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Saturday, November 9, 2019, 10:30am-noon
Redmond Public Safety Building
8701 160th Ave NE, Redmond WA 98052

DUDLEY CARTER: TALES OF THE LEGENDARY WOOD SCULPTOR



*Forest Deity,
Bellevue Square.
Photo: Lyn Lambert*

When **Dudley Carter** settled in Redmond in 1955, he was already internationally renowned in the art world. The new Seattle Art Museum had purchased his first monumental sculpture, *Rivalry of the Winds*, in 1932. Over his six-decade career, countless institutions and individuals acquired his works. In 1987, at the age of 96, Carter was named King County's first-ever Artist in Residence, and Redmond's Slough House Park—now Dudley Carter Park—became a mecca for wood carving aficionados wishing to tap into the wisdom of the old master. Author **Lyn Lambert** shares stories and photos from her recent book, *Dudley Carter, Tales of the Legendary Wood Sculptor*. See p. 4.

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SOCIETY NEWS



**Ruth Neilson and
Sylvia Bernauer**
Photo: Jeanne Large

Every year, the **Happy Valley Grange** recognizes a non-member for outstanding community service. At the October 15 program, this year's Community Service Award was presented to Society member **Sylvia Bernauer**. Congratulations, Sylvia!



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That was the shout from newsboys on street corners many years ago. They were colorful kids yelling the daily headlines long before today's evening news channels, the internet, and smart phone alerts. As today's printed newspapers shrink in size and content, and many of us choose to read the news online, I'd be interested to know your preferences for hearing about the Society.

Since 1999, we've offered this newsletter, *The Redmond Recorder*, both online and printed. Thanks to regular contributors like historian **Tom Hitzroth**, editor **Laura Lee Bennett**, and graphic designer **Teresa Potter** of Urban Dakota Creative, we hope you are satisfied readers.

We provide articles on local history, meeting announcements, President's notes, Society news, and opportunities to join and volunteer. While we occasionally receive feedback on articles, we'd love to hear more from you. Please take a few minutes to let us know what you think. If you have questions about Redmond history, the answers might also appeal to our 1,300 online subscribers and 380 postal recipients.

And, if you're so inclined, click on the Facebook or Twitter icon at the bottom of our online edition to keep track of our activities. Thanks to **Cheryl Magnuson**, our [Facebook page](#) shows frequently updated news and activities of our organization, as well as local Redmond history.

Please let us know! Do you:

☐ Read regularly	☐ Like present content	☐ Prefer printed
☐ Rely on Speaker Series announcements	☐ Like the photos	☐ Prefer online
☐ Choose to discontinue receiving	☐ Tell friends what you've read	☐ Current member
		☐ Want to join RHS
Suggest other topics:		

We value your interest! Let us know your opinion by mailing or emailing your answers to our office. All respondents will be entered into a drawing to receive a copy of *Redmond Reflections*.

DUDLEY CARTER: TALES OF THE LEGENDARY REDMOND SCULPTOR

Dudley Carter settled in Redmond in 1955, establishing his home and studio along Bel-Red Road on acreage that is now Microsoft property.

Dudley Carter is credited with playing a large part in generating interest in Northwest Coast Native art. Although a white man, he was recognized as eminently qualified to express the spirit of Northwest Coastal natives. In his formative years, he lived among totem-carving Indians and gained prodigious knowledge and understanding of their traditions and customs. Dudley created magnificent totems, but he did not want to be known as a totem pole carver. He wanted to be known as, and was known as, a sculptor.

Lyn Lambert was fortunate to get to know Dudley when he was a very youthful 99 years of age and enjoyed serving as his secretary and being his friend and confidant until his death, just weeks short of his 101st birthday.

Please join us on Saturday, November 9, when Ms. Lambert will share stories and photographs



Author Lyn Lambert

from her recent book, *Dudley Carter, Tales of the Legendary Wood Sculptor*.

Enjoy a relaxing morning at the Redmond Historical Society Saturday Speaker Series, a monthly program that features six speakers addressing topics of local, state, and Pacific Northwest historical interest. The series is held 10:30am – noon at the Redmond Public Safety Building, 8701 160th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052. Doors open at 10:00 am. \$5 suggested donation for non-members. Speakers subject to change. For details: www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

OCTOBER SPEAKER DELIVERS LIVELY LECTURE ON COAL MINING

By Laura Lee Bennett

More than 95 Society members and friends attended the Saturday Speaker Series on October 12. Historian and researcher **Steve Williams** gave an entertaining and informative lecture on the story of coal mining in Seattle and the Eastside, focusing on Cougar Mountain and Newcastle. He supported his research with news clippings, photographs, maps, and artifacts—ranging from pick axes to lanterns to miner's caps—and even recited a few working songs. His wife, **Barb Williams**, assisted in the program displays. Both are longtime volunteers of the Eastside Heritage Center.



Steve Williams brought several artifacts to the Saturday program. Photos: Cheryl Magnuson

Huge Historic Thank Yous

Many thanks to our October Saturday Speaker Series volunteers for their generous donation of time and effort to ensure a smooth program day. And thanks to **Julie Wood Walker** at the City of Redmond for her assistance.

Press release – **Laura Lee Bennett**

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Coffee – **Judy Lang**

Greeters – **Patsy Rosenbach, Deborah Oftebro**

Photos – **Cheryl Magnuson**

Volunteer Coordinator – **Jo Ann Potter**

THE REDMOND MAPPING PROJECT

By Tom Hitzroth

In 2017, while researching the Redmond Railroad Depot, I realized the depot had been moved from its original site. I decided to find out where it was originally and how far it had been moved. A condensed version of the process and results appears in *The Redmond Recorder*, February 2018.

