

Lacey Historical Society

**'To be a voice for the early citizens of Lacey, to be their stewards
protecting the historical heritage they have given to us'**

2016 Spring "50 Years of Lacey" Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2016

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Lacey Historical Society Annual Meeting & Lacey School Reunion.....At the Lacey Community Center Pot Luck Dinner

Lacey School Reunion: It's time again for the Lacey School Reunion sponsored biennially by the Lacey Historical Society (LHS). You will have the opportunity to reunite with old classmates once again. Thanks to Museum Curator Erin Quinn-Valcho, the Lacey School photograph albums will be on display. We will also discuss the importance of the school to the development of the City of Lacey.

Lacey Historical Society Annual Meeting: Since the city is celebrating its 50th anniversary, this year's theme is "50 Years of Lacey," (The official date of incorporation is Dec. 5, 1966, but there will be celebratory activities throughout 2016 & 2017). In addition to a special presentation, we're going to set aside time to share our memories of what has made Lacey a special place for us.

More information on this event to follow in the August newsletter.

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Mission and Accomplishments

"...To be a voice for the early citizens of Lacey, to be their stewards protecting the historical heritage they have given us..."

Historic Preservation

1. Own and maintain the historic Gallagher House
2. Research and write commentary on houses up for register status
3. Research and write commentary on projects which may have an effect on historic properties.

Advocates for new Lacey Museum

1. Purchased and donated railroad cart
2. Sit on committees considering the new museum
3. Solicit donations for the new museum at annual meetings

Send representative to Lacey Historical Commission meetings

1. Give comments on policy when asked
2. Participate in the cities 50th Anniversary celebration through presence on one major committee and two sub-committees

Participate with other historical groups in Thurston County

1. Thurston County Through the Decades events
2. Host Thurston County Through The Decades events
3. Invited to Historians Conference through the Olympia - Tumwater Foundation.
4. Sit on Thurston Journal Committee sponsored by Olympia Historical Society.

Membership

1. Publish 2 newsletters a year
2. Hold annual meeting which includes food and presentations
3. Collect memories and images from the past to share



*Lacey Super
Market (Between
1970 & 1980)*

*Jacob Smith
Historical House
In Lacey, Wash.*

*(From Wa.Archives &
Lacey Archive Photos)*



Nora Brown

Our good friend and long time Lacey Historical Society member, Nora Brown, died Oct. 17, 2015. Amy Turner remembered Nora as a close friend with a wonderful sense of humor and said that you never knew when Nora would pipe up with something very funny. Amy further noted that Nora's wholesome, talented and hard working family was raised in Lacey.

Nora loved the Lacey Historical Society and the Society loved her. She had been on the Board of Trustees for 26 years, the longest period of time for any member. She did not have to be a scholar in history to contribute to the Society because she embodied the history of Lacey. The face of her father was captured in a Lacey Museum photograph of the Woodland School, taken about 1900. Her mother is in the iconic photograph of the people on the Depot platform waiting for the arrival of President Taft.

Nora's paternal grandfather, Frank Albert Smith, purchased land on Hawks Prairie near Marvin Road in 1901. Born in 1927, Nora grew up not far from Union Mills and attended the Lacey School. She started working at a young age and continued off and on until about a decade ago. Her places of employment included the Olympia Creamery, the Evergreen Ballroom, Lee's Restaurant, and the Red Bull Restaurant in Lacey.

In 2002, when Thurston County celebrated its sesquicentennial, Nora applied for a Thurstoneer Certificate offered to people who could trace their ancestry to someone who had arrived in the county by 1902. One of the judges confided that Nora's entry was the best. It is now preserved in the Washington State Archives. Nora was humble about her history. She never bragged. Despite her reluctance to answer questions about the past, if pressed, she would give the information needed, then proceed to explain how that person or thing was related to someone or something else and perhaps add another piece of fascinating information. Fortunately, she also wrote several stories about days gone by, thus preserving some of her knowledge of the past and insuring that we and future generations will always have a little bit of Nora with us.

Join the

Lacey Historical Society

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Name _____

Address (if new) _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Seniors/Students: \$5.00 Individuals: \$10.00 Family: \$15.00 Business: \$25.00

Please designate any funds sent: Dues: \$ _____ Donations: \$ _____

**The upper right hand corner of your mailing label contains the year through which you have paid dues. If no year appears, we do not have a record of a recent dues payment.*

**Lacey Historical Society is a Section 501(c)(3) organization and both dues and donations are tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.*

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



North Thurston School District
Music Dept

Celebrate Lacey's 50th Anniversary

Sunday July 3, 2016

Official Kick-Off with fireworks!

Rainier Vista Park, All day event

Check www.ci.lacey.wa.us for further details

Friday July 8, 2016

A Midsummer's Ice Cream at the Lacey Museum

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday August 13, 2016

Neighborhood Walking Tour: Starts at 10:00 am

Meet at the Lacey Museum

More events are scheduled up to July 2017!

They will appear in our August newsletter

Also: July 2016 is Lacey History Month

***For volunteer opportunities please call the Lacey
Museum at 360/438-0209***

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