Weber Point Revisited — From Above & Below!

April General Meeting:
SAT., APRIL 14
10:30 A.M. TO NOON
Old Redmond Schoolhouse
16600 NE 80th Street

Tracy Emmanuel shows a Weber’s Mill blacksmith hammer found in the early 1990s at Weber Point during some excavation work (Image courtesy of Brian Ranck, HeadSpinnerPhotography.com)

Weber Point on Lake Sammamish has so much Redmond history—from logging, to rails to long-time residents—that we couldn’t get to all of it last November. So we’ve asked Tom Hansen, who grew up there, to return with more stories and photos.

He won’t be alone either. Tracy Emmanuel, who grew up “swimming in the depths” of the lake, as he puts it, will be showing photos of some of the artifacts he’s discovered underwater near where Weber’s Mill used to be. These will include anchors, the ovens and utensils from the cook house, as well as piles of timber “lined up like a box of Cuban cigars,” he tells us.
### What’s New Online

Many of the oral histories we’ve done include audio recordings—and we’ve started adding those to our website. The first is an interview of **Arlyn Vallene** by **Nao Hardy**.

To find it, use the search field on our homepage to type: **Vallene audio**.

We’ll eventually group all the audio interviews together, adding photos, for a richer experience. Thanks to **Richard Morris** and **Monica Park** for making it happen!

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Showcasing Our Collection

Weber Point, the topic of our April presentation, is rich in history. We have part of it preserved in photos and even newspaper clippings at our RHS office. Below we’ve shared a sampling:

(Photo Above) Weber’s Mill as it looked in 1916 in a photo taken by famed photographer Darius Kinsey. (Photo courtesy of the Tony Emmanuel Collection.)

Loggers pose at Weber’s Mill circa 1910. The man in middle of group, wearing white shirt and cap, is Ed Johnson. Note the two “boxers” on the roof! (Photo is courtesy of the Liz Coward Collection.)

The image to the left is part of the Weber Point rail salvaged by Tracy Emmanuel.
CALLING ALL CENTENARIANS!

Are you or do you know a person or business that will be 100 years or better in 2012? If so, the City is looking for you to help celebrate the Centennial. Contact Lisa Rhodes at larhodes@redmond.gov or phone her at 425.556.2360.

SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The City is also looking for individuals to volunteer at Centennial events and has several sponsorships available for businesses that want to have their name tied to this once-in-a-lifetime community celebration. Contact Lisa Rhodes at larhodes@redmond.gov or phone her at 425.556.2360.
The Clise bell, which also turns 100 this year, now sits proudly on a beautiful base thanks to an Eagle Scout project by Logan John and a crew of scouts. Mayor John Marchione and others will dedicate the structure on April 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Redmond High football field, where the bell is rung every time Redmond makes a touchdown!

Logan even got support from Al Clise, son of Anna Clise of Marymoor fame who had the bell cast in honor of her mother. It served the Episcopal Church and was also the town bell for fire alarms and reminders like city council meetings, notes Society member Doris Schaible. Circa 1920, the bell was moved to a tower on Bill Brown’s garage where it served for fires and even World War II enemy watches. In 1946, the bell moved to the newly formed Volunteer Fire Department. Circa 1950, it was moved to the new City Hall/Fire Station. Circa 1960, a fire alarm system was installed at the Fire Department and the bell was donated to Redmond High.

Walking Tour Adds Cemetery/Haunted History

Historian Tom Hitzroth is expanding his guide services in honor of the Centennial, offering five downtown tours (May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17, Sept. 9) as well as a tour of the Redmond Cemetery (July 15) and one on our haunted history (Sept. 30). Registration is required by the Thursday before the tour by contacting our office at 425.885.2919 or info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org. The 1-1/2 hour tours begin at 1:00 p.m. outside the former Justice White House at 7730 Leary Way.

May Exhibit—Growing Up with Microsoft

The history of the company that put Redmond on the world map will be presented in an exhibit by Microsoft Archives at the Redmond Library lobby during the month of May.

Storytelling Workshops

Inspired by the Centennial to dig into your family history? Free workshops will be offered May 5 and May 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Redmond Library. No registration is required.
Longtimers will certainly remember the Yoshitake’s contributions to Redmond. May’s family prepared these words of reflection.

Society member Linda Miye (“May”) Yoshitake, long time resident of Redmond, passed away at home with her family present on December 20. She was 88 years young. Miye is survived by her husband of 67 years, Frank Yoshitake.

Frank and Miye moved their family and landscape/nursery business to Redmond from the Beacon Hill neighborhood in Seattle the summer of 1955. Their three daughters, Teresa (Hall), Sharon (Gilbert) and Linda (Hussey) all began at Redmond Elementary School, with Linda beginning in the first grade. The family lived and worked on Avondale, owning Sunset Gardens Nursery and, later at the same site, Lil Augusta Golf Course—a par 3, 18-hole course.

Miye’s family grew to include five grandchildren and two great-grandsons (twins), as well as much extended family and loved ones.

