



Lacey Historical Society
NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL MEETING

Fall signals many events and for the 92 members of the Lacey Historical Society--we know it's Annual Meeting time:

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1996
TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
WHERE: ST. BENEDICTS MEETING HALL
Directly Behind the Lacey Museum
on Ulery Street

This is the one meeting of the year that Society members are needed to elect their trustees for their terms in office. The newly elected Board is then organized with its officers from the floor.

New this year, and available to all the membership, will be a personal members' annual report. It will contain a monthly consensus of the Treasurer's report and a summary of the monthly minutes.

This year we have invited Kevin O'Sullivan, Thurston County Assessor, in addition to a representative of private industry, to present a short dialogue on property issues concerning senior citizens. A question and answer period will then follow.

Halloween refreshments will toast our fall annual meeting.

May we see as many of you there as the Fire Marshall will allow!!

REMEMBER-----1997 IS NEW YEAR-----NEW DUES!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: I have a very deep appreciation for the loyal support that this Board of Trustees has given in 1996: Secretary Judy Hildebrandt, who has provided us with professionally written minutes; Treasurer Dick Husk, for the excellent records he has kept; and, for the rest of those wonderful trustees, who have contributed from each of their own strengths.

Thank you to all of you for helping to fulfill the purpose of the Lacey Historical Society.

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LACEY HISTORY TIME LINE (Cont. from June Newsletter)

- 1853: The area's population is further boosted with the arrival of the families of Tyrus and Emeline Himes and Varen Davis.
Nathan Eaton builds a sawmill on Eaton Creek, the first sawmill in Western Washington not on the sound.
The community forms a school district.
Eliza Jane, the young wife of Urban East Hicks, dies.
Stephen Ruddell puts aside land for a cemetery, which becomes known as the Pioneer Cemetery.
- 1854: John Hawk and his family settle near the Tyrells.
Tyrell's Prairie becomes known as Hawks Prairie.
- 1855: The Indians rise up against the settlers in protest over the forced loss of land. The settlers build stockades on various homesteads, including the Ruddell property, the Hawk property, and the Eaton Property.
- 1856: William White is killed near Fort Eaton. By summer, hostilities have ceased.
- 1881: By this year the area's school has moved to the former Wood Donation Land Claim and is known as Wood School District #10.
- 1890: John M. Adams plats "Adams Acres Tracts adjoining Olympia," the oldest plat now within the Lacey City limits.

Because of the space given to the annual meeting, our "Let's Go Visiting" feature will not appear in this newsletter.

Look for the next issue to bring you interesting information about one of Lacey's pioneer families!



THE REMEMBERING PLACE

Do you remember we have been working towards the construction of a memorial called, "The Remembering Place"?

This is an Eagle Scout project for Dan Healy, of Boy Scout Troop #211. He has worked with Olympia PreCast to obtain the three main pieces (birdbath, bench, and podium); the City of Lacey Public Works to provide the concrete base and approval for placement on the Museum grounds; and the three purchasers, who are honoring their loved ones.

Presently, the bench (for Juanita Hicks) and the podium (for Tom Huntamer) are in place on the Museum grounds. The birdbath (for Emma Robbins) is waiting for its cement base to be poured.

The remaining piece needed to finish "The Remembering Place" is the map to be placed on top of the podium. The map will present the locations of the 100-plus trees and shrubs that the Society has dedicated since 1986.

The map is also an Eagle Scout project being done by Sung Lee of Boy Scout Troop #208. We are working with Winsor Corporation of Olympia to create a professional and vandal-proof botanical-design outdoor map.

MEETING NEWS

The 100 year old Gallagher House has been in need of basic maintenance. This summer, the Board of Trustees went through the bid process to select a contractor for this work.

Rick Phillips, of Wildwood Construction, was selected to complete the four main repairs. Mr. Phillips was able to start work on the Gallagher House on September 16, 1996.
