



The Homesteader

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November – December 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

"CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS"

by Woodinville Heritage Society

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:00—11:30 am

This special Christmas brunch will be held at the Woodinville Heritage Museum.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT BRIGHTWATER CENTER

"Early Exploration of Puget Sound's Inland Waterways" by Richard W. Blumenthal

Saturday, Jan. 18, 10:00—11:30 am

"Lake Washington Belt Line in Kirkland" by Kent Sullivan & Matt McCauley

Saturday, Feb. 15, 10:00—11:30 am

"The Railroad Changed Everything," by Northwest Railway Museum

Saturday, Mar. 21, 10:00—11:30 am

Annual Membership Meeting / "Upscale Retailers in World War I & II Wartime," by Linda Carlson

Saturday, Apr. 18, 10:00—11:30 am

"Woodinville Cemetery: A Stroll with the Pioneer Families," by Woodinville Heritage Society

Saturday, May 16, 10:00—11:30 am

WOODINVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM

OPEN: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

First Sunday of each month

♦ January 5

♦ February 2

♦ March 1

BOARD MEETINGS

(OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

♦ Thursday, December 12, 6:30pm

Regular meeting at museum

♦ Thursday, January 9, 6:30pm

Regular meeting at museum

January Program:

Early Exploration of Puget Sound's Inland Waterways

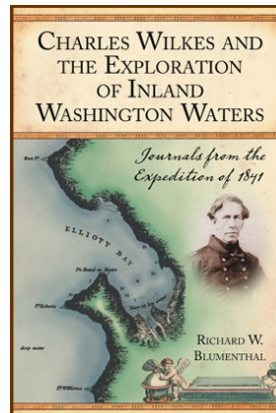
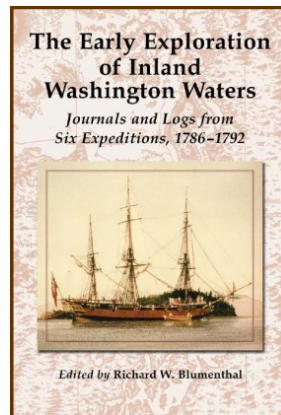
The Woodinville Heritage Society will present one of its popular historical programs on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10am, with popular speaker Richard Blumenthal describing "Early Exploration of Puget Sound's Inland Waterways."

The topic is of special interest to the Woodinville area because of the community's early pioneers who poled their boats or skiffs up the Sammamish Slough (River)

from Lake Washington to find a piece of land for themselves.



Richard W. Blumenthal



Blumenthal's January appearance has been arranged by Deanna Arnold-Frady, who is program chair for the Heritage Society.

The program will be at Brightwater Education Center, 22505 State Route 9, Woodinville, just north of Costco, on the right.

WHS 2019-2020 Free Public Programs

Deanna Arnold-Frady, who has regularly scheduled and chaired the WHS public programs, promises another season of interesting topics and speakers.

Arnold-Frady noted a February 15 program features well-known presenters Kent Sullivan and Matt McCauley, offering "The Lake Washington Belt Line in Kirkland."

A March 21 program concludes the spotlight on early transportation modes, with the Northwest Railway Museum presenting "The Railroad Changed Everything."

An April 18 program constitutes the annual membership meeting while also presenting "Upscale Retailers in World War I and II Wartime."

The Heritage Society's 2019-20 program lineup concludes May 16 with "The Woodinville Cemetery: a Stroll with the Pioneer Families."

(The October 2019 program was cancelled due to illness of the speaker; there was no November program because of Thanksgiving; and the December program, "Christmas Traditions," is described elsewhere in this publication).

All programs are presented the third Saturday of each month, except for the holiday season of November and December. The events, usually held at the Brightwater Education Center, begin at 10 am and last for 1-2 hours.

Arnold-Frady encourages learning more about Woodinville and its rich history by checking the website:

www.woodinvilleheritage.org.

President's Message, by Rick Chatterton, Heritage Society President



Would you like to help share Woodinville's story? Build a stronger community? Expand your horizons? Or, perhaps make new friends?

We are looking for a few volunteers. Not a lot. Just a few!

As you know, the Woodinville Heritage Society is an all-volunteer organization. Our continued success depends on people in our community, like you, to give of a little of their time. Not a lot. Just a little! In fact, some of our available volunteer opportunities ask for as

little as five hours per year. On average, volunteering for the Heritage Society requires about two to four hours each month.

