



FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## How can we help care for our historic buildings?

The Historical Society is considering establishing a special fund earmarked to assist in getting grant funds for critical maintenance of historic buildings. If such a fund could also be supported by the Fall City Community Association and the wider community... even the wider Snoqualmie Valley...making available even a limited amount of pledged funds would demonstrate community support and could make a significant difference in a King County Preservation grant approval process.

Our Board will be considering how a **Historic Buildings Assistance Fund** might be structured and administered. If you have ideas or would be interested in helping support the fund, please email us at our new address [historylives@fallcityhistorical.org](mailto:historylives@fallcityhistorical.org).

### HISTORIC SIGNS... MORE TO COME

Back to work on **Historic Signs** in the new year. We may well focus on River Street this year, with two signs under way in the design process:

- The **Prescott-Harshman House** (33429 SE Redmond-Fall City Road, shown in 1940 at right) was built in 1904 and was home to the Fall City Telephone Company from about 1912 to 1947. It was designated as King County Landmark in 1984. Audrey Schroeder purchased the house in 1989 and meticulously restored both the interior and exterior, receiving the "Project of Exceptional Merit" award for her work.



*The Model Garage before 1930, showing the original IOOF Hall in the background.*

- The **Model Garage** may well be the longest continuously operating business in Fall City. It was started in 1926 by Lud Peterson on the lot next to the current site of The Last Frontier Saloon. (In the early 1900s, the Pioneer Saloon occupied this lot, until prohibition brought an end to that business. In 1926, the building was home to Magee's Confectionary.) In 1928 the Model Garage moved west to its present corner location, in a new cinderblock building. When Redmond-Fall City Road was widened in 1929, the new building was moved south 50 feet, one of the few River Street buildings to remain in use after the road project.

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