



Lacey Historical Society
NEWSLETTER

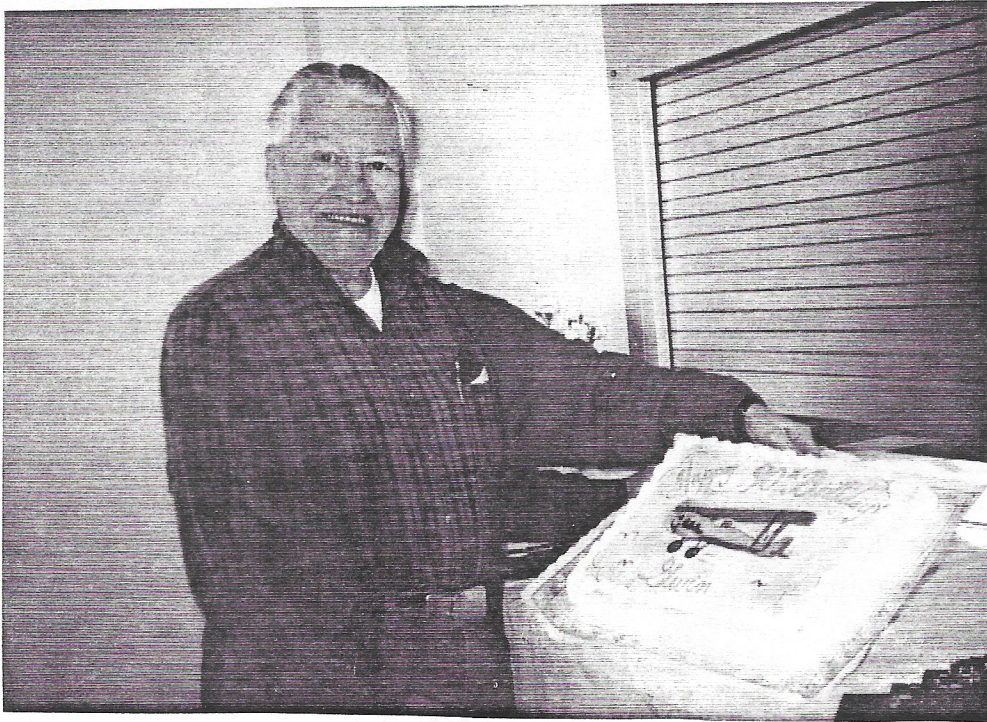
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APRIL 2000

GWIN HICKS MAKES HISTORIC FLIGHT

On Sunday, March 19, 2000, **Gwin Hicks** departed this world on his final flight plan. His family and friends were there to wish him a safe journey. His "flight plan" included the desire for no funeral or memorial service. His family intends to follow **Gwin's** desires.

Gwin had suffered two serious health problems recently; then on March 8th came the severe stroke that called for his departure preparations. However, February 24, 2000 was **Gwin's** 90th birthday. His health, personality, and friendship were on sparkling display! Family, friends and neighbors, with the Trustees of the Lacey Historical Society, held an "emergency meeting" to try and surprise **Gwin**. Did we succeed? See the picture below.



Gwin's 90th Birthday Celebration was a gift from and to us. A four-page booklet of colored photos, taken that day, is available for \$6.00. If you are interested in seeing or ordering a booklet, please contact us at P.O. Box 3324, Lacey WA 98509-3324 or call 360.491.0905.

1913 "OLD LACEY SCHOOL" MEMORIAL

The Q.F.C. "Bell Tower" stands proudly in the center of the building located at the rear of the Old Lacey School site. Its authentic 1913 design is against a background of the tall Douglas fir trees in the Lake Lois habitat preserve. When darkness falls, the bell tower becomes illuminated with a soft light. There are hopes for the bell sound of the actual 1913 bell to be heard ringing twice a day...9:00 a.m. when school started and at 3:00 p.m. when school was dismissed.

Other plans are being studied to construct one bench made from the bricks taken from both of the 1913 and 1928 schools. Under consideration is the idea to sell small porcelain tiles, naming the staff and students who attended the Lacey School over its 105-year history. A location for the Alumni Bench will be in the vicinity of the former flag pole area at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Carpenter Road.

The Lacey Historical Commission is arranging for the display of three early Lacey schools in each of the arches facing onto Carpenter Road. Informational plaques will accompany these photos.

