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## SATURDAY SPEAKER SERIES: 'REDMOND 2050'



On February 8th, the Society kicks off our 2025 Winter/Spring Saturday Speaker Series with a presentation on “Redmond 2050,” by Jeff Churchill, Long Range Planning Manager for the City of Redmond. The plan includes a section on historic preservation, which has significant continuity with policies adopted in previous comprehensive plans—and, how Redmond is organized today is shaped a great deal by history and historical land use patterns.

The [Redmond 2050 Comprehensive Plan](#) is the long-range plan for Redmond that is required under the Washington State Growth Management Act. Redmond 2050 will guide growth and change in Redmond over the next decade and beyond. It is built on a community vision that emphasizes equity, inclusion, sustainability, and resiliency. The update plan will reduce car dependency and improve connections between neighborhoods and to our centers and light rail; provide vibrant centers and neighborhoods; protect the natural environment; and new, affordable housing types throughout the City.

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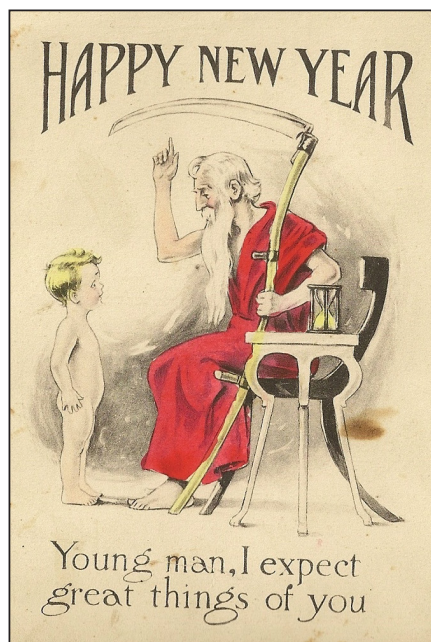
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## RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE SOCIETY!



Source: Cheryl Magnuson

Please join us for our Annual Ice Cream Social and Membership Meeting at the Happy Valley Grange on Saturday, January 11th, 2-4 pm. Connect with old friends, meet new people, socialize, and network while we thank you for preserving Redmond's rich heritage through your Membership with the Redmond Historical Society!

The Social is free and open to all—bring a friend or two! We'll share reports of our activities and programs, raffle drawings with great prizes, and hot fudge sundaes!



### Compass Realtors Partner with RHS to Assist with Fundraising

Compass Real Estate Brokers, Cynthia Olsen and Mary Sullivan, have formed a unique partnership with Redmond Historical Society in an effort to help with fundraising for the Society. Cynthia and Mary will donate 10% of their earned commissions to support the Society when members use or refer business that results in a closed transaction. This partnership was formed as a way to give back to organizations that support our communities. Choose real estate brokers who go above and beyond to help with every detail of the buying and selling process, and support the Society! Cynthia and Mary will help you plan, organize, donate, and more—they do it all! Please be sure to say hello to Cynthia and Mary at our next meeting! For more info, contact [Cynthia.Olsen@Compass.com](mailto:Cynthia.Olsen@Compass.com), 425 877-9904, or [Mary.Sullivan@Compass.com](mailto:Mary.Sullivan@Compass.com), 425 449-2841.

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## 932 VOLUNTEER HOURS!

By Jo Ann Potter

Our 25th Anniversary last September is now a memory filled with thoughts of old friends (we haven't seen in years), vintage music, yummy desserts, and "remember when" conversations.

Deborah Oftebro, Jo Ann Potter, Halee Turner, Tom Hanson, John Oftebro, Dale Potter, John Gustaveson, Sally Jo Eberhardt, Judy Lang, Mary Hanson, Linda McCrystal, Hannah Tozer, Darby Spence, Elly Parran, Deb Akerstrom, Laura Lee Bennett, and Patsy Rosenbach volunteered many hours to make the festivities a success.



*"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!"*

On January 11, 2025, join us at the Happy Valley Grange for our annual social and fundraiser. While you are enjoying sundaes, topped with strawberries, hot fudge, and whipped cream, John Oftebro and others will update you on the many activities of the Redmond Historical Society.

