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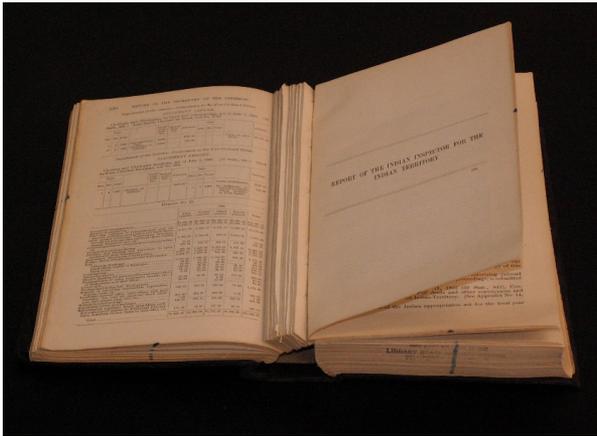


Photo of a damaged book.
Image: Robert Lopresti

In 2006, there was a major map theft at Western Washington University. On February 12, retired librarian and mystery author Robert Lopresti will talk about a two-year investigation by WWU library personnel that resulted in the conviction of a man who had stolen publications from more than 100 libraries around the country. For details and to register, see p. 4.

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SOCIETY NEWS

'ICE CREAM SOCIAL' GOES ONLINE

Sorry we missed you on January 15! While we've postponed our Ice Cream Social and Membership Meeting to later this year, we'd like to share what the Society has been up to in the last year—and a look ahead at 2022. Check out our online Membership Presentation while you enjoy some ice cream! (Hint: There is a surprise "sweet treat" at the end!) <https://tinyurl.com/RHS2022IceCreamSocial>



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BEST BUZZWORD IN 2022 – YES!

By John Oftebro

There are many buzzwords and phrases that have become everyday words we really don't want to continue hearing. *Zooming, testing, social distancing, positive, pivot, new normal, you're on mute, supply chain*, and dozens more that fill the newspapers, TV, social media, and everyday conversations.

But there are others that have been around a while, such as *resourcefulness, innovation, discover, capable, initiative, adaptive, clever, adroit, proficiency, skilled*. We've seen these daily as health-care organizations responded to the pandemic and the business community learned to work from home.

Most of these words best describe the actions taken over the last 24 months at our Society. During our three moves in the last three years—just like everyone else—we needed to invent new ways to work, and to hold together the traditions and expectations our members have become accustomed to for the last 25 years.

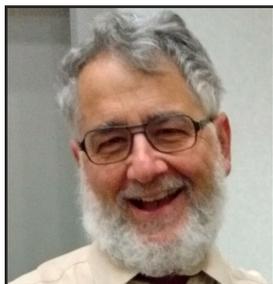
While our active and innovative Board had many ideas on what we should do and how we could do it, the responsibility ultimately fell on our Administrative and Collections Manager, **Halee Turner**, who constantly said, YES. Yes, I can work from home. Yes, I can figure out Zoom. Yes, I can drive home when the WiFi quit to rescue our Zoom webinar. Yes, I can plan our space in the schoolhouse for the office, collections, exhibits, and displays. Yes, I can set up proper protocols to allow volunteers to safely enter our building and space. Yes, I can keep our communications going out to members and the community. Yes, I can produce a 30-minute video of our postponed Membership Meeting! Yes, I can schedule visitors to see our new space and museum.

YES, Halee, you are indeed a jewel, and we thank you for your steady, pleasant, and patient nature—finding solutions for us every day!

‘CATCHING A MAP THIEF’: INVESTIGATING A FEDERAL CRIME

In February 2006, someone stole hundreds of pages, mostly maps, from old federal documents at Western Washington University. Over the next two years, WWU library staff and police investigated the crime, eventually leading to the capture of a man who had robbed more than 100 libraries across North America. The case eventually involved the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department, among others. Speaker **Robert Lopresti** was the government information librarian at WWU and led the pursuit from the discovery of the theft, through the conviction of the culprit and return of hundreds of missing maps.

Mr. Lopresti was a government information librarian for more than 40 years, mostly at Western Washington University. He is retired and holds the rank of professor emeritus. His book *When Women Didn't Count*, which shows how the lives of women have been hidden and distorted by federal statistics, won the Lane/Saunders Memorial Research



Robert Lopresti,
Author and retired Librarian

Award. He is also a prize-winning author of mysteries, with two novels and more than eight short stories published.

Time and Date: February 12, 2022
10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Registration is required. To sign up for this free online presentation, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/RHSMaPThief>

For more information, visit www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

SOCIETY ANNOUNCES TOTE BAG DESIGN CONTEST

The Redmond Historical Society is accepting submissions for our 2023 tote bag design! The tote bag will be part of the Society's 2023 membership drive.

Theme: "I Love Redmond Historical Society"

Submissions are not restricted to digital works, but please be aware that physical pieces will need to be digitized for this format. Maximum imprint size is 9.5 inches by 9.5 inches. Please consider this in designing your work.

Deadline for submissions: March 12, 2022. Winners will be announced April 9, 2022 at the RHS Saturday Speaker Series.



For more information, visit www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org/tote-bag.

RHS OFFICE OPENS FOR SMALL GROUP VISITS

We are now able to accept a limited number of scheduled appointments to visit our office and display space. Please note:

- Appointments must be scheduled in advance.
- Proof of vaccination or negative test is required.
- Masks must be worn for the duration of your visit.
- Please use northwest door, facing parking lot as the front

of the building is reserved for LWSD. The door will be locked. Please call our office at 425-885-2919 upon arrival.

