



FALL CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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FREE MOVIE

Friday, January 13th

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Fall City Masonic Hall

Ella Raines was born & raised in the Snoqualmie Valley, graduated from Snoqualmie High School in 1938 and went on to Hollywood – starring in many films.

Join us to watch **Tall in the Saddle**.

Grab some popcorn, have a seat and enjoy.

Family friendly event.

Also enjoy a brief presentation by Rick Divers whose grandmother was Ella's first cousin!



Fall City Historical Society is seeking a volunteer treasurer to succeed our retiring treasurer. We are a small nonprofit organization, no employees, a few hours of monthly work. Flexible arrangements, working remotely and no meetings. Please contact our office (fallcityhistory@gmail.com) for more information. Thanks for considering! Ruth Pickering

ANOTHER LOCAL STAR: PERFORMER TO ENGINEER

Bessie Hall Dempsey moved to Seattle as a child, with her mother, seamstress Jessie Hall, and her older sister, Irma Hall. Bessie and Irma studied ballet, folk dance, music theory, composition and choreography. Bessie was an excellent student and also studied physics, mathematics and foreign languages. In the late 1920s Bessie and Irma began performing as the Hall Sisters in northwest vaudeville theaters. Later, Bessie pursued a solo career in California under the stage name Yvonne St. Clair, performing in MGM movies, ballets, and more. In 1935 she married Lee Dempsey, former first baseman for the NY Giants. Bessie later earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering, returned to Seattle and in 1948 joined Boeing as the company's first female engineer. Bessie worked at Boeing for nearly 24 years, and became the first woman elected to the honorary engineering society, Tau Beta Pi. While at Boeing, she still enjoyed amateur theater and lived in Seattle with her son, Mark. Her mother was a resident of Fall City, and they are both interred at Fall City Cemetery.



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