



Lacey Historical Society
NEWSLETTER

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“Creative Memories”

The Lacey Historical Society was greatly surprised on January 15, 1998 with a generous award in the form of two archival photo albums with sufficient pages to record the 118 dedications we need recorded.

Liz and Steve Klaniecki of “Creative Memories” noticed our current albums at the Fun Fair 1997. Liz pointed out the faults in our present record system, as well as the problems that could be overcome.

During follow-up conversations with Liz and the Tree Album Committee (Judy Hildebrandt, Norma Husk, Emeline Kilber, Phyllis Lathrop, Shirley Dziedzic) the details on format changes from the old to the new albums were worked out. Liz’s experience in making creative memories was most valuable to us.

If the Klaniecki name is sounding familiar to you, Steve’s father is Ed Klaniecki, an early Lacey businessman in the old Market Square area. He operated a shoe store next to Tony’s Jewelers.

The monetary value of their contribution was most generous and it greatly benefits our Society project by improving the quality of the records of the plant dedication program. However, it was their main desire to provide a “symbol” of their belief in Lacey’s history.

Tree Dedication Notice

The highly successful honoring of “the Remembering Place” in 1997, as well as the annual tree planting ceremony, has brought about a decision to postpone any tree dedication for 1998. The impact of the 1997 event pointed out to us a major weakness in our record keeping albums. Therefore, the trustees believe it wiser to correct, complete, and consolidate the responsibility of this project before adding any further dedication.

We value the trust that has been given us in this tree dedication program. We ask your understanding of our decision to meet that trust.

The Lacey Historic District

The Lacey City Council, on the advice of the Planning Commission, has corrected an error in the city's zoning map. That correction means the Lacey Historic District now legally exists.

The prior zoning of C.B.D.#9 (commercial business district #9) was not representative or true. The advantage of an Historic District allows other historical home owners to apply to be on the city and/or state register(s). If a house is accepted, there are tax incentives. Congratulations to the City of Lacey for its recognition of the Lacey Historic District.

Other Historic Happenings

This spring, a new neighbor was moved into the Lacey Historic District. The L. C. and Tom Huntamer home was built in the 1930's on the Lacey Boulevard site. Due to the city's need for this land, Nick Adams paid the costs for the removal of the building to Lacey Street. Watch for more progress reports.

There are now two more historic names that have been returned to identify our early settlers: Himes and Southwick

Tyrus and Emeline Himes' brown historic sign will be attached to the green 7th Avenue sign in the Lacey Historic Area.

Southwick road, named for the Southwick family, will now also be identified 45th S.E. This street lies quite close to Southwick Lake.

These two new historical signs join the Foy Street and Robbins Road signs already in service.

We need to express our appreciation to the Lacey Historical Commission and the Lacey City Council for these efforts in recognizing Lacey roots.

President's Report

1997 Membership Report:

Last March I told you that we had 28 paid members. Would you believe that in December the total was **111!** As you can see from the chart below, we have never reached that number before. **THANK YOU - ALL OF YOU - YOU CAN'T KNOW THE IMPACT YOUR LOYALTY HAS ON US.**

The Trustees

1992	81 members	1997	111 members
1993	97 members	1998	22 members
1994	83 members	1999	3 members
1995	90 members	2000	2 members
1996	93 members	2001	1 member

Future Events:

(A) A Photo Memories Class:

March 21st (Saturday)

1pm - 2pm (Free)

Lacey Timberline Library

The Lacey Museum staff, researcher Drew Cooks, and curator, Andrea Hein, will demonstrate the significance of historical photographs, plus how to conserve and duplicate them. You are asked to bring your historic photos to share after the presentations.

(B) Lacey Fun Fair:

May 2nd and 3rd Friday and Saturday

at our usual place inside the Pavilion

This year we invite you to play the **New Thurston County Board Game** with us. Help us critique the information for its designer. And, as always, an apple for your willingness to participate.

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