



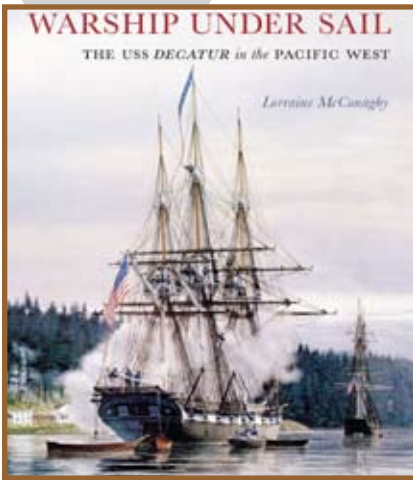
REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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OUR PURPOSE:

To Discover, Recover, Preserve, Share and Celebrate Redmond's History

1856 "BATTLE OF SEATTLE" REVISITED



Seattle. The book cover uses Mark Myers' painting of the Decatur bombarding Native Americans who had mobilized from west of the Cascades.

"McConaghy has found a lens through which to examine anew the founding of Seattle," wrote reviewer John Findlay of the University of Washington. "The vessel participated in the iconic 'Battle of Seattle,' that day-long skirmish during January 1856 between 'Natives' and 'non-Natives' that looms so large in historical accounts of the city." 

Historian **Lorraine McConaghy** will talk about her new book, *Warship under Sail: The USS Decatur in the Pacific West*, at our next general meeting on January 9th at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center.

Using writings from ship's officers and sailors, McConaghy recounts its missions in the mid-1800s, including fending off Native Americans in

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING:

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH
10:30 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON**

**Old Redmond Schoolhouse
16600 NE 80th Street**

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We have a Swedish admirer!


Margaret Evers Wiese passed along this compliment about our Web site from a genealogy researcher there: "It is really informative and also a stylish design. I love all the Indian place names - Snohomish, Issaquah, Sammamish, Snoqualmie and so on. They sound so mysterious and romantic. Good to see that they have been retained and not turned into colonial English. The society seems so well established with an office and officer - and fun too, especially the bike race." 

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WHAT'S NEW IN OUR COLLECTION?

This antique display case, donated by **Jerry** and **Clara Hammersberg**, will soon be refinished with safety glass so that we can use it to show off some Society artifacts outside the office. Our thanks to craftsman **Brett Barker** for volunteering to remove the old, thin glass and insert the thicker, tempered glass!



The handsome antique display case

ARTIFACTS DATABASE & PHOTOS

We continue to add artifacts to our digital database using PastPerfect software, and since October we've even added three more volunteers to input data! "They are making great progress," says Office Manager **Monica Park**.

PHOTOS: Our database of thousands of images is being put to great use. Some examples:

- The new Trader Joes in Redmond acquired several photos, which are hanging in their hallway that goes to the customer restrooms.
- Former Redmond resident **Craig Townsend** recently asked us for photos and info on the old Redmond train depot and T&D Feeds for a model railroad project.
- **McRedmond Morelli**, a descendant of the Morelli family that had a chicken farm on 148th where part of the Microsoft campus is today, visited our office (from Columbus, Ohio) last month to buy some photos and our book.

THANK YOU TO...

ARLYN VALLENE for donating a kerosene lamp and an old photo album/music box.

DR. STEVEN ERIKSEN of the Redmond Vision Clinic for donating a copier/printer/scanner.

THE WOODINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY for sending us DVDs of the DeYoung Family and John Halver III.

Board Member **JOE TOWNSEND** for donating a color printer.

EASTSIDE EVENTS

ISSAQUAH & SUPERIOR MINE HIKE

LOCATION: Issaquah Depot
50 Rainier Boulevard North in Issaquah

DATE/TIME: Saturday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m.

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This history hike begins at the Issaquah Depot with a slide presentation. The hike covers two to four miles over easy to moderate terrain and will take place rain or shine. Please bring water and wear comfortable shoes. The event is sponsored by the Issaquah History Museums and advance registration is recommended. Visit www.issaquahhistory.org for details.

AKCHO ANNUAL MEETING

LOCATION: The Museum of Flight in Seattle

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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The Association of King County Historical Organizations invites the public to its annual meeting, where Bonnie Dunbar, president of the Museum of Flight, will be the program speaker. The museum will be open to tour and a catered lunch is included in the \$25 cost. Advance registration required. Go to www.akcho.org/contactus.php to ask to register.

EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

LOCATION: Meydenbauer Center at 11100 NE 6th Street in Bellevue

DATE/TIME: Thursday, February 4 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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This fundraiser includes a reception and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner and a program. For more information about this event, visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or call 425-450-1049.

A BIT MORE HOLIDAY CHEER



Can you tell who's who? Read below to see if you're right!

LEFT: The Redmond Fire Department's Santa for many years was **Harold Everson**.

BELOW: Early in the 1950s, these neighbors went caroling in the Phantom Lake area on holiday eve.

(L-R) **Dale Mann, Jack Mann, Marge Mann** holding the sheet music, **Dennis Mann** between his mother and **Margaret Evers Wiese** who is playing the accordion, and Margaret's grandmother, **Kate Evers** holding the flashlight for her. 📷




STITCH YOURSELF INTO REDMOND HISTORY

We're looking for 100 designs of Redmond's heritage to turn into 100 quilt squares - and then into a giant quilt that we can raffle off as a fundraiser in 2012 when Redmond turns 100 years old!

