



# Lacey Historical Society

Lacey Community Museum - Dedicated 1980

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## "Random Acts of Kindness" . . . . .

. . . has been given to the Lacey Historical Society. A group of ladies from the Firs whose leader is Betty Keiler are spear heading moving the "Tree Planting" records into acid free archival-safe paper albums for their preservation.

Two work sessions have been held, July 12 at the Firs and August 9 at the Lacey Museum. Moving the years 1986 to 1990 is currently in process. They represent 42 dedicated plantings. Andrea Hein, curator for the Lacey Museum, Zach Savich, Trustees from the Society and 10 ladies from the Firs are establishing this permanent record for the Society. The completed albums will be stored in the Lacey Museum for public viewing

### Storman's "Community Rebate" Card Begins

120 Lacey Historical Society Friends and members in Thurston County received these new coded cards. The pictured card, replaces Storman's earlier system of "saving the receipts" for the one percent refund.

Phyllis Lathrop has done a marvelous

job as our clearing house chairwoman for many loyal members, such as Harold Skinner, Don Woodward, and Lars and Ruth Carlsson.

That one percent has been a welcome source of income to the society. Ben Franklin said, "A penny saved is a penny earned."

Phyllis may be contacted at 491-2293 for card replacements and/or sharing with your neighbors and friends.



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# "President's Report"

~ One picture is worth a thousand words ~



## April 13, 2000: Rainy Day Fire

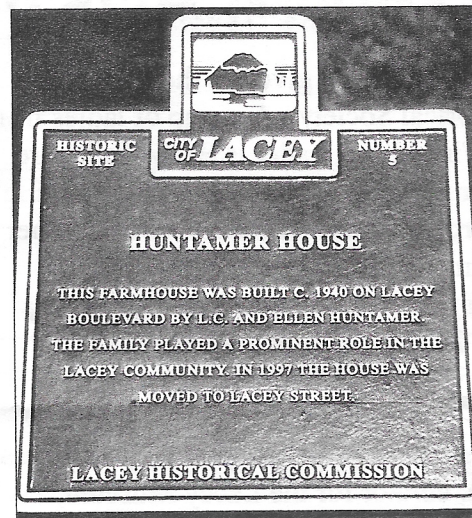
The Lacey historical Neighborhood watched a "controlled burn" of the Stroh House by Lacey Fire District #3. The Society had requested the burn after a two-year decision making study.

Four "start up" and "stop" fires gave firefighters training experiences, with full team support. "C" team, with Captain Brian Kessler in charge, completed the task in one rainy afternoon.

The Fire District was pleased that they had been given the opportunity to practice their fire fighting skills.

**Welcome to the  
"New Look" of the  
Newsletter**

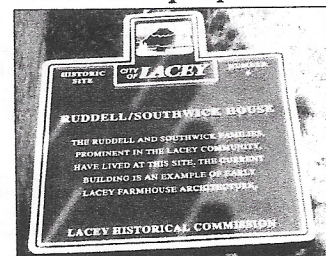
## May 30, 2000: Historical Commission Plaques on Public Display



Two new historical plaques were put in place to honor the Huntamer House on Huntamer Lane and Lacey Street and also the Ruddell House on Ruddell Road.

Louise Huntamer, wife of Tom Huntamer, and Amy Turner, owner of the Ruddell House were present when Jim Sheler, Director of Lacey Parks and Recreation, installed the bronze plaques on their posts.

Nick Adams, owner of the Huntamer House was unable to be present.



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**September 19, 2000 . . .**

Please join us on this date for a "First Year" Celebration of Q.F.C. locating at the Old Lacey School site. This, also, will be the monthly meeting of the Lacey Historical Society Trustees. Refreshments will be served.

The Community is encouraged to "visit" and show our appreciation to Q.F.C. for their recognition of an important 1903 Lacey Historic landmark.

**October 29 . . .**

The Jacob Smith House will be the setting for the Lacey Historical Society's Annual Meeting of ALL members and friends at **2:00 p.m.**

This beautiful setting, preserved by Randy Orth, is on a knoll along what was an old Indian trail. The vista from the main room, of Mt. Rainier on a fall afternoon, is spectacular.

A short business meeting to elect officers and trustees for 2001 will be followed by refreshments. A speaker from St. Martin's College has been invited.

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**Bessie Miller (Yates) - June 2**

Bessie's memory will be honored and lovingly remembered with the proposed use of the donations that have been made to the Lacey Historical Society.

Bessie's son, Eric E. Lee, wrote to us, "the most vivid memory she shared was riding her horse from the Yates' chicken ranch (Nisqually Middle School) to the Bay (Marvin Road and Hoggum Bay Roads) and not seeing another soul along the way." He continues "It's hard to imagine such a memory now." The Society's September 19th meeting agenda calls for "Discussion" and an "Action Vote" on this memorial to Bessie Miller's life and her contributions to Lacey.