On that day, eat ice cream like no one is watching and go back for seconds.

Want to help with this event? Email [volunteercoordinator@redmondhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@redmondhistoricalsociety.org).

### 2025 Membership Social *featuring fellowship, free ice cream, and more!*



**January 11, 2025 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

**In person at the Happy Valley Grange**

19720 NE 50th St, Redmond, WA 98053

***Open to All! RSVPs appreciated. Call (425) 885-2919 or visit [RedmondHistoricalSociety.org](http://RedmondHistoricalSociety.org) for more info.***

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# ACTION-PACKED YEARS AT A SMALL-TOWN NEWSPAPER

By Deb Akerstrom, RHS Board Member

*Editor's Note: Founded in 1946 by Bob Bailie, the Sammamish Valley News was Redmond's community newspaper until 1997. Within its pages are unique insights into the city's politics and people, from weekly social pages to photos of residents in their daily lives. Here is a story from one of our own Directors At Large and Lifetime Member, about her time as Editor of SVN. Enjoy!*

I grew up in a small town in Illinois, went to college, got married, and headed west for job opportunities. I ended up working as a reporter for an aerospace company employee newspaper in LA, a decent job for someone who had majored in English—a degree with limited opportunities!

Then we headed north to Seattle when my husband's company promoted him. It was a great move. We now had two little girls, and we wanted to find a good place in which to raise them.

Seattle had just "turned its lights back on," so there was not a lot of housing construction. But we finally found a new neighborhood near Redmond. We thought an area like that would be the easiest way to meet people, and for the girls to make friends.

Of course, the girls grew older, and they started school. Time for me to find a job! One day I was talking to my friend Jacky, and she pointed out that there was a newspaper based in Redmond called *Sammamish Valley News*. Hmmmm, maybe I should check it out. So, I did....and I got a job there as a reporter. I was really excited!

The biggest news in the area at that point had been the Ted Bundy murders of two young women at Sammamish State Park in 1974.

My first assignment was covering Duvall and Carnation. I attended City Council meetings and interviewed key people on local issues.

One of my earliest experiences was when the mayor of Duvall called me into his office for a meeting. "Welcome to Duvall," he said. "Just do not write anything negative about us!" There, I was educated about the way of life in Duvall.

I guess it was a good thing when the paper promoted me to covering Redmond—a city with one stoplight.

The City of Redmond had only a part-time mayor until 1980, and at that time, it was Bud Young. He would hold weekly sessions at Bud's Restaurant (no relation)

on Redmond Way—giving me ample opportunity to cover a lot of news items for the paper!

In 1980, Redmond elected its first full-time and first female mayor, Chris Himes. She was a dynamic leader, and key to the city's continuing success. One day I was sitting upstairs in my office, when the mayor marched up the stairs and across the room to my desk to express objections to an article that had been in that week's edition. She was not shy about letting us know she thought we had made a mistake!

Redmond was growing, and a lot was happening. At one point it was named the fastest-growing city in the state. Microsoft headquartered here in 1985, along with other tech startups, and.....Redmond was launched!

Another "big event" for a small town was Mike Tice of the Seahawks opening Fill Yer Belly Deli on 164th. Then his friend and fellow Seahawks player Don Dufek ended up buying it.

Right after they bought the Deli, Don's wife, Candi Dufek, applied to work at "the SVN," and we hired her. She was an excellent reporter and staff member.

Publisher Bob Bailey was great to work for at the paper. He basically gave us all the freedom we needed to get our jobs done. At times, I not only covered the city, but also the school district.

On March 27, 1980, Mt. St. Helens erupted, killing 57 people, two of whom were the parents of the SVN editor at the time, Paul Nickell. He needed to leave the paper then, and I was named as editor.

Lake Washington School District was also growing by leaps and bounds. Two events devastated the community. Redmond High Coach Al Williams was found guilty of child molestation, and sentenced to 11 years in prison. At the same time, another coach, Frank Miller, was on trial for the same crime.

Really, most of our reporting focused on the growth of the city and the positive results of that growth. In 1984, City

Councilmember Doreen Marchione became Mayor. She served for two terms, followed by Rosemarie Ives.

