



The Homesteader

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT BRIGHTWATER CENTER

We hope to hold our annual "Christmas Traditions" Brunch in December and schedule at least one in-person program at Brightwater Center. We'll be in contact with members as soon as we (hopefully) get the OK for small indoor gatherings.

WOODINVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM

OPEN: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

- ◆ **Sunday, October 3**
- ◆ **Sunday, November 7**

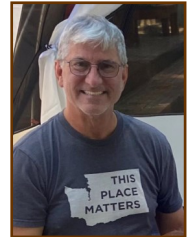
BOARD MEETINGS (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

- ◆ **Thursday, October 14, 6:30pm**
Regular meeting at museum
- ◆ **Thursday, November 11, 6:30pm**
Regular meeting at museum
- ◆ **Thursday, December 9, 6:30pm**
Regular meeting at museum



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

I found a golden-colored maple leaf on the ground today. This simple gift, along with cooler mornings, is a sure sign that summer is giving way to fall, and before we know it, another winter will be upon us. As the leaves started to fall a year ago, we braced ourselves not only for another season, but also for the third wave of COVID cases and hospitalizations. That wave waned, followed by another and now by a fifth. For a short time this past year, we rejoiced by congregating once again and seeing each other's smiling faces. Sadly, as our community's trees once again share their splendor with us, we must remain prudent to protect one another from this horrible scourge called COVID.



The Woodinville Heritage Society's Board remains committed to fulfilling our mission of acquiring, preserving and perpetuating our community's stories – even in these unprecedented times. By necessity, we have had to think a bit differently. As we celebrate the sesquicentennial of Ira and Susan Woodin's arrival to the Sammamish Valley, we have taken this story to the streets – literally – and to City Hall! In a first for the Heritage Society, we have placed story boards in three of our local parks and will move these to Woodinville's elementary schools later this month. If you did not have the opportunity to see our Sesquicentennial exhibit at the Museum, it will be displayed in City Hall in October. And, though we are still not able to safely gather for our Community Programs, our museum is open for masked visitors.

Like you, I am very much looking forward to seeing the return of "the good ole' days." Until then, we will continue to be prudent by cautiously moving forward with new and innovative ways to fulfill our mission. Yes, it was just one leaf but before we know it, there will be piles of color in our yards and on our streets. I truly hope this season of change will mark the end of COVID in our community. On behalf of the entire Board, we hope you and your families remain healthy. We are grateful for your continued support and understanding.

Woodin Sesquicentennial Celebration: September 2021

As part of the Woodin Sesquicentennial, the City of Woodinville has officially recognized Susan and Ira Woodin for their many contributions to our history.



CITY OF WOODINVILLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Susan and Ira Woodin left Seattle to settle along the Squak Slough in September 1871, becoming the first non-Natives to inhabit this area; and

WHEREAS, the year 2021 is the Sesquicentennial of Susan and Ira Woodin homesteading 160 acres in Section 9 of Township 26 North, Range 005 East, Willamette Meridian; and

WHEREAS, on 27, June 1881 the United States Postal Service established the Woodinville Post Office with Susan Woodin as postmaster; and

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WHEREAS, The Woodin home served as the first classroom, place of worship and post office for the new community; and

WHEREAS, on 31, March 1993 the City of Woodinville was established; and

WHEREAS, 150 years after the Woodins settled in Woodinville, the city that bears their name is a proud community of just over 14,000 residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Gary Harris, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Woodinville, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as

SUSAN AND IRA WOODIN MONTH

In the City of Woodinville and urge all citizens and community organizations join in this observance.

Signed this 21st day of September 2021.

Mayor Gary Harris

Also as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration, storyboards were created to help educate our citizens and encourage them to visit the museum. The boards are spaced apart - sort of like the old Burma Shave highway signs.

The brightly colored and kid-friendly signs include information on the Woodin Family's arrival in Woodinville 150 years ago, a little about the local times, and some great photos. The displays will be moved around town to local parks and then to area elementary schools.



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Annual Ice Cream Social: A Wonderful Day!

Beautiful summer weather accompanied the return of our annual Ice Cream Social in July. Obviously, our many members and others in the community were eager to return, as we had over 60 visitors, our biggest crowd in recent years!



Gary Harris, Woodinville Mayor & member Terry Straka, serving ice cream



Board President Rick Chatterton grilling hot dogs



Board Member Terri Malinowski, giving a tour



Guests enjoying refreshments and good conversation in the bright sunshine!

Volunteer Spotlight: Marilyn Fullmer



I was born and raised in Pasadena, CA, and have always been intrigued by history – most especially the local history of wherever

I lived at any given time. I have always enjoyed seeking out history; taking road trips to historical places, hiking to obscure bits of history in the mountains above my home in Pasadena, basically anywhere I could ‘touch and feel’ history.