The names of all those whose designs are used will be incorporated into the quilt's border, so now's your chance to be stitched into history.

If you'd like to participate, please contact **Joanne Westlund** at jmwestlund@verizon.net or call the Redmond Historical Society office at **425.885.2919** to receive an instruction sheet.

If you are interested and willing to help with the actual quilting, we would love to hear from you as well! 


FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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The 16 properties listed by the City as historic landmarks may soon be eligible for county preservation incentives. The City will be submitting applications to the King County Landmarks Commission, starting with four of the properties: **Anderson Park, Conrad Olsen Farmstead, Hutcheson Homestead** and the **Redmond School**.

Please join the Society in attending the public meeting for those four, to be held on January 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center.

"The primary reason we're seeking this designation for properties is to confer significant benefits to owners of landmarked properties," says City planner Jayme Jonas. Those include "special tax valuation, current use taxation for open space, landmark loan fund, technical assistance, investment tax credits, and additional landmark grant programs."

"This designation will not change the status of any of the properties in any way other than making them eligible for additional historic property incentive programs," Jonas emphasized. "The designation also will not add any additional or reduce any requirements for making modifications, alterations, or additions to the properties." 

I N MEMORIAM: IRENE DUDLEY, GENE JOHNSON & ANDRES FORCIER, JR.

IRENE DUDLEY

A regular attendee along with her daughter **Jean Etta Goshorn** - even celebrating her 99th and 100th birthdays with us - **Irene Dudley** passed away peacefully on November 8th. Born on May 30, 1908, Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Lenard, after 63 years of marriage. "She was loved by many and will be greatly missed," her family wrote in *The Seattle Times*.

GENE JOHNSON


Barbara (Armstrong) Johnson wrote to let Society members know that her husband passed away on September 21 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The owner of the Redmond Repair Service for 16 years, Gene was well known by locals at his auto service station on the corner of 79th and Avondale, across from the old American Legion Hall and its WWII cannons. "Our kids used to play on the cannons," Barbara recalls.

Gene was born on September 19, 1924 and fought in WWII as a B-24 nose gunner. He bought the Redmond shop in 1946 and later moved with the family to Coolidge, Arizona. He and Barbara were married for 57 years and had four children.

ANDREW FORCIER, JR.

Not many folks can say they lived their entire lives in Redmond - even working and volunteering here - but that's part of the legacy left by **Andy Forcier**. The lifelong resident worked at Cadman Gravel as a driver for 30 years and was a volunteer with the Redmond Fire Department in its early years, just like his father, **Andy Forcier, Sr.**, before him.

Born on February 23, 1941, Andy passed away last October 27. A tribute to his life was held November 14 at the Old Redmond Community Schoolhouse. Donations in his memory may be made to the Redmond Fire Department Aid Car Fund. 

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Our “VIEW OF HISTORY” DVD



Wintertime portrait of the historic Happy Valley Grange, “Gathering at The Grange” by artist Patti Simpson Ward

M EET OUR NEWEST LIFETIME MEMBER: ARLYN VALLENE

For eight years, every Thursday afternoon **Arlyn Bjerke Vallene** would staff the Society office, ready to share or listen to Redmond history with folks passing through.

“That’s 400 Thursdays donated to preserving Redmond’s history,” reckons **Nao Hardy**, our chief historian. Past President **Judy Lang** notes Arlyn is “our longest tenured volunteer.”

Arlyn has since “retired,” from the office, but she recently became our newest lifetime member, helping to solidify our society with her financial contribution.


In 2001, Arlyn sat down with Nao to talk about growing up in Redmond.

Arlyn’s parents lived on property along Avondale and owned the land that included Perrigo Springs, the only nearby source of potable water at the time. The Bjerke’s property was just below today’s Education Hill. Back then, it was called Poverty Hill because homes there lacked running water, so folks came down to the spring for buckets of water.

“The fact was,” Nao says of Poverty Hill, “everyone knew when everyone else was taking a bath. If I had to haul water up that hill, I’d be just like everyone else – Saturday night scrub lasts all week.”

Arlyn was born in the farmhouse on that property, which was later sold to developers of the Colony at Bear Creek apartments.

This interview is archived at redmondhistoricalsociety.org. In the search window at the top right of the page, just type the name **Arlyn**, then hit enter, and you’ll find the interview – a history lesson in itself.

Arlyn even recalls how she inherited cow milking duties when her grandma passed away. “I hated it,” she said. “Every morning and night. I’d go out on a date and they’d have to bring me home about 5:00 o’clock (p.m. that is!) so I could milk the cow.” 

N O V E M B E R 2 0 0 9 M E E T I N G A T T E N D E E S

Were you at our November meeting? These folks were. Our first time attendee is capitalized in **BOLD BROWN** text.

Ralph Anderson
Janine Baker
MARILEE CRIVELLO
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Daryl Martin
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Larry Miller
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Alexa Munoz
Monica Park
John Phillips
Roxana Phillips
Beth Rau
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