Among the best of times for me was writing about daily life in my column, "Off The Wall," including the pleasures and challenges of parenthood. It was fun, and I hope funny!

In 1997, Bob Bailie sold the paper. A year later, after poor management, the paper closed for good. What a loss for this community!

But today, we have this wonderful record of the life and times of this community during an era when Redmond was a "small town."

Overall, the 12 years I spent working at the SVN was a great experience for an English major from Illinois!



SVN, May 2, 1979. Source: RHS Archives

Want to know more about Redmond's recent history? We have bound archives of past issues of the *Sammamish Valley News* in the office, and digitized issues online. More info here: [Sammamish Valley News Newspaper Archive](#)

## LOVE HISTORY? ENJOY THESE SOCIETY EVENTS!

All events are free unless otherwise posted. Saturday Speaker Series is free to RHS members, suggested donation \$5 for non-members. No registration required.

**Note:** Recordings of the Saturday Speaker Series will be available on the RHS YouTube channel, following in-person programs, when permitted by speakers. More info: [www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org)

### SATURDAY SPEAKER SERIES



**February 8 | Redmond 2050 | Jeff Churchill, Long Range Planning Manager, City of Redmond**  
**10:30 AM, Old Redmond Schoolhouse at 16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond, WA 98052.**

Join the City's long-range planning manager, Jeff Churchill, for a discussion on how Redmond's past shapes its future. Jeff will share from some of Redmond's earliest planning documents and describe how – in some ways – the more things change, the more they stay the same.



**March 8 | A Historical Tour of Washington State in 75 Documents | Lorraine McConaghy | Public Historian**  
**10:30 AM, Old Redmond Schoolhouse at 16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond, WA 98052.**

This presentation showcases documents - postcards to posters - gathered from museum archives throughout the state. After 1880, they are **very** colorful and they "show" rather than "tell" the history of Washington from a unique perspective. Lorraine will also brief us on her current research, concerning antebellum desertion on the Pacific coast, including one of the founders of Bothell!



**April 12 | Big Apples, Big Business: How Washington Became the Apple State | Amanda Van Lanen, Professor of History, Lewis-Clark State College**  
**10:30 AM, Old Redmond Schoolhouse at 16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond, WA 98052.**

In this talk, explore how Washington became the top apple producing state in the country, and how, in the process, it transformed apples into an industrialized commodity.

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### EVENING SPEAKER SERIES

**March 12 | Research: What to Look For, Where to Find It, and How to Use It |**  
**Nancy Burkhalter, PhD**

**6:00 PM, Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85th Street, Redmond, WA 98052.**

Author and historian Nancy Burkhalter will guide participants in learning: 1) what kinds of sources can enrich their project, 2) where to locate them, 3) how to research language translation and word histories, and 4) how to incorporate research into the text without info-dumping.



## SOCIETY NEWS

### SOCIETY RECEIVES 4CULTURE AWARD

We're excited to share that we received a Sustained Support grant from 4Culture, and that this year our award amount has increased thanks to Doors Open legislation! Thanks to the King County Council, especially councilmembers Claudia Balducci and Sarah Perry who represent Redmond, for their advocacy for arts, culture, and science in our region.

This funding will support our mission to preserve and share Redmond's unique history through impactful programming like our Saturday and Evening Speaker Series, local displays, digital exhibits, a variety of online resources, physical archives, and more!







## 2024: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

By John Oftebro

Photos by Patsy Rosenbach and John Oftebro

It was a Banner Year for our Society, and worth reviewing—both for the record, and to motivate us all for 2025!

**January** - At our membership meeting at the Happy Valley Grange, 80+ attendees enjoyed ice cream and toppings, and listened to reports by Society Board members on the year's events and plans for 2025. We are grateful for the free use of the beautiful 1909 Grange Hall, and to the Grange, which supports us annually with a \$1,000 stipend. We raised \$1,235 to continue digitization of the *Sammamish Valley News*.

**February** - **Feliks Banel** related the *Lost Aviation History of Magnuson Park* to our Saturday Speaker Series attendees. As usual, great questions followed a most interesting presentation.

