



The Homesteader

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT BRIGHTWATER CENTER

GENEALOGY: DECODING DNA RESULTS

by Gloria & Jim Kraft

Saturday, Sep. 21, 10:00—11:30 am

PUGET SOUND'S UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: THREE FREEDOM ENGINEERS

by Lorraine McConaghy

Saturday, Oct. 19, 10:00—11:30 am

WOODINVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM

OPEN: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

First Sunday of each month

♦ September 1

♦ October 6

♦ November 1

BOARD MEETINGS

(OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

♦ Thursday, September 12, 6:30pm

Regular meeting at museum

♦ Thursday, October 10, 6:30pm

Regular meeting at museum

WHS BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

There are no highlights to report because the August Board meeting was cancelled due to a light agenda and summer vacation.

The Jarvises are Immersed in History

History has played a visible role in the lives and careers of Terry and Cherry Jarvis of Woodinville for different reasons. Cherry was one of the founders of the Woodinville Historical Society (later, the Woodinville Heritage Society) in 1974, while Terry Jarvis opened Vintage Auto Parts along the Woodinville road to Snohomish in the 1960s, selling “new parts for old cars,” in his words.

In their marriage, business, and community involvement, Cherry and Terry have thus focused on Woodinville for more than five decades.

The story began when the young couple moved from north Seattle to Woodinville.

Cherry was then an elementary school teacher in the Shoreline area, and Terry was involved in the family business with his brother Jon and their father, selling new “vintage” auto parts at the family store in north Seattle. Having acquired 10 acres of woodland north of Woodinville, Terry built a home on the site, and the young couple moved there in 1965.

Before long, Terry then bought 10 acres along Highway 9, north of Woodinville, and built a store to serve the customer interest generated by the north Seattle business, where his brother remained. “I wanted enough room to store the old cars I found all over the country and shipped home,” Terry explained. “We’d store them in the back field and ‘part’ them out when we had time.” Those trips sometimes served as family vacations, too, for the young Jarvises.

It wasn’t long before Highway 522 was extended from Woodinville to Monroe in the 1960s, fortuitously along the back fence of Vintage Auto Parts. Passing motorists got frequent glimpses of the vintage cars stored there. “It really helped our business,” Jarvis added.



Terry & Cherry Jarvis with one of the vintage cars in their garage, a sleek 1932 Ford roadster

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Woodinville Heritage Society's 2019-2020 Free Public Programs

The Heritage Society will launch its 2019-20 season of free public programs on Saturday, September 21, at 10 am. The program, entitled “**Genealogy: Decoding DNA Results,**” will be presented by Jim & Gloria Kraft and held at the Brightwater Education Center located on Highway 9 at 228th Street SE. Gloria’s expertise in the subject will surely provide attendees with tools to better understand their genealogy through genetic testing.

Our October 19th program is, “**Puget Sound’s Under-**

ground Railroad: Three Freedom Engineers,” by Lorraine McConaghy.

Deanna Arnold-Frady, who has regularly scheduled and chaired these events, promises another season of interesting topics and speakers. 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.

Sustaining Membership, by Rick Chatterton, Heritage Society President

In June, the Woodinville Rotary Club renewed its membership as **Benefactors**, the highest level of Sustaining Membership in the Woodinville Heritage Society. At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club, Woodinville Heritage Society secretary Kevin Stadler graciously accepted the membership from Rotarian John Hughes.

Stadler noted, "It was a great experience meeting with so many people who are committed to improving our community." Earlier this year, Westhill Custom Homes and The Lions Club of Woodinville also renewed their sustaining memberships at the impressive Patron level. It is because of our members

and wonderful organizations like these that we are able to provide interesting community programs and help preserve our past for future generations.

The Heritage Society's vision is to be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community. We are proud of the relationships we have built - and continue to build - with fellow organizations and businesses who are equally dedicated to improving our community.

Our Sustaining Membership levels have been crafted with the intention of fostering valuable relationships with local

businesses, service organizations and fellow community partners.