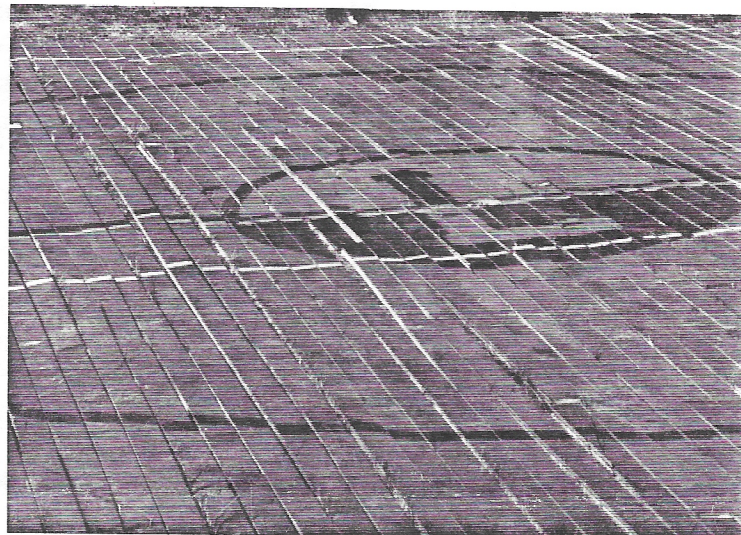
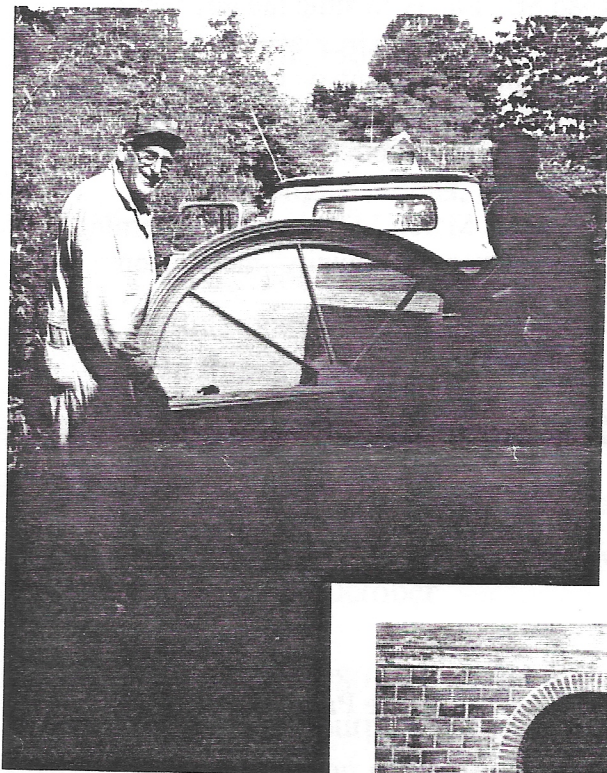
Inside the Q.F.C. store, Store Manager **Jeff Brown** has added new, early Lacey School pictures and background data that explain their history. This extended feature can be found opposite the fireplace mantle display on the store's opening day of September 10, 1999 which was in recognition of this historic community site.

The Lacey Historical Society's **APRIL 19TH** meeting will be held here from **2 P.M. UNTIL 3:30 P.M.** It is an open community meeting to acquaint us all with the additional developments that are taking place there. It is our intention to show Q.F.C. the sense of loyalty, as well as respect, we have in this "partnership memorial". Please join us on April 19th at 2:00 p.m. under the Bell Tower!

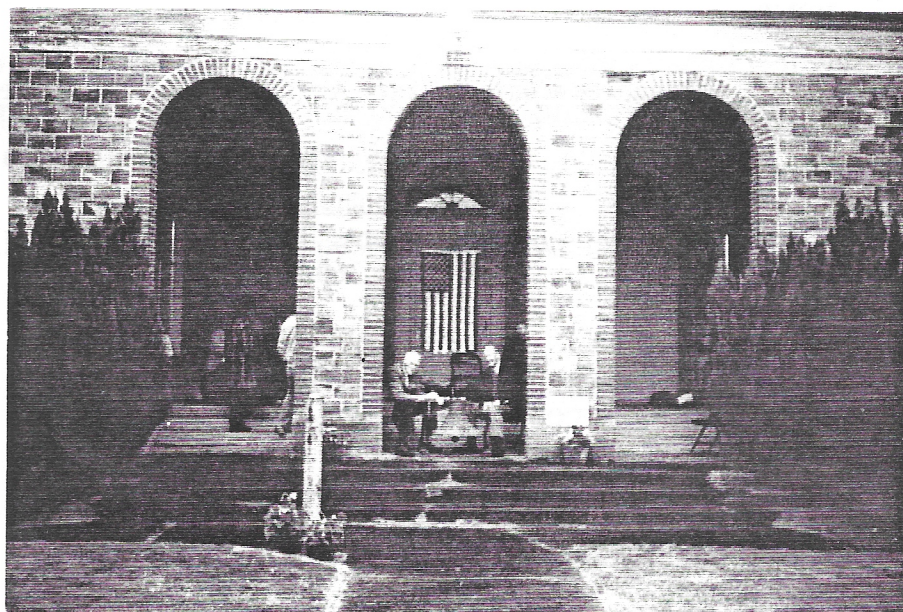
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These three artifacts remain to be placed:

THE WINDOW



THE GYM FLOOR



THE ARCHES

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The Monarch Art Center, located off the Waldrick Road in Thurston County, has made a proposal to incorporate the three arch design made from the T-shaped bricks into its “Monarch Hedge Maze” currently under construction. The Monarch Art Center is a one acre landscaped maze to be inaugurated at its open house on August 20, 2000. Brick benches are also to be included in the plan. There is no cost to the Society.

