



THE HOMESTEADER

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING PROGRAM

"Saturday, Aug 23, 10-11:30am

- ♦ **"The Cowlitz Portage: Overland Adventures with George, Jim, Hank and Ed, of the Hudson's Bay Company", by Steve Anderson**

Saturday, Oct 18, 11am-12:30pm

- ♦ **Woodinville Now & Then**
SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Ice Cream Social!

*Sunday, July 13
1:00 - 4:00pm*

*Woodinville Heritage Museum
The DeYoung House*

**Join us for ice cream, hot
dogs, and a stroll through
the museum**

**Friends and family are
welcome!**



WOODINVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM OPEN: *Sundays at 1:00 - 4:00pm:*

- ♦ July 6, 13, 20, 27
- ♦ August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- ♦ September 7

BOARD MEETINGS: *Thursdays at 6:30pm* **Open to all members**

- ♦ July 10
- ♦ August 14
- ♦ September 11



Upcoming Community Program

August Program - *Saturday, August 23, 10-11:30am at Brightwater Education Center, 22505 State Route 9 (Woodinville-Snohomish Rd), just north of Costco*

"The Cowlitz Portage: Overland Adventures with George, Jim, Hank and Ed, of the Hudson's Bay Company," by Steve Anderson

This fully illustrated presentation will introduce audiences to the Cowlitz Portage through the experiences of four travelers, the first being the Hudson's Bay Company's North American Governor George Simpson, who traveled the portage in 1841. The second traveler was the HBC's Chief Factor, James Douglas, who rode it through the snow in 1843. The third was an HBC apprentice clerk named Henry Peers, who made a difficult passage in 1845. And finally, Edward Huggins, our fourth traveler, bested the trail in 1850 as a tenderfoot, but recorded his memories for those of us in the 21st century. The audience will follow all four of these travelers' trips while moving simultaneously from Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River northward to Fort Nisqually on Puget Sound.

Steve Anderson, a native Washingtonian, earned a B.A. in History from Colorado State University (1978), and received graduate credit in Museum Studies from the University of Idaho (1979). During the 1980s, he was the Director of Fort Nisqually Living History Museum in Tacoma, Washington. Since then, he has administered small museums and historic sites in Renton, Washington, St. Louis, Missouri, and Morehead City, North Carolina. Now in retirement, his focus is local 'nearby' history, principally that involving Fort Nisqually, the Hudson's Bay Company, and the Pacific Northwest Fur Trade.

Woodinville Heritage Society - Celebrating 50 Years!

Your Half-Century Committee is hard at work making plans for our anniversary year! Here's what we have planned so far:

- ♦ **July 12** - Booth at Woodinville Farmers' Market
- ♦ **July 13** - Ice cream social and museum tour
- ♦ **July 25** - Live interview on Fox 13 *Good Day Seattle Zip Trips*, 9-10am
- ♦ **Aug 9** - Celebrate Woodinville Parade
- ♦ **Aug 23** - Special museum program on The Cowlitz Portage
- ♦ **Oct 18** - Our exclusive **Woodinville Now and Then** program developed for us by Jean Sherrard and Clay Eals from *The Seattle Times*

We welcome volunteers! Please let us know if you want to help at any of these events!

Contact programs@woodinvilleheritage.com

Can You Identify This Building?

*Can you identify the Woodinville building
in this 1939 photo?*

What business is there now?

(answers on page 4)



Pignataro Family Visits Museum

Donates Photos and Memories of Historic Zanassi Farm

This May, ten members of the Pignataro family gathered for a special visit to the Woodinville Heritage Museum. The occasion was not just a family reunion, it was also a moment of the community's heritage, as the Pignataros donated treasured family photos and shared detailed sketches of the historic Zanassi farm.

The Pignataro family's story on the Zanassi farm began in 1940 when Frank and Annie Pignataro became partners in the operation. Over the decades, the farm became home to multiple generations, with its five houses occupied by different branches of the extended family.