After retiring they built a house overlooking the water on Marrowstone Island and lived there for several years, enjoying their time gardening and golfing. They later moved back to Redmond and lived with their oldest daughter, Teresa and her husband.

Every place the Yoshitakes lived, they left their legacy. A small park on Avondale is named in their honor called, “Sunset Gardens Park.” There is a plaque reading “Yoshitake’s Garden” as you enter Marrowstone which they had planted and maintained. Chevy Chase Golf Course in Port Townsend named an area “Miye’s Garden” for all her involvement with the ladies’ golf group.
A Huge Historical Thank You to:

JERRY HARDY for bringing old newspapers and a stack of photos that had belonged to our late founder Nao Hardy.

ARLYN VALLENE, MARIE WALLER, JOHN and ROXIE PHILLIPS for donations in memory of Nao Hardy.

LILLIAN GARLAND, LOITA HAWKINSON and MONICA PARK for putting together the membership cards and Centennial pins for our last general meeting.

TOM HITZROTH for once again leading the downtown walking tours, this year with Centennial bonuses—cemetery and haunted history tours. (See page 5).

STEVE THUES, self-proclaimed “Minister of Propaganda” at Sammamish Heritage Society, for picking up on our recent mystery about the Brazappa sign at Sammamish’s Evans Creek Preserve. “In Swedish, ‘bra’ means ‘good’ so ‘bra Zappa’ could mean ‘Good Zappa,’” he wrote playfully in their newsletter. “Therefore, I have come to the inescapable conclusion that the last residents of the Brazappa farmstead were part of a commune made up of Swedish Frank Zappa fans.”

Cedar Lawns Cemetery Plots for Sale

The Society is selling two side-by-side plots in Redmond’s Cedar Lawns Memorial Park. Donated by the Reed family, they include endowment care and are in the Garden of Christus section (225: 3 & 4). The price is $1,999 for one or $3,998 for both with the current value at $5,495 each. Cedar Lawns will handle all the necessary paperwork. If you are interested, contact us at 425.885.2919 for info.
SHIPPING & HANDLING: Please add $5.00 shipping & handling surcharge for any order that you would like mailed.

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NOTE: “Redmond Reflections” is also available at the REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICE at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center. (Hours of operation on page 12.)

Great Gift Ideas for History Lovers
Need something special for someone who appreciates our history? These are available at our Society office:

GREETING CARDS, MAGNETS & NOTE CARDS
featuring artwork by local artists:
• PATTI SIMPSON WARD
• DORISJEAN COLVIN
• TERRI GORDON
• PAT DUGAN

“OUR TOWN”
A history of Redmond by Nancy Way
Our “VIEW OF HISTORY” DVD
OUR NEWEST LIFETIMERS

We welcome Tony Emmanuel—seen here in 1963 with son Tracy (who is one of our April speakers), to our lifetimer’s club.

Thanks also goes to Jean Swanson for honoring her late husband Herb Swanson with a lifetime membership. Herb, who died in December at the age of 88 and after serving in WWII and the Korean War, “had a real love for Redmond” and cherished reunions with classmates like Charlie Lentz and Betty Buckley, Jean says.

OUR RHS LIFETIME MEMBERS

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Doris Bauer Schaible
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Arlyn Vallene
Patti Simpson Ward
Don Watts
Rose Weiss
Joanne Westlund
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March 2012 Meeting

Our March meeting began with a special thanks to Patti Simpson Ward (left) who received a lifetime membership for her seven years of Society art direction, including the elegant design and layout of our newsletter. She’ll be working with Janice LeVeck to hand over graphic duties until the summer hiatus.

Were you at our last meeting? These folks were! First time attendees are noted in BOLD CAPS.

Ray Adams
Ruth Adams
David Bartley
Elsie Bartley
GAIL CERRA
Tony Emmanuel
Marilyn Frey
Stan Frey
Lillian Garland
Evelyn Gilbert
Frank Gwerder
Charlotte Everson Hahnlen
Thomas E. Hansen
Marge Hanson
Mary Hanson
Jerry Hardy
Loita Hawkinson
Chris Himes
Duane Isackson
Linda Jaton
Elaine Keeley
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Cheryl Kenyon
DIANA LECHNER
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George Lyons
Jackie Lyons
Cheryl Magnuson
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Pat Marrs
Dorothy Matsui
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Julianne Rossiter
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Beryl Standley
Fran Stray
Fred Stray
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Harvey Tollfeldt
Jerry Torell
Joe Townsend
Judy Gilbert Turner
Patti Simpson Ward
Margaret Evers Wiese
Peggy Williams
James Willsit
RENEWING MEMBERS, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2012 DUES!

LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP (Check one only.)

- $5.00 TRAILBLAZER (Student)
- $20.00 PIONEER (Individual)
- $35.00 HOMESTEADER (Family)
- $200.00 ENTREPRENEUR (Supporter)
- $250.00 CORPORATE (Business)
- $1,000.00 HISTORY MAKER (Lifetime)

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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Redmond, WA 98052

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