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Spring Newsletter 2013

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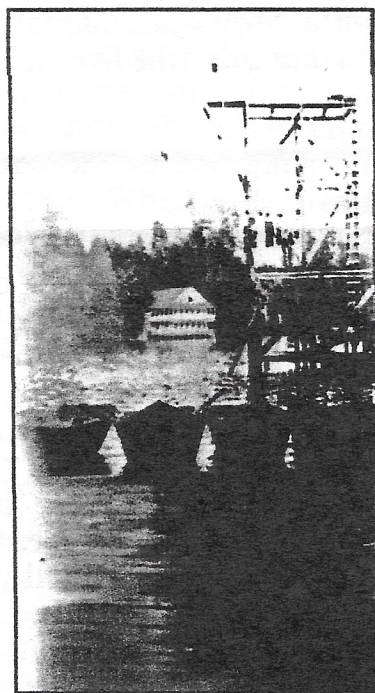
Ken Marmion

Amy Turner

2013 Lacey Historical Society Annual Meeting

September 24th 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Lacey Community Center

Put September 24th on your calendar for the Lacey Historical Society annual meeting when we will remember summer days of yesteryear and take a look back to when Lacey was a resort destination.



Mullens High Dive
Photo Courtesy
Lacey Museum

Starting in 1891 with the opening of the Woodland Driving Park (featured at last year's meeting), people traveled to Lacey to enjoy a picnic, a stroll through gardens or a horse race. After the turn of the century, they started to take advantage of the lakeside resorts opening up on Pattison, Hicks, Long and Southwick Lakes. By the 1920's the numerous resorts offered a variety of activities including swimming, boating, high diving, chutes or water slides, cabins, camping, concession stands even rodeo and dance hall. Additional fun was available at the Mountain View Golf Course, Travis Campground and barbecue at the Lake Lois Auto Park.

The Kenney twins will return once again to entertain, educate, and help us relive the fun activities of summer. Dust off your "bathing suit" and be prepared to share those memories of when Lacey was a popular resort destination.

Museum Curator

Curator Amber Raney has left the Lacey Museum to take a position with the Office of Secretary of State as their Historical Records Project coordinator. She will be supervising hundreds of volunteers in the transcription of important historical documents to be posted on the Digital Archives website. She also will be assuming various duties at the State Archives. We are saddened to see her leave Lacey, but we know that her talents will benefit researchers from around the world. Until a replacement can be found for her, members of the Lacey Historical Society and Lacey Historical Commission are keeping the museum open.

Memories

Memories....Arlys Hukee Peterson

My parents Abner and Hazel Hukee occupied the Gallagher house at the corner of Pacific and Carpenter Road in early 1951 through 1983. They were hard working traditional Norwegian farmers who utilized the land to raise flowers and vegetables. Our father hand spaded the garden space in the spring. They purchased seeds from Minnesota where they previously lived. The gardens were fertilized thanks to the moveable chicken pen and the mushroom compost from the plant just down the road.

Father retrieved the night crawlers while spading and sold to the numerous fishermen on their way to the nearby lakes. He and my brothers also collected night crawlers by flashlight in the front yard of the old Lacey School.

Many customers and friends looked forward to purchasing their fresh flowers and vegetables each summer. They were proud to supply flowers for numerous weddings. Mother preserved a lot of vegetables for the freezer and everyone loved her pickles.

Mother was recognized for her beautiful Norwegian hardanger embroidery work and we cherish the pieces she left us. Our Parents will live in our hearts forever as pioneers of Lacey, Washington.



Memories...John Firkins

After reading Amy Turner and Bob Krier's remembrances of their Lacey school days, a strong feeling of nostalgia swept over me. Miss Weber reading to us as we crowded around her, Mrs. Couch clapping as we put on another Uncle Wiggly play, Amy and Cathy Newman running to Turner's store to buy a new plant for Mrs. Bordeaux because I had knocked the one she had off her desk. Ah yes, those were the good old days!