Frank and Annie raised three children - Cecilia, Grace, and Joe - who would go on to build families of their own. Visiting the museum to represent Joe Pignataro's line were Joe himself and his wife, affectionately known as "Charlie," their daughter, Jan, and their son, Tony, along with his wife, Susie, and their two sons, Alex and A.J.

Also present were the children of Cecilia - William "Trace," Linda, and Lauri - who added their voices and memories to the family's collective storytelling.



As part of their visit, the Pignataros generously donated family photographs. They provided hand-drawn layouts identifying each of the five houses on the Zanassi farm and the families who lived in them. These contributions offer a rare and personal window into the lives of early farm families in the area.

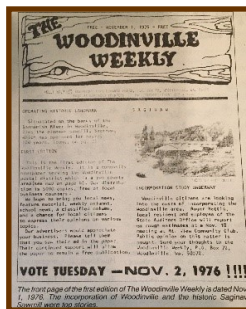
Alex, Tony, Joe, Susie, A.J., "Charlie" and Jan Pignataro; William "Trace" Taft, Linda Brooke, Lauri Taft.

What's In Your Attic, Woodinville?

Has anyone found a copy of the first issue of *The Woodinville Weekly* from November 1, 1976? This will complete our collection of newspapers from the early years. And it means a Big Prize for you!!!

Also, if you have Woodinville items or memorabilia in your attic or basement, we would be very interested in preserving them. The items should have some sort of history connection to the Woodinville area or to someone who lived or is living here. They can be donated or on loan to the museum.

Please contact collection@woodinvilleheritage.com.



Volunteer Spotlight

Just as financial support is crucial to our mission, so are volunteers. Besides the board, we have other wonderfully dedicated volunteers who work as docents to show visitors around the museum, collections volunteers to categorize and electronically store archival materials, outdoor folks to help our grounds look beautiful, and special project volunteers. Currently we are looking for more docents. Who wouldn't want to spend 3 hours on a Sunday afternoon steeped in history?! Two current volunteers, Ruth and Tom Setzer, tell us why they do what they do.

Ruth's Story: I grew up in a small, rural community just outside of Spokane where my mom's family had lived since the 1920's. The community was named Glenrose, and my family's home was built in 1898. My mother's childhood home was a mile away, and my little sister and I could easily walk or ride our bicycles down the road to see Grandma at her house.

After college, I married a local guy named Tom, from Kirkland, whose parents had built their Bridle Trails area home in 1955 before I-405 was constructed. His mom's Olympia family questioned why we were moving so far out into the country. After living several years in Redmond and starting a family, Tom and I decided to move our family to the Woodinville area. That was over 21 years ago. Our kids are now grown and married, and Tom and I retired from our jobs four years ago.

I learned of the Woodinville Heritage Society Community Programs through *The Woodinville Weekly*. The newspaper had an announcement about a presentation by Bryan Johnston, author of "Deep in the Woods," at the Brightwater Education Center. The presentation was very interesting; I also learned about the Woodinville Heritage Society and Museum. I decided to become a member that day, and learned that the museum was looking for volunteers to help with their archives and collections library. Volunteering in this area seemed like a good fit for me, as I love history of all kinds.

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General Store

Books:

- Images of America: Woodinville \$15
- Village in The Woods \$10
- A Glimpse of Woodinville \$5
- Woodinville Coloring Book \$3

DVDs (all \$5):

- The DeYoung Family
- John Emil Halver III
- School Days - The '40s & '50s
- Woodinville Methodist Church History
- Life on Hollywood Hill
- Woodinville - The Early Days
- The Molbak Story

Send check to WHS, POB 216, Woodinville 98072, or pick up at the museum on open Sundays.