I met Dave, my husband, when we both worked at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. After having my first son, I did my first volunteering at the Pasadena Historical Society in the most fascinating area of all – the archives! What an amazing place – so much fun for someone who enjoys research. But then, Son Number Two

came along and Dave and I decided to leave the rat race in southern California for a place less crowded, with better schools and less smog.

So here we are in Woodinville, still in the house we bought in 1988. I retired in 2018 from my paraeducator work at Timbercrest Middle School, but I am still tutoring math, the subject I love!

I joined up as a volunteer with the Woodinville Heritage Society in 2010, making a connection with the Collections Group (informally known as the Bunker Babes). I was lucky enough to have a minor role in the opening of the Museum in 2011, and have been involved with the Society since then, either in the basement with the Collections Group, as a Museum Docent, or as the Docent Coordinator.

My favorite part of being a Docent is meeting the visitors and talking about Woodinville’s history. I have

learned quite a bit from some of our visitors, even if it’s just a small detail about Woodinville, and it’s always fun to run into a former student now and again. Yes, it’s the people I enjoy, and as most of my friends and family will tell you, I will talk about history with anyone who will listen. (I can almost see my boys nod and roll their eyes in agreement!)

All About Oscar—contributed by Terri Malinowski

(Oscar Roloff was a prolific freelance writer for the Woodinville Weekly, Northshore Citizen, Sammamish Valley News and other regional newspapers in the 1970s.)

Followers of Woodinville history know the name of Oscar Roloff, who authored numerous articles in local publications over three decades.

Oscar was a native of the state, born in the eastern Washington community of Adams in 1918. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and was aboard a destroyer anchored at Pearl Harbor when the harbor was bombed. His ship, the USS Tucker, was not struck. In fact, the ship was believed to be the first one to fire a shot at the attackers. Oscar was 24 at the time.

He served throughout the war years and viewed the invasion of Normandy from his ship four years later as the war ended. Oscar remained in the Navy after the war years, enrolling in the Navy’s Journalist School at the Great Lakes Training Center near Chicago. He served during the Korean Conflict of the 1950s, retiring in 1957 after editing the US Navy re-

cruiting magazine in Washington, D.C. for five years.

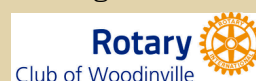
After earning an education degree from the University of Washington in 1961, Oscar taught sixth grade at Mercer Island until retiring again. During subsequent years he unearthed interesting and humorous tales of local pioneers. He would spend countless hours interviewing people in their homes and fields throughout the Sammamish Valley.

The Woodinville Heritage Society owes a major debt to Oscar Roloff for his efforts in preserving local history with his tales of pioneers.

He passed away in 1999 and is survived by his wife Elaine, daughter Riana Roloff and her husband, Luis Torres, step-daughters and grandchildren.



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Elections Past (from the October 2012 Homesteader)

Mudslinging Erupts in Race for Mayor of Grace

Things have turned ugly in the Town of Grace.

Mayor Terry Jarvis is facing the political battle of his life and it is hard to tell what the outcome will be, much less the race itself.

Mayor Jarvis (SoSo Party!) is being challenged by Joe Giuseppe (Ho Hum Party). Recent polls show the two candidates in a virtual dead heat.

Giuseppe had publicly accused Mayor Jarvis of "this" while the Mayor has tersely responded with "that." There are allegations of corruption, voter fraud, interloping, and something about a tip not being paid at a local diner. "I am buying my tomatoes early so they have time to rot a bit before the big debate," said a voter who declined to be identified.

Sadly, the race has pitted neighbor against neighbor. While neither candidate could be reached for statements, the Mayor has said he will announce the polling location after November 7th.



A Wish for More Space Leads to the Birth of Woodinville

In 1871, Ira and Susan Woodin left Seattle for more space, which they found along the Squak Slough. This year marks the Sesquicentennial (150 years) since the Woodins homesteaded 160 acres in what would become the river community known as Woodinville.

There is currently an exhibit in the Woodinville Heritage Museum commemorating the Woodins' arrival here that briefly tells their story. We hope you will take the opportunity to visit the museum and check out this exhibit. The museum schedule for the remainder of 2021 appears in the left column on page 1.



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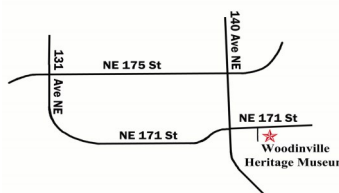
Come visit us at the Woodinville Heritage Museum Admission is always FREE!

Located in the DeYoung House

14121 NE 171st Street
Woodinville, WA 98072,

One block east of 140th Ave. NE.

We are open to the public 1pm—4pm
Labor Day to Memorial Day: 1st Sunday each month
Memorial Day to Labor Day: See 2021 schedule on
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Our *vision* is to be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community.