Kevin Stadler (right), secretary of the Woodinville Heritage Society, accepts a check for a Sustaining Membership in WHS from John B. Hughes (left), representing the Woodinville Rotary Club

New Museum Exhibit Opens

A new exhibit at the Woodinville Heritage Museum has been taking shape in late summer, curated by members of the Collections Committee, Phyllis Keller and Judy Moore, with help from Marilyn Fullmer. Entitled "Pieces of Our Past," the new exhibit can now be viewed in one of the museum's upper rooms.

The exhibit features 15 to 20 historic samples that reflect nearly 150 years of life in Woodinville. They include a receipt book from the John Zanassi produce cooperative in the Sammamish Valley, an early feed sack from the John DeYoung granary, an old cash register from Vintage Auto Parts, a milk bottle from the Hollywood Farm dairy and a student newspaper produced by early Woodinville School pupils.

Also on view is one of the iconic "Norm's Resort" signs that made their way across the United States in the 1940s and '50s. The signs could be

found in a mailbox cluster in rural Minnesota, on a country signpost in Connecticut, and showing up on a utility pole in Oklahoma City.

Resort owner Norm Fragner encouraged his Cottage Lake resort guests to carry a sign back and "put it up" in their home area. The clever (free) marketing idea ensured a never-ending flow of curious visitors to Cottage Lake for several decades, attracted by a "Norm's Resort" sign they'd seen somewhere else.



One of the hundreds of Norm's resort signs carried away by resort customers and posted across the United States

The new museum exhibit also offers a Woodinville cemetery map, "educating" visitors by pinpointing the gravesites of early settlers to be viewed in the downtown Woodinville cemetery along NE 175th Street.

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This is where Cherry Jarvis entered the local picture. She had become acquainted with one of her new Woodinville neighbors, Phyllis Keller. The two young women followed with interest the lead-up to the National Bicentennial Celebration approaching in 1976. They decided that Woodinville should be taking part, too. Discussing it with Woodinville Motors owner Beryl Johnson, as well as Ray Freeman, Helen McMahon, Bus and Ida May Brown, Stan and Gladys Berry and other longtime residents, the group formed the Woodinville Historical Society.

After meeting at such diverse locations as Fort Bixby, Gold Creek Lodge, the back room of a local bank, and members' own homes, the fledgling group officially became the Woodinville Historical Society in 1974 in advance of the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration, Cherry recalled.

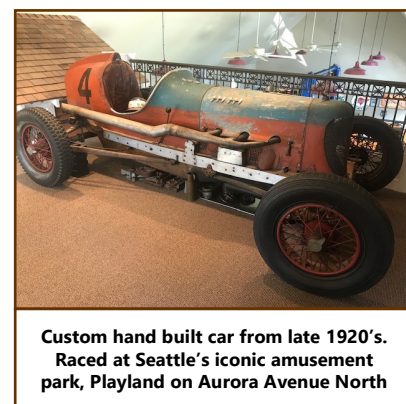
Re-christened the Woodinville Heritage Society, the organization now has its own home: the Woodinville Heritage Museum. (The museum was once the 1932 home of early businessman John DeYoung and his family and stood on Woodinville's main street, just east of Molbak's.

As an interested bystander and early participant, Cherry Jarvis has seen it happen: an early Woodinville home becomes the community museum, and a loosely

knit cluster of neighborhoods becomes an incorporated city. Continuing her civic involvement, Cherry Jarvis was one of five members of the first Planning Commission formed after cityhood in 1993 and served 13 years.

She and Phyllis Keller also were involved in writing the nomination to place the Woodinville School on the Washington State Historical Register as well as the National Register of Historic Places. Having learned the routine, Cherry Jarvis then did the same for the Women's University Club, of which she has been a longtime member. (She and Terry both attended the University of Washington.)

