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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON JANUARY 18

You're invited to
Redmond Historical Society's
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

WHEN:
Saturday, January 18th, 2020
2 – 4 pm

WHERE:
Happy Valley Grange
19720 NE 50th Street, Redmond, WA 98052
happyvalleygrange.wixsite.com/info

Redmond Historical Society is hosting its 2nd annual Ice Cream Social and Membership Drive on Saturday, January 18, 2020, 2 pm at the Happy Valley Grange, 19720 NE 50th St, Redmond. The social is open to all—bring a friend or two! There is no charge for this event, but RSVPs are appreciated! Please reply to membership@redmondhistoricalsociety.org by Saturday, January 11, 2020.

Volunteers Needed! The Society seeks volunteers to help with our membership event—from stamping postcard mailer invitations, to setup, to super duper ice cream scoopers! See p.7 for details.

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HOURS Monday, Tuesday,
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9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SOCIETY NEWS

No Saturday Speaker Series this month

There will be no Saturday Speaker Series program in January. Our speaker series will resume on February 8 with "The Fascists in the Forest: Nazis in the Pacific Northwest," with **Knute Berger**, columnist for *Crosscut* and host of KCTS9's "Mossback Northwest," 10:30 am-noon, at the Redmond Public Safety Building.



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2019: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

By John Oftebro

Our year started out with the successful Ice Cream Social Membership event in January at the Senior Center. Despite snowstorms in February, **Tom Hitzroth** delighted the crowd at our Saturday Speaker Series describing the development of land claim laws in America and how they were applied in settling Redmond. In March, architect **Eliza Davidson** lectured on the Olmsted "landscape legacy" in Seattle.

April's speaker, **Tom Bauer**, described the history of T-D Feeds, which produced livestock feeds in its mill on Cleveland Street. Continuing our Evening Speaker Series at the Redmond Library, Administrative Manager **Halee Turner** presented "The Ship's Cat."

May was the 2nd Annual Dinner and Auction with a "Speakeasy" theme. Many of the 100 guests attended in period costume as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Prohibition. The fundraiser was successful in generating resources for our move into the Old Redmond Schoolhouse in August. BUT WAIT! The next week we learned that would not happen until 2020!

July was busy with our monthly participation at the Redmond Saturday Market and a Pioneer Cemetery Tour by Tom Hitzroth. Derby Days found 15 of us marching with our float in the Grand Parade, where we won the Most Community Spirit Award demonstrating the 18th, 19th, and 21st Amendments to the Constitution. August was the So Bazaar community booth, featuring historical poetry.

In September, **Nick Bond** described the plight of salmon. In October, **Steve Williams** explored 100 years of coal mining on Cougar Mountain, and at the library, **Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard** presented from their book, *Seattle Now & Then: The Historic Hundred*. In November, the **Frey Family** donated their **Dudley Carter** sculpture, and **Lyn Lambert** presented a history of Dudley's life. We ended the year as the featured non-profit at OneRedmond's Mingle & Jingle event at the Marriott.

It was a very good year, thanks to the incredible volunteering from our Board and members as we continue our mission to preserve Redmond's rich history.

SOCIETY FEATURED AT ONEREDMOND'S 'MINGLE & JINGLE' EVENT



L-R: Ed O'Brien, Halee Turner, Deborah Oftebro, Jo Ann Potter, Joe Townsend, and John Oftebro.
Photo: Halee Turner

On December 5, 2019, the Redmond Historical Society was honored as a featured non-profit at "Mingle & Jingle," OneRedmond's 5th Annual Community Connections Holiday Networking Event at the Seattle Marriott Redmond.

The event celebrated Redmond's business community network with a visiting delegation of NASSCOM Indian IT executives, and showcased the Seattle Marriott Redmond's multi-million dollar renovation of its public spaces. The Society was onsite to share "tidbits about our city's illustrious history."

Copies of the *Historic Downtown Redmond Walking Guide* were distributed around each table. Attendees had the opportunity to win a free private Walking Tour led by Tom Hitzroth. President John Oftebro gave a presentation on the Society's recent activities, including plans to move to the Old Redmond Schoolhouse, "both our old and new home."

SOCIETY CELEBRATES DUDLEY CARTER

By John Oftebro



Marilyn and Stan Frey with Dudley Carter's "The Fawn."
Photo: Patsy Rosenbach

On November 9, 2019, author **Lyn Lambert** gave a talk based on her recently completed book, *Dudley Carter: Tales of the Legendary Wood Sculptor*. Lyn was Dudley's secretary and confidant for his final two years, and had amassed a collection of photographs and stories of the artist's famous six-decades-long career.

Lyn presented slides and stories of Dudley's early life as a "timber cruiser" and continued through his carving career, citing the many challenges as he became the most renowned wood sculptor on the West Coast, producing works for countless institutions and individuals. She shared her extensive photo collection of Dudley's sculptures, from San Francisco to British Columbia. Several slides showed the artist carving and shaping his favored projects during live "performances" at festivals and fairs.

A highlight of the program was the introduction of the **Stanley and Marilyn Frey Family**, who generously donated to the Society their Dudley Carter "Fawn" sculpture, which they had commissioned for their Redmond home in 1960. While part of the artist's catalogue, this work's whereabouts had been unknown—until now.

ODD FELLOWS HALL

By Tom Hitzroth

Odd Fellows Hall is one of the oldest buildings in Redmond and one of three oldest buildings in the city that still looks much like it did when it was built (ca. 1903). The other two are the Hotel Redmond/Justice White House (ca. 1900), and Skjarstad's Shoe Store (1904), today's One Hour Device Repair.