Mrs. Fleetwood was my favorite teacher; her influence and guidance had a profound impact on my life. I'll never forget what she told me. One day after a final math test she said, "John, you're fantastic: don't let anyone tell you're not!" In 1986 I dined with Governor Booth Gardner. I was Washington State Professor of the Year and had also been named Silver Medalist in the competition for National Professor of the year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

I was able to invite a few people to the dinner and I called Cathy and asked her to bring Mrs. Fleetwood. After dinner I was asked to say a few words; I got up, praised Mrs. Fleetwood and thanked her for being my inspiration. I couldn't resist telling everyone at the banquet what she had told me so many years before. She stood up and applause was almost deafening! As we quieted down, she said, "I don't believe I ever said that!" I thought everyone was going to die; laughter filled the room and I don't think there was a dry eye in the house!

Share Your Stories

We hope these and previous stories will spark your memory of a special occasion or place and you will share with your LHS Newsletter friends. We'd love to hear from you. Mail to P.O. Box 3324 Lacey, WA 98509-3324 or call Shirley @ 360-491-0905.

Society News

Welcome to the Board of Trustees: Ken Marmion

We are pleased to introduce the new trustee of the Lacey Historical Society - Ken Marmion. He was appointed at the February 14, 2013 Society meeting to fill John Puckett's position. John had asked to be replaced at our November 2012 meeting. Ken will step into John's assignment as "Property Manager."

Ken's first connection with the Society began with our "Memorial Plantings." He has brought his high school students to help with the plantings for more than twenty years and freely offered his own knowledge and service to the project. We are delighted to have him on board.



Memorial Album Project

The final "page" of our Memorial Albums project has been completed! The pages provide details on the 125 plantings of trees and bushes starting in 1986 on the 20th anniversary of the City of Lacey to honor the past and present citizens of Lacey. Originally presented to the City on its 40th anniversary, the albums have been expanded and updated. In addition, an illustrative spreadsheet of the plantings has been provided for the City of Lacey's Maintenance Department. We are proud to have been able to create this living historical heritage.

Gallagher House Refurbish

Over the 2012 summer, Lacey Historical Society trustees John Puckett and Dick Yates inspected the Gallagher House and found several problems with the structure including electrical issues and roof rats which had entered the building by way of adjacent trees. The trustees hired exterminators to set traps and instructed Chris Ray our yard maintenance contractor, to trim the trees. When estimates for fixing the electrical problem seemed to blow the budget, current board members Bob Krier and Michael O'Keefe and new trustee, Ken Marmion came to the rescue by replacing electrical switches and fuses and installing smoke detectors. Ken has also replaced the insulation damaged by the rats. Renter Jan is happy with the improvements and the Society has made good on its promise to preserve this historical home.

Join the Lacey Historical Society

2013 Annual Dues

Name _____ Phone _____

Address (if new) _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

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Senior/ Students: \$5.00

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Family (Household): \$15.00

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Please mark any funds sent the Society as Dues \$ _____

Both dues and donations are tax deductible. Donations \$ _____

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Thank you for your continued support in preserving Lacey's Heritage

Announcements

No Lacey School Reunion This Year

The Lacey Historical Society will not be sponsoring a Lacey School reunion this year, however the trustees are preparing for one in the near future. We invite all Lacey School alumni to participate in our annual Society meeting September 24th.

Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery

The Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at the Woodlawn Funeral Home on Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 2 p.m. The agenda will include the honoring of Mina Bowker, who has retired as Secretary/Treasurer after 40 years of service to the Cemetery Association.

Lacey Museum at the Depot

The Lacey Historical Commission is creating a new museum Master Plan and it will be going to the Lacey City Council for approval sometime this summer. Stay tuned for future details.

New Newsletter Format

Your Historical Society is currently in the process of creating a new newsletter format. The upper right hand corner of your mailing label contains the year through for which you have paid dues. If no year appears, we do not have a record of a recent dues payment. You may pay your dues with the enclosed coupon. Our newsletter staff is Editor: Lanny Weaver, Technical Editor: Susan Hartman, Reporters: L.H.S. Trustees, and Mailing Editor: Michael O'Keefe. The Society extends a great big **Thank You** to Bill Bush who, for many years, created our newsletter for us.

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