The Good 'Ol Days of Getting around the Eastside" and



includes the early steamboats that plied Squak Slough, (now known as the Sammamish River), traveling from Kenmore upriver through Woodinville all the way to Issaquah and back.

She will also highlight the Lake Washington Shipyards in Kirkland

opened by John Anderson in 1907. Besides the shipyard, Anderson operated a fleet of ferry boats taking passengers to sites around Lake Washington.

Morton is a retired Bellevue teacher and has lived on the Eastside for 45 years. She also teaches children's programs at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens during the spring and summer. She has been with the Eastside Heritage Center since 2004. The center is committed to preserving the history of the Eastside communities.

Morton's presentation is part of a series arranged for the Woodinville Heritage Society by Deanna Arnold-Frady. These programs highlighting historical events and activities take place on the third Saturday of the month from September through May.

DeYoung House Served as Holiday Host

The DeYoung House fulfilled its role for Woodinville Heritage Society activities during the holiday season this year.

- The season got off to a brisk start Dec. 2 when Woodinville Heritage Museum members and friends gathered for the traditional holiday brunch. A committee had spent the previous Sunday decorating the house, two Christmas trees and the front fence. Nearly 30 participants brought holiday food, renewed acquaintances, ate heartily and enjoyed a brief program.



A newly installed fireplace "fire" in the living room now lends a cheery note, courtesy of donor George Phillips and installer-in-chief Jim Kraft, both board members.

- The following day, Jim and Gloria Kraft hosted visitors at the museum

for the usual "first Sunday of the month" public hours which occur from Labor Day to Memorial Day each year.

- The museum's Collection Committee initiated a holiday tea this year, inviting residents of nearby Brittany Park for a museum tour, as well as a sit-down event with Christmas breads, cookies, coffee and tea and a brief holiday program.



The Dec. 15 occasion highlighted the partnership between the museum and the senior residence center.

- The following day, the DeYoung House hosted the Susan Woodin Chapter of DAR which meets on the third Saturday of each month at the museum. The DAR chapter title honors the family that homesteaded here in 1871 and gave its name to the community that followed.

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made him a natural when the Heritage Society decided to produce a book on local history.

"Images of America: Woodinville" was published in 2015 through efforts of a committee of five, chaired by Kevin. He also applies his governing skills to Woodinville's City Planning Commission which he has

chaired since November, having been on the commission for four years. He continues to be active on the board of his Woodinville condo association as well.

While he's gregarious and friendly, he can also revert to intense research mode at the hint of a historical question. With his laptop at hand, he can uncover obscure facts, confirm an event that happened a century ago, or slip into long-forgotten newspaper files. He's been known to camp out in the basement-floor of the Puget Sound Regional Archives at Bellevue, digging through 19th-century, hand-written records for the likes of one-room schoolhouses at Cottage Lake or Paradise Lake.

Kevin works full-time in his family's business north of Bothell. The rest of his time is spent in travel, hiking, visiting national parks....and soaking up local museums and historic sites, of course. Watch for the program he'll present May 19 on the Stimson Family of Hollywood Farm, as part of the Woodinville Heritage Society's 2017-18 community programs.

Volunteer to Transcribe Interviews?

Are you interested in volunteering a few hours in 2018 to the Woodinville Heritage Society by transcribing to CDs a number of pioneer interviews from Memorex cassette tapes recorded 20-30 years ago? The society has the necessary equipment and is anxious to get the commentaries transcribed before the tapes deteriorate.

If you are willing to spend a few rainy days with the memories of Woodinville settlers, please contact Suzi Freeman at (206) 306-5638 for more information or leave a message at info@woodinvilleheritage.org or on the recorder phone, (425) 402-0750.

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music, philosophy, politics and everything in between. The roster of presenters is made up of historians, professors, performers, journalists, artists and the like. They are chosen for their expertise as well as ability to inspire discussion.

Join us Jan. 20 to hear Paula Becker discuss Betty MacDonald's wildly popular book and her subsequent writing and public appearances.

Phyllis Keller Garners Plaque for Old Woodinville Schoolhouse



Phyllis Keller &
Woodinville Schoolhouse 2005

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Did You Know?

The first wooden bridge across the Sammamish Slough was built by homesteader Emanuel Neilsen in 1889.

The 1912 photo here is probably Neilsen's original bridge because a document discovered in the King County Archives by Heritage Society board member Jim Kraft reflects a report on Oct 7, 1912 from Road Inspector A.G. McCormack to the Board of County Commissioners in which he stated:



"Upon examination of the above bridge (#71, pictured) made Sept. 8, 1912, I beg to report as follows: Floor on entire bridge (is) worn out and breaking through. The joists and caps in the first 9 bents(sic) south of the span are very rotten and unsafe for large loads. Recommendations: Build the new bridge on the C.L. Morris Road, Survey No. 1052, at once so that the present bridge can be abandoned about January 1, 1913."

Today's bridge over the Sammamish River is in the same place, carrying hundreds of motorists daily through the intersection in the background to Bothell (right), to the Wineries (left), or up the hill to NE 124th Street. The current bridge will again be upgraded and improved in coming months through a city project.

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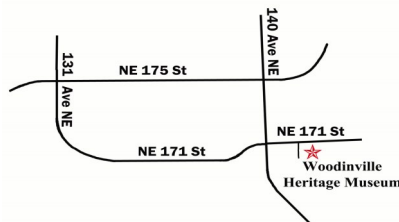
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1st Sunday each month

AND

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