



The Homesteader

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT BRIGHTWATER CENTER 22505 Hwy 9

- ◆ Saturday, Sept. 17, 10:00-11:30am
"How Audio Technology Changed the World" by Ross Reynolds
- ◆ Saturday, Oct. 15, 10:00-11:30am
"After the Blast: Mount St. Helens 40 Years Later" by Eric Wagner

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- ◆ Sunday, July 10, 1:00-4:00pm
Join us at the museum for hot dogs and ice cream.
Family and friends are welcome!



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

- ◆ Sunday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- ◆ Sunday, August 7, 14, 21, 28
- ◆ Sunday, September 4

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS AT MUSEUM; OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

- ◆ Thursday, July 14, 6:30pm
- ◆ Thursday, August 11, 6:30pm
- ◆ Thursday, September 8, 6:30pm



Upcoming Community Programs

September Program (Saturday, September 17, 10:00am to 11:30am)



How Audio Technology Changed the World, presented by Ross Reynolds

Although we live in a visual world, audio still has the power to create intimacy and spark the imagination like no other medium can. Veteran broadcaster Ross Reynolds explores the impact that audio transmission has had on society and storytelling, beginning with the first century of radio up to the modern age of audiobooks, internet streaming, podcasts, and smart speakers. He will discuss how audio transmission has changed society, and what still makes it such a powerful form of communication.

Attendees will be encouraged to share stories of their formative audio experiences, and local radio broadcasters and podcasters will be invited to share their stories.

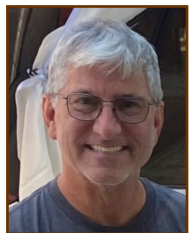
Ross Reynolds (he/him) is an interviewer, moderator, and convener. He recently served as KUOW's executive producer for community engagement, before which he was a program host for 16 years. His awards include the 2011 Public Radio News Directors First Place in the call-in category for *Living in a White City*. In 2015, he was named to the University of Washington Communication Alumni Hall of Fame.

Reynolds lives in Seattle.

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



Throughout 2022 I am highlighting in my President's Message some of my favorite items in our collection. Our collection of photographs, objects, historic writings, and newspapers is sizable and intriguing. We are so fortunate to have the DeYoung House as a museum in which we are able to share some of these cherished objects with you and the public. Our exceptional exhibits help to tell our story through artifacts and interpretation. I am so thankful for our volunteers - their passion for our heritage and their talents to create inviting exhibits - so that our story can be enjoyed by all ages.

We have in our collection several beautiful quilts, including one that Susan Woodin quilted for her daughter, Helen Woodin Keller, 129 years ago! Along with exquisite embroidery, Susan included dates of birth and marriage dates of Woodin family members. However, my personal favorite is one that was presented to us by Susan Webster and quilters from Susan's shop here in Woodinville, Gathering Fabric. Each of the panels on the quilt tell a story of an historic figure or event in Woodinville's past. What I like most about this quilt is that the panels are all taken from a delightful children's coloring book gifted to us by Helen McMahon, a Woodinville icon who lived here since 1923 until her passing in 2014. The coloring book is available for sale at the Heritage Museum.

Both quilts are currently on display as part of our fascinating "Women of Woodinville" exhibit at the Woodinville Heritage Museum. I invite you to visit us on any Sunday this summer, from 1pm to 4pm.

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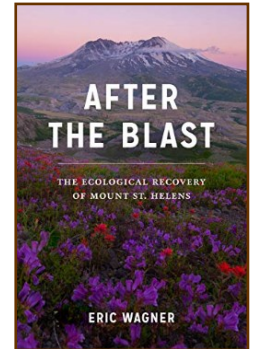
October Program (Saturday, October 15, 10:00am to 11:30am)



After the Blast: Mount St. Helens 40 Years Later, presented by Eric Wagner

Shortly after Mount St. Helens erupted on May 18, 1980, ecologists were surprised to discover that small plants were growing up through the ash and small animals were scurrying around. Ever since then, ecologists have continued to be surprised by the evolving landscape and how life has responded after what seemed like total destruction.

Eric Wagner, PhD in Biology and award-winning environmental writer, will take you on a fascinating excursion through and beyond the blast area to illustrate these discoveries and how they have influenced the thinking of ecologists.



Both programs will take place at the Brightwater Center, 22505 Hwy 9, Woodinville, WA 98072.

Pages of Time

Since September, Carrol Harris and husband Gary have been going on monthly digs through the *Woodinville Weekly* storage locker to find newspapers from ten, twenty, thirty and forty years ago.

Articles both newsworthy and quirky are selected to be reprinted in the current newspaper to give readers a flavor of Woodinville's past throughout the decades.



The Passing of Wayne Gibbs



Longtime Woodinville postmaster Wayne Gibbs died March 18, less than a month before his 96th birthday.

His smiling face had greeted patrons across the postal counter for 30 years, until his retirement in 1984.