Living on Hollywood Hill, she and Terry live on the fringe of Woodinville, while still enjoying rural life in their neighborhood. Their two married daughters, Kristin and Jennifer, live in nearby Redmond. "It's a good life," agrees Cherry Jarvis with a contented smile.



Custom hand built car from late 1920's.
Raced at Seattle's iconic amusement park, Playland on Aurora Avenue North

Packing Shed Housed Local Produce, by Gloria Kraft

For many years, farmers in the Sammamish Valley grew peas, cauliflower, celery and up to four crops of lettuce each season. The farmers had a variety of ethnic backgrounds, mostly Filipino, Italian and Japanese. While almost every farm was small, the combined production each year exceeded the capacity of produce wholesalers in downtown Seattle to purchase for local consumption. Therefore, these farmers needed a way to combine their efforts and sell to wholesale produce buyers outside of the Puget Sound region.

Woodinville's ice house and packing shed were located on land leased from the railroad. The packing shed was built in 1932 by local businessman John DeYoung. His partner was George Iita, who was a Japanese representative of several of the local farmers. Iita approached DeYoung and explained that there was a business opportunity in providing packing services and that they could be partners in building a dual-use shed. The agreement was that Iita would lease the building from April to September or October as a packing plant and DeYoung could use it during the winter

for feed storage and feed sales. DeYoung sold chicken feed, dairy cow feed, and other types as well.

The truck side of the building faced approximately northeast, based on the circa-1937 King County aerial imagery, while the railroad side faced approximately southwest. During packing season, DeYoung consolidated all feed storage in a building he owned further north on Riverside Drive (now called Woodinville Drive). In the winter, DeYoung received approximately three carloads of feed per week, 30 tons per boxcar, from Centennial Mills, Fisher Flouring Mills, and Albers Brothers. The feed arrived in 100 lb. sacks and they loaded seven sacks onto a cart at a time for unloading.

Lowell DeYoung helped to label. The crates, approximately 2.5 feet x 2.5 feet x 3 feet, were manufactured on-site and a variety of labels were applied, depending on which buyer was receiving a crate. Whenever possible, packed crates were loaded immediately into a waiting car. Otherwise, they were stacked temporarily in the shed.

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A conveyor, running close to the floor, carried scraps, or trimmings, to an outdoor hopper at the front of the building, by the southwest corner. The scrap conveyor exited the building through the front wall and rose steeply to dump in the top of the hopper. The hopper had two bins. When Al DeYoung was 12-13 years old, he said it was his job to control which bin within the hopper would empty into a waiting truck. After one bin was empty, Al washed it; the other bin could be emptied into another truck. The scraps were delivered to dairy farmers for animal feed. They usually had four truckloads of scraps per day.

Fresh vegetables needed to be kept cold, especially during transport. An adjoining ice house was also built in 1932 by James & Roy Bennett of City Ice and Cold Storage Co. in Ballard.

In 1944, Lowell DeYoung took over the feed business from his father John DeYoung, who kept the hardware and grocery store. Lowell continued to use the packing shed building to store feed, as well as sacks of coal for home heating.

After the war, demand for Woodinville-grown produce continued to decline due to the introduction of new,

heat-resistant varieties of produce grown in California, so the packing business came to an end, sometime before 1950.

When City Ice went out of business, the Bennett building deteriorated. In the late 1940s or early 1950s, the ice house collapsed. It was demolished and never rebuilt.

The packing shed burned to the ground in the early morning hours of December 30, 1957, when local kids broke into Beryl Johnson's auto repair shop and stole his acetylene torch in order to torch open the safe in the feed store office. They didn't know how to use the torch and set the floor of the feed store, then the entire building, on fire. They were caught and the building was replaced.

Over time, more buildings were added as the business became a full-blown feed mill and store.

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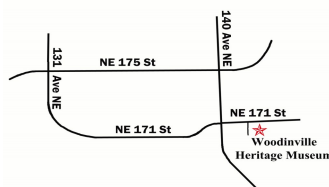
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