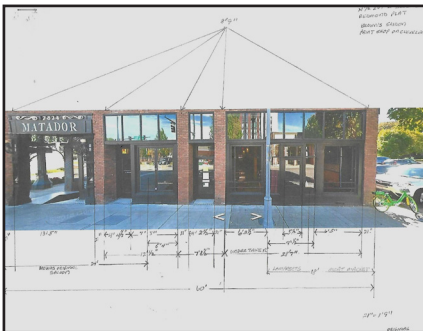
This gave me the idea for the Redmond Mapping Project. The project takes in the town of Redmond from 1870 to about 1920, with the occasional detour into the 1930s.

The intent of the project is to locate and verify the original plat and lot lines, especially since some of the lot lines have been revised over time. Using plat maps, fire insurance maps, historic photographs and documents, road surveys, county maps, and other documents, I am able to determine and place the structures of early Redmond in their original positions. Once that is established, I physically measure each and every lot, placing the buildings back where they were in

the past. I consult with an architect, an archaeologist, a geologist, a photographic analyst, as well as professionals from other disciplines. As the project progresses, I review and revise calculations, ensuring that nothing in the process has been overlooked. **Kim Dietz** at the City of Redmond has been particularly helpful, as has Society Collections Committee member **Dean Jowers**.

It is exciting to locate these early structures that only remain in photographs, back where they were, and to envision Redmond as it previously existed. Each project generally requires from 6 to 20 individual measuring points to maintain accuracy in the site location and building dimensions.

The other exciting aspect of this project is not so much the puzzle itself, but in figuring out which puzzle pieces are needed, then fitting everything together—thus bringing early Redmond back to life.



Valley Hotel—Hotel Walther sites, the site of Bill Brown's original saloon, and Lampaert's Meat Market. Photos by author.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

By Jo Ann Potter

In October, we clocked 182.5 hours volunteered by 14 people!

Each month I am amazed at the number of hours that dedicated volunteers give to the Redmond Historical Society. **Halee Turner**, our Administrative and Collections Manager, has long lists of requests from numerous individuals and groups. She has been able to fill them or suggest other resources. We are definitely a "historical force" in the community!

Currently we are seeking more volunteers for the Membership Committee. **Paige Norman** spent hours reviewing and revising our membership operating procedures, which were passed at the last Board meeting. She would welcome

you and any ideas you may contribute. Contact Paige Norman, Membership Chair, membership@redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

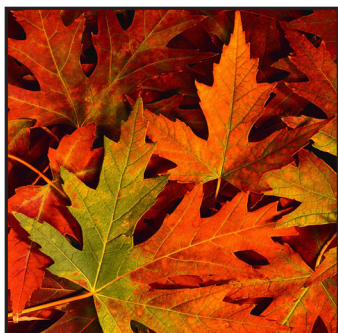
Thanks to **Brian Burck, Tom Hansen, Dean Jowers, Don Watts, John Oftebro, Laura Lee Bennett**, and **Judy Lang** for manning our booth at the Redmond Saturday Market on October 5.

Redmond High School has been contacted regarding students who may need Community Service requirements. We are hoping to use them in future projects. If you know of students who may need these credits, please let me know. Email joann.potter@comcast.net. Thank you!

A Volunteer Voice...

*I volunteer to help preserve the historical items
that have made a difference in our past.*

—Rachel Davis



'AUTUMN' YOU BE A MEMBER?

Horrible puns aside, are you a member of the Redmond Historical Society? Members receive benefits including entrance to the Saturday Speaker Series, discounts at events and our bookstore!

Current memberships expire December 31, 2019. **New members joining in November receive 2 FREE MONTHS of membership!**

Memberships are tax-deductible (*) and make great gifts! Share your passion for history and Redmond by purchasing or gifting a membership to the Redmond Historical Society!

We have a level for everyone, from Student to Family Lifetime:

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And DON'T MISS our 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social Membership Event on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Happy Valley Grange!



(*) Contributions are tax deductible.
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Paige Norman,
Membership Committee

AROUND THE OFFICE

By Halee Turner

When someone contacts the Redmond Historical society with a question, staff and volunteers often use several different resources to piece together an answer. In addition to items like family photographs and family histories, the Redmond Historical Society has an expansive collection of the Sammamish Valley News, a number of local yearbooks, and an archive of obituaries.



But, did you know that phone books can be a helpful, historical resource? Recently, the Redmond Historical Society helped a caller determine the approximate date that a business first appeared in the Redmond area by checking the Yellow Pages! Currently our collection includes directories from 1987, 1980, 1976, and 1970. Do you have any old phone books or directories from the Redmond area? Contact us at info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org to see if they might be a good fit for our collections.

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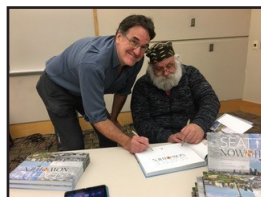
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'HISTORIC HUNDRED' DRAWS A CROWD AT REDMOND LIBRARY

By Margaret Ziviski

On October 7, around 50 people braved the windy streets of Redmond to enjoy a presentation by longtime *Pacific NW Magazine* contributors **Paul Dorpat** and **Jean Sherrard**, with favorite images and stories from their recent book, *Seattle Now & Then: The Historic Hundred*. The evening started with Paul's impromptu discussion of politics in 1950s America. The pair then regaled the audience with images and stories from over 100 years of Seattle history, including an image of a snow covered 1850s downtown and Jean's gorgeously colored picture of the former viaduct site. Our thanks to **Jill Morrison** and **Dan Shaffer** of the Redmond Regional Library for their support.



The authors donated several autographed books to the Society.
Photo: John Oftebro

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