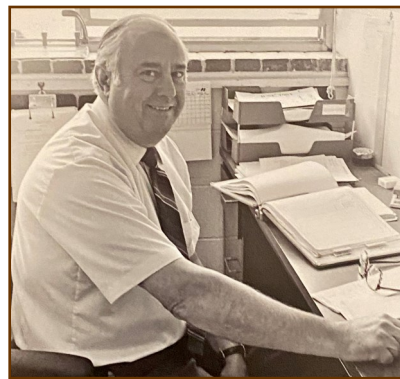
Mr. Gibbs was born in Gregory, South Dakota in 1926 to Rance and Etha Gibbs. His family moved to Bothell in 1933 to escape the Dust

Bowl in the Midwest. Wayne graduated from Bothell High School in 1944 and then spent two years in the US Air Force.

He married Virginia Zanassi, his high school sweetheart, in 1949, deferring to her father's wish that they wait until she was 21.

The Zanassi family were among the Italian farmers who had turned the Sammamish Valley into a lush truck garden, raising produce for sale at the Pike Place Market as well as in local stores.

Wayne Gibbs was appointed Postmaster of the Woodinville Post Office in 1955, when it occupied a crowded room and short counter on the south end of the DeYoung



Mercantile building in old-town Woodinville. As the Eastside expanded in the 1960s, the post office also expanded its routes and moved to a new location at NE 175th St. and 131st Ave. NE. The community continued to grow, and Gibbs would see the post office move again to a new building on

the Woodinville-Snohomish Rd., just before his retirement.

After his retirement, he continued his enjoyment of family, gardening, fishing and excursions in their travel trailer. Gibbs was a longtime member of the Woodinville Heritage Society.

Wayne is survived by wife Virginia, daughter Susan Orr, son Wesley Gibbs and their families.

A telling tribute to Wayne Gibbs was his request that no services be held, but instead celebrate his life by "gathering with your families" and grow a flower or vegetable to experience the joys of harvesting.

New Exhibit at Museum



This quilt was made by Susan Woodin in 1893 for her daughter Helen Woodin Keller's 30th birthday.

The quilt is one of several from the WHS collections that are currently on display at the Woodinville Heritage Museum.

Summer Intern at the Museum



We are excited to welcome Sienna Brown to our team!

She is a Woodinville High School grad who will be off to Pepperdine University next year to study Art History and Archeology. But first, you will see her as a guest docent and a contributor to back-end technology projects including online videos and mailing list updates.

Board Officers Elected

At the May Board meeting the following Board members were elected:

- ◆ President Rick Chatterton
- ◆ Vice President Carrol Harris
- ◆ Secretary Kevin Stadler
- ◆ Treasurer Lucy DeYoung

At Large Board members are Deanna Arnold-Frady, Suzi Freeman, Phyllis Keller, Terri Malinowski and Jessica Stern.

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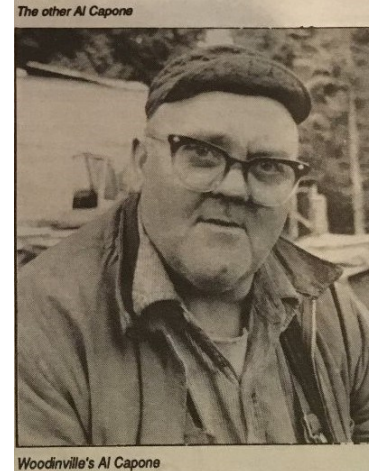
An Oscar Roloff Memory (printed 30 years ago in the Woodinville Weekly)

Oscar, our favorite Woodinville storyteller, talks about Woodinville's Al Capone, who he met during the war:

I asked Al how he'd gotten his name. "My father and Al Capone were first cousins. I grew up in Chicago where Al Capone lived. We lived in North Chicago and Al Capone used to frequently drop by to visit us. As a youth, I recall him very well. He was kind, courteous and polite. Whenever he'd see a lady walking, he'd have his driver pull over and take her where she wanted to go. Later Al Capone asked my father to go out to Seattle and set up a gangster unit for him, dealing in rum-running, gambling and such. We moved out. Oh, yes, my father admired his cousin so much that he named me after him.

According to official records. The real Al Capone, a Chicago gangster, was a symbol of Prohibition lawlessness. In 1920 Capone took over the Chicago gangster field by getting rid of its leaders. He set up an enormous crime syndicate in prostitution, gambling and rum-running. By 1927 he was worth 100 million bucks. For reasons unknown, he was immune to prosecution. However, in 1931 the feds nabbed him for income tax evasion. He was sentenced to 11 years and a fine of \$70,000. He died in 1947.

The Woodinville Al Capone answered the call of war to serve his country and continues to reside in Woodinville.



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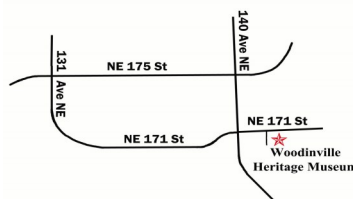
Come visit us at the Woodinville Heritage Museum Admission is always FREE!

Located in the DeYoung House

14121 NE 171st Street
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One block east of 140th Ave. NE.

We are open to the public 1pm—4pm
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Our *vision* is to be viewed as an essential partner in the fabric of our community.