Few skills or previous experience is needed. We'll train you for the opening you are most interested in.

Perhaps that interest includes sharing our story as a docent or helping catalog our unique collection of artifacts, letters and photographs. We also need volunteers who would like to help build our community connections or work with our membership.

We have recently printed a new flyer intended to attract volunteers to the Heritage Society. A copy of this flyer and a list of volunteer



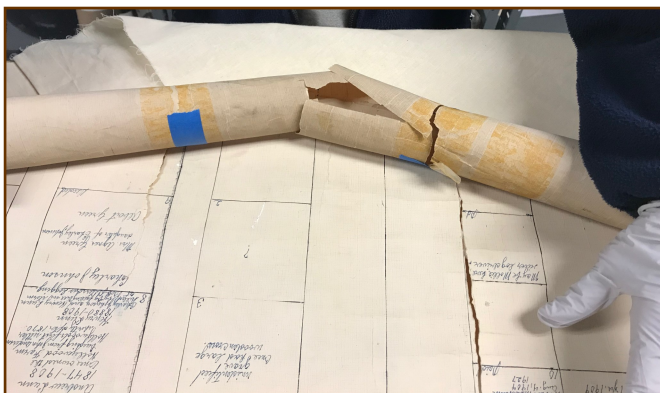
COLLECTION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

opportunities are included with this month's Homesteader.

If you are interested, want to know more, or need a list of volunteer opportunities, please contact me at Rick@Chatterton1.com or 425-368-8003.

4Culture Collections Care Grant Helps Preserve Woodinville's Past

In 1898, early Woodinville pioneers Ira and Susan Woodin donated one acre of their homestead for a cemetery. In the early 1920's, the cemetery's caretaker Elmer Carlberg created a map on a roller window shade to show the graves and who was buried there. For several years, the map hung in Beryl Johnson's Woodinville Motors, a local auto repair shop across the street from the cemetery.



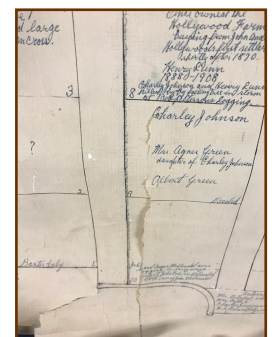
This map has serious deterioration. Measuring approximately 4 ft x 5 ft, there is a tear that runs almost the entire 5 ft length. In addition, there are numerous tears along the edges as well as in the interior of the map.

In June the Woodinville Heritage Society applied for a grant from 4culture to conserve the map. The applica-

tion also included a request for funding of shelving so bound copies of newspapers in our collections could be stored flat. Currently due to space limitations the volumes are stored on end which is not keeping with best museum practices for storing them.

On August 22, WHS was awarded a \$2,906 grant from 4Culture to conserve the cemetery map and purchase shelving for storage of the collection of bound newspapers. Emily Derse of the Conversation Studio of Seattle will be contracted to perform the conservation process. This treatment will stabilize the map however it will remain in a fragile state prohibiting it from being displayed, it will be properly stored in mylar and an archival tube. The stabilization will allow the map to be digitized and then printed.

4Culture is the cultural funding agency for King County and funds Heritage and the Arts through a competitive grant process. Funding for the grants come from the Lodging Tax and 1% for Arts program. The grants awarded to Woodinville Heritage Society and other King County Heritage and Arts organizations are essential and we are grateful for the support 4Culture provides.



Heritage Society Member Focus: Karen Steeb



WHS Member Karen Steeb

Who would think Karen Steeb would become such a booster of Woodinville and its history, having been raised in Ann Arbor, Mich. with a Swiss-German family name and a degree from Michigan State University?

The answer becomes clearer once you know her degree was in Landscape Architecture and that she always wanted to come to the American West. Her path became crystal clear after she drove to Washington after college graduation,

stayed with an uncle in Poulsbo and checked out a place called Molbak's....in that order.

Molbak's Greenhouse hired Karen to work in the nursery which suited her well since she wanted to use the degree she had earned. She and a colleague formed a landscape design department for Molbak's. Soon, Karen moved closer to Woodinville (Turner's Corner) and began attending Woodinville Methodist Church, where the pastor was the Rev. Donald Steeb.