**March** - **Lisa Rich** from Xplore, Inc. took us on a ride into the complexities of SPACE, first describing the *Redmond Space District*, with more than a dozen companies, some of which are busy placing more satellites in [low Earth orbit](#) than any other place in the world.

And, for our Evening Speaker Series at the Redmond Library, **Kristen Millares Young** led us on a journey on how to write our own family histories.

We held additional open office hours in March, welcoming over 60 students and community members to participate

in our historical poetry activity. Works were displayed in partnership with Venues for Artists in the Local Area (VALA Eastside) in March and April.



Halee Turner gives instructions on poetry exercise. Photo: Patsy Rosenbach



Halee Turner at VALA Art Center.

"Here in Redmond": In case you missed it, here's our interview with **Mayor Birney** for Women's History Month: <https://www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org/post/celebrating-women-in-redmond-women-s-history-month-2024>

**April** - **Joe Mathews**, of the Redmond Cycling Club, led us on an exciting bicycle trip explaining cycling history in the area and focusing on their annual *RAMROD* - Ride Around Mount Rainier in One Day, which was being challenged by the Mount Rainier National Park.



RAMROD founder John Dixon and Boeing Cycling Club veteran "Aunt Mary" Karabaich reminisce.

**May** - The odyssey of the Redmond School Bell continued after months of planning, moving, and restoration. It was delivered "home" on May 20 and placed in the hallway outside our office/museum. Descriptive panels followed, explaining the history and journey.

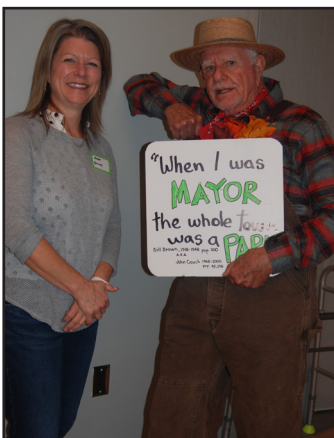
Then, on May 3, over 200 community members attended the grand opening of the new Redmond Senior & Community Center—with many Society members in attendance. We look forward to using the facilities for our larger functions.

**June/July - Tom Hitzroth** continued his Historic Downtown Walking Tours, pointing out hidden details he has uncovered during the early days of Redmond development.

**August** - We took an important step in grant writing by contracting with **Stephanie Hartford** to seek outside funding for historical projects.

**September - Ali Maynard** gave an excellent presentation on one of Redmond's "early leading ladies" and land donor, Elise Farrel-McWhirter, and how Farrel-McWhirter Park came to be.

On September 28, over 120 attendees gathered at the Senior & Community Center to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Society. **Mayor Birney** read her Proclamation declaring September 28, 2024 to be *Redmond History Day*, **Sylvia Bernauer** led the Redmond Senior Chorus in three wonderful songs; and Society co-founder, **Miguel Llanos** was our keynote speaker who delighted our audience on the early history of the Society.



Mayor Angela Birney and John Couch (a.k.a. "Mayor Bill Brown")



Miguel Llanos shared history of the Society's first decade; John Oftebro brought us to the present day.



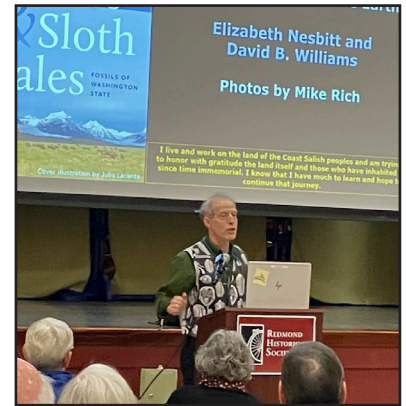
More than 120 attendees joined our 25th anniversary celebration.  
Photo: John Oftebro

**October - Sam Wilder and Stacey Auer** presented *Reducing Redmond's Waste*, and we learned what we can do and what the City of Redmond is doing for a more sustainable future. And, at the Redmond Library, **Steve Edmiston** presented his fascinating program on *UFO Northwest*, and we learned about the *Maury Island UFO Incident* of 1947.