**Hazel Huckee (Kyllo) - June 29**

Hazel and her husband, Abner, were beloved owners of the Gallagher House. The Lacey Historical Society purchased it in the 80's. It is registered #3 on the City of Lacey's Historic Register. There is a plaque located at the front steps of the house which can be seen when visiting the Lacey Museum on Lacey Street.

The Huckee's picturesque flower gardens greeted travelers on Carpentar Road (during the Summer time). In their memory, The Lacey Historical Society will create a new garden site similar to one of theirs. Many citizens of Lacey can recall their purchases of fresh, beautiful bouquets grown by this Lacey couple.

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Sunday, August 20th  
11:00 A.M. -- 6:00 P.M.

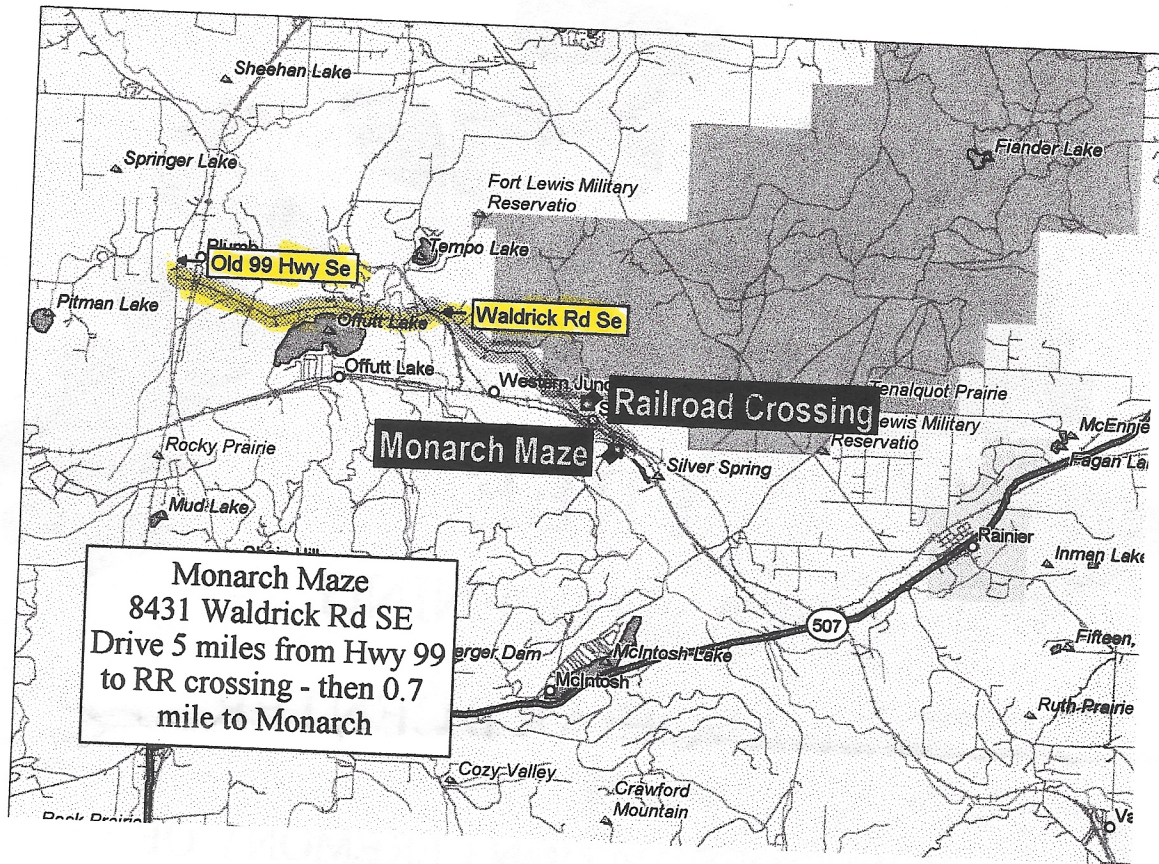
**FREE**  
**GRAND OPENING**  
**MONARCH ART CENTER**

1:00 P.M. DEDICATION CEREMONY OF  
**"MONARCH MAZE"**

- Indoor Reception
- Family Event
- Picnic area, concessions*
- Entertainment*
- Demonstrations
- Art for Sale

**COME AND ENJOY THE DAY WITH US! See Map** 

Contact Myrna Orsini @ 264-2408



### Exploring Washington Archaeology

The Lacey Museum invites you to a program that will look at the fascinating subject of archaeology. First, Robert Whitlam (State Archaeologist) will discuss *Archaeology of the Fur Trade in Washington State*. Then, Dennis Lewarch and Laura Murphy (both of Larson Anthropological Archaeological Services Limited) will examine *Pre-European Contact and Historical Archaeology of Southern Puget Sound*.

**Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Avenue**

**7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Thursday, October 19, 2000**

**Free Admission**

**For more information call Andrea Hein or Drew Crooks at (360) 438-0209**