The plot thickened, so to speak, when the pastor's wife, Barbara, invited Karen to lunch to meet the family son, David Steeb, who happened to be in town at that point 35 years ago. A year later, they were married and bought their first (and still) home in a new cluster of houses called Reinwood, on a hillside which overlooks Woodinville. It's probably no coincidence their house specifically overlooks the Woodinville church just below, where it all started.

The Steeb's have three sons: Victor is an administrator with the San Francisco Symphony where his wife is associate director with the San Francisco Ballet. Wesley earned a history degree from Hillsdale College in Michigan and is enrolled in the University of Washington Medical School after having been participated in humanitarian work in Uganda. The youngest son, Eli, is involved in residential construction on the Eastside.

Karen views her proudest achievement to be her career in home schooling. "Actually, I treated it as my job for 20 years," she said. She ensured her sons passed the annual standardized tests required by the state, as well as assembling a portfolio to demonstrate their knowledge of the relevant curriculum.

Her husband David first taught upper-level math and some of the sciences before embarking on his current

role in alternative power and energy development projects around the world, including Central America and the Virgin Islands.

"I was a solo 'parent' while he was in Guatemala and Nicaragua," Karen explained. David has also been involved in projects in Russia and Singapore and has acquired a speaking knowledge of the Russian and Spanish languages.

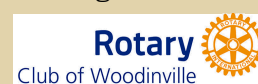
Despite David's work-related travels, the Steeb's ensured their sons skied each winter and were involved in numerous volunteer projects, 4-H programs, and church youth activities.

Karen was one of the founding members of the Woodinville Tree Board and is a three-term Woodinville Water District commissioner (currently in her 14th year and president of the Board of Commissioners). She also belongs to the Seattle Art Museum and the Woodinville Heritage Society.

And celebrating her transition from home-schooling to community involvement, Karen removed a shelf of encyclopedias from the family room and installed a wine rack. "It seemed the right thing to do when we sit right here in Woodinville wine country," she said with a grin.



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Year's End Marks Anniversary for Lowell DeYoung Mill Fire

From our archives! The following article first appeared in *The Bothell Citizen*, January 1, 1959. This, and other interesting articles, can be found in *Small Town Papers*. The Woodinville Heritage Society, Bothell Historical Society and Kenmore Heritage Society have had nearly a half century of *The Bothell Sentinel*, *Bothell Citizen* and *Northshore Citizen* digitized for public research. We invite you to visit whs.stparchive.com to discover more of our region's rich heritage.

This Week marks the first anniversary of the spectacular holocaust which set Woodinville's sky aglow with smoky orange hue.

The flames rose hundreds of feet in the air from the wooden Lowell DeYoung mill at the west entrance to Woodinville.

The structure was set ablaze as two burglars were attempting to crack the safe in the large storage buildings. An acetylene torch used by the two would-be safe crackers started the fire which damaged more than \$50,000 worth of property.

Fireman from Woodinville and Bothell fought the blaze 4:30 a.m. Monday morning until late that afternoon of December 30.

Mrs. Marion Simonsen who lives in back of the Woodinville post office was awakened by her baby. She then heard loud crackling sounds and looked out her window at the brilliant flames. She called the fire departments immediately after her discovery.



Although the paint on the post office was blistered and buildings located across the highway from the warehouse, prompt acting firemen saved all the buildings from damage.

Approximately two months later 19-year old Gary DeWitt of Alderwood Manor admitted that he and a companion attempted to

open the DeYoung safe but said the fire was unintentional.

The boys cut the safe with the torch and left glowing fragments of metal strewn about the room.

DeWitt said he tried to extinguish the pieces of metal and was "sure" they were out.

When the youths decided the safe was a hopeless venture they left the stolen set of torches in the warehouse. Apparently the hot metal from the safe touched some inflammable object and started the fire.

Young DeWitt was turned over to King County authorities early in March.

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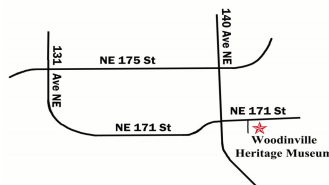
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nonprofit 501(c)3 status, tax ID #91-1680275.

Dues and additional contributions are
deductible for federal income tax purposes
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Come visit us at the Woodinville Heritage Museum Admission is always FREE!



Located in the DeYoung House
14121 NE 171st Street
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Our *vision* is to be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community.