Attorney and historian Steve Edmiston (right) with research colleague Craig Holmes (left).  
Photo: Steve Edmiston

**November - David B. Williams** described his recent book he co-authored with **Elizabeth Nesbitt**, *Spirit Whales & Sloth Tales*, and teased us with some of the many fossil discoveries in Washington State.



Author David B. Williams.  
Photo: John Oftebro

Meanwhile, thanks to Halee Turner, our Administrative and Collections Manager, who has kept us all going in a positive direction. And to our eight Board Members and about 20 other volunteers, who together amassed over 3,200 volunteer hours supporting our presentations and gatherings, which were attended by over 600 individuals. Additionally, there were 463 views of our recorded programs on [YouTube](#), and 5,956 visits to our website. Our quarterly newsletter, *The Redmond Recorder*, edited by VP Laura Lee Bennett, has continued to offer a variety of stories about Redmond history as well as current happenings. Cheryl and Gene Magnuson have provided interesting displays in our hallway, and our Collections team had a display in the Redmond Library in October.

Thank You, loyal members, business members, and sponsors for the financial support, which makes all of our activities possible. In addition, we thank the City of Redmond and 4Culture for their support!

We hope to see you at our Ice Cream Social Membership Meeting at the Happy Valley Grange on January 11, 2025, and the following Spring Saturday Speaker Programs.

See you at our Ice Cream Social Membership Meeting at Happy Valley Grange on January 11, and our upcoming Saturday Speaker Series!

## AFTER JOHN TOSH: THE EARLY CLISE PERIOD AT WILLOWMOOR

By Tom Hitzroth

*Author's Note: The following article is the second in a series about the occupancy of the property known as Willowmoor Farm, located in what is now King County's Marymoor Park. This article covers the period of John Tosh in 1890 to the early period of James Clise in 1904.*

**John Tosh** (1830 – 1908) lived on his land claim in Redmond for 26 years. He had settled on 160 acres January 2, 1878, filed the land claim October 4, 1881, and received the patent on July 19, 1889. On May 5, 1890, he purchased 40 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad, bringing his holdings to 200 acres. On February 27, 1903, his son Joseph died, followed 41 days later on April 9, 1903, by his wife Elizabeth. On April 12, 1904, he sold his farm to **James W. Clise** for \$5,000. He died February 16, 1908, at the King County Alms House (Poor Farm).

James Clise came to Seattle in 1889. Over the years, he became a successful investor and real-estate entrepreneur. He was involved with the Clise Investment Company, the Washington Trust Company, and the Globe Navigation Company, among several other enterprises in the Seattle area. His home in Seattle was at 128 Highland Drive on Queen Anne Hill.

In 1904, Mr. Clise began searching the east side of Lake Washington for land for a weekend or seasonal residence and found the Tosh land suited his needs. He began constructing a hunting lodge, costing around \$7,000, and by June the hunting

lodge foundation was complete, and he moved in later that year.

It was a substantial lodge and by 1906, it had a library, a sunporch, several bedrooms, kitchen area, dining area, and three greenhouses. The lodge was known as a very elaborate home for its time in this area.