It has been known by many names in its 116-year history. First it was the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE), organized on March 30, 1907 (Aerie 1600), and then the Independent Order of Odd Fellows from 1927 to 1973 (IOOF Lodge 325). Some remember it as Edwardian Antiques and the Odd Fellows Grill. It is now the home of Redmond's Bar and Grill. In addition to being known as the Eagles Hall and the Odd Fellows Hall, it has also been known as Redmond Hall and Perrigo Hall.

It was an early community and entertainment center for Redmond as well as the first local movie house. It is also the scene of two major events that are less well-known. The first was on December 23, 1912, as the location where the

vote on Redmond's incorporation took place. The second was the funeral of **William Perrigo**, an early settler in Redmond, on April 13, 1930. According to *The Eastside Journal* (April 17, 1930), it "was the largest number ever congregated in Redmond," including "... old timers not seen in Redmond for forty years or more."

The Redmond Regional Landmarks Commission designated the Odd Fellows Hall as a City of Redmond Landmark on May 27, 2010. The Odd Fellows Hall is today one of the most iconic buildings in the community. **Tim Short**, owner of Redmond's Bar and Grill says, "As owners of one of the few historic buildings in Redmond, we hope to be good stewards of its history as a space where the community can gather."



Odd Fellows Hall, 1937.
Photo: Puget Sound Regional Archives



VOLUNTEER CORNER

By Jo Ann Potter

Fifteen (15) volunteers clocked 264 hours in November!

Each November, we are reminded to give thanks for our many blessings. At the Redmond Historical Society, we have FIFTEEN of those blessings: the Saturday Speakers Series volunteers. They faithfully make phone calls, interview speakers, arrange displays, set up audio and visual equipment, and confirm dates, times, and places. These are just a few of the many details which each volunteer repeats month after month in order that the general meetings run smoothly. When you see someone wearing a Volunteer Name Tag, be sure to say "thanks."

A Volunteer Voice...

I have lived in Redmond for over 40 years and watched it grow from a little farming town to a world renowned high tech city. The Redmond Historical Society is a good organization for keeping newcomers, as well as long-time residents, involved and interested in community activities.

—Judith Simpson, Director At Large, RHS Board of Directors



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

January 6 – Postcard Reminder Mailing Party
(400 postcards need to be labeled and stamped)

Contact: volunteercoordinator@redmondhistoricalsociety.com

Before January 18 – Procure or Donate raffle items

Contact: membership@redmondhistoricalsociety.com

January 18 – At the Ice Cream Social

Greeters

Coffee Hostess

Set Up/Take Down helpers

Super Duper Ice Cream Scoopers

Contact: volunteercoordinator@redmondhistoricalsociety.com

SOCIETY MEMBERS ENJOY 'EVENING IN ITALY'



L-R: Suzie Hall, Darla Hartmann, Shirley VanHorn,
Eloise Woolley, Myrna Iverson, Toni Treppa
Back row: Gaye Howard, Bobbie Rettig, Eveline Konig, Ernestine Ziacik

In October 2019, **Russ and Paige Norman** hosted their third Italian dinner benefitting the Redmond Historical Society. **Lifetime Member Suzie Hall** and friends enjoyed an evening in Italy with a menu of Beef Ragout served with hand-cut gluten-free noodles, roasted fall vegetables, and a ricotta cheesecake to sweeten up the evening. The ladies were serenaded by Snohomish guitarist Robbie Egelstad with a selection of classical, acoustic, and Spanish guitar arrangements.

The Italian Dinners were offered at the 2nd Annual Auction & Fundraising Dinner in May 2019. Total proceeds to the Society for the three dinners were \$1,200.00.

Interested in hosting or participating in a fundraiser for the Society? If so, please contact membership@redmondhistoricalsociety.org.

NEW YEAR, NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

You've probably received an email or letter in the last few weeks asking you to RENEW your membership with the Redmond Historical Society.

Why renew? Your membership reflects your support of the Society, and you continue to enjoy all the benefits, programs, and activities, including:

- Saturday Speaker Series—FREE admission to members
- Access to office staff and volunteers, who research and archive our collections
- Our [website](#)—a great resource for info about Redmond's history and Society activities
- *The Redmond Recorder* newsletter—10 issues annually, featuring articles on Redmond's past, current events, and Society activities

We have membership levels for every budget, including a **NEW** level of Legacy/Family Lifetime.

Level	#/Members	Cost	Renews
Traiblazer /Student	(1 person/Show ID)	\$5	Annually
Pioneer /Individual	(1 person)	\$25	Annually
Homesteader /Family	(2 people)	\$40	Annually
Visionary /Business		\$250	Annually
History Maker /Lifetime	(1 person)	\$1,000	
Legacy /Family Lifetime	(2 people)	\$2,000	

Memberships run January–December of the current calendar year and must be renewed annually (except Lifetime and Family Lifetime Memberships). Lifetime and Family Lifetime members are recognized on our website.

Redmond Historical Society Memberships make GREAT GIFTS! This holiday season, consider giving the gift of membership to family and friends.

Renew your membership or join the Society on our website at <http://bit.ly/2O3CFzy>, at any of our Society events, or drop by our office Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Or, use the form on p. 11 of this newsletter. Memberships may be paid using PayPal, check, or cash.

Thank you for your membership and for your donations!

HUGE HISTORIC THANK YOUS

Many thanks to our November 2019 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.

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Volunteer Coordinator – **Jo Ann Potter**

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Vision 5 Building
8525-163rd Court NE #120
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Now!**

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