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Saturday, September 14, 2019, 10:30am-noon
Redmond Senior Center
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ARE SALMON DOOMED? HATCHING A PLAN TO SAVE A NORTHWEST ICON



Image: Courtesy Humanities Washington

An environmental necessity, a vital economic resource, and a cultural symbol, salmon play a fundamental role in the Pacific Northwest—but they are in trouble. Washington State Climatologist **Nick Bond** will talk about the plight of salmon—and the role of “citizen scientists”—at the Redmond Historical Society Saturday Speaker Series on September 14 at the Redmond Senior Center. Bond is speaking courtesy of Humanities Washington. See p. 7.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Erratum

In the August 2019 issue of *The Redmond Recorder*, the over photo was attributed to **Patsy Rosenbach**. In fact, this photo was taken by **Ryan Oftebro**. We apologize for the oversight.



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Photo: Mayor John Marchione

REMEMBERING DOREEN MARCHIONE 1938-2019

Doreen Foster Marchione, former mayor of Redmond and CEO of Hopelink, loving mother to John, Paul, Michael, and David; husband to Robert Caldwell, passed away, Saturday, July 27, 2019.

Doreen will be remembered as a civic force on the Eastside of Seattle and the Puget Sound region. She devoted her life to community service and improving the lives of others. She also carried a passion for baseball, especially the Seattle Mariners.

Over her career, Doreen mentored and inspired many elected officials and non-profit CEOs. Doreen was first elected to the Redmond City Council in 1975, served as Mayor of Redmond from 1984–1991, managed as the CEO of Hopelink for 15 years, and then in her “retirement” she served on the Kirkland City Council from 2011–2017.

Doreen grew up in Seattle and graduated from St. Edward's, Holy Names, and Seattle University. She moved to Redmond in 1969 to raise her family and settled in

Kirkland in 1992. In her more than 30 years of public service, Doreen served 8 years as a Kirkland City Council member, including 2 years as Deputy Mayor. Her service on multiple regional boards and committees is highlighted by her service to Seattle University, as well as the State Transportation Board, King County Housing Authority, and various Washington State associations.

“It is always good to give a tribute to a Mayor who has worked hard and been an outstanding Public Servant to our community,” notes Chris Himes, Past Mayor, City of Redmond. “Doreen’s work with the City and Regional Boards and Hopelink is to be loved, appreciated, and respected. I thank her for her deep commitments. It is said we always build on one another, and Doreen’s accomplishments are her legacy to the City and the Eastside.”

Editor's Note: John Oftebro is “on sabbatical” in Alaska. The President's Notebook will return in October.

SOCIETY OFFERS ‘POETRY, PAST & PRESENT’ AT SO BAZAAR

By Laura Lee Bennett

On August 15, the Redmond Historical Society participated in the Arts & Culture Interactive Community booths at the City’s annual So Bazaar Night Market in Downtown Park. This year’s theme was Metamorphosis, with the sub-themes of Air (8/15), Water, (8/22), and Fire (8/29). The Society designed a writing activity inspired by former Redmond Poet Laureate **Melanie Noel**, using photos from the Society’s archives.

Participants selected a photograph and answered questions about the photo. After they printed their answers on a sheet of paper, a piece of carbon paper underneath was pulled away, and *voila!* The answers created a poem. Response was enthusiastic. “At

first people were put off, thinking they *had* to write a poem,” said one volunteer. “But when we changed the approach, and asked them to simply answer the questions, people were surprised and excited that they had actually created a poem.”

Many thanks to **Halee Turner, Brian Burck, John and Deborah Oftebro, ChuNi Kao, Jo Ann Potter, Laura Lee Bennett, and Mara Kealey**. Our special thanks to poet and teacher **Elizabeth Carroll Hayden**, member of Redmond Association of Spokenword (RASP), who shared her expertise.

The Community booths were curated by Venues for Artists in the Local Area (VALA) and the City of Redmond.



Deborah Oftebro, ChuNi Kao, and Elizabeth Carroll Hayden staff the booth.
Mara Kealey and friends answer questions to create a poem.

Here is an example of the writing activity at the Society's booth at So Bazaar. People selected a photo, answered the questions, and created a poem.

Questions to create a poem

1. What sounds does this photo make you think of?
2. What time of day is it in this photo?
3. What is the temperature or weather like in this photo?
4. What colors would you use to describe this area?
5. Where is this photo?
6. Who is in the photo? What are they doing?
7. What objects are in the photograph?
8. What will happen next?



Howard and Elizabeth Carlson, 1940

From the Elizabeth Carlson Coward Collection
in the Redmond Historical Society Archives.

Last Fish

Water;
Afternoon;
Sweltering
Green
On the river.
Children fishing.
Fish.
Going home.
Back to school.
—Anonymous

GILMAN STREET IN REDMOND'S EARLY DAYS

By Tom Hitzroth

Many who pass Gilman Street would be surprised to learn that it was the original commercial center of the emerging town of Redmond. In looking at Gilman from 1900 into the 1950s, it seems that emphasis continued with the businesses that came to be located there. In 1891, the only defined streets in Redmond were those **Luke McRedmond** sketched on his map of the Redmond Plat. It showed Redmond having only two north/south streets west of 164th Ave NE. Examination of the plat map indicates the southwest corner of Gilman and Cleveland Streets as the geographical center of the plat. Evidence shows that Gilman Street was expected to play a major role in Redmond's commercial development.