Volunteer Spotlight, *continued*

In the 1970s, when the Woodinville Heritage Society was first organized, interviews of pioneers and early residents of the Woodinville community were recorded on cassette tapes and then transcribed. However, the taped interviews needed to be digitized for preservation. The task I was given was to convert the interviews on the tapes to digital. These records of people's recollections and memories needed to be preserved for research, instruction, exhibition, publication, broadcast, and similar purposes. The individuals being interviewed shared their memories and personal experiences of life in the early years of the Woodinville community. It was a more difficult but simpler way of life compared to our standards today. Their descriptions and stories of work, transportation, schools, and social gatherings were very interesting. By converting to digital, the history and stories of Woodinville's past may be shared with others in our community. Interestingly, one of the first interviews I digitized was that of a woman from a pioneer family who homesteaded in the area. While telling her story, she mentioned her son and the home he built in Woodinville. It turned out that her son's home was the one that Tom and I bought and now live in. Small world!

One of the reasons I enjoy living in the Woodinville area are the historical buildings that make up our city. We have the Hollywood Schoolhouse, the Old Woodinville School in downtown Woodinville, the Stimson Manor House at the Chateau Ste. Michelle winery, and the historic DeYoung House, which is now home to the Woodinville Heritage Society and Museum. They are all structures that tell a story and make our community unique.

Another volunteer task I have is helping take care of the beautiful garden that surrounds our museum's home. The garden with its flowers and fountain is a compliment to the museum's classic Dutch Colonial architecture. It was lovingly created by museum volunteers, as well as with donations from individuals and the Woodinville Garden Club.

It has been a pleasure to serve at the Woodinville Heritage Society and Museum, and I'm thankful to be a part of my Woodinville community because of it. I have often thought that when we live in a large metropolitan area, it is easy to get lost in its vastness. Being involved and helping in a smaller community such as Woodinville has made my world smaller. I feel a sense of ownership and civic pride. I've made new friends. In many ways, being a part of Woodinville through the Society has taken me back to the community I remember as a child.

Tom's Story: I first heard of the Woodinville Heritage Society after my wife, Ruth, started volunteering at the museum. It was early summer, and the museum's fountain and garden sprinklers had not been turned on yet. Nobody at the museum knew how to activate the system. Jim Kraft, who had installed and maintained the fountain and did much of the garden design and maintenance in prior years, had not been feeling well. Fortunately, Jim was more than willing to come show me the ropes and share his wealth of knowledge of how everything worked, where the supplies were, and what needed to be done to keep the fountain and sprinklers working.

I spent years as a Scout Leader, committee chairman, and in various other volunteer positions. It is very easy to sit back and not step into volunteer roles. We can also take our historical buildings, museums, and points of interest for granted too. At some point, those with the knowledge will have to step aside and hopefully be able to pass the baton on to the next willing generation. Maintaining the fountain and sprinkler system is a minor contribution to Woodinville, but it may be the first impression that one has as they walk up to the museum. Hopefully, it draws new young families in to explore and learn about Woodinville's history and, of course, play in the fountain.



Welcome to Our Newest Member

Janet Grady



Sustaining Memberships

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The success of the Woodinville Heritage Society is made possible, in part, by the generous support of 4Culture, The City of Woodinville, and our membership

Thank you!



Did You Identify the Building from Page 1?

George Peterson built the Homestead Grocery across from the Hollywood Schoolhouse in 1924 on the site where his parents homesteaded in 1876. His widowed mother, Caroline, provided meals to boat passengers traveling along Squak Slough in the 1890s. The store sold in 1953 but continued serving Hollywood residents and motorists until it burned down in 1965.

Another service station replaced the Homestead Grocery and became the Station Pizzeria and adjacent wine-tasting in 2012 [from *Images of America: Woodinville*]. In 2015, it became Vivi Pizzeria.



Not Yet a Member of Your Community Museum?

Your annual dues help support collections, new exhibits and maintenance of the historic DeYoung house, plus you will receive quarterly newsletters, emailed event news and program updates, and invitations to members-only events.

\$15	Student/Educator/Senior
\$25	Individual
\$40	Family
\$500	Single Lifetime

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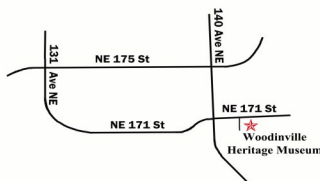
Come visit us at the Woodinville Heritage Museum

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: Every Sunday
Admission is always FREE!



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