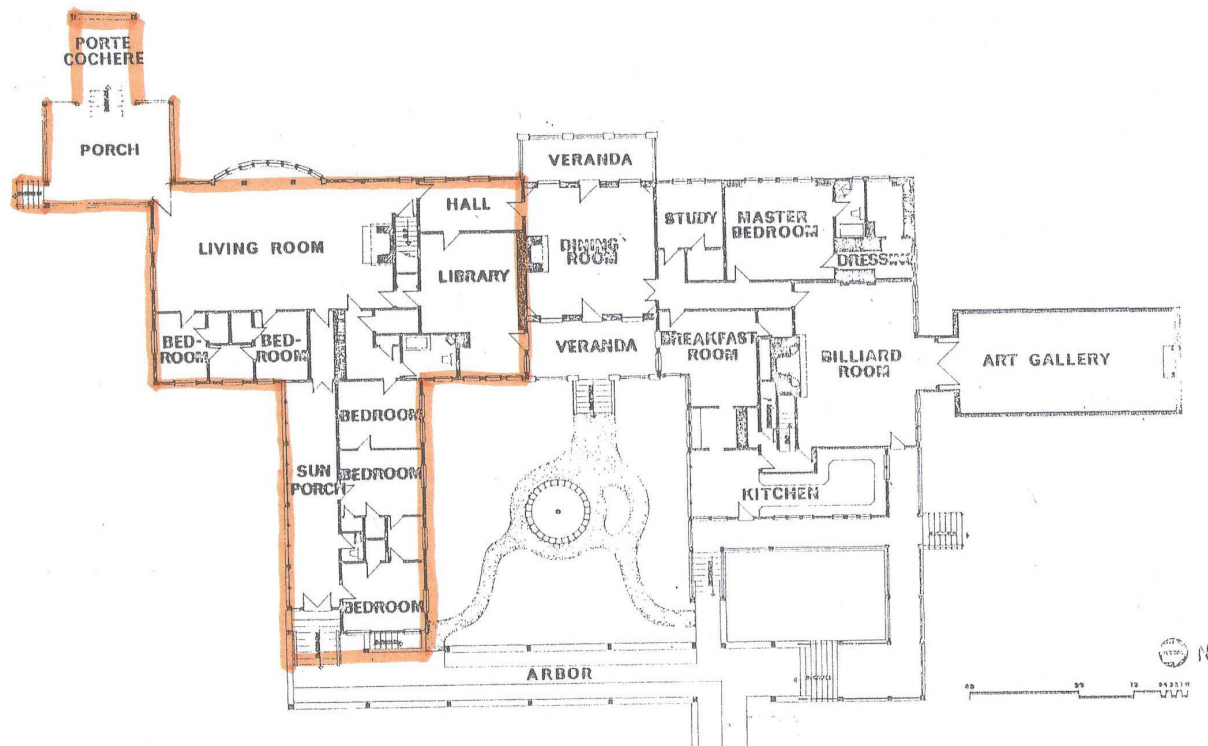
Using the 1906 map, the Ruth Clise interview, the Charles Clise chronology, and other supporting documents, I was able to determine, with a high degree of certainty, the extent of the hunting lodge within the present house.



The Clise home on Queen Anne Hill.  
Source: Marymoor Museum Collection, Eastside Heritage Center

In 1907, Mr. Clise began expanding the hunting lodge into a 7,500-square-foot, 28-room, two-story home with the intention of moving there permanently. Being the very practical man that he was; by incorporating the hunting lodge into the house, essentially almost the entire south wing was already built. Ultimately, he expanded the farm from 200 acres to 440 acres. As described in this column in [Fall 2024 Newsletter](#), by installing steam heat, he no longer needed the Tosh cabin for a woodshed, and with its removal, the last trace of John Tosh's occupancy on the property came to an end.





The original floor plan of the main floor of the 28 room Clise home.

Clise hunting lodge, outlined, within the present house, based on ongoing investigation of the Clise home. Source: Author's Collection



Location of the hunting lodge on a current photograph of the Clise home, indicated by a rectangle. Author's Collection/Source: Dean Jowers

## DUDLEY CARTER'S 'FANTAIL BIRD'

By Lyn Fleury Lambert

Had **Dudley Carter** been around to attend the ribbon cutting at the new Redmond Senior & Community Center on May 3, 2024, he would have been thoroughly delighted to see how beautifully situated is his *Fantail Bird*.

In 1989, at the age of 98, Dudley Carter, a Canadian lumberjack, timber cruiser, renowned wood sculptor, and the first Artist in Residence for King County Parks and Recreation, accepted a commission to do a carving for the former Redmond Senior Center. At the dedication of the sculpture during the grand opening of the center in 1990, Dudley vociferously expressed his displeasure over the placement of his artwork. Perched over the doors of the auditorium, *Fantail Bird* was above the sight line of most visitors, where light and shadow did not play well on the work.