Myrna Orsini, Director, is an internationally know sculptor of more than 13 pieces and may be reached at 8431 Waldrick Road SE. She is creating the girl statue (modeled by a Lacey girl), which is surrounded by butterflies, to be placed in the maze. A 92-foot long wall will contain four-inch tiles, submitted by Thurston County fifth graders, with a nature theme pattern. The three arches will occupy a 25-foot space in the wall and provide a passage for the flow of movement through both sides of the maze.

The Board of Trustees heard a presentation at its March 15th meeting concerning this project. Further discussion will take place at an “Open Community” meeting on April 19th in the Q.F.C. fireplace area from 2:00 until 3:30 p.m.

**PLEASE JOIN US AND TAKE PART IN THIS EXCITING
PROPOSAL**

RSVP:

Monarch Contemporary Art Center and Sculpture Park

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

New Year.....

New Millennium.....

NEW MISSION STATEMENT....

The Board of Trustees is undertaking this 2000 year goal to define a new Mission Statement for the Lacey Historical Society. The enclosed page **BEGINS** the process. The words, phrases, or sentences that will contain your thoughts, ideas, and opinions **ARE MOST NEEDED** from everyone.

The October Annual Meeting will showcase the “working” Mission Statement for the Society. Please consider **your** role in this process as vital. In **this** project, your 11 trustees must **not** act or speak for you. Our membership’s responsibility is wanted and needed. The remaining meetings this year will be the forums for the points of your input. The August Newsletter will contain a summary, to date, of your suggestions. The draft report will be ready at the Annual Meeting at the Jacob Smith House towards the end of October.

In 1980, we stated our purpose as exclusively for educational and charitable purposes for the promotion, collection, preservation, and past interpretation of the history of Lacey, Washington.

To fulfill that purpose in the past 20 years, we have:

- formed a 501.c3 non-profit group,
- preserved and maintained the 100 year old Gallagher house,
- held tree/plant dedications (1986-1997) that total 118 dedications,
- participated in Lacey Fun Fairs, and
- formed an “Old Lacey School” memorial committee (1994).

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 2000:

January:

- **Bill Bush**, retired Lacey City Councilman, joined the Society's Board of Trustees.
- Officers elected: **Shirley Dziedzic**, President; **Lawrence Petty**, Vice President; **Dr. William A. Ehlers**, Treasurer; **Judy Hildebrandt**, Secretary.

February:

- Celebration of Charter Member and Trustee, **Gwin Hicks'** 90th birthday! A four-page booklet containing color photos of this happy and "high-flying" event is available for \$5.00. Please contact the Society president at 360.491.0905.

March:

- Monarch Art Center Proposal
- Stroh House fire training burn

April:

- "Open Community" Lacey Historical Society meeting at Q.F.C. (in fireplace area)

May:

- Lacey Fun Fair. Public display of three-brick arches in hedge maze in hedge maze design.

June and July: On vacation

August:

- 20th Open House at Monarch Art Center. Grand opening of "hedge maze"

September:

- "Draft" mission statement ready

October:

- Annual Meeting at Jacob Smith House. Mission Statement adoption.

November:

- Storman's one-percent rebate program revision.

December:

- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Lacey Historical Society is updating its guidelines for the new millennium. By reexamining statements about the Society's *Mission, Goals and Objectives* we hope to provide the board with a clear set of policies to guide action. Please give your thoughts to any board member by April 19, 2000.

What we need first is your help in writing down your views for each of these categories.

1. A *Mission Statement* should be a short, clear declaration stating what the Historical Society is all about. Everything the Society does should fall within it, and nothing the society does should be outside it.

An example of a Mission Statement might be:

Acquire, protect, maintain and interpret key properties, structures, places and events necessary for future generations to understand and appreciate Lacey's unique history.

In a sentence, two or three, please write what you think the mission of the Society should be.

If its easier for you, just jot down words, edit the example above or give us several pages. We'll try to pull all the thoughts together.

2. Next, we need your thoughts on what our goals should be. Here, we will want to adopt more than one, but all goals should have their foundation in the Mission Statement. Write as many as you think are appropriate - add additional paper if necessary.

An example of an *Goal Statement* might be:

Acquire "best examples" of Lacey homes for each decade from settlement to 1950.

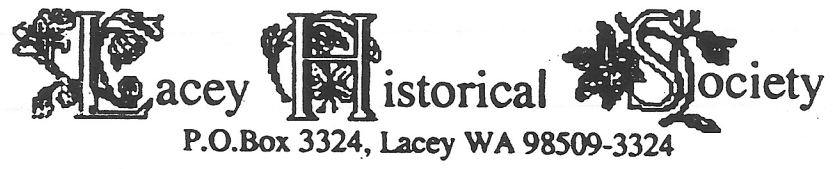
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3. And, for each *Goal*, there should be one or more *Objective(s)*. These should be specific and identify the "what", "who", "When", "where".

An example of a *Objective Statement* might be:

By 2005, the Capital Committee should raise subscriptions or cash in the amount of \$125,000 to acquire the Jon Doey house at 335 Anywhere Street.

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Please add as much paper as you need to express your views and thank you for your help.
Fold.... Stamp.... tape before mailing.... We welcome your comments.