Call our office at 425-885-2919 or visit RedmondHistoricalSociety.org to schedule your visit!

<http://tinyurl.com/VisitRHS>

REDMOND'S EARLIEST ROAD

By Tom Hitzroth

Long before Redmond had its current road system, there was a wagon road that was designed to be the main road from Curtis Landing in Houghton to Tolt (Carnation). It was designated County Road #54. It has at times variously been called the Houghton to Melrose Road, Houghton to Tolt Road, and Redmond Wagon Road, but all describe the part of the road that went through Redmond.

By 1873, there were enough settlers between Houghton and Tolt to petition the King County Board of Commissioners for a road the farmers would use to move produce and other commodities to market in Seattle. In 1874, the Board of Commissioners ordered a survey of the proposed road and approved construction of a road 15 miles long.

By 1885, the farmers who lived along the road were having problems with the original survey, primarily with the design of the road. So, Warren Perrigo with other concerned citizens petitioned the Board of Commissioners for a resurvey of the road in selected places to improve the Sammamish River crossing and straighten the road in several places to improve wagon traffic. South of Tolt, the surveyors found the farmers had made their own road to link with

the county road, and the County Surveyor recommended approval.

Today, all that is left of County Road #54 in Redmond is Cleveland Street at 164th Ave NE, east to Avondale Road—bordering the southeast line of Anderson Park—then along Union Hill Road to near Ames Lake Road. The rest of County Road #54 in Redmond has been replaced by the present road systems and building construction.

This road was laid down in the earliest days of Redmond. The fact that these concerned citizens—Redmond's "founding fathers"—worked in collaboration with surrounding communities is a tribute to their foresightedness in planning for the future.



Pioneer road: Blue line is County Road #54 at Anderson Park. Excerpt of a 1927 King County Road Service Division map. Image by the author.

SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2022 WALKING TOURS

Since 2003, Tom Hitzroth has led walking tours of Redmond's historic district. Over the years, the tour has evolved from one hour to two, with the script changing as new information is discovered. This year, the tour will incorporate the site of a newly discovered hotel and the site of a 1905 homicide.

A lifelong Eastside resident, Hitzroth continues to work at identifying details of Redmond's development from its earliest time into the 1930s. He is currently investigating the historic site of the settlement of Melrose that preceded Redmond, the land claim area of Redmond, and the historic development of the downtown.



**Tom Hitzroth in front of Justice White House/
Hotel Redmond.
Photo: John Oftebro**



2022 Walking Tour Schedule

- Sunday April 10, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday May 15, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday June 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday August 14, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday September 4, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tours meet as scheduled rain or shine and begin across the street from the Justice White House/Hotel Redmond (Jensen/Fey Architects) at 7730 NE 76th St.

Please be advised that proof of vaccination or a negative test result is not required for this outdoor tour, but masks are encouraged. These events also include a significant amount of walking or standing, with limited opportunities for resting. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, and bringing a water bottle.

Tickets are available for \$10 per person at [Redmond Historical Society Events](#). Registration is required by the Wednesday prior to the tour, and tours are limited to 10 participants. To ensure the group maximum is not exceeded, please make sure your registration includes every member of your party. For further questions, please call our office at 425-885-2919.



WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT REDMOND? WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS!

By now, we hope you've had a chance to view our ["Ice Cream Social" online presentation](#) and see all the great things Redmond Historical Society accomplished in 2021 because of you, our members!

Many thanks to the Society Board, volunteers, and community members who contributed wonderful testimonial videos.

Our membership continued to grow in 2021, including new Lifetime members **Duane Isackson, Karen Snapp, and Elaine Sween Etzler!**

We continue to share member stories through the newsletter and on the website, including [Frank & Miye Yoshitake](#), [Roger & Patti Trepanier](#), and [Wayne & Lucille Hansen](#). Our first virtual fundraiser in May 2021 continued our theme of "I Love Redmond" with

member testimonial [videos](#) and a walk-through of our office and museum space at the "new" Old Redmond Schoolhouse.

Because of our members, donors, sponsors, and volunteers, Redmond Historical Society continues to produce this newsletter, The Redmond Recorder, offer our virtual Saturday Speaker Series, and display collections at our museum space. Call our office to schedule a tour of the new space!

Invite your friends and family to [JOIN](#) Redmond Historical Society so we can continue our commitment to procuring, archiving, and protecting Redmond's history.

Thanks for being a part of what we LOVE about Redmond Historical Society!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Carol Rich – February 4
 Eric Pearson – February 5
 Ben (Bruce) Nelson – February 7
 Elaine Sween Etzler – February 20

If you'd like us to recognize your birthday in upcoming newsletters, please complete the information on your renewal form or email: membership@redmondhistoricalsociety.org

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HOURS VOLUNTEERED: 479

Seventeen volunteers were scheduled to work during our Ice Cream Social and Membership Meeting at the Happy Valley Grange. All of us were very disappointed that it had to be postponed. **Paige Norman**, our Membership Chair, spent several hours organizing the event. Hopefully, all of her planning will be put to good use later in 2022.

WELCOME to two new volunteers, **Anusha Begur** and **Dallas Hanson**! Anusha's interests lie in preserving and understanding Redmond's history. Dallas would like to be involved in research and archiving. We surely are looking forward to working with them.

A VOLUNTEER VOICE

“As you grow older,
you will discover that
you have two hands—
one for helping yourself,
the other for helping
others.”

– *Audrey Hepburn*



Audrey Hepburn, 1956.
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REDMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2022 MEMBERSHIP

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