But the placement of *Fantail Bird* in its present location in Redmond's marvelous new Senior

and Community Center couldn't be better. It hangs at eye-level and the lighting is ideal. Viewers can sit comfortably in the Red Oak Community Room and take time to contemplate Carter's fine cedar sculpture, so suitably placed in the company of colorful paintings of Indigenous dancers by Northern Arapaho artist, Shana Yellow Calf

*By combining images of people and nature in the large, lively work, Dudley conveys a message he frequently verbalized—if we respect our connection with nature and live the way nature intends us to live, we can remain youthful even into old age. Dudley did just that. – Lyn Fleury Lambert*

Lukinich. Carter had developed a deep appreciation for the art and culture of our Indigenous people as a youth living among the totem carving Kwakiutl or Kwakwaka'wakw peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast.

Being a decade older than most of the folks who would be using the center, Dudley figured that the seniors would appreciate something that would evoke thoughts of their childhood rather

than troubles of old age. He came up with a fanciful creature he called *Fantail Bird*. Incorporated in its tail feathers are symbols of growth: three young faces which he identified as two girls and a boy; three birds—raven, owl, and woodpecker; and three plant forms. Some see the work as suggestive of the phoenix rising from the ashes.

Others conclude that by combining images of people and nature in the large, lively work, Dudley conveys a message he frequently verbalized—if we respect our connection with nature and live the way nature intends us to live, we can remain youthful even into old age. Dudley did just that. He accepted the role of artist in residence at the age of 96, carried out that role with great vigor, and died young in the artist's residence just a few weeks short of his 101st birthday.



1989, Red Cedar, 8'x14'  
Dudley Carter, 1891–1992.  
Photo: Lisa Lambert



## LIBRARY DISPLAY HIGHLIGHTS REDMOND'S FIRST INDIAN FAMILY

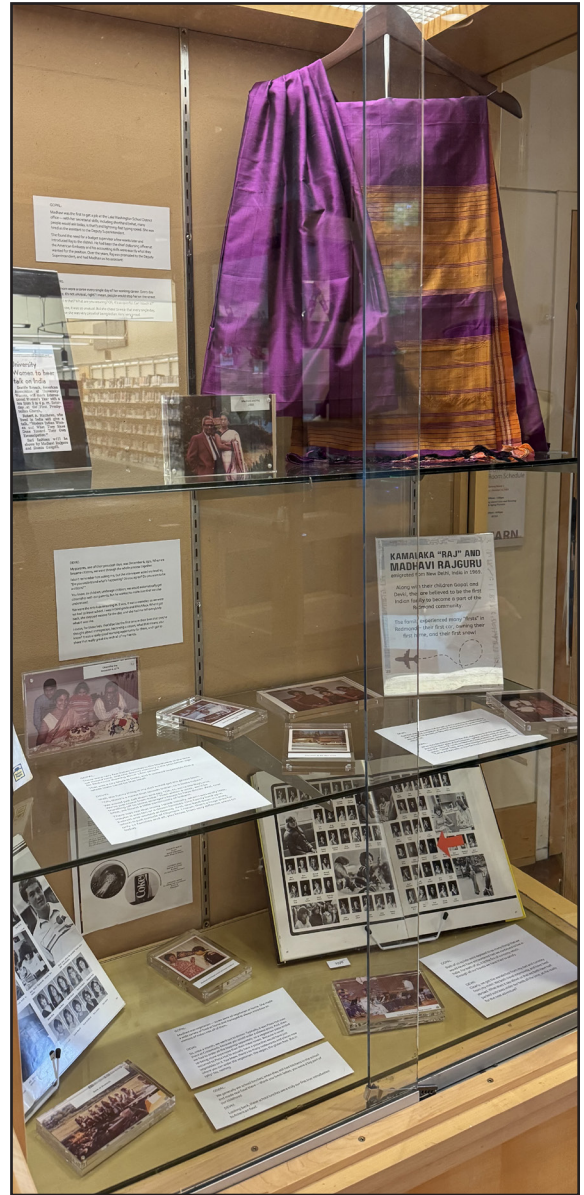
By Halee Turner

A few years ago, I stumbled across a [KUOW interview](#) with Devki and her mother Madhavi RajGuru on what it was like to be the first Indian family in Redmond. I thought this was an important piece of Redmond's history, and should be represented in our archives. I reached out to Devki through her business, LittleFish Lighting. We scheduled a time to record an oral history, and Devki's brother Gopal was shared written responses. Devki and Gopal generously donated copies of several family photos, as well as a silk saree that belonged to their mother.