Gilman Street was named for **Daniel Hunt Gilman**, an organizer of the Seattle, Lakeshore & Eastern Railroad that established a depot in Redmond in 1888. On January 26, 1889, **William E. Sikes** purchased two lots on Gilman

Street. During that same year he built the Valley Hotel, the first commercial building north of the rail line. Sikes located the hotel as close as possible to the depot.

Over the years, Gilman Street was the site of the Hotel Walther that succeeded the Valley Hotel about 1906; **Cyrus Norman's** saloon about 1905; Leeum's blacksmith shop by 1908, Park's Stage barn, also by 1908; a hardware store in 1913; a grange Hall in 1918; Brown's Garage in 1920, and several other businesses large and small.

Eventually, Leary Way became the main thoroughfare—largely because of the Houghton to Tolt Road, of which Leary Way is a small part—and the location of the railroad depot the economic focus of Gilman declined. Though it is almost forgotten, Gilman Street may one day receive its recognition and status in the commercial development of Redmond.



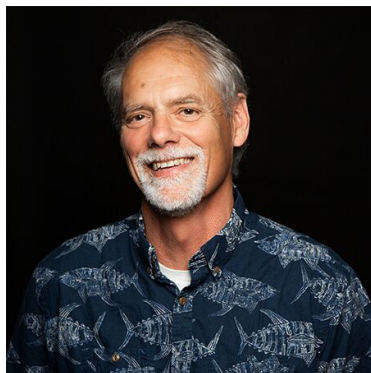
Cyrus Norman's Saloon, 1910. Photo: Eastside Heritage Center
Aerial view of Gilman Street, 1936. Photo: Author's collection

ARE SALMON DOOMED?

HATCHING A PLAN TO SAVE A NORTHWEST ICON

With warming oceans, environmental degradation, and lowering genetic variability, wild salmon populations are dwindling. Seattle-based climatologist **Nick Bond** explores the past, present, and possible future conditions for salmon in our state, and sees room for optimism. He shares lessons on how local communities have accomplished important work to support salmon runs, but also takes a hard look at the realities climate change poses for this regional treasure. Please join us on Saturday, September 14, Redmond Senior Center, to explore the history, science, and story of this cherished Northwest icon. This program is the first of the Society's 2019-2020 season of the Saturday Speaker Series.

How can our communities help save Northwest salmon? "Citizen science is becoming increasingly valuable for keeping track of invasive species, reporting on spills, and in some cases, participating in sampling," notes Bond.



Nick Bond
WA State Climatologist
Speaking Courtesy Humanities WA

The Saturday Speaker Series is presented by the Redmond Historical Society on the second Saturday of the month with three programs each in the fall and spring. It is held at 10:30am at the Redmond Senior Center, 8703 160th Ave NE, Redmond WA 98052. Topics range from local, state and Pacific Northwest historical interest. There is a suggested \$5 donation for non-members.

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GOURMET DINNERS RAISE FUNDS FOR SOCIETY

By Laura Lee Bennett

A Shrimp Boil and three Italian Dinners were sold at the May 11 fundraiser at \$400 per bidder; the Redmond Historical Society \$555 for the Boil and \$1,200 for the dinners. These delicious repasts were prepared and served at the home of **Paige and Russ Norman**. Proceeds will go toward the Society's ongoing operating costs, including public outreach, collections care, marketing, and staff.

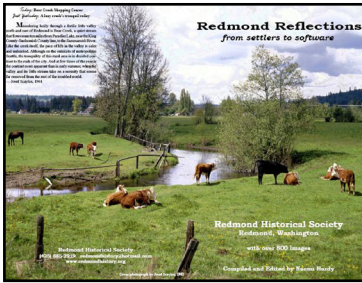
Eighteen Society members attended the Shrimp Boil on July 20, including **Bob and Sharon Loeffler, Joe and Doris Townsend, Don and Mary Fowler, Jerry Hardy and Mary Hanson, and John Oftebro**. The menu featured a boiled dinner of shrimp, corn, potatoes, and sausage, side dishes, beverage, and dessert.

Attendees at the August 3 dinner were **Ed O'Brien, Sally Eberhardt, Jim and Faye Kerrigan, Chuck and Cynthia Telford, Gary and Judy Gilbertson, and Don and Sue Welch**. The menu featured appetizers of cheese, meats, and fresh vegetables, followed by *insalata caprese*. The main course was garden-fresh green beans with prosciutto and a beef ragout served over house-made cornmeal pappardelle pasta. An assortment of wines were served throughout the evening; Prosecco was served with an orangecello vanilla ice cream.



Ed O'Brien, Sally Eberhardt, Sue Welch, Judy Gilbertson, Faye Kerrigan and Cynthia Telford on August 3. Photo: Paige Norman

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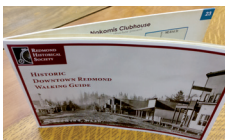
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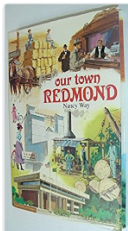
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VOLUNTEER CORNER

!!! 304 !!! By Jo Ann Potter

That is the number of hours 27 volunteers gave to the Historical Society during the month of July. Many of these were preparing our entry for the Derby Days Parade. Thanks to their hard work, we won Most Community Spirit Award! There is always much to do preserving Redmond history. Volunteer and get a free Society T-shirt! If you would like to be added to the volunteer list, please contact Jo Ann Potter, joann.potter.com@comcast.net. Thank you!



Tom Hansen and John Oftebro
Redmond Saturday Market,
August 3

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