It can be very impactful to see yourself reflected in history. We wanted to find a way to share this story with Redmond's community, so I reached out to the Redmond Library to schedule a date for the display. I started preparing the exhibit by selecting quotes from Gopal's responses, and my recording with Devki. I used a digital tool to create an automated transcription from the audio recording, and then played it back to fine-tune excerpts. It was hard to narrow it down to just a few interesting vignettes!

From our preexisting collection, I added yearbook photos of both Devki and Gopal, a 1970s phonebook, and some additional articles about their mother in *The Seattle Times*.

This display was a group effort, with the help of several volunteers! **Elly Parran** assisted in creating a draped display for the saree. **Pam Madison** and **Patsy Rosenbach** were very helpful in cutting and framing the printed excerpts and photos, and **Dean Jowers** assisted with the installation.



## 'TAIL OF THE KANGAROO'—A TRUE STORY

By Tom Hansen, Lifetime Member

### Why the Kangaroo at Lake Washington High School?

The Redmond [High] School needed room, so in 1944 the Washington State Board of Education combined Redmond and Kirkland into the Lake Washington District. The Redmond kids would be bussed to Lake Washington with a new mascot, The Hornets. Student invention [celebrated the](#)

[sexual reputation of the hornet's stinger](#). The administration frowned on this; a change should be made. The student body was outraged. Friday afternoon assembly, the principal announced the worst, the entire student body fell silent. One brash boy bellowed, "Kirkland Kangaroos!" The teens howled, laughing, stumbling to the buses. The administration and faculty met as always. The [new] mascot would be The Kangaroos.

Editor's Note: RHS ran a similar article in the [RHS January 2008 newsletter](#), p. 4, "The Kangaroo Konundrum"--which included this image.



[Kirkland's high school was once the Horny Hornets before the Roos ruled I](#)  
[Kirkland Reporter](#)



[Fight Song & Alma Mater - Lake Washington High School](#)



## DR. LEWIS FINK – HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER

By Paige Norman

Born in Hitchcock, South Dakota, February 11, 1915, Lewis Fink grew up on his grandfather's farm in Wymore, Nebraska and attended school with his siblings. He worked on the farm and trapped muskrats for extra money until he graduated from high school in 1933.

Receiving his BS in Pharmacy from the University of Nebraska in 1937, he continued to study while teaching in Nebraska. He completed his MS in Pharmacology and Physiology in 1939, and his PhD in 1944. Dr. Fink married Catherine Stevens ("Cay") in August 1944, welcoming sons Steve in 1945 and Fred in 1951.

In 1950, the Fink family moved to Seattle, teaching Pharmacology until June 1953, when he was drafted, serving in Astoria, Oregon, then Seattle on a troop transport ship to and from Korea. Dr. Fink was honorably discharged in 1955 and moved to Redmond, opening his practice in September that same year.

One of his first nurses was Patricia Norman, who also acted as lab technician and office manager. He retired from practice in 1982,

spending several years of his retirement with Cay, and hunting, fishing, and camping with his family and friends.

Dr. Fink was active in the Redmond Community, serving on the Derby Days Committee for many years, Redmond Chamber of Commerce, and Redmond Lions Club. He also supported the development of both Overlake Hospital and the Evergreen Hospital District. He volunteered at football and wrestling as the team doctor, taught First Aid to Boy Scouts, and helped organize the first Episcopal Church in Redmond.

Dr. Fink received his Honorary Lifetime Membership with Redmond Historical Society in March 2015, in recognition of his 100th birthday and his many contributions to the Redmond community. He died on November 11, 2017.

For more member stories, visit our website: [www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org/blog](http://www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org/blog).



Dr. Lewis Fink – 100th Birthday celebration at Emerald Heights  
Photo credit: RHS Archives from Sammamish Valley News photos

## MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS



### DECEMBER 2024

JoAnn VanderKooi	December 13th
Marion Northrup	December 18th
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